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Artists perform during a cultural programme organised on the occasion of 'Kartik Purnima' at Namo Ghat, in Varanasi, Monday.

Racket busted

Srinagar: A human trafficking racket was busted in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district with the arrest of five people, including a Rohingya refugee, police said on Sunday. The Rohingya was identified as Manzoor Alam, they said.

Fire

Mumbai: A fire broke out in a 21-floor residential building near Agripada police station in Mumbai on Monday morning, a fire official said. No one was injured in the incident, he said, adding that maximum number of people were rescued safely through staircases from various floors.

Satisfaction

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has closed the proceedings in two separate petitions that raised issues concerning lumpy skin disease in cattle, noting the various steps taken by the states including for the vaccination of cows and other animals and for preventing the spread of the ailment. Lumpy skin disease is a contagious viral infection that affects cattle. causing fever and nodules on the skin, and can also lead to death.

Lightning

■ Bhopal: Four people were killed and a boy was seriously injured in lightning strikes over the last 24 hours following rains at different places in Madhya Pradesh, officials said. Heavy showers accompanied by thunder were witnessed in many parts of the state on Sunday

Re-employed

■ New Delhi: Senior IAS officer Sunil Kumar Gupta has been re-employed by the Centre as the secretary to Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, according to a personnel ministry order. The reemployment will be effective beyond his retirement next month-end.

Arrested

Agartala: Two persons including a security executive of an airline were arrested on the charge of trying to smuggle 40 kg of ganja valued at Rs 2 lakh in a flight from Agartala to Kolkata on Monday, a police officer said. Acting on a tip-off, a police team reached the Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport in the Tripura capital and caught the two at the security checkpoint.

Heavy rains

■ Bhopal: Four people, including a married couple, were killed and a boy was seriously injured in multiple lightning strikes in Madhya Pradesh where several parts were lashed by unseasonal rains accompanied by thunder, bringing down the temperatures, officials said on Monday.



Rat-hole miners in tunnel as vertical drilling underway

Vertical boring done up to 31 metres

Uttarkashi, Nov 27 (PTI): Vertical drilling from the top of the Silkyara tunnel, where 41 workers have been trapped for the last 15 days, progressed to 31 metres on Monday as a team of rathole miners arrived at the site to start manual horizontally drilling through the rubble.

Vertical and manual horizontal drilling are the two methods on which rescue efforts are being focused at the moment. Work on the other options, such as horizontal drilling from the Barkot end of the tunnel is also underway.

A total of 86 metres have to be drilled vertically to prepare an escape passage. Pipes of 1.2 metres in diameter have to be laid vertically through the top of the tunnel on which work began on Sunday as a second option to reach the stranded labourers.

Lt Gen Harpal Singh (retd), former engineer-inchief of the Army, informed reporters in

An elephant died after

coming in contact with a

live wire at a forest in

Korba district on Monday

Action will be taken

against officials of the

power company con-

cerned in connection with

the jumbo's death, divi-

The incident took place

at Pasan near Baigapara-

Khanjarpar village under

Katghora forest range

where one of the tuskers,

separated from a herd of

50 elephants, was passing

through a route between

two hills, he said. The herd

of elephants has been

officer

forest

Kumar Nishant said.

morning, an official said.

Korba, Nov 27:

sional

Elephant dies of electrocution

days,



Principal Secretary to PM, Pramod Kumar Mishra arrives to review the rescue operation. (inset) Vertical drilling work continues as the rescue operation is underway.

Silkyara that vertical drilling has been done up to 31 metres. Singh, who has also headed the Border Roads Organisation, is involved in the rescue operation.

The 200-mm diameter pipes, which were inserted vertically earlier to learn about the soil strata and find out whether there are any obstacles on the way, have reached up to 70 metres, he said, adding preparations are also underway to start horizontal drilling inside the main tunnel

roaming in the Pasan for-

est area for the last few

he

"Preliminary investiga-

tion revealed that the ele-

phant, around 20 years old,

came in contact with an 11

kV power line wire, hang-

ing at a height of 10 feet

above the ground level, in

the forest and got electro-

The electricity depart-

ment was informed on

November 14 about the

wire hanging at a low

height there but no effec-

tive measures were taken

by them, he said. The for-

est department will get a

case lodged against the

power company officials

for the death of the ele-

phant, the official said.

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said.

manually. "Frames of 800mm diameter pipes have been prepared. We will move ahead by half a metre to one metre gradually. If all goes well and no obstacles are encountered a 10-metre stretch can be covered in 24-36 hours," he

A six-member team of rat-hole miners also arrived at the site and started manual drilling at 7 pm on Monday which is a slow and difficult process in which they will go one after another through the

'Vertical drilling to be completed by Nov 30'



National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited managing director Mahmood Ahmad on Monday informed that the work of the vertical drilling at Uttarkashi tunnel where 41 workers remained trapped will be completed by November 30. Addressing a press confer-Mahmood Ahmad ence in Uttarkashi, Mahmood Ahmad said, "We have completed around 30 meters of

drilling. The current machine that has been deployed can drill around 40-45 meters. We have brought two more machines for this purpose. SJVNL has brought those machines. Changeover machines will take time. We are expecting vertical drilling work would be completed by November 30."

'Psychiatric counselling to keep miners motivated

"Don't be nervous, we're on it." That's what family members of Saba Ahmad, one of the 41 workers trapped at Sikvara tunnel for the last 15 days, keep telling whenever they communicate with him. A mic has been sent to the workers, stuck in a 2-km built-up area beyond the rubble accumulated in the collapsed part, through a pipe which helps them talk to people outside. As the rescue operation got delayed due to the hurdles in drilling, Saba Ahmad was counselled by doctors and psychiatrists to keep him motivated, his brother Naiiyar Ahmad told PTI.

800-mm diametre pipes diameter pipes would be laid through the rubble and remove the debris with the help of shovels to insert more pipes.

When asked whether going through the 800-mm

difficult for them, a team member said they have experience in manually clearing debris through even 600-mm diameter pipes.

SCHOOL HORROR

Std 4 classmates stab student 108 times with compass

Indore, Nov 27 (PTI):

A student of Class 4 was allegedly attacked by three of his classmates 108 times with a geometry compass during a fight at a private school in Indore city of Madhya Pradesh, an official said on Monday.

Taking cognisance of the incident, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) has asked for the investigation report from the police, the official said.

Talking to PTI, CWC chairperson Pallavi Porwal said the student was allegedly attacked 108 times with a geometry compass by his classmates

At pvt school in Indore

during a fight at a private school under the limits of Aerodrome police station on November 24. "The case is shocking.

lice to find out the reason for the violent behaviour of children of such a young age," she said. The CWC will counsel children and their families in connection with the in-

We have sought an investi-

gation report from the po-

cident and find out whether the children play video games that contain violent scenes, Porwal

The father of the victim

alleged that the boy had sustained puncture wounds in the attack that occurred at the school around 2 pm on November 24. He was taken to a hospital and administered first aid, after which he was allowed to leave.

"My son narrated the ordeal when he returned home. I still do not know why he was treated so violently by his classmates. The school management is not providing me the CCTV footage of the classroom." he said.

A complaint has been lodged about the incident at the Aerodrome police station, he said.



MAOISTS UNLEASH VIOLENCE

Naxalites torch 14 vehicles, machines engaged in construction works



engaged in construction works, on fire, in Dantewada district. (inset) Wreckage of vehicles and machines.

Dantewada, Nov 27: Suspected Naxalites set afire at least 14 vehicles and machines engaged in construction works in Dantewada district on Monday, police said.

No person was reported to be injured in the incident, which took place at around 1.30 am at Bangali camp under Bhansi police station limits, a senior police official said.

As per eyewitnesses, 40 to 50 unidentified people, clad as civilians and a few of them armed, reached the spot and set ablaze 14 vehicles and machines, including trucks, poclain and earth moving machines, parked there, he

While 13 vehicles and machines, belonging to a private construction firm, were engaged in road construction Dantewada and Bacheli, a water tanker was engaged

in railway works, he said. Soon after being alerted, a police team led by Bhansi station house offi-

About the incident...

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cer went to the spot, he said. "Prima facie it seems to be the handiwork of Naxalites and search operation is underway in the area to trace the culprits,' the official said.

Naxalites have frequently tried to disrupt road construction works in the Bastar division, which consists of seven districts in Dantewada, by launching attacks on security forces and damaging roads, vehicles and machines used in the work.

ILLUMINATED GOLDEN TEMPLE



Fireworks at illuminated Golden Temple on Guru Nanak Jayanti, in Amritsar, Monday.

TRANSFER HARASSMENT

SECR engineer terms transfer as 'sheer madness'

Writes to RB after getting transfer order 3 days before retirement

New Delhi, Nov 27 (PTI):

"Sheer madness," responded a senior engineer to railway Board when it ordered his transfer from Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh to Delhi three days before his retirement.

The chief communication engineer from the Bilaspur division of South East Central Railway (SECR) has written to the Railway Board terming his transfer to the Northern Railway (NR) zone three days before his retirement an act of ha-

What engineer writes in letter...

The engineer in his letter alleged. "In the series of harassment being meted out to me, a professionally very very competent, honest and upright officer by a cabal of officials of dubious character I found it my duty to expose the concerned Railway Board officials as I have always done." He added, "Because this is nothing but sheer madness only to transfer one employee, who has served the IR (Indian Railway) organisation his whole life, in the week of his superannuation so that his superannuation settlement gets disrupted and he gets harassed in the last days in the organisation." "I will work only for three days in NR headquarters, New Delhi and retire from the Indian Railways.

According to the transfer order, KP Arya is supposed to join the NR on a higher administrative grade post on November Malaysia joins Thailand and Sri Lanka

28, 2023, while his retirement is due on November

"This order seems well in order at the surface, but

when seen in the complete perspective of my immisuperannuation within a week on 30th Nov 2023, the madness shines brightly." Arva said in a letter addressed to the Secretary, Railway Board.

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LANCET STUDY

'High-dose Covid treatment less

New Delhi, Nov 27 (PTI): A higher dose of the steroid drug, dexamethasone, may have less beneficial effects for COVID-19 patients in India as compared with those in Europe, according to a study published in The Lancet Regional Health -

researchers Copenhagen University

Hospital - Rigshospitalet,

ger dose of dexamethasone (12 mg) did not seem to be as good as the usual dose (6 mg) for COVID-19 patients in India. This was seen through

survival rates and how well people were doing after 90 and 180 days, they

"Our analysis suggests higher dose dexamethasone may have less beneficial effects for patients in India as compared with those in Europe; however, the evidence is weak, and this could represent a chance finding," the au-

Teenage girl raped in car by her social media friend

Gwalior, Nov 27 (PTI): A 17-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a youth who had befriended her on social media and his three friends in a car in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior district, police

said on Monday. Police have invoked provisions of the Scheduled Castes and **Scheduled Tribes (Prevention** of Atrocities) Act since the victim is a Dalit, an official said, adding that nobody has been arrested so far. The incident occurred on November 21 but a complaint was lodged four days later as the girl kept mum because she was threatened by

the accused against disclosing

the incident, an official said.

Additional Superintendent of Police Niranjan Sharma said the girl and her family lodged a complaint at Old Chhaoni police station. "The girl became friends with a youth on Facebook last year. On November 21, her male friend took her to a deserted forest area in a car where he and his three friends raped her and also threatened to kill her," he said. A case was registered sections (Punishment for rape), and 377 (unnatural act) among others, along with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. According to sources in police, the victim has claimed that one of the accused is a close relative of a politician.

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 27 (PTI): Malaysia will grant a 30-day visa-free entry for Indian and Chinese citizens from

December 1, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has announced, joining Thailand and Sri Lanka in recent weeks to offer such a facility to foreigners

Ibrahim said the waiver was an additional facility to the existing visa exemptions currently enjoyed by Gulf nations and other West Asian countries, including Turkiye and Jordan.

is also the Finance Minister, said the visa exemption was subject to top security screening, the official Bernama news agency reported. "Initial screenings will

in granting visa-free entry for Indians

However, Ibrahim, who

be conducted for all tourists and visitors to Malaysia. Security is a different matter. If there are criminal records or the risk of terrorism, they will not be allowed to enter," he said.

"That comes under the authority of the security forces and immigration,' said the prime minister, who is likely to travel to India in the first half of

next year in reflection of the growing upswing in overall ties between the two nations. Malaysia is a member of

the 10-member ASEAN or Southeast Asian Nations bloc, which is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region.

The 30-day visa-free entry is also currently enjoyed by eight ASEAN countries for the purpose of social visits, tourism and business.

Malaysia is currently in tourism receipts.

Association of

targeting 16.1 million international tourist arrivals with RM 49.3 billion

effective in India than Europe' Denmark found that big-

Southeast Asia journal. The study looked at how well a strong dose of dexamethasone worked for COVID-19 patients. It considered factors like patient differences and health systems. The team, including

thors of the study noted.

Man steals bikes to repay debts

Seven bikes and one e-rickshaw seized

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Bhilai, Nov 27: A joint team of City Kotwali Durg and ACCU carried out a ioint operation and succeeded in arresting a notorious bike lifter. Police recovered seven stolen bikes and a stolen e-rickshaw from his possession. During interrogation, the accused disclosed that he committed crimes to repay his loan instalments.

City Kotwali Police had received a complaint from Amarendra Kumar (35) son of Nothit Prasad, a resident of Camp 2 Bhilai, regarding the theft of his bike on November 22. His vehicle graycolor motorcycle bearing registration number CG07AT/9854 was stolen by an unknown person from the Sub Registrar Office, Durg. On the complaint, police lodged an FIR



took the case for investiga-

Under the direction of Deputy Inspector General of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg and under the guidance of Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha and City Superintendent of (Durg) Mani Shankar Chandra, a joint team was entrusted with the responsibility of this case. The joint team led by City Kotwali Police Station Incharge Inspector Mahesh

Inspector Naresh Patel and Inspector Santosh Mishra tried to trace the accused. During the investigation, statements of the victim and the witness were recorded. The scene of crime was inspected and CCTV footage were examined. Meanwhile, police received a tip off regarding a man who was looking for customers to sell a motorcycle near Gandhi Statue Square in Durg.

Police team swung into action and the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was identified as Ashok Sahu, a resident of village Ghumka, district Rajnadgaon. A vehicle havchassis number ME4JC36NGE7026726 was recovered the possession of the suspect Ashok Sahu. He was taken into custody and interrogated. During interrogation, he confessed to committing bike lifting at several places in Durg and Raipur. He had also stolen an e-rickshaw. Later, Police recovered six other stolen bikes and an e-rickshaw which were stolen from Durg City Kotwali area,

Rajnandgaon and Raipur. Total value of the stolen booty is around Rs 2,10,000. After collecting sufficient evidence against the accused, Ashok Sahu (28) son of Kamta Sahu a resident

of Village Charbhata, Gautiyapara, Ghumka Police Station, District Rajnandgaon, was duly arrested and produced before the court. He has been sent to the jail on judicial remand. The accused is a habitual offender and a case of mobile theft is registered at the Police Station City Kotwali of Rajnandgaon.

ASI Kirendra Singh,

Constable

Harishchand Chaudhary, Anil Singh from Police Station City Kotwali Durg and ASI Chandrashekhar Soni, Head Constable Ruman Sonwani, Constable Rajkumar Chandra, Ajay Dhimar, Ashwani Yadu, Meghraj Chelak played a vital role

in arresting the accused.

Durg Mayor participates in the Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev



Bhilai, Nov 27: On the occasion of554th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev ji, Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal participated in the program organised at Gurusingh Sabha Gurdwara located on Station Road.

Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, standing in line with all the devotees, bowed before the Guru Granth Sahib and took

Dheeraj praised the spirit of service of the Sikh community. He said that today is a holy day for all.

On this special occa-

sion, not only the Sikh

community but also people of other communities in the country and the world come to the Gurudwara and pay obei-

They take the blessings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He reminded that to save the

Gurus sacrificed their lives. Sandeep Vora, Sanjay Kohle, Fateh Singh Bhatia, Arvinder Khurana, Mandeep Singh Vikas Yadav, Bhatia, Inderpal Bhatia, were present.

The Mayorparticipated in the langar and took Prasad along with everyone. Also, the Sikh community honoured the Mayor and his colleagues by presenting mementos.

Devotees throng ancient Chaturbhuji temple on Kartik Purnima

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Bhilai, Nov 27: A large number of devotees paid obeisance to the deities Chaturbhuji Temple located at village Titurghat, about 5 km away from Dhamdha on the banks of Shivnath River. Like every year, Kartik Purnima Mela was organised this year also at the ancient Chaturbhuji temple of the twelfth century.

This temple has sixteen khands in which all the twelve incarnations of Lord Vishnu are described. It is believed that the wishes of devotees are fulfilled if they take bath in the river on the full moon day and perform Satyanarayan Puja and havan at this

Priest of this temple, Pt Rahul Sharma informed that the temple was built by the Gond king, who used to visit the banks of the river for hunting. The idol of the temple is made of black stones. There is a beautiful step well near

It is said that there is a tunnel below the stepwell through which the king used to come to the river for hunting. The idol is Swayambhu

Mahalakshmi is carved on the edge of this idol. It is believed the devotees have no dearth of wealth and fame who worship the deities at this temple.

Unfortunately, this ancient temple of the twelfth century exists in a dilapidated condition. The ancient stones are scattered around the temple. A new platform has been built with the help of donors. There are inscriptions and pictures on the ancient stones and some words are also there on some

Pt Rahul Sharma urged the Archaeology Department to conduct a survey to unfold the mystery of this very ancient temple. This temple is also a tourist destination due to its location on the river bank.

The priest of this temple has approached the state government several times to get this heritage protected and develop the area as a tourist destination

'Follow Traffic Lane' awareness campaign launched

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Bhilai, Nov 27: On the instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg, Traffic Police launched an awareness campaign "Follow Traffic Lane" on Monday. Through this campaign, the heavy vehicle drivers are being made aware to drive on the left lane of the road.

This awareness campaign for Lane Discipline is being run by Traffic Police Durg in the first phase. Efforts are being made to prevent road accidents caused by overtaking from wrong lanes on the highway.

The heavy vehicle drivers are being made aware by distributing pamphlets and through audio jingles at Bafna Toll Plaza and Kumhari Toll Plaza. After the awareness campaign in the first phase, action will be taken against those drivers who do not follow "lane discipline".

To make the heavy vehicle drivers use the left lane on National Highway-53, on Monday, the Traffic Police Durg stopped the heavy vehicles on both routes at Bafna Toll and Kumhari Toll Plaza. This appeal was made by distributing pam-

toll-plazas. The drivers of heavy vehicles are being asked to take special care while driving on the National Highway - 53, between Anjora Bypass to Kumhari, because this 40 km stretch of road has a 30 km densely populated urban area. Due to its proximity to the capital city Raipur, the pressure of vehicles on this

phlets and jingles. The truck

drivers were asked to drive in

the left lane between these two

More than 30,000 vehicles pass through National Highway

modules have been set and vari-

route remains high.

53 every day which include about 4000 are heavy vehicles. By cautiously driving the heavy vehicle and following lane discipline, road accidents can be reduced and traffic jams will not be created at Squares. Small four-wheeler drivers can easily use the right lane.

Through lane discipline, the road accidents caused by overtaking from the wrong lane can be prevented. This year, 128 people were injured and 46 died in 194 road accidents on National Highway-53.

To reduce the number of accidents is the basic objective of the traffic police. The Traffic Police Durg has been continuously working and trying to prevent road accidents.

At present, there are six black spots (accident prone areas) under the district out of which 04 black spots (1 Gurudwara Chowk to Nehru Nagar Chowk; ITI to Telha Nala Khursipar; Dabrapara Chowk and DMC Cutting to Kharun Green, Kumhari) are on the National Highway.

Traffic Police Durg is doing the work of explaining the heavy vehicle drivers in the first phase, after this, action will be taken against the drivers who do not follow the lane disci-

The awareness campaign

launched from Bafna Toll Plaza in the presence of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur. Inspector PD Chandra incharge Traffic Zone Akash BodhiramGhirhe, Incharge Traffic Zone Bhilai 03, Inspector YashkaranDhravey, Incharge Traffic Zone Durg, Highway Patrolling 01, 02, 03, 04, Durg Shivnath Expressway Project Manager H Karunakar, Toll Plaza Manager Amit Kumar, Maintenance Manager Sikander, Hari Reddy, Pankaj Dubey, Shravan Sahu and oth-

"Follow Traffic Lane" was

Thirty Hours Certificate Program on Introduction to Econometrics' inaugurated

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 27: The PG Department of Economics organised the Inaugural session of thirty hours Certificate Program on "Introduction to Econometrics". The Chief Guest of the session was Professor Dr Ravindra Brahme, Head SoS in Economics Pt Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur. Administrator Father Dr Joshi Varghese, Principal Dr MG Rovmon congratulated everyone and appreciated the programme. The session was graced by the Principal in-charge Dr Chanda

Saroj Pandey extends greetings on Guru Nanak Javanti & Kartik Purnima

> Bhilai, Nov 27: Rajya Sabha MP

> and National

Vice President

Bharatiya

Pandey



Janata Party, Dr Saroi extended greet-Saroj Pandey

ings and best wishes to all the residents of the city and state on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru- Guru Nanak Dev Saheb Ji. She stated that Guru Nanak Dev Ji had laid the foundation of Sikhism and had shown the people the path of good deeds. Guru Nanak Dev Ji had in his personality all the qualities of a philosopher, yogi, householder, religious reformer, social reformer, poet, patriot and friend of the world. She added that along with Guru Nanak Jayanti, the sacred festival of folk faith, Kartik Purnima, is also being celebrated. She added that Kartik Purnima and Dev Diwali are the festival of devotion and divine worship that is celebrated in the Indian tradition. She wished that this auspicious festival brings new brightness, happiness and enthusiasm in the lives of families the city and across the state.



Varma, IQAC coordinator and 2nd shift in-charge Dr Debjani Mukherjee. At the outset program convener and Head I/C of **Economics Department Dr Aparna Ghosh welcomed the Chief Guest** and all the participants of the ses-

sion. Dr Brahme, first of all congratulated the organising committee of the Department for selection of this topic. He stressed on various applications of Econometrics in the field of science, Economics and other domains. He said that without econometric tools scientific research cannot be performed in economics. The thirty hours certificate programme began on November 20 and will conclude on December 01, 2023. Different

ous experts from outside are coming to deliver their lecture. Fifty plus UG and PG students of StThomas College Bhilai and KK Modi University Durg are enthusiastically participating the program and clearing their all doubts. MA 1st Semester student Harshita proposed vote of thanks and the whole program was conducted by Dr Kiran Bala Das Assistant Professor of Economics. AparnaDutta faculty, all student representatives of the Economic Association "The Wizard" actively participated in the programme.

Uday College celebrates Tulsi Vivah



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Bhilai, Nov 27: The festival of Tulsi Vivah was celebrated with religious fervour at Uday College, Nandini

Road, Jamul. All the teaching, non-teaching staff and BEd students participated the programme. Principal Dr Alipa Sahu,

Championship Trophy for Best

House in Sports and Games

was won by ChenabHouse. The

other noteworthy awards pre-

sented on the occasion were

Kalavati Rao, Prabha Sahu, Neelam Chauhan. Poornima Sahu, Ranjana Tripathi, Prabha Prasad, Kalpana Gupta and Satnam Singh were present.

39th Annual Sports Meet of DPS Bhilai celebrated

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Bhilai, Nov 27: Delhi Public

School, Bhilai hosted the much awaited 39 th AnnualSports Day with great ardour and zeal, in its Maroda Campus on November 25, 2023. The Chief Guest for the grandiose was Pawan Kumar, Chairman, SES, Bhilai and ED (P&A), BSP. The programme was also attended by manydistinguishedguests -Prabir Kumar Sarkar Pro-Vice Chairman, SMC, DPSB and CGM I/c. (Services),BSP, Vivekanand, IPS, ADGP, Raipur, DN Karan, Member SMC, DPSB &CGM. (F & A), BSP, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Member SMC, DPSB & CGM(BRM), BSP, Mayank Shrivastava, IPS, DIG, D Shravan, IPS, DIG, Yashpal Singh, AIG, Suraj Singh Parihar, IPS, Commandant, Dr Smita Sinha, Shri & Smt Neeta Yadav, District Judge, Poulomi Banerjee, ParishaSingh, Jayati Sengupta and Renu Vashishta

amongst others. programme commenced with the welcome address by the Principal,



ParshantVashishta. The report on the Sports Attainments was read out by Nitin Nair, I/c PEDeptt. The Sports Meet was formally declared 'Open' by the Chief Guest by hoisting theschool flag. This was followed by the release of balloons and pigeons. The SportsSecretaries completed the track run and then lit the ceremonial flame. The Chief Guestinspected the contingents, and an invigorating March Past was performed by class IX inwhich Narmada

House was adjudged the best.

Guest thanked the school au-

In his speech, the Chief

grace the39 th Annual Sports Day of the school. He emphasized the role of sports in the holisticdevelopment of students. He mentioned that winning and losing are both a part of lifeand unless one tastes defeat, victory cannot taste sweet. He praised the participation ofstudents at District and National levels who have set various records. He speciallymentioned the great achievement of Arsh Anwer Shaikh representing FootballTeam as goalkeeper, in the recently concluded U-23

Asian Football Tournament held

thorities for inviting him to



The quests were presented with a riveting field display by students of Pre-Primary, Primary, and Middle Wings of the school. About 700 students of KG -II and class one presented a display on "Hamari Hariyali, Hamari Kush-hali" 39;. This was based on the theme of significance of the environment.About 700 students of classes 4 & 5 presented their field display on the theme "Harmony Within", based on unity in diversity. About 500 students of the Middle Wing but up a brilliant display "Aazadi kiUdaan". This evoked a feeling

of patriotism in all present.

The track events for the day were 100m Sprint (VIII-IX) - Jr. Boys; 200m Sprint (X-XII) -Sr Girls & 4x100m Relay (X-XII) -Sr Boys. The highlight of this special occasion was the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The prizeswere given away by Chief Guest Pawan Kumar, Vivekanand and Prabir KumarSarkar.Raja Verma of class XII/J, Chenab House was awarded the title of Best Boy Athlete in the Senior Category. Taranveer Singh Sanghera of class IX/H, Jhelum House was declared theBest Boy Athlete in the Junior Category. Samyak



Labadey of class VII/E, Ganges the Best HouseTrophy for excellence in Curricular and Co-Housewas declared the Best Boy Athlete in the Sub-Junior curricular activities, which was Category.MimanshaBitra of won byYamuna House and the class X/K, Yamuna House was Principal's Award for being the declared the Best Girl Athlete Best All-Round student wain the Senior Category. In the sawarded to Divyanshi Panda of class XII/K, Narmada House. Junior Category, Anoushka Pandey of class IX/A, Kaveri The programme moved to-House wasdeclared the Best wards its grand finale with the Girl Athletes. Tanishka Ghosh extinguishing of the flame of class VII/E, Chenab House and the declaration of the won the titleof Best Girl Athlete meet being closed. The Vote in the Sub-Junior Category. The

of Thanks was proposed by Vice-Principal (Administration), Amjad Hassan Zunjani. The National Anthem brought this memorable day to an end.

plementation of AAI's park-

ing policy and if there is any

parking related problem, its

Also, for any kind of mis-

behavior with passengers at

the airport, the agency has

been cautioned that any fur-

ther complaint will take

strict action as per the con-

tract including termination

of contract. Apart from the

parking contractor, heads of

the commercial and opera-

tions departments and chief

security officer of AAI also

Sangharsh Samiti said that it

had complained to Union

Civil Aviation Minister

Jyotiraditya M Scindia re-

garding illegal recovery in

parking. The complaint de-

mands that the airport direc-

tor to be removed with imme-

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diate effect.

prompt resolution.

Sangharsh Samiti com-

plained to the Union

Minister about illegal recov-

ery in parking. After this the

airport management came

into action. It is being told

that within the coming seven

days, RIFD will be formed for

parking charges at Raipur

airport. Also, parking fee will

be charged through Fastag.

For this, on Friday the air-

port management called the

parking contractor and took

a meeting and gave instruc-

tions for the same. In the

meeting, instructions have

been given to the parking

contractor to appoint more staff for traffic management

during peak hours. Replace

erring employees and ensure

smooth flow of vehicles to

avoid congestion. Along with

this, a committee of senior

officers has been constituted

RIFD will be established

in Raipur Airport

Make proper arrangements in paddy procurement centers: CM to Collectors

In view of sudden change of weather

Raipur, Nov 27: In view of the possibility of rain in the state, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has asked the collectors of various districts of the state to make better maintenance arrangements in the paddy procurement centres. Baghel gave information through a post on his X ac-

Chief Minister wrote that, in view of the possibility of rain in the state, collectors have been asked to ensure better maintenance of paddy in



the procurement centres. At present, paddy is being procured in the state at support price. To protect the paddy from rain, all necessary arrangements including cap cover, drainage should be made in the procurement centres, he said, adding that

the convenience of the farmers should be kept in mind at the paddy procurement centres. He asked to make all arrangements to protect paddy from rain through visit to paddy procurement centres. After the withdrawal of southwest monsoon Chhattisgarh, mild cold has started in the state since October. The weather changed on Monday. It has been cloudy in the capital Raipur and other districts since Monday morning. Meanwhile, Meteorological

Department has predicted light rain in some parts of

Three female accused nabbed with stolen jewelleries

Total cash, jewelleries and FDs amount to **Rs 35.78 lakh**

Raipur, Nov 27: A total of three accused including two woman of interstate gang involved in theft of gold and silver jewelleries in abandoned in Shailendra Nagar were taken into arrest and seized total amount of jewellery and FDs worth Rs 35.78 lakh in their possession. The accused have done reiki the house Shailendra nagar prior to conducting theft.

As per reports in this regard the accused Sunil Sona alias Bilwa, Suraj

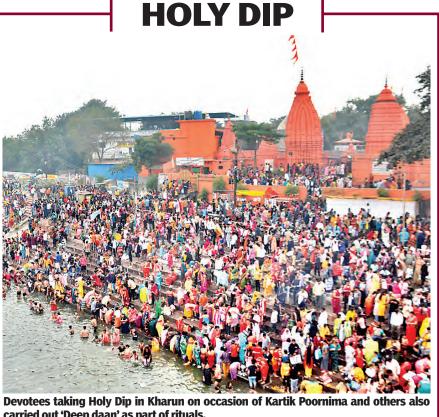
are originally from Odisha. Accused Sunil is a history-sheeter and had served jail in many cases of crime in Raipur city earlier. The other two acare Sanjay Chouhan's wife Poonam Sona and Puja Kumhar and the police has seized all the stolen jewelleries and cash of Rs 1.65 lakh from their possession.

accused Poonam Sona and Puja Kumhar, a cash of Rs 1.65 lakh has been seized along with 522 gms of Gold jewellery and 3.341 kg of silver jewelleries. A FD of Rs 1 lakh in the name of Puja Kumhar too has been freezed. The total amount

By arresting the ac-

cused Suraj Sona, female

The accused Sunil Sona alias Bilwa, Sanjay, Chouhan and Mohan Saraf involved in this case are absconding and police is making all efforts to nab the accused. A case under section 457, 380 and 411 of IPC has been filed against the accused in Kotwali Thana. The accused Suraj Sona and PoonamSona are originally from Odisha and were staying in Durga Nagar Pandri, Idgahbhata Lakhenagar Azad Chowk, Raipur and accused Puja third KumharW/o Sanjay Chouhan is from BSUP Colony, Valimiki Nagar,



carried out 'Deep daan' as part of rituals.

On pretext of marriage after befriending her

Korba, Nov 27: A Dial 112 driver made a married woman a victim of lust in the area falling under jurisdiction of Sarkanda Police Station. On the complaint of the victim, the police have registered a case and arrested the driver.

Dial 112 driver rapes woman

According to the information received, the driver had gone to the woman's house on the complaint of theft. In the meantime he befriended the woman by taking her mobile number and then allegedly raped her after promising to

Special Diwan decorated at Khalsa School



On occasion of **544th Prakash Parv** of Guru Nanak Dev

Raipur, Nov 27: A special Diwan was decorated in the capital this morning on the occasion of the 554th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev. Guru Parv is being celebrated on the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji by

Station Road Gurdwara Management Committee Gurusingh Sabha at Khalsa School. On this occasion, Kirtan Ragi group of Simarjeet Singh, Shaukeen Singh and Kuldeep Singh, who arrived from Amritsar, recited 'Amrit Gurbani'. The program of Shabda Kirtan continued throughout the day. After this, Guru's Atat Langar

was held, in which every-Housing one received 'Prasad'. People of Sikh communi-

reached Gurudwara obeisance. Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker

Charandas Mahant, MLA Brijmohan Agrawal, Chhattisgarh

Chairman Juneja and Chhattisgarh Tennis General Gurucharan Singh Hora bowed their heads on Guru Granth Sahib and prayed for the prosperity

Accused in theft case nabbed

cused stealing the imitation jewelleries from Padmavati Jewellery Shop in Jairam Comlex in Moudhapara has been taken into arrest and the artificial jewelleries worth Rs 30000 has been seized from his possession. It is notable here that the accused by cutting open the window AC grill entered snop at Jairam No. 40 at Complex Jewellery (Imitation Jewellery). The shop owner had closed the shop on the night of Nov 9

and went back home and

10 at 11:00 am, opened the lock he found the jewellery and goods lying in scattered condition and the cash amount and total 150 pieces of imitation jewellery sets, earnings 40 pieces and 100 pieces of Bangles and mobile phone was missing.

The police has registered the case and nabbed the accused Radheshyam Nag, (34 yrs) R/o Mathpurena Bajaj Sky Heights, near Bhatagaon. The case was filed by the owner Bhavesh Jain, R/o Moudhapara.

For Highly Resilient Fault Tolerant Topology

Kabir Nagar Raipur.

Central Chronicle News

Raipur. Nov 27: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Assistant Professor Dr. Lalit Kumar Sahu and his team have been granted a patent for his groundbreaking work on "HIGHLY RESILIENT TOLERANT TOPOLOGY OF SINGLE PHASE MLI." The dedicated team behind this



groundbreaking work includes Dr. Lalit Kumar Sahu as the principal investigator, Dr. Shubhrata Gupta as the associate investigator, Shivam

Back in 2016, the Science and Research Engineering Board (SERB) provided a grant of 43.45 Lakh for a threeyear project focused on developing the mentioned topology. The project was successfully completed in 2019, thus resulting in the submission of two patent applications. The first 2022 and the second patent was approved this year, marking a milestone in the field of electrical engi-

NIT Raipur's Professor and his team Secure Patent explained the significance of his invention, stating that it's a multilevel inverter capable of generating almost accurate sine waves, reducing the need for filters. Dr. Sahu expressed the team's satisfaction with the project's outcomes and is open for collaboration with industries to explore commercial applications. Their patent was approved in collaborative effort has not only resulted in a patent but also opened doors for practical applications in the electrical engineering industry.

Amisha Patel inaugurates Jain Cricket Ch'ship

Brijmohan targets Cong govt over slow pace of paddy procurement

Raipur, Nov 27: Senior On the question of BJP leader and former Congress giving Rs 3200 minister Brijmohan per quintal, Brijmohan Agrawal has attacked the Congress government of the state regarding the slow pace of paddy procurement Chhattisgarh.

farmers are coming to sell paddy, he said. that BJP government will come in the state, he said, adding that people believe in PM Modi's guarantee of procuring 21 quintals of paddy at the rate of Rs 3100.

Agrawal said that at the rate of Rs 3200, the price of 20 quintal paddy is Rs 64 thousand whereas at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal, the price of 21 quintals is Rs 65 thou-If anyone is giving

more to the farmers then BJP is giving more, he said and added that BJP will also give 2 years outstanding bonus to the farmers which would be more than loan waiver.

Tickets for the India-Australia T-20 match to be available from today



Six counters made in the indoor stadium. players to reach Raipur on Nov 29

T-20 match between India and Australia will be played in Raipur on **December 1st**

Raipur, Nov Preparations for the T-20 match between India and Australia have started. This is the second time this year that an international cricket match will be played. Tickets for the cricket match between India and Australia will be available

in the indoor stadium from Tuesday morning. Those who have booked tickets online will get tickets from here. A meeting has been held in the traffic control room regarding security. In the meeting, everything from security arrangements to the facilities for the spectators, from cleaning the stadium and repairing chairs to volunteers will be discussed. There will be arrangements for security along with fire brigade and medical staff at all the entry gates during

the match. Teams of India and Australia will reach Raipur on November 29th and will practice on November 30th. Players will reach the hotel to practice under tight security. After this, the thrill of T-20 will be seen from 7 pm on December 1st.

There will be facility to park two-wheelers to four-

wheelers in the parking lot of the stadium. Its responsibility was handed over to the villagers. Parking charges for Two-wheelers will be Rs 10 and Rs 30 for four-wheelers. Instructions have also been given to ensure arrangement of temporary towers for good mobile connectivity. Apart from this, the parking area being built nearby is also inspected. Instructions have been given to the officials to ensure emergency medical arrangements along with bio toilets.

The responsibility of complete security of the match has been entrusted to IG Ratan Lal Dangi. A decision has been taken to deploy more than one thousand police personnel in the surrounding areas including the cricket stadium. Besides, the command of security will be on the shoulders of two IGs, three eight SPs, 16 Additional SPs, 30 DSPs and 80 Inspector level offi-



Bollywood act Amisha Patel inaugurated the Cricket Championship (JCC) at Netaji Subhash Stadium on Monday evening. In the welcome she presented her famous film 'Gadar' dialogue and boosted the enthusiasm of players and spectators. She raised the slogans that 'Hindustan Jindabad hein or Jindabad rahen-

The presence of Sikh Samaj members in the stadium with decoration of the field in entire

Punjabi theme made Amisha say that it feels as if we are all in Punjab and only the presence of Tarasingh is lacking. She said that during childhood she used to visit Gurudwara and prior to release of the film 'Gadar' she also visited the Golden Temple and paid respects and it was blessings 'Gurunanakji' the film 'Gadar' is hit right from India to Pakistan. She extended greetings for the Guru Nanakji's Jayanti and success of the Jain Cricket Championship.

On this occasion Amisha Patel also unveiled the winner's trophy to be presented to the winning team in this Championship.

The inaugural match was played between AT Palace and Anantaya Group. From the organising committee, Saurabh Bafna and Astha Bafna welcomed Ameesha Patel by presenting her with memento. On the first day of the championship, there was lot of enthusiasm among the participants and visitors. On behalf of the Sikh Samaj Harmit Hora, Trilochan Singh Kale, Lovely Arora, Harkishan Rajput were prominently present.



Raipur, Chhattisgarh defeated Haryana by 6 wickets in the Men's senior Vijay Hazare Trophy match held at

Put into bat first, the Harayana team scored 271 runs in the 50 overs. While K Rohit Naidu scored 102 runs for his team, Tanmay Agrawal too scored 49 runs. Shashank Singh and



Chh'garh defeats Haryana by

Jitesh Bhutte claimed three wickets each Chhattisgarh team.

reply, Chhattisgarh scored the required runs in 48.1 overs losing just 4 wickets. Rishabh Tiwari scored maximum 65 runs for Chhattisgarh whereas Sanjit Desai also scored 47 runs to ensure victory for

Connect people to justice system by simplifying it in following the constitution: Justice NK Vyas

Constitution Day celebrated by CSJA **Bilaspur**

Bilaspur, Nov State Chhattisgarh Judicial Academy (CSJA) celebrated Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas)" on November 26th, 2023 at the Academy under the guidance of Ramesh Sinha, chief Justice and Patron in chief of the Academy. Though Hon'ble the Chief Justice could not be present on this occasion as he was in Delhi on the constitution day celebration but on this occasion, he has sent his good wishes to all judges

Chhattisgarh. On this important event, Justice Narendra Kumar Vyas Judge High Court of Chhattisgarh and Rakesh Mohan Pandey, Judge Court Chhattisgarh were present . As an important part of celebration the Preamble of the Indian Constitution was read . All the District Judges of the State, officials of the Hon'ble High Court Registry and judges posted in Bilaspur district also participated on the occa-

Speaking as the chief guest on this occasion,





Justice Narendra Kumar Vyas, expressed, "It should be the primary duty of the judges to connect the people to the justice system by simplifying it in following the Constitution" and further said that many rights have been provided to the citizens Constitution. It is the responsibility of the judici-

ary to ensure that every person gets complete justice by maintaining a transparent justice system. He highlighted the basic differences of Indian constitution than that of other countries with examples indicating the prerequisites of the constitution such as societal, fa-





milial and individual needs. The preamble of Indian Constitution i.e India to be a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic which is aiming to secure justice, liberty, equality to all citizens and promote fraternity to maintain unity and integrity of the nation were stressed in his speech as these rights are necessity and are not a privilege.

The importance of the Indian Constitution was highlighted by Honorable Justice Rakesh Kumar Pandey, who was present as a special guest in the program. He told that the Indian Constitution pro-

rights of every citizen while protecting the interests of the citizens. He emphasized the importance of Constitution Day, the significance of its celebration and commemorated the people who contributed to the development of Indian constitu-

Under the able guidance

of the Chief Justice a colloquium of all the district Judges of the State was also organised by the Academy. The object of this colloquium was to discuss the challenges before the District Judiciary and way forward. Discussion regarding the challenges facing the judiciary and the steps to be taken to resolve them was the main highlights of this colloquium .It is noteworthy that ever since Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha took charge in Chhattisgarh High Court he is continuously providing new heights to the level of Chhattisgarh Judiciary.

It is also noteworthy that every step of the Chief Justice is in accordance with the intention of the Constitution On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti , the bust of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi has been installed in the Chhattisgarh High Court building and also the

the Constitution and the national emblem (Ashoka emblem), have been installed in the High Court complex to enhance the dignity of the High Court.

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It is also noteworthy here that during the short tenure of seven months of Ramesh Sinha, he after visiting all the districts, had made every possible effort to remove the difficulties and shortcomings seen in the District courts. After he took charge, there has been a radical change in the working style of the district Judiciary of the state.

Honorable The Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha has Not only By taking personal interest in the training programs conducted by the state Judicial Academy have improved the standard of the training courses but has also taken keen interest to remove obstacles in the field of health issues ,access of school education facilities to the Children of the state, construction works that creates obstacles in the way of day to day life of Common man of Chhattisgarh . He, by taking cognizance on the news published in newspapers regarding the above matters have registered the news as PIL, and passed various orders to

Cake mixing ceremony sets the festive spirit aglow

At ITM University Raipur

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 27: ITM University -School of Hospitality & Tourism Management (SHTM) organized a delightful Cake Mixing Ceremony to mark the beginning of the festive season at its Naya Raipur-based campus. ITM University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sumer Singh addressed the gathering and emphasized the significance of such an auspicious occasion. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to the distinguished guests by ITM University Director General Ms. Lakshmi Murthy, who presented potted plants as tokens of appreciation. University Chancellor Dr. Sumer Singh addressed the gathering and emphasized the significance of such an auspicious occasion. General Manager of Marriott Hotel Raipur Mr. Anukam Tiwari along with the HR and Sales Manager, Mr. Avishek Sisodiva, Food & Beverage Manager of Mayfair Lake Resort, and Renowned Industrialist Mr. Sudhir Sultaniya



Cake Ceremony holds profound significance as it symbolizes the joyous commencement of the holiday season. The students of Hospitality & Tourism Management of ITM University have organized the event and prepared sumptuous high tea for the esteemed guests and in-house dignitaries.

With the capable leadership of Prof. Purva Tawde, Director of ITM-IHM, the entire ceremony unfolded seamlessly. The event was graced by the presence of Registrar Mr. Sourabh Chatterjee, Joint Registrar Mr. Vikas Bhosle, General Manager Ms. Deepti Mishra, and Heads of various teaching departments.

The faculty members

Hospitality & Tourism Management played a pivotal role in orchestrating the event, and the students showcased their skills with remarkable fi nesse. The highlight of the ceremony was the active participation of the special guests, who not only added a touch of glamour but also shared insights and experiences from their respective

Their presence added immense value to the occasion, making it an unforgettable experience for all in attendance.

ITM University looks forward to its Hospitality Tourism Management students organizing such events that bring together academia and industry, fostering a vibrant learning envi-

Aditya Raje gets motivation from Min' of Sports & Youth Affairs



Raipur, Nov 27:Aditya Raje Singh, 10 years old resident of Raipur Chhattisgarh met Anurag Singh Thakur , Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting under Govt. Of India at his official residence in New Delhi on his recent tour to CBSE National Judo Championship 2023-24 being held in Noida , UP.

Aditya Raje shared

about his constantly works & missions going on field of Environment , Yoga , Global Warming and etc. He also discussed about his recent game in the championship and about the previous championships he had played.

Aditya Raje shared that he felt surreal and once in a lifetime opportunity to meet such an inspiring personality who is a commendable example for all the youths.

Aditya also shared with us that meeting Minister not only motivated him to keep going with his works and missions for his city, state and nation but also inspired him to become an outgoing personality like him. The Minister was diligent in listening to Aditya Raje and blessed him for his bright and promising future ahead.

Administration silent on polluted water Unorganized disposal

of water coming out from steel plant

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Nov 27: Arrangements have not been made for disposal of water used during variprocesses Nagarnar Steel Plant of the district. Polluted water is reaching nearby fields, fertile lands and drainage ponds through drains. Villagers say that the water of the pond is no longer fit for the villagers to take a bath and for drinking and bathing of cattle. The affected villagers have repeatedly appealed to the plant management and the district administration for help in this regard, but every time they are pacified by assuring them of compensation. Villagers say that the compensa-





tion will provide immediate relief, but if polluted water is not stopped from reaching the fields, the land will be completely ruined. And they will be

left with no source of in-

It is noteworthy that almost three years have passed since the establishment of Nagarnar Steel Plant, but NMDC and the plant management have not yet paid any attention towards setting up a water treatment plant. The district administration is more responsible for this than the steel plant management. Because the district administration not taking cognizance for systematic disposal of polluted water and setting up a water treatment plant should be called condemnable.

graced the occasion and

Nagarnar Sarpanch Lakhan Baghel says that the villagers and all the Panchayat representatives have been protesting against the unorganized disposal of polluted water of the steel plant, but no hearing is taking place. Till date, even water treatment plant has not been established, due to which the situation is going from bad to

Leopard enters farmer's house, killed a cattle



Jagdalpur. Nov 27: Late last Friday night, near Bijakasa waterfall of village Ratenga in Bastar forest range, a leopard entered a farmer's house and killed a cattle.

There is panic among the villagers. Next morning he saw the body of the cattle. Along with this, leopard claw marks have also been found on

the spot. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the Forest Department and Veterinary Officer along with their team reached the spot and after taking necessary action, the team of veterinarians embalmed the dead cattle

Veterinary officer Dr Negi said that the leopard had hunted a 5 to 6 year old bull

It seems that the leopard would be very powerful, while in this case, Ranger BL Surojia of Bastar Forest Range said Department team is pres ent on the spot. Postmortem report of cattle is awaited. Along with this, necessary action is being taken to prevent further attacks by the

His teachings emphasize the

importance of recognizing

the divine in every individ-

ual, fostering a sense of unity

One accused of knife attack arrested, 2 absconding



Kotwali of the district reported that an

Jagdalpur, Nov 27: Police station

incident of assault and injury with a sharp knife took place near Shaheed Park near Food Court Chapati. Deepak Amolik, the absconding accused who carried out the incident, has been arrested on Sunday. After the arrested accused Deepak Amolik confessed to the crime, a knife and the vehicle used in the incident

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were recovered from his possession and he was sent on judicial remand. The arrest of absconding accused Manoj Shukla and Guruvinder of the case is pending.

According to the information received from the police, on Nov 25, Deepak Amolik, Manoj Shukla and others had a dispute with Abhishek Kalet, husband of applicant Shiba Kalet, at Foodcourt Chapati Shaheed Park, Jagdalpur. In the dispute, the accused carried out a fatal attack with the intention of killing with a sharp knife kept with them. Abhishek Kalet got injured in the attack during the attack on his thigh, hip, knee, wrist and chest. On the basis of whose report, a crime was registered against the accused in the police station and taken up for investigation.

During investigation, accused Deepak Amolik was immediately surrounded and arrested by the team. Accused Deepak Amolik told during interrogation that at 8:30 pm on 25th November, he found Manoj Shukla, Abhishek and Guruvinder in Mission Compound who were talking among themselves about the elections. He had an argument with Abhishek on some issue. Then he and Manoj Shukla got angry and left from there. After that he angrily called Abhishek and asked him to reach near the Food Court. All the accused reached there in car number-CG 17 KL 9728. Deepak told that everyone together beat Abhishek Kalet with their hands and fists. And he admitted to hurting Abhishek Kalet by stabbing him in the thigh, hip, knee and wrist with the knife he was keeping.

Three day outdoor study camp concludes



In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

Kondagaon, Nov 27: Ministry of Education, School Education and Literacy Department, Government of India organized a three-day outdoor study camp at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Kondagaon under the guidance of Principal Sanjay Singh in which art teacher Narayani Kumari Durg Navodaya alumnus Shivcharan teacher Madanar and his school children were trained in the finer points of 'silambam gatka' game and wall painting to create beautiful paintings on the walls Meanwhile.

Mirza

Sattar Baig, Deputy Engineer of Electricity Deputy Department, presented 'Gatka Khel Kit' to the children of Navodaya on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. School teachers RK Kashyap, Sachin Kumar, Ankit Solanki, Sameer Devangan, AK Mishra along with the children., Rupesh Kumar, Bhupendra Kumar, Teacher Anupriya Swaraj, Krishnaveni Bhavna Mehlawat, Akanksha Garg, Preeti Chauhan, Vidhu Tripathi Shakar, Santosh, Laxman, Ramshila, Revathi, have also contributed enthusiastically in this workshop.

Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated at Allons Public School

pees to do business. He used

the money to feed poor fakirs.

He returned home empty-

handed, but was happy to

have helped the poor. He re-

ferred to this incident as

"Sacha Sauda" or true trans-

action. According to him,

Guru Nanakji advocated for

the equality of all human be-

ings, regardless of their

caste, creed, or social status.



Bemetara, Nov 27: The festival of the Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated on 27-11-2023 at Allons Public School, Bemetara. The programme was started by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of the Guru Nanak.

Navpreet Kour Ubeja from class IX recited a 'shabad' and she said that this day marks as the birth of Guru Nanak Devji, the founder of the Sikhism. He was born in 1469 in Nankana Sahib, Pakistan. His father's name was Kalvan Chand Das Bedi and mother's name Mata Tripta. Harshit Chhabra from class XII, Ronit Chhabra from class X, Prince Rijwani from class X, Mansimran from class VI and NavpreetKourUbeja from class IX presented the 'mool mantra and ardas' on this occasion.

Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal

and brotherhood among all He said to draw inspiration from Guru Nanak Ji's vision of a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. One of the central tenets of Guru Nanak Ji's philosophy is selfless service and compassion for others. He encouraged his followers extended his warm greetings to each one on this auspicious to engage in seva and to conoccasion of Guru Nanak tribute positively to the wel-Javanti, a day that holds great fare of society. He advised to significance for all the comdevelop the spirit of seva into munities and offers profound our lives, finding opportuniteachings for all of humanity. ties to help those in need and He said that Guru Nanak making a meaningful impact Devji's message of equality, on our communities. compassion, and oneness is He wished that the light of timeless and holds immense relevance in today's world. He told about the incident of the 'Sacha Sauda'. Guru Nanak Devji was given twenty ru-

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's wisdom continues to illuminate our paths, guiding us towards a more harmonious and compassionate situation in this present world scenario to save the human kingdom. He recited the slogans named "Nanak Naam Chardi Kala Tere Bhane Sarbat da bhala", which means "Nanak with your name and blessings may everyone in the world prosper and be in peace."Bole So Nihal...Sat Sri Akal and Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

'B'luru's Yeshwantpur being developed as world-class railway station'

Bengaluru, Nov 27 (PTI):

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday said Yeshwantpur Railway Station here is being developed as a world-class station with an investment of Rs 377 crore.

Speaking to reporters after inspecting some civil work, he said the railway station will have a roof plaza which would also have a children's play area, and space for selling prod-

Noting that this is one of the most important railway stations in India, Vaishnaw said it caters to train traffic coming from Bengaluru (city station), Hassan, Tumakuru, and Hubli-Dharwad and also

A major redevelopment work has been taken up at Yeshwantpur, where Rs 377 crore is being invested

Mumbai, Nov 27

upcoming

Rohit Roy, the esteemed

actor, expresses his antici-

pation for his return to tel-

evision with Star Bharat's

'Saubhagyavati Bhava:

Laagu' In this enthralling

drama, he assumes the

pivotal role of DCP

Avinash, tasked with in-

vestigating the intriguing

murder case of Raghav,

sharing the screen with

Speaking about his

the cast of

Shartien

break from TV and and

Karanvir Bohra

Amandeep Sidhu.

Niyam

Aur Shartien

show.



Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw addresses a press conference at Railways regional office, in Bengaluru,

to make it a world-class railway station, the minis-

"Both sides of the station will get connected. Both sides will have an entry and there will be a roof plaza, a very broad, very big roof plaza where people can wait in a very

Rohit Roy roped in for 'Saubhagyavati Bhava: Niyam Aur Shartien Laagu'

comfortable... where children can play, local products can be displayed and sold. So, in a very nice way that we have seen all over the world, that kind of railway station is being developed Yeshwantpur," Vaishnaw

away from TV but that's

I was waiting to do

something different that

would want my audience

to sit and watch rather

than just doing some usual

stuff for namesake. My

character is something

that excites me and I be-

lieve that the viewers will

love it too that that's what

made me come back on TV

since I was offered with a

interesting character that

Rohit's entry in the

show will bring new wave

of drama and entertain-

ment in the show. It'll be

exciting to watch what lies

ahead in the upcoming

I couldn't say no to."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to connect both sides of the city using the railway station is being realised.

The minister said that he had also informed the Railway team on Monday that this station will be catering to huge traffic in the coming 20 to 30 years because suburban, mainline railway and the Metro are joining here.

'To cater to additional traffic in the coming years, we should keep the land available... whatever even if one metre of land is available anywhere, that land should be kept free for expanding in the future," Vaishnaw said.

Wherever possible, the Railways should try to make the master plan in a way by which the expansion can be done "today itself", he added.

Rourkela-Puri Vande Bharat pelted with stones

Bhubaneswar, Nov 27 (PTI): Rourkela-Puri Bharat Express has been pelted with stones, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) said in a statement on Monday. However, no injuries were reported in the incident that took place between Meramandali and Budhapank stations in Dhenkanal-Angul railway section on Sunday night,

Vande Bharat Express has been targeted by some stone-pelters Meramandali Budhapank Dhenkanal-Angul railway section Bhubaneswar-Sambalpur rail line," the statement read. A windowpane of an executive class coach was damaged and the train reached Puri with a delay of 13 minutes, a railway

it said.

"Train number 20835

and the

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Devotees take part in a procession on Buddha Purnima, at Sarnath in Varanasi, Monday.

Constitution Day observed at ECoR



Waltair & Sambalpur.

This Day was also cele-

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nature whatsoever against or in respect of the sai property or any part thereof is hereby requested to

notify the same in writing to the undersigned wi

supporting documentary evidence within 07 day from the date hereof, failing which no such claims

demands, objections etc. shall be entertained hereafter and the said property shall be consider

Subhro Chakravorty, Advocat

For Ashwini Singh & Associates 12, Nagar Nigam Parisar, Supela Bhilai, Durg (C.G.)

Bhubaneswar, Nov 27:

The Constitution Day was observed at East Coast Railway headquarters, Rail Sadan, today. All Principal HoDs including Addl. General Manager

Kumar Srivastava, Senior Officials. Staff. Members of ECoRWWO led by General Manager Manoj Sharma, read out the Preamble of the

Apart from this, the Constitution Day was also Railway Stations over celebrated at all the three ECoR jurisdiction. Railway Divisions of ECoR, viz., Khurda Road,

Railwaymen and officials in remote locations also readout the preamble of Indian Constitution at their working place Principal Siddharth Kati and Chief

Personnel Officer Surya Prakash co-ordinated the

Rising concerns over post-COVID symptoms and myocarditis



n the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, medical experts have increasingly observed cases of post-COVID symptoms, with a particular focus on the development of myocarditis-a condition involving inflammation of the heart muscle. This emerging health concern has raised alarms among healthcare professionals and the public, prompting intensified research and vigilance.

In recent studies and clinical observations, a notable number of individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 continue to experience lingering symptoms, often referred to as "long COVID." These symptoms can vary widely and may include fatigue, shortness of breath. brain fog, and chest pain, among others. One of the more severe complications observed is myocarditis, a condition characterized by inflammation of the heart muscle that can lead to significant cardiac issues if left untreated.

Myocarditis, while a rare complication, has been increasingly reported among individuals post-recovery from COVID-19. Research indicates that the virus might trigger an inflammatory response in the body, leading to this heart condition. Symptoms of myocarditis can range from mild to severe and may include chest pain, abnormal heartbeat, shortness of breath, fatigue, and in severe cases, heart

The concern is amplified among young adults and athletes due to sporadic cases of myocarditis reported in these demographics. The potential link between certain COVID-19 infections and subsequent myocarditis has prompted discussions among healthcare professionals and regulatory bodies

Date : 28-11-2023

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did and expressed his feel-

ings. He says, "A lot of peo-

ple asked me why I was

Dr. Sarah Thompson, a cardiologist at a prominent medical institution, expressed, "We are seeing a concerning trend of myocarditis cases post-COVID-19 recovery. It's crucial for individuals, especially those with a history of COVID-19, to remain vigilant and report any unusual symptoms to their healthcare providers promptly." However, it's important to note that while cases of myocarditis post-COVID-19 have been report-

regarding the necessity of close ed, the overall risk remains relafrom COVID-19 without developing severe post-infection complica-

> Public health authorities and medical professionals emphasize the importance of vaccination as a critical measure to prevent severe COVID-19 infections and subsequent complications, including myocarditis. Vaccination has shown to significantly reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19.

tively low. Most individuals recover symptoms, particularly myocarditis, underscores the necessity of continued research, monitoring, and public awareness. Efforts to understand the long-term impacts of COVID-19 and mitigate potential complications remain a priority for healthcare professionals and policymakers globally.

As the scientific community continues to delve into the complexities of the virus and its aftermath, individuals are urged to stay informed, seek medical advice if

The emergence of post-COVID experiencing lingering symptoms, the risk of severe COVID-19 complications. Stay tuned for further undates as medical experts and researchers are understanding the implications of post-COVID symptoms and their association with myocarditis.

> Prof. Varaprasad Kolla Director, AIB **Amity University Chhattisgarh**

PUBLIC NOTICE

khasra no. 9/4, area 0.012 hectare = 1308 sq. situated at Vill. Radhapur, P.H.No. 25, R.N.M Udaipur, Tehsil Chuikhadan, Dist. Khairagarh Chuikhadan-Gandai (C.G.) from Nehal Agnoulture Under Rule No. 8 (1) of Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the LIC Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Assets and Enforcement of Security act 2002 and exercise of power conferred Under Section 13 (12) read with rule (9) of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002. Issued a Demand Notice from LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Raipur within 60 days from the date of receipt at the said notice as mentioned below the borrower having failed to repay the amount notice is here by given to borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described. Herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said Rule's for property given below. The borrower and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property Komal Kothari, vide registered sale deed date. 09.12.2022. The said Nehal Agriculture Pvt. Ltd rough Director - Sanket Kothari S/o Late Kon Prateek Kochar S/o Pukhraj Kochar AND Ne Agriculture Pvt. Ltd. through Director - San The borrower and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Raipur Kothari S/o Late Komal Kothari dated 09.12.2022 DESCRIPTION OF THE DATE OF THE AMOUNT IN S. Name of

NO.	borrower	DEMAND NOTICE	POSSESSION NOTICE	DEMAND NOTICE		
1).	Ms. Neelam Tiwari, Mr. Ajay Tiwari Loan Account No 121200001938	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khasra 24,11,2022 R8. 1395264.00 e property consisting of Khasra 24,11,2023 mit. & 6,0 ther charges no. 364/5, Mouza Raipura, Ph no. 104/5, having area 1200 sq.ft. Madhavrao Sapre ward no. 68, Subh Grih Nirman Sahkari Samiti, Tehsil-Raipur (C.G.) 492001. Bounded: North: Road, South: Plot of Rashmi Agrawal, East: Seller's property, West: Seller's property.				
2)	Anjum Hasan & Najam Hussain. Loan Account No 121200001155	A Property bearing, Area- 500 sqft. PH No105/61, KH No 177/1, Chandra Shekhar Ajad Bounded: North: Road, South: Hof Ransingh, West: House of Kha	24.11.2023 Ward-52, Mathp louse of Shandhiy	+intt. & other charges urena, Raipur (C.G).		

STATUTORY NOTICE: The borrower / guarantor here by notice do pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice falling which the aforesaid property will be Date: 28.11.2023, Place: Raipur

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and

M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069 Bhilai Branch: Hall No-1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace Durg-491001, (CG).

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of owers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to edeem the secured assets.

The borrower 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 AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	
1	(Loan Code No.03000001295/ Bhilai Branch) Ravi Kumar Thakur (Borrower) Sharda Thakur (Co-Borower)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, P.H. No 57 Kh No 389 137 Plot No 02 Ward No 18 Old Kh No 389 8 P Teh Patan Distt Durg , Chhattisgarh, 491001 Boundaries:- East: Sardhar of Land, West: Road, North: Remaining Land of Seller, South: Remaining Land of Seller	13-09-2023 & ₹ 5,06,110/-	23-11-2023
2	(Loan Code No.03000000820/ Bhilai Branch) Nitin Meshram (Borrower) Pustkala Meshram (Co-Borower)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Plot No 231 A P H No 35 1 Ward 07 Kh No 132 167 Ka Near of Shiv Mandir Chikhali, Rajnadgaon, Chhattisgarh, 491441 Boundaries: - East: Road, West: Open Plot, North: Road, South: Remaining Land of Seller	13-09-2023 & ₹ 5,89,768/-	23-11-2023
3	(Loan Code No.03000000825/ Bhilai Branch) Nizamuddin Quraishi (Borrower) Nooruddin Qureshi (Co-Borower) Mohammed Aslam Khan, Azimuddin Qureshi (Guarantor)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, PHN 18 K H No 687 502 Ward N 41 Ner of Noori Masjid Kasaridih Tah Dist Durg, Chhattisgarh, 491001 Boundaries:- East: Road, West; Vasim Bakar House, North: Jabalpur Wale Ka Makan, South: House of Sahnaj Bano	13-09-2023 & ₹ 16,23,993/-	24-11-2023

Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Branch Office: Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001 DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT,

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging you nmovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as Non Performing Asset, whereas Jana Small Finance Bank.

Limited being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement). Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
3	Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh, S/o. Laxmi Narayan Singh, (Prop. M/s. Gurudev Handloom Enterprises), 2) Mrs. Gyanti Singh, W/o. Vinod Kumar Singh	Nos. (Prop. Mrs. Gurudev Handloom Enterprises), 2) Mrs. Gyanti Singh, Wo. Vinod Kumar Singh Wio. Vinod Kumar Singh 1) Mr. Shiv Sagar Singh Sio. Shivbahadur Singh, 2) Mrs. Varsha Devi, Wio. Vipul Singh Wio. Vipul No. Mio. Salah Wio. Vipul No. Mio. Salah Wio. Vipul No. Salah Wio. Vipul No. Mio. Salah Wio. Vipul No. Salah Wio. Vipul No. Salah Wio. Vipul Singh Wio. Vipul No. Salah Wio. Vipul Singh		01-10-2023 & 31-10-2023	Rs.40,85,454.64 (Rupees Fourty Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Four and Sixty Four Paise Only) as on 25-10-2023
2	S/o. Shivbahadur Singh, 2) Mrs. Varsha Devi,			08-10-2023 & 31-10-2023	Rs.8,67,448.10 (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fourty Eight and Ten Paise Only) as on 25-10-2023
3	1) Mr. Arvind Kumar Sahu, (Prop. M/s. Santosh Kumar Arvind Kumar), 2) Mr. Jamuna Prasad, S/o. Ratan Lal Sahu, 3) Mrs. Shrimati Alpana Sahu, W/o. Arvind Kumar Sahu			01-11-2023 & 10-11-2023	Rs.25,09,396.36 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six and Thirty Six Paise Only) as on 07-11-2023
4	1) Mr. Dilip Kumar, S/o. Mannu Lal, 2) Mrs. Hira Bai, W/o. Dilip Kumar	S/o. Mannu Lal, 2) Mrs. Híra Bai, 45089430000362 Loan Amount No. No.847 (Part), total admeasuring area of 750 Sq.ft., (69 Sq.mtrs.), Mou: 45089430000362 Loan Amount Bounded by: East by: Ramchandra Sahu. West by: Somnal		01-11-2023 & 10-11-2023	Rs.7,38,784.90 (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four and Ninety Paise Only) as on 07-11-2023
5	1) Mr. Virendra Kumar Lahre, S/o. Ramesh Kumar Lahre, 2) Mr. Rameh Kumar Lahare, S/o. Babulal Lahare	No.220, total admessuring area of 0.1360 rectare, together with construction of the co		01-11-2023 & 25-11-2023	Rs.15,90,324.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on 16-11-2023

Notice is therefore given to the borrower co-borrower obtained in voltageor is mentioned in Vol.2, calling upon them to make payment or the aggregate amount as not not not be respective to make a mount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6, it is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Jana Small Finance Bank Limited against the Borrower's. Co-Borrower's Guarantor's Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 28.11.2023, Place: Bilaspur & Raipur (C.G.)



75th NCC Day celebrated with pomp

Rajim, Nov 27

The 75th NCC Day was celebrated with pomp by 27 CG Battalion NCC Unit at Swami Atmanand School, Rajim. NCC units of the city's Government Rajiv Lochan College, Government Rambishal Pandey Excellent English Medium School and Government Harihar Higher Secondary School, Nayapara participated in this grand event. The program was inaugurated by hoisting the NCC flag and saluting the Chief Guest M.L. Verma Principal Government Raieev Lochan Mahavidyalaya Rajim, in the special hospitality of Swami Atmanand School Principal Sanjay Kumar Ekka and Vice Principal MR Netam as President. The guests were welcomed

by the NCC cadets of the



parade and salute on the stage, in which 107 student soldiers of Rajiv Lochan College, 100 student soldiers of SEJS Rajim and 100 student soldiers of SEJS Navapara were included.

To make this program successful, Captain DK Dhurva, NCC officer of Government Rajiv Lochan College, Rajim, Third Officer Sagar Sharma NCC officer, made special contribution.NCC officers

Dhruv of SEZ Rajim and Harihar SEZ Navapara were engaged along with former student soldiers Mohd Riyaz Neelkanth Sahu (BSF), Lokesh Sahu (Assam Rifles), Jhamman Sahu, Chandrashekhar Sahu, Tukesh Yadav, Parmeet. Reshma Sahu, Manju Sahu, Vikash

Dhruv, etc. were included. Parade Commander and Pilots of Ramesh Nishad Parade were Mahendra Kumar, Jitendra Kumar

Dubey and Sawan Soni along with J.U. O. and in the second platoon, U.O. Rupa Tarak and J Ishwar Adil, in the third platoon. Similarly in the junior wing, C.H.M. Tejes Sonkar served as C.Q.M.S. Mukesh Sahu as Platoon Commander in Fourth Platoon and Fifth Platoon, and C.H.M. of Harihar School. Ankit Sahu had Lokesh Vishwakarma were commanding in the sixth and last platoon. Thereafter, the cadets made the atmosphere patriotic by presenting cultural programmes. The successful stage management of the program was done by Sergeant Lipi Mishra of Government Rajiv Lochan College. NCC officer Sagar Sharma gave vote of thanks in the program and the program

Variety of programmes mark cultural evening



Kasdol, Nov 27

A massive cultural programme including 'Anand Mela', Science exhibition, Rangoli, Mehandi, painting competition was held in local Indira Devi Gouraha HS School premises here on Sunday. In this the students prepared variety of cuisines and through token served it to those interested in eating. It was enjoying variety of dishes and eatables by the ■ Including 'Anand Mela', 'Science Exhb', and other competitions

students that the children enjoyed the cultural programme. On this occasion parents of the children too were present in large number and this included Nagar Panchayat President Neelu Chandan Sahu, Chandra Lekha Mishra along with their team of women and inspected the 'Rangoli', 'Mehandi', plate decoration items made by the stu-

dents. The main centre of attraction was Darbar' tableau which automatically was attracting all the visitors to the place and here the people were found taking snaps with Lord Shri Ram, 'Mata Sita', brother Laxman and Lord Shri Hanuman.

In the science exhibition the students of Class 9th had prepared variety of models and this was praised by all those who visited the exhibition. Principal of the School Varsha Sharma along with teachers, and entire staff made this programme a grand success and did not leave any stone unturned. To make this programme successful founder and President Dinesh Kumar Mishra extended greetings to the Principal of the School and all other staff and pro-

Matar prog held in Gram Amlidih



Khairgarh, Nov 27: The traditional 'Matar programme' was held in Amlidih of Nagar Palika area last on Sunday. In this programme. Alderman Manrakhan and public representatives and youth were present. They first performed prayers to 'Gau Mata' and applied 'tilak'

gramme'. During this the representatives of 'Raut Samaj', who are dedicated to 'gau mata' since ancient times, got a pumpkin broken from the leg of the cow and it was distributed as 'prasad' to all those present. In this programme, the villagers of Amlidih and nearby villages were

Khairagarh, Nov 27:

On the occasion of Constitution Day Government New Girls and Rani Singh Rashmidevi Government College, Khairagarh, under the guidance of Principal incharge Prof. Jitendra Sakhre, student union incharge JK Vaishnav administered the oath to all the professors, teachers and students by collectively reading the objectives of the Constitution. Along with the oath taking ceremony, speech, essay, rangoli and henna competition was organized in Naveen Girls College under the chairmanship of student union in-charge JK While conducting the



about the nationwide celebration of Constitution Day on 26th November by the Hindi Department, said that it took two years, eleven months and eighteen days for the Constitution makers to create the Constitution. While presiding over the program, student union in-charge JK Vaishnav underlined the specialty

written constitution in India, the world's largest

democracy Prof. Rohit Dewangan Commerce explained the fundamental rights in the Constitution in detail.In various competitions organized among the students of Girls College Shraddha Verma stood first in speech competition, Madhu Kosare stood second, Alfia Memon stood first, Uma

Dewangan stood first in henna, Ritu Sahu stood second, Himanshi Tiwari first, Prajapati stood first in rangoli, Tarini Janghel stood first. In the essay competition, Shweta Sahu stood first, Alfia Memon stood second, Rinki Nishad stood third.

The competition judges were Dr. Medhavini Ture, Prof. Rohit Dewangan, student union in-charge JK Vaishnav, Neha Sahu. Ruby Soni. The program was conducted by Dr. Medhavini Ture and vote of thanks was expressed by teacher Atul Nayak. On this occasion, all the professors and teachers of Government New Girls College and Rani Rashmidevi College and a large number of stu-

Collectorate employees take oath of allegiance to the Constitution



Kawardha, Nov 27: On occasion Constitution Day, 26th November, the Preamble of the Indian Constitution was read out in the Collectorate premises, under the guidance of Collector Mahobe, wherein Joint Collector Dr. Monica Kaudo administered the oath of allegiance to the Constitution to the officers and employees. Giving the message of being aware of the rights and

duties provided Constitution, the Joint Collector said that the rights of social, economic justice, expression, belief, religion and equality etc. have been provided in the Indian Constitution. We must remain committed to ensuring the unity and integrity of the nation. On this occasion, Collectorate Superintendent Rajendra Singh Dhruv and officers and employees of the District Collectorate were

Constitution Day observed in Collectorate



Bilaspur, Nov 27:

On occasion of the Constitution Day at the district office in Bilaspur, the day was celebrated with reading of the Preamble of the

Constitution in group and an oath of allegiance was taken to work as per core sentiments of the Constitution. It is notable here that on 26 Nov 1949 that the Parliament

adopted the Indian Constitution and it is in the memory of the same that every year Nov 26 is celebrated Constitution Day. ADM RA Kuruvanshi recited

in group the Preamble of

the Constitution in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in the Collector office premises. As per instructions by the government, the Day was observed in other offices of the District Collector.

brings social harmony and equality: CJM Khairagarh, Nov 27: National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, a legal awareness camp was organized in village Akarjan and Kushiyari on Sunday on the occasion of Constitution Day.

Addressing this program organized by Taluk Legal Services Committee Khairagarh, Judicial Magistrate Vivek Garg said that the Constitution is supreme in our country and students and common people should also have informaabout Constitution. He appealed to the common people to

aware of

Constitution and regard-

ing the life of the creator

legislature, executive, judiciary, legal process, good

Constitution is important document that

of the Constitution, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, he said that we should learn and take inspiration from the life struggles and works of that great man as to how he went from zero to the peak.

Further, CJM Garg gave information about legal subjects to the people about the process of law making in India, duties of

Constitution Day celebrated in JNV Bahera Kusmi

touch bad touch, POCSO Act, free legal advice and assistance scheme, child marriage, child labour, Gave detailed information regarding motor vehicle accident claim case, Lok Adalat, fundamental rights, advantages and

disadvantages of mobile,

increasing tendency of

drug addiction among children and crimes. Also, while explaining about the legal provisions the Indian Constitution, Garg said that our Constitution is an important document that brings social harmony, harmony and equality. A large number of villagers were present to make the

Grandparents Honour Ceremony conducted



-Pendra-Marwahi, Nov 27: Grandparents Honour Ceremony was celebrated with great pomp today in the presence of Principal Rashmi Mishra at DAV Chief Minister Public School, Kudkai Pendra. Parents, especially grandparents, were invited by the school and in the same sequence; Genius Program was also organ-

Gaurela

ized for the students. Salni Vaishya Director and Prem Vaishya told the

students about the amazing scientific technique to increase mathematical calculation, concentration, memory power and self-confidence. The program started by lighting the lamp in front of the photo of Goddess Saraswati by the head of the organization, Rashmi Mishra and respected parents. Thereafter, various games were organized for the grandparents in which they participated enthusiastically, in which Savitri

Shivkumar Aggarwal, Aggarwal, Pancham Kesarwani, Ashish Kesarwani, and Dropati Mishra displayed their talent and got the first position. After this, the children of class LKG to V presented a captivating dance.

During the program, Abhinav Aggarwal, a student of class IV, demonstrated his intellectual ability and seeing this art of giving answers to the addition of even the biggest numbers in a few moments, all the parents praised his talent and at the end of the program, the head of the organization, Rashmi Mishra, while addressing the parents, said that children should always obey their elders. Elders should be respected. In Indian culture, elders have been given a

high and ideal place.

Bahera (Kusmi), Nov 27:

Constitution Day was celebrated in Jawahar Vidyalaya (JNV) Bahera Kusmi Bemetara on Nov 26 in the presence of all the students and school staff. In the program, wreath was laid on the statue of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar by the school principal Lakshmi Singh and all the staff. The stage was operated by Kanika Verma (8th) and Diksha (10th) class students. Speech on the Preamble of the Constitution was presented by Shivam (10th)and Chaturvedi (10th).

On the importance of this day, Shashi Kumar, Geography teacher, said

that the policy makers of the Constitution and the members Constituent Assembly gave such a system to the country so that the country could reach new heights every day and also made it flexible because it was amended as per the time. Ajit Pratap Singh Hindi teacher inspired everyone to take a

pledge that we must fulfill the dream of becoming a worthy citizen of the country

Highlighting the importance of this day in her presidential speech, the school Principal said that in 2015, on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, this day was started to be celebrated to

pay true tribute to him. A heart-wrenching and shocking incident was deliberately carried out by terrorists in Mumbai on this very day. Taking inspiration from this day, the students were inspired to move ahead in life and continue on the path of progress. The meeting ended with the national anthem.

Malaysia joins Thailand and Sri Lanka in granting visa-free entry for Indians

Kuala Lumpur, Nov 27 (PTI)

Malaysia will grant a 30day visa-free entry for Indian and Chinese citizens from December 1, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has announced, joining Thailand and Sri Lanka in recent weeks to offer such a facility to foreigners promote tourism.

Ibrahim said the waiver was an additional facility to the existing visa exemptions currently enjoyed by Gulf nations and other West Asian countries, including Turkiye and

However, Ibrahim, who also the Finance Minister, said the visa exemption was subject to top security screening, the official Bernama news agency reported.

"Initial screenings will be conducted for all tourists and visitors to Malaysia. Security is a different matter. If there are criminal records or the risk of terrorism, they will not be allowed to enter," he said.

"That comes under the authority of the security forces and immigration,' said the prime minister, who is likely to travel to India in the first half of next year in reflection of the growing upswing in overall ties between the

Malaysia is a member the 10-member or Association of Southeast Asian Nations bloc,

which is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region.

The 30-day visa-free entry is also currently enjoyed by eight ASEAN countries for the purpose of social visits, tourism and business. Malaysia is currently

targeting 16.1 million international tourist arrivals with RM 49.3 billion in tourism receipts. India remains to be

among the top countries to contribute tourist arrivals to Malaysia. In 2022. Malaysia welcomed a total of 324,548 Indian tourists, while in

the first quarter of 2023,

Malaysia received as

many as 164,566 Indian

tourists compared to

13.370 in the same period

main effective until March 31, 2024, and aims to boost tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka, with the tourism ministry setting a target of attracting five million tourists in the

last year, according to

data from the Malaysia

Board, also known as

Malaysia's decision fol-

lows a similar visa waiv-

er implemented by Sri

Sri Lanka has intro-

duced a visa-free entry

initiative for visitors

from India and six other

countries, encompassing

China, Russia, Malaysia,

Japan, Indonesia, and

This initiative will re-

Lanka and Thailand.

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Promotion

India's envoy to US Sandhu visits **Gurudwara in New York**

Khalistan supporters heckle him

New York, Nov 27 (PTI)

India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, offered prayers at a gurudwara in Long Island in New York on the occasion of Gurpurab where a group of Khalistani supporters heckled him but they were escorted out by members of the Sikh community.

"Privileged to join the local Sangat, including from Afghanistan, at Guru Nanak Darbar of Long Island in celebrating Gurpurab- listened to Kirtan, spoke about Guru Nanak's everlasting message of togetherness, unity, & equality, partook langar, and sought bless-



Sandhu during Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations at Guru Nanak Darbar of Long Island, in New York State, USA.

ings for all," Sandhu said in a post on X on Sunday.

Sandhu received a warm welcome at the Hicksville Gurdwara against the perceived notion of opposition from Khalistanis, A few nuisance makers tried to heckle him but were escorted out by members of the Sikh community, sources said.

In his remarks at the gurudwara, Sindhu assured members of the

Lankan President Wickremesinghe sacks sports

Indian diplomats in the US will provide all help and support to them.

Sikh community that

Sandhu, accompanied by Consul General in New York Randhir Jaiswal and Deputy Consul General Varun Jeph, highlighted growth in the India-US partnership, whether in the healthcare, energy, IT, new emerging technologies, semiconductor or education sectors.

On the occasion, the gu rudwara members and officials honoured and felicitated the Ambassador.

Sandhu also spoke about the historical linkages between Sikh Gurus, Sikhs and Afghanistan. He noted that Afghan Sikhs have shown how to

Pakistan's jailed ex-PM Imran Khan sent to 14-day judicial remand in corruption case

Islamabad, Nov 27 (PTI)

A Pakistani accountability court on Monday sent Imran Khan on a 14day judicial remand in a corruption case, rejecting the request of the country's anti-graft body for extending the jailed former prime minister's Muhammad

Bashir of the Islamabad Accountability Court presided over the hearing of the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case held at the Adiala jail in Rawalpindi, where Khan is currently jailed. The Express Tribune newspaper re-

71-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party chief has been incarcerated in the high-



Rawalpindi September 26 in various

Khan, the primary accused and his wife Bushra Bibi, 49, were present during the hearing held at the high-security jail. Khan's sisters, Aleema Khanum and Noreen Khanum, were also present during the

Judge Bashir rejected

National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) request for extending the former premier's physical remand in the Al-Qadir Trust corrup-

Instead, he sent the PTI chief on a 14-day judicial remand, according to the

On Sunday, the former cricketer-turned-politician was interrogated for over two hours in the Adiala jail by a NAB team in the case, a senior official of the apex anti-graft watchdog told the Dawn newspaper.

Officials from the accountability bureau have been visiting the Adiala Jail since November 15 to investigate Khan's role in

Court adjourns until Wed hearing of Nawaz Sharif's appeals against his conviction in two graft cases

Islamabad, Nov 27 (PTI)

The Islamabad High Court on Monday adjourned until Wednesday the hearing of appeals of Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif against his conviction in two cases of corruption.

Sharif, 73, had challenged in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) his sentences in the Avenfield property and Al-Azizia cases in which he was convicted in 2018.

Chief Justice Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb heard appeals on Monday.

Sharif's lawyers argued in favour of appeals and answered various questions asked by the two judges. Later, the bench adjourned the hearing until

The former premier was convicted in July 2018 and handed 10 years in jail in the Avenfield properties corruption case about assets beyond known income in London. He was sentenced in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills case to seven years in jail in December 2018. The cases were filed the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), the national anticorruption watchdog. He had filed an appeal against

Sharif went to London in 2019 and could not return and was declared a proclaimed offender in both cases in December 2020 by the IHC. He came back last month after nearly four years of self-exile and his appeals were

minister after he says his 'life is at risk' with immediate effect.

Colombo, Nov 27 (PTI)

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday sacked Sports Ranasinghe, hours after he claimed that his "life is at risk" for "highlighting corruption" in the country's chaotic cricket administration and said that if anything happens to him, the president and his chief of staff should be held responsible.

Ranasinghe was handed the termination letter, signed by President Wickremesinghe, as he arrived to attend the weekly Cabinet meeting.

The letter states that Ranasinghe has been removed from the portfolios of Minister of Sports and Affairs, and

North Korea claimed to

Earlier in the day,

Ranasinghe Parliament Wickremesinghe was trying to frame him for political vengeance and using false facts related to a vehi-

The minister said a vehicle imported by him was seized by the authorities under the pretext of tax manipulation to frame him on false charges.

"Is this the reward I get for highlighting corruption in cricket? I took action based on audit reports," Ranasinghe said, referring to his move to appoint an interim committee to run the Sri Lankan cricket administration.

He further questioned why the President is taking political revenge, when he, as the Sports

Minister, had only exposed corruption.

"My life is at risk. I may be killed today or tomorrow. If something were to President and his advisor Sagala Ratnavake (Chief Presidential Staff) should be held responsible," Ranasinghe was quoted as saying by news website newswire.lk.

He accused Wickremesinghe of trying to fix him for exposing corruption in Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and sacking its management.

Following his termina tion, Ranasinghe visited the sports ministry to thank his staff and bid farewell.

Speaking to reporters he said his fight to end corruption in sports would

Two India-funded school buildings inaugurated in Nepal

Kathmandu, Nov 27 (PTI)

India is committed to continue bolstering the development partnership with Nepal according to the priorities of the Nepalese government, a senior indian diplomat here has said as two school buildings constructed with India's financial assistance were inaugurated in Nepal's Lumbini province on Monday.

The school and laboratory buildings of the Buddha Secondary School (GBSS) in the Kapilavastu district, built with the aid of Nepalese Rs (NPR) 33.23 million were inaugurated by Deputy-chief-of-mis-Shrivastava, District Coordination Committee

Kapilvastu, Baburam Acharya Chief, and the of Buddhabhumi Municipality, Keshav Shrestha.

The Indian government grant was utilised for the construction of a doublestoried school building and a three-storied lab building and the procurement of furniture and lab equipment, an official press release said.

"This is one of the 550+High Impact Community Development Projects #HICDPs undertaken by the Govt. of India in educational as well as many other sectors in Nepal under #India-#Nepal Development Partnership," an X post by the Indian Embassy in

North Korea restores border guard posts as tensions rise over its satellite launch

Seoul, Nov 27 (AP)

North Korea is restoring front-line guard posts that it had dismantled during a previous period inter-Korean rap prochement, South Korea's military said Monday, after animosities spiked between the rivals over the North's recent spy satellite launch.

The two Koreas previously dismantled or disarmed 11 of their guard posts inside their heavily fortified border, called the Demilitarised Zone, under a 2018 deal meant to ease front-line military confrontations. But the deal is now in danger of being scrapped as both Koreas openly threaten



This undated photo provided and released by South Korea **Defense Ministry, North Korean soldiers install their guard** post in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in North Korea.

The 2018 agreement required the two Koreas to halt aerial surveillance and live-fire exercises at no-fly and buffer zones that they established along the DMZ, as well as

remove some of their front-line guard posts and land mines.

The deal left South Korea with 50 board guard posts and North Korea with 150. After

place its first military spy satellite into orbit on Nov 21 South Korea said it would partially suspend the deal and resume aeriai surveillance along the DMZ in response. South Korea said its response was "a minimum defensive measure" because the launch showed the North's intentions to strengthen its monitoring of the South and improve its missile technol-

North Korea immediately slammed South Korea's decision, saving it would deploy powerful weapons at the border in a tit-for-tat measure. The North said it also won't abide by the 2018 deal any

Gaza truce to be extended

Palestinian diplomat appeals for

Barcelona, Nov 27 (AP)

The top Palestinian diplomat made a plea to extend the fragile cease fire in Gaza that is hours from expiring at a meeting of European Union members and Middle Eastern and north African countries that focused on diplomatic efforts to stop the Israel-Hamas war.

"We have to find how to apply the necessary pressure so that the Israeli government does not continue killing innocent people, so that we can continue counting cadavers," Riad al-Malki said in Spanish during a news conference during the gathering of diplomats in Barcelona, Spain. Israel is not attending the meeting hosted by the Union Mediterranean and chaired by the EU's for-

eign policy chief, Josep Borrell, and Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi. Many of the 42 delegations were represented by their foreign ministers.

The event in past years has largely become a forum for cooperation be tween the EU and the Arab world. Monday's gathering was supposed to focus on the role of the union 15 years after its founding, but it has taken on new significance since the Oct 7 Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's ensuing

war in the Gaza Strip. Borrell said he "regretted" the absence of Israel. He repeated his condemnation of the Hamas attack, while calling on Israel to permanently end its assault, which he said has claimed the lives of

Sunak hails huge vote of confidence' in UK at Global Investment Summit

London, Nov 27 (PTI)

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday announced that the world's leading investors have committed GBP 29.5 billion in new projects and capital as a "huge vote of confidence" in the UK

The British Indian leader, who welcomed CEOs of some of the world's leading businesses for a Global Investment Summit at Hampton Court Palace in London, said that thousands of jobs will be created across the country, including tech, life sciences, renewables, housing and infrastructure.

Blackstone, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Barclays, HSBC and Lloyds Bank are among



Prime Minister Rishi Sunak prepares to deliver the keynote speech at the Global Investment Summit, at Hampton Court Palace, in East Molesey, Surrey, **England, Monday.**

those represented at the "British Ideas Past, Present and Future" entitled summit, to be followed

reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by King Charles III.

'Today's investments. worth more than GBP 29 billion, will create thousands of new jobs and are a huge vote of confidence in the future of the UK economy," said Sunak.

"Global CEOs are right to back Britain we are making this the best place in the world to invest and do business...Attracting global investment is at the heart of my plan for growing the economy. With new funding pouring into key industries like clean energy, life sciences and advanced technology, inward investment is creating high-quality new jobs and driving growth right across the country," he

said. Downing Street

wave of investments come after UK Chancellor Jeremy Hunt unveiled the "biggest business tax cut"

in modern history at last week's Autumn Statement with a permanent extension of capital allowances, GBP 4.3 billion of business rates support and a GBP 7 billion Growth Fund. The numbers speak for

themselves: we have the third highest levels of inward investment in the world at USD 2.7 trillion, we're number one in Europe for new investment projects, and last year alone we created 107,000 jobs through inward investment," said UK Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch, who opened the summit with Sunak.

Two killed in suicide blast in northwest Pak

Peshawar, Nov 27 (PTI) At least two civilians were killed and 10 injured in a suicide bombing by a splinter group of the banned Pakistani Taliban terror group targeted a convoy of security forces Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

An explosives-laden twowheeler hit the security forces convoy on its way to Bannu from the North Waziristan district near the Azad Mandi in Bannu Cantonment on Sunday, the military's media wing said on Monday. The bombing killed two civilians and injured three security personnel and seven civilians, the Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR) said in a statement. Those injured were shifted to the Combined Military Hospital, Bannu and the condition of the three security personnel is stated to be critical.

for mimicking woman's Indian accent London, Nov 27 (PTI)

A police officer from northern England has been found guilty of gross misconduct by a disciplinary tribunal for mimicking the Indian accent of a woman who had called the West Yorkshire Police call centre to report a hate crime.

Patrick Harrison was found guilty following a misconduct hearing last month, and the panel concluded that he would have been dismissed had he not already resigned as a Police Constable (PC) from West Yorkshire Police. The incident, which

occurred in November last year, involved a phone call with a female complainant named only as "SA" who overheard the PC mimick-

ing her and reported it an anti-racism helpline.

UK policeman guilty of gross misconduct

"On 29.11.2022, former PC Harrison was on duty, working in the Force Call Centre, when he made a call to SA, a female member of the public who had reported a hate-related assault," reads the judgment.

"The former officer asked SA for more details in relation to why she believed that it was a hate crime. Having had the conversation, the former Officer failed to clear the line and repeated back some of the phrases SA had used, mimicking her accent whilst doing so. SA heard these comments and made a report to Tell MAMA," it said.

Harrison accepted that his behaviour was "unacceptable and inexcusable" and that it breached the standards of professional conduct. During the course of the misconduct hearing, it also emerged that he acted to conceal his wrongdoing and did not report what he had done at the time.

He was found to have called SA back shortly after the first call from a different phone, which was not recorded. The panel felt it was likely he did so in order to see whether SA had heard what he had said. Their judgment goes

on to state: "The former officer's actions caused SA psychological distress and resulted in her withdrawing her direct cooperation with the police, such was her loss of trust and confidence in the police.'

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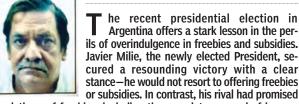
SEBI's Credibility

Strengthened by Supreme Court

he Supreme Court of India has delivered a resounding vote of confidence in the regulatory capabilities of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). This vote of confidence has emerged in the midst of an ongoing investigation that has drawn significant attention—an investigation involving the Adani Group, one of India's leading conglomerates, and the US-based short-selling firm Hindenburg Research. At the crux of this contentious issue lies Hindenburg Research's explosive report, published in January, in which it made sweeping allegations against the Adani Group. These allegations center on accusations of fraudulent activities, purportedly orchestrated by the Adani Group, with the aim of artificially inflating its stock prices. The report sent shockwaves through India's financial circles, prompting a swift response from regulatory authorities and the judiciary. Guided by the leadership of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, the Supreme Court has been closely monitoring this investigation. Early on, the Court directed SEBI, the country's premier stock market regulator, to conduct a comprehensive and meticulous examination of the allegations put forth in the Hindenburg report. However, the recent pronouncements from the Supreme Court have cast a spotlight on an important facet of the proceedings-the conspicuous absence of substantial evidence to "discredit" SEBI. The Court's statements have underscored a fundamental tenet of justice: that any allegations, no matter how serious, must be subjected to rigorous scrutiny. In the absence of concrete and irrefutable evidence, the Court has refrained from prematurely casting aspersions on SEBI's credibility. It has wisely refrained from accepting the Hindenburg report as an unquestionable truth, insisting instead on a rigorous validation process. This principled stance taken by the Supreme Court aligns seamlessly with the bedrock principles of justice and fairness. It sends a powerful message that investigations of this nature must be conducted with utmost diligence, ensuring that due process is adhered to at every step. By refusing to jump to conclusions based solely on allegations, the Court reinforces the fundamental idea that every entity, whether corporate or regulatory, deserves a fair and impartial investigation before judgment is rendered. As SEBI continues its assiduous investigation into the allegations levied in the Hindenburg report, the Supreme Court's unwavering support serves as a ringing endorsement of the regulatory body's competence and integrity. The Court's position is a testament to the importance of regulatory agencies in maintaining the sanctity and trustworthiness of financial markets. It underscores the significance of relying on expert bodies like SEBI to safeguard the interests of investors and uphold market integrity. In addition to its validation of SEBI's capabilities, the Supreme Court's recent decisions have also addressed ancillary issues raised in the course of the investigation. One such issue pertained to a request by certain petitioners for an investigation into investments made by the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) in Adani Group stocks. The Court's rejection of this request was grounded in a respect for the autonomy of financial institutions, recognizing their prerogative to make investment decisions within the purview of applicable laws and regulations.

A Cautionary Tale from Argentina

Yash Pal Ralhan



a plethora of freebies, including the complete removal of income tax. Milie's victory, with 56% of the votes, sends a powerful message that should resonate worldwide. Argentina, once a nation accustomed to freebies and subsidies, now faces a grim reality with an inflation rate of a staggering 143%. After four decades of reckless freebie-driven governance, the Argentine people have woken up to the harsh truth. It's a lesson that other nations, including India, should heed. We've already witnessed the catastrophic consequences of excessive freebies in Sri Lanka, where the term "disaster" seems almost synonymous with such policies. The news of a potential return to the old pension scheme in India, as per the opinions of various economists, should set off alarm bells. Elections, the festivals of our democracy, play a pivotal role in strengthening its foundations. However, they have become a platform for politicians to shower voters with promises of freebies. Whether these promises are fulfilled or not becomes secondary to the act of making them. The phenomenon of announcing cash transfers to various sections of society, free electricity, water, travel, and more has become all too common. In this scenario, we must ponder whether this trend is healthy for our democracy. Can our governments sustain these free schemes financially? What impact will they have on essential expenditures for health, education, and infrastructure? These questions demand immediate attention. Numerous examples around the world highlight the perils of increasing government debt due to freebies, leading to economic ruin. Venezuela and Sri Lanka serve as cautionary tales, and even relatively affluent nations struggle with the consequences of unchecked freebies. India, with its large population and substantial social media presence, stands as the world's largest testing ground for AI experiments. The potential damage to individuals and society is evident. While the central government has managed to reduce its debt, several state governments grapple with mounting debt burdens, primarily due to extravagant free schemes. States like Punjab and Andhra Pradesh lead in spending a significant portion of their revenue on free schemes, which inevitably leads to reduced investment in infrastructure and essential services. Infrastructure development is vital for economic growth, and a lack thereof hampers investment and development. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act sets a target debt-GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) ratio of 20% for states, a target that most states exceed, as reported by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). This alarming trend should concern not only these states but the entire nation. To prevent political parties from endangering the country for their short-term gains, it's imperative for all pillars of democracy-judiciary, media, and concerned citizens-to oppose excessive freebies. While the legislature and government may lack the motivation to curb this trend for political reasons, other democratic institutions must step forward. Argentina's lesson is clear: an addiction to freebies can lead to economic disaster. India should learn from this cautionary tale and take immediate steps to strike a balance between welfare schemes and sustainable economic growth. The time for action is now; our nation's future depends on it.

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KARTIK PURNIMA



Devotees perform ritual on Kartik Purnima fetival, at the Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi, Monday, Nov. 27.

Why don't parents trust government schools?



PRIYANKA SAURABH

A recent study by the Right to **Education Resource Center of IIM** Ahmedabad has confirmed that due to the poor quality of education, parents do not trust government schools and prefer to enroll their children in private schools, even if it means they have to spend a lot on tuition and other fees. The two most important reasons given by families for sending children to private schools are dissatisfaction with the quality of government schools and the absence of any government secondary school nearby. Schools also suffer from inadequate infrastructure or poor quality. Although the situation has improved concerning the availability of basic amenities like school buildings, drinking water, and toilets, the situation in terms of playgrounds, computers, and ramps remains worrying. Because of this, government schools became a refuge for the children of the poor and uneducated, where they had to live at the mercy of bureaucracy and teacher As a result, the development of

standards set for these schools - quality and relevance of textbooks, monitoring of students' achievements came to a halt. Today, more than ninety percent of public expenditure in Indian schools is spent on teachers' salaries and administration. Still. India has the highest number of teachers taking leave without permission in the world. Teachers do not come to our schools and in one out of four government schools, some teacher is on leave every day. According to the **Annual Status of Education Report** (ASER) 2022, children's ability to read simple English sentences remains at 2016 levels for Class V children (from 24.7% in 2016 to 24.5% in 2022). . 68.9% of schools have a playground, the proportion of schools with accessible toilets for girls has increased from only 68.4% in 2022, the proportion of schools with access to drinking water is just 76%.

According to UNESCO's State of Education Report for India 2021: There are no teachers, no classrooms, and about 1.1 lakh schools in India are single-teacher institutions. The average attendance of teachers in 2022 is 87.1% and the average student attendance has remained around 72% for the last several years. Despite improvements, gender disparities persist in some areas. The proportion of 15-16-year-old girls who are not enrolled continues to decline, to 7.9% in 2022. The overall dropout rate in schools in India is 1.5 percent in primary level classes (1-5), and 3 percent in upper primary classes (6-8). The secondary level class (9-10) has the highest percentage with 12 percent which is still a big challenge. The proportion of 3-year-old children enrolled in some form of early childhood education in 2022 is 78.3%. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) is revised from time to time, but there are concerns over the relevance and ef-

fectiveness of the curriculum. The All India Survey on Higher Education 2021-22 indicates lower enrollment in vocational education programs compared to traditional courses. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed the digital divide, with many students lacking access to online education. According to NITI Aayog 2023, states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu have higher scores, while states like Bihar and Jharkhand have lower scores, reflecting disparities in the quality of education. The proportion of children taking paid private tuition classes in classes I-VIII to increase from 26.4% in 2018 to 30.5% in 2022. All this is very worrying. It is no less a matter of shame for the country and state governments that the courts have to give orders for the work that they should do themselves. The plight of education in primary schools is not hidden from anyone. The condition of government schools in the entire country is very bad. In many schools, teachers do not even go to teach, wherever they go they do not teach from their heart.

The system created to improve the condition of these schools has also almost completely collapsed. No one has control over anyone. Today the entire system is dominated by corruption. To improve the condition of government primary schools, it should be made mandatory for all government officials, elected representatives, and officials associated with judicial work to send their children to study in these schools. Initiatives can be taken to make government schools more attractive than private schools if efforts are made to ensure adequate classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and recreational facilities. Clean drinking water, functional toilets regular sanitation awareness campaigns, access to computers, tablets, and internet connectivity should be provided to facilitate digital learning. The 5T **High School Transformation Program** of the Government of Odisha is based on the 5T concept of transparency, technology, teamwork, and timeliness leading to change.

Launched in 2021, the program focuses on the adoption of educational technology in the form of smart and digital classrooms, e-libraries, modern science laboratories, improved sanitation facilities, and sports facilities in all high schools. Implementing competency-based recruitment, providing competitive salaries, and providing professional development opportunities, conducting regular workshops, seminars, and training programs to enhance pedagogical skills and subject knowledge, motivating teachers, and recognizing their efforts. Implementing a performancebased reward system can prove to be a great effort in this direction. Incorporating a holistic approach that focuses on cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. Integrating business skills and entrepreneurial training to prepare students for future employment opportunities, encouraging experiential learning through projects, field trips,

and practical activities, and fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment that celebrates diversity. Respect and promote social harmony.

Encouraging regular parentteacher interactions to discuss students' progress and address concerns, involving local communities in school activities and decision-making processes to promote a sense of ownership, such as the Odisha Government's School Campaign, is a one-of-a-kind initiative that seeks to motivate and organize the alumni community to contribute to the improvement of government schools in Odisha. Odisha's Adarsh Vidyalaya (OAV) model aims to bridge the ruralurban gap by providing accessible, qualitative, and affordable English medium education. As of now, there are 315 English medium co-educational schools in all 314 blocks in rural and semi-urban areas of Odisha. By implementing these initiatives, we can create a more equitable and inclusive education system, empowering every child to reach his or her full potential and fulfilling the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Its objective is to create a generation of empowered, equipped, and ethical youth who are ready to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Keeping in mind the National **Education Policy vision for secondary** education in the country, and comparing it with the present situation, it is time to give greater policy focus to secondary education by giving it priority in the annual education planning of both the Central and State Governments. Has gone. There should be a substantial increase in public investment to ensure the provision of affordable secondary education. Equal attention should be given to improving the quality of education through filling teacher vacancies, training of teachers, ensuring the availability of adequate teachinglearning resources, and creating an accountable and transparent governance structure. Unless drastic measures are taken in this direction. achieving a universal level of secondary education by the year 2030 seems unachievable.

(Writer is a Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, Independent journalist and columnist. Views are personal)

LETTERS

Renaming Debate

BJP promises to rename

nearly 450-year old city Hyderabad "Bhagyanagar" in just 30 minutes if voted to power in Telengana. But even in 60/120 months, can BJP at least attempt to change the "Bhagya" of the billions of economically downtrodden people of Hyderabad Telengana and India for the better by crediting Rs.15 lakh in their bank account by bringing in black money stashed abroad, doubling agricultural income and providing two crore jobs so that India does not lag behind in Global Hunger Index (ranked 111 out of 125 countries) and the hapless Indians are not compelled to sell/mortgage their only piece of land or take hard loans just to escape India and work as manual labourers (that too in slavery-resembling conditions) in civil war scarred countries of Middle East or Africa by risking their precious lives. Kajal Chatterjee,

Forest's vulnerability

Tropical and sub tropical forests are more vulnerable to temperature rise than there counterparts in polar as well as desert ares . According to the study of Arizona university, with the rising temperature the mechanism of capturing sunlight go under stress. A longer exposure to sunlight beyond 40 degree Celsius may permanently damage the leaves of the tree. Thus leading to gradual leaf loss . Continued deforestation need to be stopped to prevent such huge loss especially in our subcontinent. Amazon forest has already started showing such fragmentation of leaves. To deter such catastrophe our policymakers must act

> Arka Goswami, Bidhannagar

Parliamentary Accountability

Members of Parliament (MPs) face a multitude of responsibilities beyond their legislative duties, including engaging with constituents and addressing their concerns. Collecting accurate data on critical national issues is also a vital part of their role. To manage these diverse commitments effectively, MPs often rely on their personal staff to assist in gathering information and engaging with the public. Therefore, the Ethics Committee's swift recommendation for the disqualification of Mahua Moitra appears premature and merits further deliberation. MPs should not be expected to handle all aspects of their parliamentary work independently, given the complexity and breadth of their responsibilities.

responsibilities. **MK Nair, Raipur**

WHAT A MORAL FALL!

Kajal Chatterjee

t was indeed a matter of extreme shame and disgust for the genuine cricket admirers among the Indians to witness how Ahmedabad remained absolutely silent even after witnessing such a stupendous century by the Australian opener Travis Head. In contrast, we are regular witnesses to the English White crowd in Lords or Oval, who warmly applaud (through gentle clapping by standing up) the players of opposing teams for their excellence even at the cost of the England team! This is called grace and true admiration for the game where irrespective of the result (in favour or against the home team), cricket is allowed to call the last shot.

However, in these times of zealous "nationalism", all things civility respect humility grace have simply yielded place to rabid jingoism muscle-flexing (with additional boost of communalism also) and undiluted "hatred" towards the "Others" (be it in matters of religion or colour and nationality) in this "liberal" country named "New India" with Gujarat /Ahmedabad performing the worst.

If even after the victory against Pakistan in a mere league match "inspires" the "proud" Narendra Modi stadium to hurl all sorts of abuses towards the innocent opposition players, it is most natural that the neutral umpires of "alien" stock (who should have been our honorable guests) would be booed and hurled with vitriols at the presentation ceremony after the game!

"Atithi Devo Bhava" indeed. No wonder why it is said "Empty vessels sound much". It seems the brute moneyed uncultured crowd were of the belief that just because India is self-proclaimed "Viswa Guru", it forms the "duty" of the whole world to uplift India to the

apex in all international sectors by hook or by crook!

And surely this is the reason why the respected umpires were treated as "villains" of sorts for "not allowing" India to defeat the Aussies and thereby preventing the "nationalists" from claiming how "New India" is "ruling" over the world, thanks to the "stupendous leadership" of a particular leader/regime. The scandalous World Cup final (if viewed from crowd behaviour bringing disgrace to India in the eyes of the international community) again blatantly exposes how this ugly thing named "nationalism" can simply devastate all things sanity, morality and

After all, "nationalism" not only means a feeling of "national superiority" of "WE ARE THE BEST"; but also transmits the illusion that the rest of the world are "inferior" and the "enemies" are all engaged in

"conspiracy against us" out of "sheer envy". And this had "inspired" Virender Sehwag to launch vitriolic diatribe against the Pakistani cricketers with fullfledged awareness that it would turn him a "Macho hero" of sorts in "New India" where all things muscle-flexing, "nationalism" of belit-tling the "Other" and hatred call the final shot. What a pathetic lack of grace on the part of Sehwag, his tasteless tweet coming just after Pakistan's official exit from the tournament. What a specimen of rampant sadism and belittling the "Other".

No wonder why great personalities like Rabindranath Tagore and Albert Einstein used to hate the concept of "Nationalism" so much with the former vouching for humanity and the latter terming it as "Measles of Mankind". When will Indians learn to revive "Patriotism" in their souls as in "Old India" when

even after full-fledged Indo-Pak war of 1965 or 1971; Eden Gardens had not hesitated a bit to stand up and bid warm farewell to Asif Iqbal in 1980 when the Pakistani great was leaving the international crick-

eting arena for the last time. Or learn from Chepauk cheering the victorious Pakistani players after the completion of the 1999 Test. Yes, the patriots of 1980 Eden or 1999 Chepauk had thronged the stadium to enjoy a good game of cricket, surely with another desire of witnessing an Indian win: but not at the cost of assaulting humanity by taunting the opposition or remaining cold to their cricketing excellence. Perhaps the game of the gentleman, ethics and Patriotism (loving the country, but without treating others as "Inferior" or "enemy") have yielded place to all things brawn muscle and "Nationalism" in today's "New India".

BRIEF

Plants set up



trialists are eager to set up plants in Gadchiroli, a place which once evoked fear due to the menace of Left Wing Extremism, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on Monday. Speaking at the 'muhurat' of a film on his mentor Anand Dighe, the CM said one industrial house has set up a skill develop ment centre in Gadchiroli and it will train around 5,000 people to create job opportunities. Some 10,000 people are employed in the Surajgad mines project and his government has got a request for the setting up of a

Appointment

20,000 persons.

steel plant that will

give jobs to at least

New Delhi: Tata Steel on Monday announced the appointment of Akshay Khullar as the Vice President Engineering and Projects of the company. Tata Steel has also re-designated Peeyush Gupta as the Vice President TQM, group strategic procurement and supply chain of the company. "In terms of the company's succession plan for Senior Management Personnel, Akshay Khullar is being appointed as the Vice President Engineering & Projects (Designate), effective December 1. 2023 and as the Vice President Engineering & Projects, effective February 1, 2024," Tata Steel said in a regulatory filing. While Peeyush Gupta, currently serving as the Vice President Group Strategic Procurement and Supply Chain Will lead the Total Quality Management (TQM) function, in addition to his current responsi-

Promotion

bilities, it said.



New Delhi: Edtech firm BYJU'S on Monday said it has promoted senior vice president for engineer ing Jiny Thattil as its Chief Technology Officer: Thattil takes over from Anil Goel, who is leaving the company after three years as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). "We are delighted to promote Jiny Thattil as the CTO of BYJU'S. His extensive experience and leadership skills make him the ideal candidate for this cru cial role as we continue to rebuild for greater efficiency and sustainability. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Anil Goel for his exemplary work, BYJU'S India CEO

Arjun Mohan said.

Comm min working to remove trade barriers

Boost exports in sub-Saharan Africa, Gulf nations

New Delhi, Nov 27:

The commerce ministry is working to address issues related to non-tariff barriers and market access for domestic products in sub-Saharan African countries like Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana and Gulf nations to boost India's ex-

ports, an official said. The official said meetings have been held with Indian missions of the African sub-Saharan countries with which India has significant bilateral trade. The major trading partners of India in that region in 2022-23 were South Africa (total trade USD 18.9 billion, exports USD 8.5 billion); Nigeria (USD 11.85 billion, exports USD 5.15 billion); Togo (USD 6.6 billion, exports USD 6 billion), and Tanzania (USD 6.5 billion, exports USD 3.93 billion).

The other countries were Mozambique (USD 5 billion, exports USD 2.5 billion); Angola (USD 4.22 billion, exports USD 621 million); and Kenya (USD 3.4 billion, exports USD 3.2 billion). "A virtual meeting with Indian Mission of top 10 countries (bilateral trade-wise) in sub-Saharan Áfrican region was held in September to discuss the overall economic and commercial relations with those countries, export performance and non-tariff barriers which are acting as impediments to bilateral trade and enhance exports," the official said. A similar meeting was also held with Indian Missions in GCC countries. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, and Bahrain. The council is

the largest trading bloc of India. The bilateral trade in 2022-23 with these countries stood at USD 52.76 billion with Saudi Arabia: USD 84.8 billion with the UAE; USD 18.77 billion with Qatar; USD 13.8 billion with Kuwait; and USD 12.4 billion with Oman. The ministry has asked exporters to focus on potential key sectors such as food, electronics and engineering, and major markets to boost exports. It has suggested focus on organising fairs and exhibitions at global scale. India's merchandise exports rose 6.21 per cent to USD 33.57 billion in October this year, even as the trade deficit touched a record high of USD 31.46 billion during the month. Imports increased 12.3 per cent to USD 65.03 billion during the month due to a jump in gold imports.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacts with Congress leader Shashi Tharoor during a business conclave 'Emerging Bharat, Growing Kerala', in Thiruvananthapuram.

Eutelsat OneWeb first to receive approval from Indian space regulator

For satellite broadband services

New Delhi, Nov 27: OneWeb India has on Monday received the necessary authorisations from IN-SPACe to launch **Eutelsat OneWeb's commercial** satellite broadband services in India. OneWeb India is the first organisation to be granted this authorisation. Eutelsat OneWeb, the low earth orbit operator, is part of Eutelsat Group. IN-SPACe is the agency of the Government of India, responsible for regulating space activities and granting authorisation for conducting the space activities in the country. This authorisation means Eutelsat OneWeb can launch commercial connectivity services as soon as spectrum allocation has been grantedby the Government.

Bharti Group Chairman and Vice-President (Co-Chair) of the Board of Directors of Eutelsat Group, Sunil Bharti Mittal, said: "We are pleased to note the Indian space regulator's green light to launch **Eutelsat OneWeb's commerical** satellite broadband services in India. This will be a critical step forward to meet India's ambition of providing internet connectivity for all and will enable the Prime Minister's vision of Digital India. Eutelsat OneWeb is ready to deploy as soon as it receives the final spectrum authorization to launch commercial services."

Cyril Dujardin, Co-General Manager of Connectivity at Eutelsat Group, said: "Bridging the connectivity gap around the world requires collaboration across business but also with governments and regulators. We are pleased to have received these approvals from the space regulator that bring the country a significant step closer to providing high speed connectivity to even the most remote locations.

Maruti Suzuki India to hike prices in Jan, quantum not finalised



New Delhi, Nov 27:

Marti Suzuki India on Monday said it plans to increase prices of its vehicles in January 2024, citing cost pressure driven by overall inflation and increased commodity rates. The company, which sells a range of vehicles from entry-level small car Alto to multi-

utility vehicle Invicto, priced between Rs 3.54 lakh and Rs 28.42 lakh (exshowroom Delhi), however, did not specify the quantum of the proposed price hike.

"The company has planned to increase the prices of its cars in January, 2024 on account of increased cost pressure driven by overall inflation

and increased commodity prices," Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory

It further said, "While the company makes maximum efforts to reduce cost and offset the increase, it may have to pass on some increase to the market. This price increase shall vary across

Not involved in construction of Uttrakhand tunnel, says Adani group

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Monday said it has no direct or indirect involvement in the Uttarakhand's Silkyara tunnel, where 41 construction workers are trapped since it collapsed more than two weeks back.

In a statement, an Adani group spokesperson said the conglomerate does not own or hold any share in the company involved in the construction of the tunnel.

"We clarify with utmost emphasis that the Adani group or any of its subsidiaries has no direct or indirect involvement of any kind in the tunnel's construction," it said. "We also clarify that we

do not own or hold any shares in the company involved in the tunnel's construction. The construction workers have been trapped 260 meters inside the Silkyara-Barkot tunnel since November 12 when a part of the underconstruction tunnel collapsed following a land-

The Silkyara tunnel which is part of the Char Dham all-weather accessibility project, is being built by Hyderabad-based Navayuga Engineering Company Strongly condemning any "nefarious attempts" to link its name to the collapse, the Adani group said, "At this time, our thoughts and prayers are with the trapped workers

Fully committed to smooth functioning of Raymond; business as usual: CMD Gautam Singhania

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Amid issues in his personal life, Raymond Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Singhania has assured employees and board members that it is "business as usual" in the company and that he is fully committed to its smooth functioning.

the employees and the members of Raymond, Singhania, who from his wife Nawaz earlier this month, said he has chosen not to comment on the reports in media 'about matters pertaining to my personal life", saying "maintaining the dig-



In an internal mail to nity of my family is paramount to me". "However, I remain resolute as Chairman & Managing announced separation Director and am fully committed towards the smooth functioning of the company and its business. Even in these difficult times for me, I assure you that at Raymond, it is business as usual," he asserted

in his mail. "As you all are aware that over the last couple of months, we have made significant strides towards growing our businesses exponentially and have had our best quarter in history on top of a consistent upswing in performance over the last nine quarters.

Recently, "we have almost doubled our engineering business by entering sunrise sectors of aerospace, defence, electric vehicle components through MPPL's (Maini Precision Products Ltd) acquisition, and have also been awarded two marquee real estate projects in our focus market of Mumbai Metropolitan Region", Singhania added.

E-buses expected to account for 11-13 pc of new bus sales by FY25: Report

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Electric buses are expected to account for up to 13 per cent of new bus sales by FY2025, rating agency ICRA said on Monday. Many state Electric Vehicle (EV) policies have announced specific targets and timelines for e-bus adoption, thereby creating a road map for electrification, it noted. With significant operational savings vis--vis conventional diesel buses, ICRA said it expects the demand for e-buses to continue to rise. "ICRA foresees electric buses (ebuses) to be at the forefront of India's electrification drive, with the segment expected to witness healthy traction going for-

India needs to position itself as global mfg hub as **China witnessing** repeated outbreaks: GTRI

New Delhi: With China witnessing repeated outbreaks of respiratory ailments, India can position itself as a global manufacturing hub by enhancing its supply chain capabilities and investing in healthcare infrastructure, think tank GTRI said in a report. India can leverage its workforce and manufacturing potential in sectors like mobile phones and laptops, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said. According to the report, China has experienced several outbreaks due to close human-animal contact, including COVID-19 (2019), H7N9 bird flu (2013), H5N6 bird flu (2014), and H10N3 bird flu (2021). While these outbreaks had varying impacts, COVID-19 notably escalated into a global pandemic. These outbreaks, especially COVID-19, have prompted a reevaluation of global supply chains and reliance

on China for manufacturing.



ward. ICRA estimates ebuses to account for 11 13 per cent of new bus sales by FY2025," it said in a re-

According to the report, it expects government subsidies and evolving technologies to play a role in further reducing the capital costs involved in e-

buses. The traction in the e-bus segment is already visible over the past couple of years, with e-bus volumes as well as penetration levels improving consistently to 7 per cent in FY2023, ICRA noted. Steady progress has been made towards meeting the e-bus deployment targets

Venicles (FAME) scheme, and this is likely to gain pace over the coming months till the scheme expires in March 2024. ICRA noted that the government has sought to spur e-bus adoption through bid aggregation under tenders floated by Convergence **Energy Services Limited** (CESL). With the enhanced volumes under these tenders due to demand aggregation, there was healthy interest and participation by the Equipment Original Manufacturers (OEMs) in the first two tenders, even without subsidies on offer in the second tender, it

and Manufacturing of

Audi India to hike prices by up to 2 pc from January 2024



New Delhi, Nov 27:

German luxury car maker Audi on Monday said it will hike prices of its vehicles in India by up to 2 per cent from January next year citing rising input and operational costs. The price hike will be effective from January 1, 2024 and will be across the

model range, Audi India said in a statement. "Due to rising supply-chain-related input and operational costs, we have effected a price correction across our model range, maintaining the brand's premium price positioning," Audi India Head Balbir Singh Dhillon said in a statement. He further said,

"the price correction aims to ensure sustainable growth for Audi India and our dealer partners, and we will ensure that the price hike's impact is as minimal as possible for customers." Audi India sells a range of vehicles from Q3 SUV to sports car RSQ8 priced between Rs 42.77 lakh and Rs 2.22 crore.

S&P ups India's FY'24 growth forecast to 6.4 pc on robust domestic momentum

New Delhi, Nov 27:

S&P Global Ratings on Monday raised India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, saying that robust domestic momentum has offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports. The US-based rating agency, however, has cut growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4 per cent, as it expects growth to slow in the second half (October-March) of the current fiscal, on higher base impact and subdued global growth. "We have revised up our projection for India's GDP growth for fiscal 2024 (ending in March 2024) to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, as robust domestic mo-

mentum seems to have offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports. "Still, we expect growth to slow in the second half of the fiscal year amid subdued global growth, a higher base, and the lagged impact of rate hikes. As a result, we have lowered our outlook for growth in fiscal 2025 to 6.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent," S&P said. The Indian economy grew 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 fiscal ended March 2023. India's GDP expanded 7.8 per cent in April-June quarter. In its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific, S&P said growth this year and the next is on track to be the strongest in emerging market economies with solid domestic demand India, Indonesia,

Malaysia, Philippines. Fixed investment has recovered considerably more than private consumer spending in India, it said. In India, there was a transitory spike in food inflation in the July-September quarter, but it appears to have had little effect on underlying inflation dynamics. Still, headline inflation remains above the Reserve Bank of India's target of 4 per cent, suggesting it will be a while before the rate cycle turns, S&P said. "In Australia, India, and the Philippines, lingering inflation risks are keeping central banks occupied. The government plans to expand fiscal policies in several countries could complicate central banks' policymaking," S&P said.

Efforts to restore tiger presence in Udanti Sitanadi

Mainpur: Nov 27: In an inspiring conservation effort, the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve has taken significant steps to revive the presence of tigers in the region. Over the past year, tiger sightings in the had dwindled, prompting concern.

Now, under the guidance of Varun Jain, Deputy of Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, a team of 150 forest department officers has been trained to monitor and search for tigers and other wildlife using cutting-edge camera technology.

The tiger reserve's sprawling forested area has been strategically divided into four parts, with plans to install 250 cameras in each segment. These high-tech cameras will play a pivotal role in the All India Tiger Estimation



tionists track and protect the tiger population effec-

In a recent training program held at the Koiba Eco Center, forest department personnel and sanctuary officers, situated just 36 km from the Mainpur tehsil headquarters, received comprehensive training on

tion, and data collection. The training also covered tactics to safeguard the cameras against theft, an issue that had plagued previous efforts.

The latest camera technology, the details of which remain undisclosed for security reasons, is expected to aid in accurately assessin the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve. The sanctuary, known for its diverse tiger population, has seen a decline in tiger sightings in recent years.

The last confirmed female tiger sighting in the sanctuary dates back to December 13, 2022, with only feces discovered in February 2023. As Phase 4

project gets underway, the sanctuary administration remains hopeful that it will shed light on the current

Deputy Director Varun Jain explained that the tigers in the region often traverse a corridor stretching from Gadchiroli in Maharashtra through Bastar and Jagdalpur, all the way to Udanti Sitanadi and Sunabeda Sanctuary in Odisha. The tiger population is known to frequent this corridor, making its conservation vital.

According to the 2014 census. Udanti Sitanadi was home to one confirmed tiger, a number reaffirmed in 2018 and 2022. However, following its disappearance in 2023, extensive searches have been conducted throughout the corridor's sanctuaries to locate the missing tiger and preserve this iconic

Bike hits parked tractor, one dies, other is critical

Central Chronicle News

Katgi, Nov 27: When a high-speed bike collided with a parked tractor in Giroudpuri last on Saturday, one person died on the spot and other got seriously injured. The injured is undergoing treatment in Ambedkar Hospital in Raipur and is reported critical.

Gram Darra Police check-post Giroudpuri resident Sarpanch's rep Yashwant S/o Lachiram Sahu (36), along with his friend Panch Leelaram S/o Chatram Sahu (46). went to Tundra in their black colour Honda 110 Dream bike bearing No. CG 10 AM 0792 and were returning to their village Darra, when they collided with a tractor standing near RR Hotel Neem tree in Giroudpuri.

In this Gram Darra resident Panch Leelaram Sahu died on the spot and Sarpanch rep's Yashwant Sahu got seriously injured and was lying in pool of blood. On getting

More number of cases to be settled in

information about it, the villagers immediately reached the site and called an ambulance and sent the injured person Yashwant Sahu to Kasdol Hospital for treatment. But since his condition

was critical, he was referred to Ambedkar Hospital Raipur and he is reported critical. Till Saturday evening no complaint has been filed in

Person selling 'gupchup' donates ceiling fan

To a Govt Primary School in Bhjeridih

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Nov 27: A person selling 'gupchup' in Kharora city and is unmarried and the elder son of his mother and father, donated one set of Ceiling Government Bhejridih, by taking out small savings from his daily earnings and from the amount given to her mother for running

This work of benevolence was done in the presence of Head master Govt Primary School Ramesh

household works.

Ghiwara' Kailash Baghel. The head Master of School Karebia ex-



pressed gratitude towards Tarun Gupta on behalf of all the students for his

co-ordinator Kailash Baghel saluted Tarun Gupta for his thinking and said that for such work of benevolence and good thinking, such youth even from the poor community are examples for others. As it was in front of his thinking, even his economic conditions did not came in-between.

Tarun Gutpa putting forth his views said that it was within his reach and condition, that he was able to donate this small piece of good work and finding himself honoured and would be making all efforts to do such work of benevolence in the near fu-

upcoming National Lok Adalat: Justice Bhaduri To benefit common people

Directions issued in Virtual Meet

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov Maximum number of cases of Pre Litigation and Compoundable Pending Civil and Criminal Cases, matters concerning Compensation, Labour, Land Acquisition, Public Utility Services under Permanent Lok Adalat and Revenue Cases needs to be settled as per guidelines of National Legal Services Authority (NASLA) for benefit of common people in upcoming National Lok

The said directions were imparted by Goutam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman Chhattisgarh State 🚨 Services Authority during virtual meet with all District Judges/ Chairman, Secretary, DLSAs, Family Chairman Permanent Lok Adalat, Chief Judicial Magistrates and

Judges of Labour Court.

While addressing the Video Conferencing meet, Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Justice Goutam Bhaduri cited that 42082 cases were settled in previous Lok Adalat held



cases with resolution of more Pre Litigation matters, as the same results in settlement of disputes at the inception itself, thereby ensuring lower institution of cases before Courts. Further directions were also imparted for meetings

guidance and support. The said

Conferencing Meet was also chaired by Justice Sanjay K Agrawal, who directed for settlement of cases concerning Family disputes, Cases under Sec. 138 of NI Act and MACT

pending old cases above 05 and 10 years in upcoming National Lok Adalat. It is pertinent to mention

that upcoming National Lok Adalat was scheduled on 09.12.2023, however due to ongoing Legislative Assembly Elections in State of Chhattisgarh and its probable impact in Lok Adalat, the said date was rescheduled for 16.12.2023 as per directions of Justice Goutam Bhaduri. As per instructions of

NALSA, National Lok Adalat is organized across all Courts at all levels being High Court, District Courts, Tehsil Courts, Family Courts. Forum and Tribunal including all Revenue Courts wherein Administration and Police

'Nadia Madhai' organised at the confluence of 3 rivers

- In front of Shri **Kuleshwar Mahadev** mandir in Rajim
- On occasion of 'Kartik Poornima'

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Nov 27: On occasion of 'Kartik Poornima', 'Madhai' was organised at the confluence of three rivers near Kuleshwar Mahadev's temple in Rajim on Monday morning. With this the procedure of 'Madhai' among the villagers will start.

The 'Madhai' passed through Malviyapara of city amidst drum-beats and music and passing through Sahupara and then reached house of ex-Janpad President Raghoba Mahadik. From here it



took along Mahadik and passed through Shri Rajiv



Jhula and was placed in Mahadev Temple in front



Lochan Mandir to Laxman front of Shri Kuleshwar

Here prayers were offered to 'Madhai'. During 'Madhai' the shops are decorated with variety of food items and there was a sugarcane shop as well and it sold like hot-cakes. The sugarcane juice too was high on demand and the enjoyed Madhai' enthusiastically.

It is said that since ancient times itself, the 'Madhai' is organised on the of 'Kartik Poornima' in the river. This is known as 'Nadia Madhai'. It is worthwhile to mention here that with this the harvesting of paddy crop starts in the rural areas.

It is after harvesting and cleaning of paddy, the organisation of 'Madhai' in villages is held in the form of happiness. This year this procedure has started now in the villages.

Husband turns out to he wife's murderer

Central Chronicle News

Dhamtari, Nov 27: It was on information that a person named Dhaneshwari Kunjam S/o Devsingh Kunjam (30) in Gram Kurridih has been murdered in Patharapara Kamar Dera Bazar under Keregaon Thana Dhamtari, the the police staff reached the site and conducted inspection suspecting it to be a murder and sent the body for postmortem.

As per instructions by SP Prashant Thakur and under guidance of Addl. SP Madhulika Sinigh and DSP Bhavesh Sav, TI was asked to conduct investigation into the case and take ac-



tion. It was finding evidence of murder at the site of the murder, the police started inquiring nearby persons and started their search for the accused.

After the incident the accused husband was hiding in his another house and he was taken into arrest by Karegaon police and on interrogation he accepted his crime. He informed that on

Nov 26 at 5:00 am he murdered his wife using a country iron made weapon known as "Tangiya". On asking family mem-

bers, they informed that the person loses his mental condition from time-to-time. It was based upon the memorandum by the accused and on the basis of sufficient evidence and eye-witnesses that a case under section 302 was filed against him and he was taken into arrest and sent to judicial custody.

In the above action, Tl Karegaon Pradeep Singh, Head constable Kanti Lal Sahu, Dikesh Sinha, R Manohar Singh, Lalit Raghuwanshi. Ramesh Sonber played an important role.

Road contractor charges of illegal recovery

By RTO flying squad of Durg div. without weighing of goods in vehicles

Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, Nov 27: Contractor of Chikhlakasa Ashutosh Mathur has charged the RTO flying squad of Durg division of making illegal recovery. He charged that the RTO flying squad Durg division has charged Rs 24000 from four trucks without getting it weighed and that too are involved in the government works for construction of

road from Gram Avari to Doundi. The contractor of road construction work Ashutosh Mathur and the vehicle owners have demanded the local administration to take action against the RTO's flying squad involved in illegal recovery and issuing challan.

The Contractor got information about the illegal recovery when the vehicle riders saw RTO staff standing on the road going from Avari to Doundi. Here the RTO employees were checking all the trucks, pick-up Vans and other commercial vehicles about their vehicle documents and carried out illegal recovery without get-

ting the weighing of the trucks done. In this regard when the correspondent had words with the vehicle riders, then he informed that the RTO Flying squad has issued them challan without getting the weighing of the vehicle done.

One of the RTO employ-

ees without issuing any receipt, is charging Rs 2000 from trucks coming from outside and Rs 1000 from pick-up vehicles of the region. Truck owners informed that they are having all valid vehicle documents, viz. Registration papers, permit, pollution certificates and others and despite this they are made to pay to



the RTO squad and failing to make payment, they seize their documents in the

name of inquiry. On demanding back their documents, the employees show their influence and then they say that first they will have to pay and then only documents will be returned. Truck drivers say that they travel by carrying only the transportation cost and are not having so high income that they can pay money free of cost to RTO employees.

As per information in this regard, this flying squad of RTO Durg division is carrying out illegal recovery at different check-

points in the division and the vehicle drivers have urged the administration to free them of this illegal recovery problem.

When the RTO squad officer Prakash Ravate from Balod was contacted, he informed that challan work of vehicles has been cut by the squad and said that without getting the weighing of vehicle done, no illegal recovery of Rs 24000 should be made, as there is no such provision and action can be taken only if the weight is found more after weighing of the vehicle.

Instructions by Central Transport Ministry at bay: The Transport Ministry

of the Central Government had issued orders to stop putting check-points by the RTO in Chhattisgarh and other states from 10 Sept

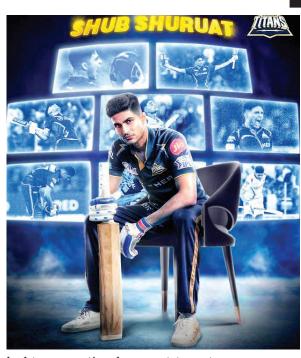
In the order it has been mentioned that with GST imposed from 2017, the data of all the vehicles has been made online all over the country. Therefore there is simply no objective of conducting checking of vehicles through such checkpoints by RTO anywhere. But despite this order, the RTO officers by holding check-points are involved in illegal recovery keeping this central order away.

Gujarat Titans appoint Shubman as captain

Gujarat Titans on appointed Shubman Gill as their captain for the 2024 season of Indian Premier League (IPL) following Hardik Pandya's decision to move back to Mumbai Indians.

The Gujarat Titans will receive Rs 15 crore from MI for the all-cash trade deal apart from a hefty undisclosed transfer fee, a part of which will also go to the cricketer.

Once Pandya's exit was sure, 24-year-old opener Gill was an obvious captaincy choice, having got the coveted 'orange cap' in the last season with 890 runs, second to only Virat Kohli's all-time record of 973. "I am delighted and proud to assume the captaincy of Guiarat Titans and thank the franchise for their trust in me to lead such a fine team. We have



had two exceptional seasons and I keenly look forward to leading the team with our exciting brand of cricket," Gill said in a statement.

Team Director Vikram Solanki acknowledged Pandya's contribu-

"As the first captain of Gujarat Titans, Hardik Pandya has helped the franchise deliver two fantastic seasons that resulted in winning one IPL championship and one appearance in the final,' Solanki was quoted as saying in a statement.

"He has now expressed a desire to return to his original team Mumbai Indians. We respect his decision and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours," the former England batter further

Solanki, who has closely worked with the Gill, vouched for his maturity.

'Shubman Gill has shown growth in stature and standing over the last two years at the highest level of the game. We've seen him mature not only as a batter but also as a leader in cricket," Solanki

3rd T20I: India aim to seal series as Tilak looks for quality batting time

Guwahati, Nov 27 (PTI):

The stylish Tilak Varma wouldn't mind some quality batting time before his possible exit from the playing eleven as the Indian team aims to take an unassailable lead in the third T20 International against Australia here on Tuesday.

Shreyas Iyer, who was given a week's rest after the World Cup final, will join the squad for the last two games in Raipur and Bengaluru, taking vicecaptaincy duties from Ruturaj Gaikwad.

That effectively means that Iyer will walk into the playing XI and there is a strong possibility that he will replace Tilak. The replacement has more to do with combination rather than form.

After near-flawless batting performance in backto-back games, the newlook Indian team would like to keep its foot firmly a batting belter. And there on the pedal on a Barsapara Stadium track

expected to fill up the stands, would expect a run-feast from the talented Indian batting unit, which would want to add to the 36 boundaries and 24 maximums it has collectively hit across the two games.

For Australia, some of their senior players like Steve Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa have been in India for nine weeks and fatigue is showing. They need considerable rest before their next assignments.

Big Bash League next month. For Smith, the Pakistan Test series would be his next international

All the four will play in

India's Ruturaj Gaikwad arrives at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport ahead of the 3rd T201 cricket match against Australia, in Guwahati, Monday.

> assignment. India's toporder has ticked all the boxes with Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad

Yadav hitting a half-century each. Ishan Kishan, showing no signs of rustiness even after spending nearly five and half weeks on the World Cup bench, has got two half centuries under his belt.

Rinku Singh, with two superb rear-guard knocks, has consolidated his status as designated finisher in this format and is slowly ensuring a permanent No.6 slot for him in this batting order ahead of the T20 World Cup.

However, Tilak, who has not missed any of India's last 12 T20 Internationals, is in a tricky place as he bats No.5 and he faced just 12 deliveries in the last two games. In the first game he scored 12 runs off 10 balls with two boundaries in a chase of 209. In the second game

Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday, he faced the final two deliveries of the Indian innings as Rinku was promoted ahead of

Senior Men's National Hockey

Harmanpreet's brace takes Punjab to final; to face Haryana

India's Asian Games win-Harmanpreet Singh scored a brace, guiding Punjab to the final with a comfortable 5-1 win over Karnataka in the 13th Senior Men's National Championship here on Monday.

Chennai, Nov 27 (PTI):

Harmanpreet hit the target in the 39th and 44th minutes after midfielder Shamsher Singh (4th) opened the account for Punjab in the second semifinal. Sukhjeet Singh and forward Akashdeep Singh (45th) were the other goal-scor-Punjab. Karnataka's lone goal

Abharan Sudev (18th). Punjab will take on neighbours Haryana in the title clash after the latter defeated hosts Tamil Nadu 4-2 through the shoot-out.

Nadu were locked at 1-1 after the regulation 60 minutes. India forward Abhishek scored in the 41st minute

Haryana and Tamil

to hand Harvana the lead. which was neutralised by BP Somanna at the stroke of the hooter to take the match into shoot-out.

In the shoot-out Sanjay, Rajant, Abhishek and Joginder Singh found the target, while goalkeeper Pawan made some crucial saves to secure the win for

India will be serious challenger for 2024 T20 World Cup title: Shastri

Mumbai, Nov 27 (PTI): Former head coach Ravi Shastri firmly believes that India will be a "serious challenger" in the next vear's T20 World Cup due to a strong nucleus in the shortest format but reminded that rising to the occasion in knockout games is a must to emerge triumphant. It has been more than a week since Australia trumped India, in what turned out to be a one-sided final in Ahmedabad, with the country's cricket fraternity still reeling with the outcome, given that the hosts had a 10-match unbeaten run going into the title clash. Shastri said India have found a nucleus



during the announcement of Indian Street Premier league (ISPL) at MCA lounge, in Mumbai, Monday.

of young players ahead of next year's T20 World Cup, to be played in the Caribbean and the USA from June 4 next year. "It was heartbreaking but a

lot of our guys will learn, the game moves on, and I Cup very soon," Shastri said. "It might not be a 50-

Six-team tennis ball cricket league in T10 format to be organised in March

is no reason to think that

Mumbai: A six-team tennis ball league in T10 format comprising a total of 19 matches will be organyear, with all games to be played inside cricket stadiums. The league, named Indian Street Premier League (ISPL), will feature franchise-owned teams that will represent Mumbai (Maharashtra), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), (Karnataka), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Kolkata (West Bengal), and

cause you have to rebuild the side but 20-overs cricket, the very next one India will be very serious challenger because you have

National Boxing: Sagar, Sachin advance medallist, was on a roll in

Shillong, Nov 27 (PTI): Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sagar and World Youth champion Sachin packed a punch as they advanced in the Men's National Boxing Championships here on Monday.

Railways pugilist in the 92-plus category, Sagar, winner of silver at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games,

hardly broke a sweat on way to vanquishing Uttarakhand's Shubham Singh with the referee stopping the contest in round one.

Sagar will take on Services' Satish Kumar in a round-of-16 match on Tuesday. Services' Sachin, the 2021 World Youth gold the 57kg class from the opening round itself against Punjab's Vishal Kumar. His relentless, power-packed punches were too strong for Vishal to handle. Sachin comfortably finished the bout with a unanimous 5-0 win. He will face Rajasthan's

Roshan Saini in the round of 16 on Tuesday. Reigning World Youth

champion in 63.5kg category Vanshaj, representing Services, also dominated the bout against Ashish of All India Police (AIP).

The youngster showcased his technical superiority by giving his opponent no chance of a comeback and sealed the match

I'm trying to play all my shots, be fearless, take bowlers on: Jaiswal

Nov 27 (PTI): Talented India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal is learning the ropes fast and has been trying to be fearless, which is evident from his boundary-laden 25-ball 53 against Australia in the second T20 International

The 21-year-old righthander struck nine fours and two sixes during his knock to give India a rollicking start.

He shared 77 runs with Ruturaj Gaikwad (58) for the opening stand before getting out in the sixth over. India posted a mammoth 235 for 4 and restricted Australia to 191 for 9 for a 44-run win.

"It was really special for me. I was trying to play all my shots, be fearless, take bowlers on. I was fully sure with my de-

Thiruvananthapuram, cisions," Jaiswal said after the match on Sunday.

"I have been told by (captain) Surya (Kumar Yaday) and (coach) VVS (Laxman) bhai to express myself. I always think of how I can improve myself around experienced players and nothing else. Still learning." Jaiswal, who was

player-of-thematch, said he was working on improving his fitness level as well as mental strength.

"I really worked on my fitness and play shots. I feel the mental stuff is more important in this level. Try to get better each and every day," said the youngster, who made his India debut this year.

He has played two Tests and 10 T20 International



Asked about his mix-up with Gaikwad in the first T20I in Visakhapatnam, which led to the latter's run-out, Jaiswal said, "It was my mistake. I went to him and said sorry. (Marcus) Stoinis was between me, I was sure but then not sure. I made the wrong call.

"I accepted that it was a mistake and it happens. Rutu bhai was humble and said in the gym that next time we are running, we will take secure sin-

Rinku Singh, who has been playing the role of a in the last five. That's finisher to perfection, said he was enjoying his batting.

"I bat in this number a lot so I am calm knowing this position. I like to play each ball according to where it lands. I try to notice whether its a slower ball or fast ball, and I respond accordingly.

"I am enjoying with everyone. Feeling good," said Rinku who remained not out on 31 off just nine balls with the help of four boundaries and two sixes.

Rinku said he also trained at the nets with the mindset that he would get just 5-6 overs to bat in

"(Role is) Finishing

team," the Karnataka

overs sometimes or maybe 2 overs sometimes.

"That's exactly how I practice. As if I'm batting what VVS sir has also told me to play in the nets," he said.

Captain Suryakumar Yadav said his players were taking responsibility and that is taking some pressure off him.

"The boys aren't putting too much pressure on me, they're taking responsibility. I told them before the toss to be prepared to bat first," he

"There was a lot of dew after three overs, told the boys to back themselves. When I saw Rinku in the last game, the composure was brilliant. Today's effort too reminds us of everyone who's done this

Olympic selection trials for shooting to be held at two venues from May 3 Olympic quota places for the Championships, World Cups

New Delhi, Nov 27 (PTI):

Association of India (NRAI) will conduct the 2024 Paris Olympics selection trials for pistol and rifle events from May 3 and 23 onwards in New Delhi and Bhopal respectively.

A statement issued by the governing body for shooting sport in the country said that the first set of trials will take place at the Karni Singh ranges here from May 3, while the second set of trials will be held at Bhopal from May 23.

A total of four trials of two sets each will be held and the best three scores will be considered for arriving at the Final Average Score (FAS) to select the squad for the Olympics.

As per the amended criteria for selecting the squad for Paris, those who have earned

have two bonus points added to their FAS, while in air gun events (10m air rifle and air pistol), one point will be added to their FAS. Earlier this month, the NRAI amended its 2022 policy, formulated post the 2020 Tokyo Olympics debacle.

The policy is based on each shooter getting a Final Average Score (FAS), which will be computed by taking the average of the top-three Olympic Selection Trial scores plus the quota bonus point, or points whichever is applicable as per event — to arrive at FAS.

The new policy made in and subsequently amended on November 15 this year, has done away with the bagful of points Olympic quota winners. Asian Games. World

country in fire-arm events and Asian Championships the 2020 Tokyo Games. The NRAI has also fixed the eligibility criteria for shooters to compete in the May 3 and 23 trials. As per the criteria, all

> Olympic holders/deemed quota holders of an event, athletes whose domestic ranking is 1-3 and have participated in two ISSF Championships, besides a few other categories, will be eligible to participate in the Olympic selection trials.

A 'deemed quota holder' is one who was eligible to win a quota but was not awarded as India had already earned a maximum of two quotas.

A country can earn a maximum of only two Olympic quota places per event in

Surya is always there to support us if anything goes wrong: Prasidh

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 27 (PTI): Suryakumar Yadav's leadership philosophy is very similar to his T20 batsmanship uncomplicated and that's what is helping the younger brigade perform well, feels team's leading pacer Prasidh Krishna.

India is already 2-0 up in the five-match T20I series against Australia under Surya's captaincy and Prasidh himself has got a lot of backing as he came back strongly in the second game with three wickets after being hit for 50 in the first.

Asked about Surya's captaincy style, Prasidh replied, "It shows in the way he (Suryakumar)



bats - very similar in his captaincy as well. He trusts his players, backs

Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav arrives at Guwahati ahead of the 3rd T20I cricket match against Australia, Monday.

all of us to do what we want to do and he's there right behind us to support if there's anything

going wrong." Rohit Sharma is known to give a lot of freedom to his players and his MI teammate is no different. "That has been the

name of the game and

then that's the word

around freedom, go and

execute your plans out

there and everyone

trusts each other in the

He said he learnt a lot being a part of India's World Cup campaign though he did not play a single match. India lost

speedster said.

mit clash. However there is no substitute of learning by doing and Prasidh understood the difference of sitting in a World Cup dug-out and being out there and exe-

to Australia in the sum-

pressure scenario. "But I thought the information (that he got during World Cup) was too theoretical for me, I was sitting at the dug out speaking to my teammates.

cuting it for the team in

Milan, Nov 27 (AP):

Lautaro Martinez scored again but Inter Milan had to be content with a share of the spoils as the Serie A leader drew second-place at Juventus. Martinez's 13th league goal of the season canceled out Du an Vlahovic's opener in the Derby d'Italia on Sunday.

Inter remained two points above Juventus. Third-place AC Milan is six points behind its city rival, with defending champion Napoli two points further back in fourth. Both Milan and Napoli played on Saturday.

Inter faces another tough trip next weekend when it visits Napoli. It



Martinez scores again as leader Inter

draws 1-1 at second-place Juventus

was a matchup in Turin between two fierce rivals occupying the top two spots. Inter was looking to move five points clear while Juventus knew it could leapfrog into the lead. Both sides had early chances in a match that was intense and entertaining from the start.

Juventus broke the



deadlock in the 27th minute through a move started and finished by Vlahovic. The Serbia forward won the ball in midfield and then sent Federico Chiesa down the left before racing into the area to collect the ball back and steer it into the bottom right corner. The home side's advantage

however, before Marcus Thuram and Mart nez who have become one of European soccer's most dangerous attacking duos combined again for the equalizer. The move began with

lasted just six minutes,

Inter goalkeeper Yann Sommer and quickly moved forward where Thuram crossed from the right and Martinez got in front of Juventus defender Federico Gatti for an angled drive into the bottom left corner. Former

winger Juan Cuadrado was brought on in the 69th minute to loud boos from the home fans and he was jeered every time he touched the ball.

EC asks T'gana govt to stop aid to farmers

BRS blames Cong's 'dirty politics'

New Delhi, Nov 27 (PTI):

In a stern message on maintaining sanctity of the poll code, the Election Commission on Monday withdrew permission to the Telangana government to distribute financial aid to farmers for rabi crops under the Rythu Bandhu Scheme after a state minister violated the code by going public

Assembly elections in Telangana will be held on November 30 and results announced on December 3.

The poll panel had given its nod to the state government to disburse the rabi installment during the model code of conduct period on certain conditions, and had asked it not to publicise the disburse-

The Congress slammed Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) over the Election Commission's

(EC) withdrawal of permission, alleging it was a result of the irresponsible and self-serving approach of the K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR)-led party.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary, organisation, K C Venugopal said due to the irresponsible and narrow self-serving approach of the BRS and (minister) Harish Rao, under the instructions of his boss KCR, the EC has denied permission for the disbursement of the Rythu Bandhu install-

The money is the right of farmers and it is what they deserve for their yearlong hardwork, he said.

Yet another sin committed by the BRS, which will not be forgiven by the farmers of Telangana, Venugopal said. The ruling BRS in

Telangana, on the other hand, slammed the Congress for lodging a complaint with the EC urging it to stop the state government's proposal to

blamed "dirty politics" of the Congress. She also said the scheme is not an election promise and an ongo-

She told PTI that the Congress is to be blamed for the delay in payment to the farmers.

After the state finance minister made a public announcement about the release of disbursements of rabi instalments, the poll panel asked the chief electoral officer to convey its decision on withdrawal of permission. It also sought a compli-

ance report from the state government by 3 pm on Monday. "The commission has observed that T Harish Rao, Minister of Finance and Heath and Family Welfare, Govt of Telangana ... has not only violated the provisions of MCC (model code of conduct)... but also conditions laid down as above by publicising the release under the scheme, and thereby disturbed the level playing

field in the ongoing election process," the EC letter to the state chief electoral officer read.

Harish Rao had reportedly said, "The disbursement will be made on Monday. Even before the farmers complete their breakfast and tea, the amount will be credited into their account."

In the letter, the commission "directed that the permission granted vide its letter dated November 25, 2023, for disbursement of rabi season instalment under the ongoing Rythu Bandhu scheme during currency of MCC, shall stand withdrawn immediately and there shall be no disbursement under the Scheme till the model code of conduct in the State of Telangana ceases to apply in all its form".

The 'no objection' was granted, based on the premise that the scheme is an ongoing scheme and rabi instalments were disbursed during October-January in the past five years, the EC pointed out.

POLL CAMPAIGN



Telangana CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao during a public meeting ahead of the State Assembly elections, at Sadhnagar in Hyderabad, Monday.

'People are angry with BRS, no one wants KCR govt'

Hyderabad, Nov 27 (PTI):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday claimed there was an atmosphere of "anger' against the ruling BRS in Telangana and that the people did not want the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led dispensation to come back Addressing an election

rally at Huzurabad, the senior BJP leader said he toured Telangana during the campaigning and claimed that following an atmosphere of "anger" against the BRS government, "no one wants the KCR government to come back to power.

Attacking the BRS and Congress over 'parivarvaad' (dynasty) rule, Shah said if the people elect BJP, the chief minister will be made from BC. However, it they vote for the BRS or Congress, the CM will be from one par-



He said the Bharatiya Janata Party and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have decided to make a BC as the chief minister in Telangana. "And hence, time has come to give VRS to BRS and the time has come to send their vehicle (BRS symbol car) to the garage," Shah said.

"On November 30, this KCR government has to be changed or not? A Backward Caste member should be made as chief minister or not?," Shah

ernment, the BJP has to be elected, he said.

Shah reiterated his allegation that a deal had been made between the ruling BRS in Telangana and Congress to make KCR chief minister again and that KCR would later help Rahul Gandhi to become prime minister.

"I would like to tell you the prime minister's post is not vacant. In 2024 also Narendra Modi ji is going to become prime minis-

He said the Congress

"A vote for Congress

means a vote for BRS and corruption," he alleged.

vious elections joined the

Shah said the Congress, BRS and Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM are dynastic parties and accused that these three parties believe in corruption and vote to them means vote to

He further hit out at the three parties of indulging in minority appeasement.

Shah alleged that KCR not celebrate September 17, the day the state princely Hyderabad merged with the Indian union in 1948. as Hyderabad Liberation Day "out of fear of

"Due to fear of Owaisi, he (KCR) gave four per cent reservation to the minority and we will abolish the four per cent Muslim reservation and provide the benefit to OBCs, SCs

He listed out the developmental works undertaken by the Modi government in Telangana.

Shah also highlighted the Telangana BJP's manifesto for the Legislative Assembly polls, including making a backward caste leader as chief minister in the state, if the party is elected to power, reduction of VAT on fuel prices and a promise to arrange free darshan at Lord Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The BJP leader appealed to the people to ensure that sitting MLA Eatala Rajender wins with a massive majority from Huzurabad constituency.

Rajender is also taking on KCR in the Gajwel con-

"I know Rajender ji is going to win from Huzurabad and you will ensure his victory. His (Rajender) victory margin should be so high that a signal should go to KCR,

'Rythu Bandhu aid will be disbursed to ryots after BRS returns to power'

(T'gana), Nov 27 (PTI): Blaming the Congress party for the Election Commission's withdrawal of permission to disburse financial assistance to farmers under Rythu Bandhu scheme, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Monday said the installment will be deposited once BRS returns to power after December 3.

Earlier today, the EC withdrew permission accorded to the Telangana government for disbursements of aid to rvots for rabi crops under the Rythu Bandhu scheme after a state minister violated the provisions of the model code by making a public announcement about it. Addressing a rally at Shadnagar, about 50 KM from here, Rao alleged that beneficiaries of Rythu Bandhu in the



Congress have lodged a complaint with the poll panel asking it to stop the disbursal.

"It is a regular programme. Not a new programme. This is the sixth year of Rythu Bandhu disbursal. They think that if Rythu Bandhu is stopped, they will get votes. How many days can you (Congress) stop? Rao asked.

"After December 3, our government is going to come back. December 6 onwards we

Congress' move as "mean", Rao said there are leaders and cadre from that party who avail benefits under Rythu Bandhu scheme. Rythu Bandhu is flagship programme of the BRS government, under which the farmers are paid Rs 10,000 annually in two instalments (kharif and rabi) as an investment support per acre.

The Congress had on Sunday requested the Chief Election Commissioner to impose restrictions on BRS not to mention the disbursement of Rythu Bandhu amount in their poll campaign.

BRS manifesto promises that the amount under the programme will be increased to Rs 16,000 gradually if the party is voted to power again after November 30 assembly

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'Cong govt in K'taka giving advts in T'gana to influence assembly polls'

New Delhi, Nov 27 (PTI):

The BJP on Monday said the Congress government in Karnataka has been putting out advertisements in the Telangana media with an eye on the assembly polls in the state, as it urged the Election Commission to take action against the party.

cluding Union minister Bhupender Yadav, former minister Prakash Javadekar and party leaders Sudhanshu Trivedi and Om Pathak, submitted a complaint to the EC, saying the Congress has violated the Representation of

A BJP delegation, in-

the People Act and the said, calling for legal ac-Model Code of Conduct.

Yadav told reporters that the Karnataka government has for the last two days publishing advertisements in English and vernacular media of Telangana. Citing poll rules and

regulations, he said it is a "corrupt practice" aimed at influencing polls and asserted that such an action is another evidence of the opposition party devaluing democratic institutions and norms.

What the Congress has done is using public money to influence elections in another state, he

PUBLIC MEETING

Trivedi asked the Congress if the Karnataka government brought out advertisements in all Indian languages and, if not, its action is violative of rules.

"The Congress and the Karnataka government should be held accountable," he said. Pathak said the EC should take effective actions to send out a clear message. Assembly polls are due in Telangana on November 30, with the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi, the Congress and the BJP locked in a keen

BRS, if voted to power, will rule from 'farmhouse': Priyanka policies are for big busi- there is corruption in the ness people only. They do

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday attacked the Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao-led regime, alleging that all "big" leaders in the BRS are sitting in farmhouses and running the government, and the poor are becoming poorer while the ruling party is becoming

richer. Addressing a poll rally at Bhongir, about 50 km from here, she alleged that if the BRS is voted to power again, the government will run from "farmhouse" and the land liquor mafia will rule the state, while there will not be any employment opportunities avail-



able. Appealing to people to vote for the Congress, she listed out the "six guarantees" announced by the party for the November 30 assembly polls. "Big leaders of Telangana are sitting in their mansions and farmhouses and running the government... All its (BRS) leaders are sitting in big mansions. All their

not have anything for the small business people, middle class, poor, Dalits and Adivasis," she said.

"Telangana's poor are becoming poorer and the BRS party is getting richer," she added.

The Congress leader alleged that whether the BJP or BRS, their policy is to just stay in power and become richer. The respective party leaders also become rich, she said. "When elections come, they start poll management. They should be taught that Telangana people are not for sale," she said. Asserting that "dreams" Telangana people have

been shattered, she said

BRS government "from top to bottom at every stage", even as no project, including

Kaleshwaram irrigation project, was completed

Alleging that the BJP supports the BRS government in Telangana, while the latter supports the former in Delhi, she said their third friend Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM supports both in the state.

MIM fights in 40 to 50 seats in other states, but in Telangana it fields candidates in only nine seats, she said.

"All these three parties are on one side and the Congress is on the other side," she said.

'Will rename Hyd as Bhagyangar if BJP comes to power'

Rajasthan Ashok confi-

Minister Gehlot on Monday expressed dence that the Congress will get a clear majority in the assembly elections held last week. The

Ashok Gehlot

gauge they used in the campaign but they could not play the religion card.

People have rejected them and the Congress is going to

Rajasthan," Gehlot told reporters here. "The prime minister, (Union) home minister, chief ministers of BJPruled states and Union ministers used such language in Rajasthan which could have provoked anger, but the people of Rajasthan did not care about it," he added.

Hyderabad, Nov 27 (PTI): who needs Hyder. If BJP

Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy on Monday said Hyderabad would be renamed as 'Bhagyanagar' if his party comes to power in the state. Reddy, who spoke to re-

porters here, said the names of cities like Madras, Bombay and Calcutta have changed. "Yes. Definitely, if the

BJP government comes to power, (we) will change the name of Hyderabad. I am asking who is Hyder? Do we need the name of Hyder? Where has Hyder come from? I am asking

comes to power, definitely, (we) will remove Hyder and change the name as Bhagyanagar," he said.



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