



## Court asks ASI to explain reason for seeking more time

To file survey report

Varanasi (UP), Nov 29 (PTI):

The Varanasi district court on Wednesday asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to explain the reason for seeking more time for submitting a scientific survey report of the Gyanvapi complex and posted the matter for hearing on Thursday. Taking up the plea of the ASI seeking three additional weeks to submit the report, District Judge A K Vishvesh asked a senior ASI official from Delhi to explain the need

for more time, to which the ASI counsel said that officials in Varanasi have been handling the task and will apprise the court about it. The Muslim side represented by lawyer Mohammad Ikhtlaq objected to the ASI repeatedly seeking more time. The ASI had on Tuesday sought three more weeks from the district court for submitting the scientific survey report of the Gyanvapi mosque complex saying it needed more time for the assimilation of information generated by different experts.

# 'No one can stop CAA implementation'

Kolkata, Nov 29 (PTI):

Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Wednesday that the Central government will implement the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and no one can stop it. Addressing a big rally here to launch the BJP's Lok Sabha campaign, Shah launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the issues of appeasement, infiltration, corruption and political violence, alleging she has "destroyed" the state. Banerjee has been opposing the CAA due to her support to infiltration, he asserted, adding that a state with so much infiltration cannot develop. He urged people to throw out her government by electing the BJP in the next assembly polls in 2026 and asked them to lay its foundation by sup-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a rally, in Kolkata, Wednesday.

porting the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

He said, "Give so many seats to the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls that Modiji says I have become PM due to Bengal."

The Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress won the last assembly polls by "rigging" but the BJP jumped to 77 seats from

zero, he said, calling upon people to end the TMC's alleged misrule of corruption, infiltration, and political violence by electing a government conducive to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda of development.

The syndicate run by the Trinamool Congress, Shah alleged, is not letting huge sums of money sent by the Modi government to reach the state's poor.

He cited figures to assert that the Centre's funding for the state through various schemes has risen many times under the BJP than the Congress-led UPA, of which Banerjee was also a member.

Lauding the turnout at the rally, he said this indicates the people's mood and claimed that the BJP will come to power with two-third majority in the state in 2026.

The BJP's performance in the state in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls will create the foundation of its win in the assembly polls, he said.

Turning to the contentious CAA issue, he said Banerjee has been opposing it but it is a law of the country and no one can stop its implementation, which has been in a limbo as the central government is yet to frame its rules amid the opposition's strong stand against the law.

They, Shah said in a reference to the intended beneficiaries of the law, have as much a right to citizenship as anyone else.

Banerjee once stalled Parliament over the issue of infiltration but she is now keeping mum, he said, claiming that no one can infiltrate into Assam after the BJP was voted to power in the state.



HISTORIC MILESTONE

## Govt inks peace deal with Manipur armed group

New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI):

The government on Wednesday signed a peace agreement with United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Manipur's oldest militant organisation dominated by the majority Meitei community, under which the rebel group has agreed to renounce violence.

The development comes days after the ban on the group under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) was extended for five years earlier this month.

Representatives of the UNLF signed the agreement here with senior officials of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Manipur gov-

ernment, an official spokesperson said. While political settlements have been finalised with several ethnic armed groups of the Northeast as part of conflict resolution initiatives of the Centre, it is for the first time a valley-based Manipuri armed group has agreed to return to mainstream by abjuring violence and agreeing to honour the Constitution of India and laws of the land. "A historic milestone achieved!!! (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi gov't's relentless efforts to establish permanent peace in the Northeast have added a new chapter of fulfilment as the United National Liberation Front signed a peace agreement today in New Delhi.

### BRIEF



Volunteers during a campaign ahead of the World AIDS Day, in Surat, Wednesday.

### Extension

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the Centre's decision to extend the tenure of Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, who was all set to demit office on November 30, by six more months. A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said, the Union government's decision "cannot be construed to be violative of law."

### Appointed

**Jammu:** Senior IAS officer Atal Dulloo has been appointed as chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, replacing Arun Kumar Mehta who is due to superannuate at the end of this month.

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### CABINET DECISION

## 'Free grain distribution extended for 5 years'

To benefit 81.35 cr poor under PMGKAY

New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI):

With general elections scheduled for April-May next year, the government on Wednesday extended the PMGKAY scheme to provide 5 kilograms of free foodgrains per month to 81.35 crore poor for another five years that would cost the exchequer about Rs 11.80 lakh crore.

A decision in this regard was taken in the meeting of the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday.

Giving details on Wednesday, Information and Broadcasting



Union Minister Anurag Thakur briefs the media on cabinet decisions.

Minister Anurag Thakur said, "The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended for another five years from January 1, 2024." The minister said the expenditure on scheme will be around Rs 11.8 lakh crore over the next five years.

### Fast track special courts to continue for another 3 years

The Union Cabinet has given its nod for continuing fast track special courts for another three years for delivering swift justice in cases involving sexual offences. After the passage of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act in 2018 in the aftermath of the Nirbhaya gangrape case in Delhi, the Centre had decided to set up 1,023 fast-track special courts, including 389 to deal exclusively with cases related to violations of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, in 31 states and Union territories.

### SURPRISING BUT TRUE

## Couple fights on board, Bangkok flight turns to Delhi

**New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI) :** An argument between a couple led to the diversion of a Munich-Bangkok Lufthansa flight to Delhi on Wednesday following which they were deboarded, official sources said. The Lufthansa flight number LH772 landed at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport at 10.26 am after the pilots contacted the Air Traffic Control (ATC) informing them about a "situation and possible unruly passenger". The flight left for Bangkok after a delay of more than an hour even as the male passenger was deboarded by CISF personnel at the airport.

## Nagpur team ensured tunnel workers didn't suffocate

During rescue operation

Nagpur, Nov 29 (PTI):

As multiple agencies raced against time to rescue the 41 workers who were trapped inside Uttarakhand's Silkyara tunnel, a team from Nagpur-based Western Coal Fields monitored the level of carbon dioxide there to ensure that the workers did not gasp for breath.

The workers were rescued from the collapsed tunnel in Uttarkashi after a gruelling 17-day operation that culminated on Tuesday evening. Three experts from

## Sniffer dog finds kidnapped child within hours

Mumbai, Nov 29 (PTI):

A sniffer dog of the Mumbai police's Bomb Disposal and Detection Squad traced a kidnapped six-year-old boy in just 90 minutes, police said on Wednesday.

Leo, a Doberman, found the boy 500 metres away from his house in Ashok Nagar slum in suburban Andheri (East) on early Friday morning. The boy's family approached the Powai police a little after midnight after an unidentified person abducted the child when he was playing outside his shanty, said an official. The family told the police that the boy had changed clothes before stepping out. The police brought in Leo and gave him the boy's t-shirt to sniff.

# Poll promises, festivals slow down paddy procurement at MSP in Chh'garh

Raipur, Nov 29:

Leelaram Chandrakar has grown paddy on 18 acres but is not in a hurry to sell his produce even though dhaan' procurement at MSP began in the state on November 1.

Chandrakar from Savani village in Patan assembly constituency of Durg district is among lakhs of farmers in Chhattisgarh who have held on to their paddy stock.

According to political observers, promises of higher minimum support

prices (MSP) for paddy by political parties during electioneering and festivals are among the key factors that have affected the pace of paddy sales in the ongoing kharif marketing season.

Between November 1 and November 28, about 13.21 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was purchased from 3,17,223 farmers, which is less than the quantity procured in the last kharif season in the state.

In the previous kharif season (2022-23), 5.42 lakh farmers had sold 19.3 lakh metric tonnes of paddy

from November 1 to November 29, they said.

The state has set a target to purchase 130 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the current kharif marketing season and set up 2,739 procurement centres for it, a government official told PTI on Wednesday.

The procurement drive, which started on November 1, will continue till January 31 next year.

Around 26.87 lakh farmers have registered to sell their produce this time, he said. The incumbent Congress government had been purchasing paddy at

MSP fixed by the Centre, which is about Rs 2,200 for this season, and giving an input subsidy of Rs 9,000 per acre to paddy growers. It had hiked the limit of purchase from 15 quintals per acre to 20 quintals per acre for the ongoing kharif season and the decision also featured in its poll manifesto. Congress has promised that farmers will get Rs 3,200 per quintal for paddy if it retains power in the state. It has also tried to woo growers with the promise of a loan waiver, also announced by it in 2018.

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## Cops conduct surprise checks at banking establishments

## Over 100 goons report at Police Stations

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** To strengthen the basic policing, SSP Ram Gopal Garg had instructed to conduct monitoring, checking of goons and criminals, taking attendance and verifying their livelihood. The goons have been instructed to stay away from criminal activities and not create any kind of disturbance. The cops have been instructed to take action to maintain peace and order.

Durg Police took the attendance of goons and surveillance miscreants to maintain peace and law and order in the district. More than 100 listed goons reported at the Police Stations of the District.

Considering the crimes with sharp weapons, SSP Ramgopal Garg directed all the police stations / chowki in-charges in the district to check the goons and those involved in incidents with sharp weapons. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha and Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Kumar Sahu, a special campaign was conducted the other day.

More than 100 goons / miscreants, who committed crimes using sharp weapons, were checked and advised to stay away from criminal activities. They were warned of strict actions in future. Action was taken under sections 151 and 107, 116 (3) of the Indian Penal Code against the miscreants who were previously involved in knife attack.

Legal action will be taken against the criminals who are committing crimes again after being released from jail. Action will be taken against their guarantors also. Police stations / chowki in-charges have been directed to maintain constant vigil on the goons and their activities.

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** On the instructions of Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Badri Narayan Meena and the orders of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg, cops conducted surprise inspections of all the banks in the district. The bank officers were instructed to repair sensors, cameras and alarm systems in ATMs and banks. Durg Police will be serving notices to the banks for lapses in security arrangements.



The security audit of banks was conducted under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha and Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Kumar. Cops visited all the private and government banks of

the district to conduct surprise inspections. Police Station / Chowki in-charges conducted checking in their respective areas on Wednesday. During inspection, the cops gave necessary guidelines regarding the security arrangements in the banks. They found

lapses in security arrangements at several places. Police will issue notices to those banks which do not have guards and CCTV and other necessary arrangements. The police officers interacted and explained some important points with the bank officials. Recently

some criminal incidents have occurred at banks and ATMs. To stop these incidents, cooperation of banks is very important. Bank officials must give information about themselves and the bank guards to the nearest police station so that they can contact each other

## Man arrested for selling land with fake papers

## Utilities Zone employees felicitated with Pali and Karm Shiromani Awards

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** Police arrested a man on charges of forgery in land deal. He used forged documents to sell land (leased land) located at Subhash Chowk in Supela. Supela Police arrested the accused from Adarsh Nagar Durg.



The victim Budharu Ram Yadav, a resident of Subhash Chowk Supela, had complained that the accused Sukhdev Yadav had transferred his leasehold land situated at Subhash Chowk Supela to one Chandramohan Nair.

after which a FIR was registered under section 420, 467 of IPC and taken up for investigation.

City Superintendent of Police Vishwa Deepak Tripathi, Supela Police launched a search operation to arrest the absconding accused.

During interrogation, he confessed to preparing a fake document of the leasehold land of Budharu Ram Yadav in the year 2012 and selling the same land to one Chandramohan Nair.

The land area was about 5000 square feet having Khasra No 718. The accused Sukhdev Yadav (58) son of Late Mahngu Ram Yadav, a resident of New Adarsh Nagar, Durg was produced before the court and has been sent to jail on judicial remand.

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** Employees of the Utilities Zone of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance, under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant. The Award Ceremony was organized on November 28, 2023. AK Joshi, CGM (Utilities) was the chief guest on this occasion.



Gourav Choudhary, AssttMgr (OP-II) was awarded the 'Pali Shiromani Award' for his excellent performance during the quarter July to September 2023, while

James George, Mast Oper (WMD) was awarded the 'Karm Shiromani' Award. Present in the program were M Venkatesh Babu, GM (PLEM), JP Singh, GM (Water Management), RP Ahirwar, GM (Propane Plant), Sumanta Bhattacharjee, GM (CAS&CWP) and SKManikpuri AGM (OP-II).

Mementos and Certificates were presented to the awardees, along with a Letter of Appreciation to their respective Spouses. During the programme, the awardees were appreciated for their achievements at the workplace. The programme was compered by Girish Kumar Madharia, AssttMgr (Personnel Office-

P&E Zone). Those employees of Bhilai Steel Plant, who demonstrate innovation in their work to achieve the goals of the company by following all the safety standards with the resources available in their work area, are felicitated with Shiromani Awards by the Plant Management.

## Students made aware about violence against women

## Y 98 Gallery in Coke Ovens fabricated, Erected & Revived in 17 Days



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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** Uday College, Jamul observed International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November

25. The students were made aware about the violence against women and the steps to be taken for elimination of violence. Principal Dr Alipa Sahu, Assistant

Professor Kalavati Rao, Prabha Sahu, Neelam Chauhan, Poonima Sahu, Ranjana Tripathi, Prabha Prasad, kalpana Gupta, Satnam Singh and others were present.

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** Tireless efforts, coupled with excellent engineering application and execution by a multi-disciplinary team of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has resulted in the revival of coal supply from Y 98 Gallery in a period of 17 days. Three galleries No 97, 98 and 79 had collapsed as a result of tilting of a Junction House on November 09, 2023, disturbing coal supply to the silos of Coke Ovens & Coal Chemical Dept.

Revival of coal supply through these galleries was a massive job involving removal of old structures, cleaning of sites, preparation of site, strengthening of civil foundation, fabrication and erection of galleries along with belt and accessories. Rising up to the occasion, the Plant Management quickly set

up teams and assigned jobs. On the first day, the Plant's Engg Design Dept (EDD) supplied all the necessary drawings for fabrication and erection.

Jobs were divided between different groups for different jobs, after which round the clock work started under the guidance of Director I/c Anirban Dasgupta, ED (Works) Anjani Kumar and under supervision of CGM I/c Maintenance & Utilities, Asit Saha and CGM (Mechanical) SK Gajbhiye.

Besides BSP's own 120 Tonne capacity crane engaged for repair jobs, a special 400 Tonne heavy load capacity crane was hired. While Stores Dept and Central Marketing Organisation arranged all the necessary steel and accessories for fabrication and repair, all teams carried out their respective jobs to precision following all safety regulations.



Work areas were assigned to teams under CGM (Power Facilities) Rajeev Pandey, CGM (EMD) Rakesh Joshi and CGM (CO & CCD) Tarun Kanrar to speed up the job of revival. CGM I/c Iron, Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c M & U, Asit Saha and CGM I/c Services PK Sarkar have themselves been supervising jobs in

support for fabrication work.

After 17 days of round the clock efforts for fabrication and erection, Y 98 Gallery was tested on manual mode at around 20:40 hrs on Nov 26, 2023 and load was taken in Y 98 a few minutes later. All teams are still on the job and fabrication and erection job of Gallery Y 97 is expected to be revived in a couple of days. Work on fabrication of Y 79 gallery is also fast progressing.

Following revival of Y 98 Gallery, fifty percent of coal supplies through the galleries has already been resumed. Director I/c Anirban Dasgupta, ED (Works) Anjani Kumar and CGM I/c Iron Tapas Dasgupta have congratulated members of all the teams and agencies involved for the excellent teamwork resulting in revival of coal supplies through Y 98 gallery.

## GGU awards PhD to Manoj Kumar Pandey

## BMC launches massive eviction campaign, improves parking system

**Bhilai, Nov 29:** The department of Computer Science and Information Technology of Guru Ghasidas Central University, Bilaspur has awarded Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) to Manoj Kumar Pandey, a local resident of Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. He has done his research in the field of information security on the topic "Robust Image Watermarking Using Machine Learning Methods" under the guidance of Dr Sushma Jaiswal, Assistant Professor. He completed his PhD in regular mode and it took four and half years and during this duration he has published many Scopus index papers and attended various reputed conferences like IEEE and Springer. He is also qualified for CG-SET and NTA-NET for the year 2019. Dr Manoj Pandey is presently working as Assistant Professor in Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology, Kanpur, UP. He has given credit of his success to his family members and friends for continuous encouragement and support.

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** As was pre decided, Bhilai Municipal Corporation conducted a massive eviction campaign on the service road along the National Highway and took action to remove encroachment from 35 places in South Gangotri and North Gangotri areas. Penalty was also imposed on those who had encroached the space on sides with the use of bamboo sticks, carts, banners, posters, boards and vehicles meant for sale.



The road was cleared for traffic by removing sand, ballast and other construction material dumped on the road. A fine of Rs 20800 was also collected during the campaign. Along with this, 3 junk vehicles were also removed from the road. The entire action was taken on the instructions of BMC Commissioner Rohit Vyas.

reached the spot on the service road side of South Gangotri for action at 10:30 hrs, most of the auto dealers who had put their second hand vehicles for sale on display at the parking place between GE Road and Service Road voluntarily started removing their vehicles.

Apart from this, the hoardings and sign boards installed along the service road were also uprooted and confiscated. At many places, the road was being ob-

structed due to small vendors selling tea and snacks on carts.

Those were temporary type and were removed and the bamboo poles and the kiosk made of iron was seized by lifting it with earthmover. The earthmover kept moving with the demolition squad during the drive conducted from Dupela square to Prayas School. After leveling the parking place, lime marking was done so that people could park their vehicles systematically at



the said spot.

During the proceedings, illegal encroachment was removed from 7 places, vehicle sellers were removed from 16 places, while 15 flower sellers who were doing business by spreading goods on the road as street vendors were asked to remove the extra addition from allotment latest by Thursday.

The eviction campaign was led by Additional Commissioner Ashok Dwivedi, Nodal Officer of

the campaign Preeti Singh, Zone Commissioner Khirodra Bhoi, Deputy Superintendent of Traffic PD Chandra.

They asked the vehicle sellers not to keep vehicles for sale on display at the identified parking spots. Along with the nominated officials for the campaign, YatramChandrakar, Rajesh Gupta, Dinesh Belchandan, Iman Singh, Gaukaran, Khemlal Yadav, Chaitu, Mansingh, traffic police force accompanied the team.

## Parents of IPS officer killed in car-truck collision

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**Bhilai, Nov 29:** Parents and grandmother of an IPS officer were killed in a road accident which occurred at Jamul late evening on Tuesday.

According to information, the deceased were P Venkat Ratnam (65), his wife P Shanti (60) and his 80-year-old mother-in-law. They resided in Smriti Nagar of Bhilai. On Tuesday, they had gone to their farm house in Berla and after staying there for the entire day, they were returning back home in a Maruti Swift Car bearing registration number CG07-AS-4731.

Around 20:00 hrs, their car was hit by a speeding

truck (CG07-BE-7002) near Dhaur Square. All the three elderly people travelling in the car suffered fatal injuries in the mishap. The truck driver left the vehicle and fled from the spot.

On information, a team of Jamul Police Station reached the spot and launched a rescue operation. The three elderly people trapped in the car were taken out and rushed to the hospital.

The doctors declared them brought dead at the hospital. P Venkat Ratnam and P Shanti were the parents of IPS Officer PD Nitya, who is presently posted in J&K. Their son works in the Merchant Navy.

## India & Aus cricket teams receive rousing welcome



**In Raipur ahead of 4th T-20 clash**

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**Raipur, Nov 29:** The excitement in Raipur is palpable as the Indian and Australian cricket teams have landed in the capital city ahead of their highly anticipated T-20 International match scheduled for December 1st at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, Parsada Raipur.

Amid a grand welcome, both teams were greeted by a sea of passionate fans at the airport on Wednesday evening, where chants of "India... India... India" echoed through the terminal. Cricket enthusiasts and devoted fans had gathered at the airport hours before the scheduled arrival time to catch a glimpse of their favourite players.

Leading the Indian team out of the airport was Suryakumar Yadav, followed by the entire squad and support staff, all of whom were warmly received by the enthusiastic crowd.

The atmosphere was electric as fans proudly raised slogans of "Chhattisgarhiya Sable Badiya," and players reciprocated by acknowledging the cheers with raised hands.

Following Team India's exit, the Australian squad also received a warm welcome from the crowd, symbolizing the spirit of sportsmanship that transcends borders.

The route plan for transporting both the Indian and Australian teams from Hotel Courtyard Marriott to the stadium has been meticulously arranged.

They will journey from Hotel Courtyard Marriott to Nava Raipur entry road via Serikhedhi overbridge, continuing on stadium turning to Chhota Gol Chowk, Kayabandha turning to Kotra Bhantha, and finally, they will arrive at the International Cricket Stadium through village Sindh Chowk.

Both teams are scheduled for practice sessions on Thursday, with the Australian team hitting the field at noon, followed by the Indian team at 4 pm. The stage is set for an epic showdown as cricket enthusiasts eagerly await the clash between these two cricketing giants on Friday.

## Sports presenter Ridhima added attraction at Naya Raipur Stadium

**Raipur:** Sports presenter Ridhima Pathak would be the added attraction for the sports enthusiasts during the December 1 T-20 match between the host India and Australia at Naya Raipur-based Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium.

Before she arrived at Raipur Airport, the noted Sports presenter Ridhima Pathak announced on her twitter handle that she is anxious to host the show at

Raipur after she had completed the show at Guwahati Stadium.

She is one of the leading sports presenters apart from Mayanti Iyenger Binny among the leading female presenters in our country.

Apart from her, the leading cricket commentators would also add spice their expert comments. Cricketer-turned commentator Abhishek Nayar too would be part of the TV production unit.

## WOOLEN CLOTHES



With light rainfall on Tuesday and fall in mercury, the woolen jackets, sweaters and street-side vendors are expecting good sales this winter season.

## President of CSEA paid courtesy call on Governor

**Raipur, Nov 29:** Chhattisgarh State Cricket Association (CSEA) President Zubin Shah and Prabhtej Bhatia paid a courtesy call on Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan at



Raj Bhavan on Wednesday. They also invited the Governor for the T-20 cricket match to be held between India and Australia on December 1, 2023 at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Cricket Stadium, Nava Raipur.

## Four nabbed while trying to black-market 13 match tickets

**Near Kotwali thana area**

**Raipur, Nov 29:** Four accused have been nabbed in case of black-marketing of the T-20 cricket match tickets for the match to be played between India and Australia at Shaheed Vir Narayan International Cricket Stadium, Parsada on Dec 3.

There were complaints of black-marketing of cricket match tickets since yesterday and taking it seriously SSP Prashant Agrawal directed the state gazette police officers and TI and in-charge anti-Crime and cyber unit to take necessary action against them. So the team collected information



about black-marketing of ticket and raided the place. In the action by anti-crime and cyber unit and Kotwali Thana on Wednesday, four persons were nabbed from different places in capital city and nabbed Anil Jangde, Aakash Kumar Dheewar all R/o Tulsi Baradera Mandir Hasoud; Bablu

Nayak and Ashish Mishra of Civil Lines area and seized 13 tickets from their possession. Action was taken against the four under prohibitory act. The Raipur Police is keeping close eye on such black-marketing activities by youth and other persons and would take legal action against them.

## CM meets Sonia, Rahul and Mallikarjun Kharge



**During his visit to Delhi**

**Raipur, Nov 29:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel during his one-day visit to Delhi met the senior national party leaders. CM met the AICC National President Mallikarjun Kharge and Treasurer Ajay Makan. In this re-

gard CM making comment in the social media said that he paid courtesy call on AICC National President at his official residence. CM said that Kharge has done hard work in all the five states for the Assembly polls 2023 and his energy is source of inspiration for all of us. Baghel said that once again he assured him about Congress party victory in the elections. Prior to meeting Kharge, CM Baghel has already met former AICC National President Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and General Secy. Priyanka Gandhi.

## Postal Ballots to be counted at Returning Officer's table

**Raipur, Nov 29:** Counting of Postal Ballots would be held separately at the table of Returning Officer on December 3 during the counting of votes for the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly polls. Above instructions were given to the officials and employees by the Master Trainers during the Training Session for the counting of Votes here. It has been clearly mentioned that the Returning Officer of the respective Legislative Assembly segments would be counting the Postal Ballot and the Special Counting Observers would be appointed for the same. Trainers informed that the Postal Ballots are cate-



gories into two types, the Normal Postal Ballots and the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballots (ETPBS). It is notable that the counting of votes would begin with the Postal Ballots. A separate table would be assigned

for every 500 Ballots during the counting of votes in every Segment. District Panchayat CEO Anivash Mishra, Employment Officer Kedar Patel and other officials were present during the training.

## Medical team working in ACI's Cath Lab got Radiation protection shield 'EGGNEST'

**Radiation protection system will provide protection to the medical team from the harmful radiations**

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**Raipur, Nov 29:** To provide protection from radiation to the doctors and the entire team working in the Cath Lab of the Advanced Cardiac Institute located at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, a radiation protection system has been installed. This protective shield called 'EGGNEST' provides protection to the medical team working in the cath



lab from the harmful radiations emanating from the X-ray machine. It has been installed in the cath lab with the collaboration of Cardiology Department of ACI and Cardiology Company. HDFC Bank under its CSR activities gave the radiation protection system 'EGGNEST' to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital,

Raipur Giving detailed information regarding the Radiation Protection System, Head of the Department of Cardiology, Dr. Smit Srivastava said that the entire medical team working in Cathlab and even the patient lying on the procedure table is provided protection from harmful X-ray radiations

by 'EGGNEST'. This protective shield is attached on all sides to the table where the cardiology procedure is performed. It is made of carbon micro fiber base and radiation absorbing metallic alloy (bismuth and antimony metal) which absorbs the harmful radiations emanating from the X-ray machine. If not protected from these radiations, there is a possibility of cancer, cataract and other diseases in future. According to Dr. Smit Srivastava, the entire procedure in Cathlab is done with the help of X-ray machine (X-ray guided procedure). Cardiac interventional procedures take place

daily in the cath lab. The entire team stays here for a long time. In such a situation, the entire team is exposed to radiation. 'EGGNEST' is a comprehensive, scatter radiation protection system that completely eliminates the spread of radiation in a modern cath lab. It reduces the side effects of X-ray radiation while providing protection to the medical team working in the cath lab. It has been designed in such a way as per the speed and direction of the X-ray machine, it can easily move around according to the location of the patient. It provides 91 percent protection from radiation.

## Sikh Premier League Cricket from Dec 1



Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Nov 29:** All India Sikh Premier League Cricket tournament would be held from December 1. The Organizers Shahid Bhai Tharu Singh

Foundation has started the preparations for the tournament. 12 Qualifying teams would be playing the Premier League cricket tournament. Final match would be played on December 10. Noted Sikh

community social workers Baldeo Singh Bhatia, MLA Kuldeep Juneja and Minorities Commission Chairman Mahendra Chhabra have been invited as guests for the tournament.

## Naxalites suddenly intensified attacks after assembly elections

**Raipur, Nov 29:** Naxal attacks have intensified after the assembly elections in Chhattisgarh. In the last one week, an increase in Naxal activities is being seen in Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur and other districts of Bastar division. During the assembly elections, Naxalites are often waiting for a major attack, but this time due to the vigilance of the security forces, the Naxalites were not able to carry out any major attack. Amidst the deployment of more than 65 thousand security forces in Bastar, the people of Bastar rejected the election boycott called by Naxalites and there was heavy voting in the Naxalite base areas also. The effect of this was that even in areas like Elmagunda, Minpa, Silger, Tarrem where the voting percentage was close to



zero earlier, more than 70 percent voting was seen. In entire Bastar, 75.62 percent voting took place, which was 2.31 percent more than 73.31 percent in 2018. A security force official said that even in the Naxal base area of Bastar, enthusiasm was seen among the villagers regarding voting. There is panic among the Naxalites regarding this

issue. There is also information that the failure of election boycott campaign was discussed in the core committee meeting of Naxalites. Naxalites are now turning into attackers to show their decreasing dominance and to put pressure on the villagers. More than 65 new security force camps have been set up in Naxal infested areas and anti-Naxal oper-

ations are being carried out continuously. Due to this, Naxalites are now working on a changed strategy instead of direct encounter and are relying on causing damage through small action teams and IED blasts.

Shubhanshu Choudhary, an expert on Naxalism, said that this time voting took place there too after the security forces established camps in the Naxal base area. Naxalites had also made preparations to influence the elections in their area. IEDs were planted even in areas where they were not required to plant explosives. During the elections, Naxalites were not able to cause major damage in the presence of security forces, but now they are bursting IEDs, due to which villagers are falling prey to them. Senior journalist of Bastar and expert on Naxal

matters, Vikas Tiwari said that the Naxalites in Bastar were preparing for a major incident during the elections, but due to the vigilance of the security forces, they could not do so. Now they are trying to show their supremacy by continuously attacking, due to which Naxalite incidents are increasing. Next week is also PLGA week of Naxalites. Naxalite activity has also increased due to this.

Bastar Range IGP Sundarraj P. said, due to the vigilance of the security forces, this time Naxalites remained ineffective in Bastar and peaceful voting took place in their base area also. Due to this, the Naxalites are now trying to register their presence by organizing sporadic incidents to save their declining supremacy and to boost the morale of the Naxal cadre.

## Vijay Hazare Trophy

**Raipur, Nov 29:** All round performance from Shashank Singh helped the Chhattisgarh team defeat Manipur by 88 runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy cricket match at Jaipur Stadium on Wednesday. Batting first, Chhattisgarh lost three early wickets but the fourth wicket stand of 192 runs between Shashank



Singh and Captain Amandeep Khare helped Chhattisgarh put up an

impressive 342 runs for 6 wickets in the 50 over match. While Shashank Singh scored 152 runs, his partner Amandeep Khare scored 88 runs for the team. In reply, the Manipur were bundled out for 254 runs and lost the match by 88 runs. Shashank Singh claimed 5 wickets for Chhattisgarh whereas Rishabh Tiwari also claimed 3 wickets to ensure victory for the team.

## Not a single patient with visual impairment due to cataract in nine districts

State declared cataract blindness backlog free

Raipur, Nov 29:

Nine districts have become cataract blindness backlog free under the National Netra Jyoti Abhiyan in the state. That means there is not a single patient here who is visually impaired due to cataract. Kanker district has also submitted claim for 10th, for whose verification the state team will go soon. In these districts, the eyesight of all the people identified as having visual impairment due to cataract has been restored.



December. A list of patients with visual impairment is being prepared. The state government has set a target of making Chhattisgarh a cataract blindness free state by the year 2025. For this, four lakh people suffering from cataract have been identified in the state. The operations of cataract victims are being done rapidly in all the districts.

The list of patients with visual impairment is being prepared by health workers, Mitansins and Anganwadi workers. Cataract operations are being conducted through Eye Assistant Officers after confirming the patients on the basis of the list prepared in selected development blocks.

In 14 districts of the state, cataract is being treated through state-of-the-art phaco technology. In this method of operation, only a fine hole is made in the eye, through which the cataract is dissolved inside the eye itself. It is through this hole that the foldable lens is implanted inside the eye. Phaco technique was started from District Hospital Bijapur, Surajpur, Balodabazar, Baikunthpur (Korea), Kondagaon, Dhantari, Mungeli, Surguja, Bastar, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Raipur and Bilaspur. Now Korba has also been included in this. A team of 35 employees including six surgeons is working in the 100-bed Mana Civil Hospital for eye examination and operations. Glaucoma is examined on Monday, retina on Thursday and special examination of eye diseases in children on Saturday. Green laser facility for retina related disorders is also available in the hospital. In Mana, operations of eye patients from other districts including Raipur are being done.

Free facility of transportation of patients is also provided by the hospital. After the operation, patients are called for regular follow-up. Nine districts of the state have become cataract blindness backlog free. Kanker has also claimed.

The central team is expected to arrive in December. The final decision has to be taken by the Central Government. Treatment with phaco technology has been started in Korba. It will also be started in other districts of the state, said Dr. Subhash Mishra, State Nodal Officer, Blindness Control Program.

## Various programs will be held before the consecration of Ram temple



● Including 'Prabhat Pheri, Akhand Sankirtan', city decoration etc

Korba, Nov 29:

A grand temple of Maryada Purushottam Lord Shri Ramchandra is taking shape on the sacred land of Ayodhya. The consecration of the temple is to take place in the month of January 2024. Before this, many programs will be organized by the Hindu society across the country. To work on many such steps in Korba, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Seva Mahotsav has prepared a plan by holding a large meeting. People will participate in such programs in the city as well as in the rural areas.

After a long struggle of hundreds of years, the way has been presented for the consecration of a grand temple of Lord Shri Ramchandra in Ayodhya and it has been decided to complete the work of its first phase in December 2023. On January 22, 2024, the consecration of the idol of Lord Ram and Jankanandini Sita will take place in the sanctum sanctorum of the Madhyam Naveen Temple complex. These works are to be completed under the supervision of Ram Janmabhoomi Trust. Before Pran Pratistha, many types of programs will be organized in India and many countries to spread the message of Sanatan. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Seva Mahotsav in Korba district of Chhattisgarh held a meeting at St. Xavier's School on Sunday to organize programs in urban and rural areas.

Representatives of various organizations and society participated in it. Further proceedings were carried out with puja. Social worker Kishore Butoliya spoke about the purpose of Seva Mahotsav. Everyone is excited about the construction of the temple at Ram Janmabhoomi. Pandit Shivraj Sharma and Judavan Singh Thakur tried to connect people with Shri Ram through their songs. On this occasion, members representing various social, religious and other organizations took the responsibility of taking out Nagar Sankirtan, Shobha Yatra, Prabhat Pheri in their area many days before Pran Pratistha to make the issue related to Lord Shri Ram memorable.

Decorations will be done in a different way and many people will be directly motivated to join this program. Along with this, many useful suggestions came in this program. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Seva Mahotsav Korba District Committee was announced whose President

Ashok Tiwari, Secretary Yogesh Jain, Treasurer Santosh Khare along with Vice President and Joint Secretary were given the responsibility. Korba Nagar President Sandeep Singh, Secretary Mrigesh Yadav, Treasurer Abhishek Sharma were given the responsibility. In this meeting related to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Seva Mahotsav, Rampur area MLA Nankiram Kanwar, Chandrashekhar Dewangan, Kamlesh Yadav, Ashok Tiwari, Shashi Deshmukh, Bajrang Aggarwal, Kamlesh Mishra, Ram Bilas Pal, Rajkumar Dewangan, Rukmani Nair, Dr. Vishal Upadhyay, Kailash Nahak, Hundreds of devout citizens including Dr. Rajeev Gupta participated. At the end of the meeting, Aarti of Shri Ram ji was performed. The meeting concluded with collective resolve and success of the programme.

missed the top four, her impressive display of skill and determination has left an indelible mark. Upon her arrival at Shri Gujarati School in Devendra Nagar, Raipur, Tikeshwari Sahu was accorded a traditional welcome with a tilak by the heads of all three schools, Anis Memon, Dr. Shailesh Sharma, and Yogita Tank, along with the institution's registrar Ashok Jachak and administrator V.K. Mishra. Members of the Muay Thai association, such as Aman Yadav, Vishal Hiyal, Annu Devi Kanwar, and Yash Rai, as well as representatives of the Student Council, were present to honour and celebrate her achievements. At Swami Vivekananda Airport Raipur, Tikeshwari Sahu was greeted by the State Muay Thai Association General Secretary, Anis Memon, fellow Muay Thai players like Yash Rai, Priyanka Sahu, Mansi Tandi, and Ragni Yadav, and Muay Thai Association Officials Vishal Hiyal, Pranita Meshram, and Annu Devi Kanwar. They welcomed her with traditional tilak, garlands, and sweet treats, making her homecoming a truly grand affair.

After impressive performance at East Asia Muay Thai Ch'Ship

## Tikeshwari Sahu receives grand welcome



Raipur, Nov 29: In a momentous occasion for Raipur, its very own Muay Thai prodigy, Tikeswari Sahu, has returned triumphant from the East Asia Muay Thai Championship held in Hong Kong (China) from November 22 to 26. She received an exuberant and traditional welcome at both Swami Vivekananda Airport Raipur and her workplace, Shri Gujarati School. Tikeswari Sahu's stellar performance in the league matches in Hong Kong earned her the prestigious fifth position, making her a source of immense pride not only for the city but also for the entire nation. Although she narrowly

## DRM Office, Raipur, receives third prize in official language meet



Raipur, Nov 29: The Divisional Railway Manager's Office in Raipur has been awarded the third prize at the Joint Regional Official Language Conference held by the Ministry of Home Affairs in Mumbai. The award recognizes the office's outstanding efforts in promoting the use of the official language. The annual Regional Official Language Conference, organized by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, invites various central offices, undertakings, banks, and city official language implementation committees to showcase notable work in the official language. Regional official language awards are presented in various categories, and this year, the Joint Regional Official Language Conference of Western and Central Regions took place on November 23 at the Nuclear Power Corporation of India in Chembur, Mumbai. During this prestigious event, the Divisional Railway Manager's Office of

South East Central Railway, Raipur, received the third prize for its exceptional contributions to the promotion of the official language. The award was presented by His Excellency the Governor of Maharashtra, Ramesh Bais, and the Honorable Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, Ajay Kumar Mishra. Nikesh Kumar Pandey, the Official Language Officer, accepted the shield on behalf of the Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Raipur. Divisional Railway Manager Sanjeev Kumar and Additional Chief Official Language Officer and Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra.) Ashish Mishra expressed their joy and pride upon receiving the award. The officers and employees of the Division, as well as the Official Language Department, congratulated Raipur and expressed optimism that Raipur Division would continue to receive prestigious awards from the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, in the future.

## Five accused arrested along with the dead body of the girl

● In kidnapping, rape, murder, ransom case of a girl  
● Person demanding ransom was killed and buried



Korba, Nov 29: In Bango police station, investigation was being done by registering missing person number 32/2023, that during the investigation, an unknown person called from the mobile number of the kidnapped Santoshi Vishwakarma to the home mobile number and said that 'I have kidnapped your daughter Santoshi. Yes, bring me Rs 15.0 lakh to the specified place, then I will release your girl'. When an unknown person presented a written application regarding kidnapping of a girl and demanding ransom money, a crime under section 364 (A), 365 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was found to have been committed and the crime was registered and taken into consideration. During the investigation, a police team was

formed and raids were conducted at different places in Pali, Podi, Ratanpur, Sakri Bilaspur, who were hiding due to fear of arrest by constantly changing places of the accused.

The accused were surrendering themselves in the court at Katghora on 28-11-2023, where after obtaining police remand and strictly interrogating the accused, the accused Sonu Lal Sahu strangled the kidnapper to death and kept him in Pali Kerajharia forest police station.

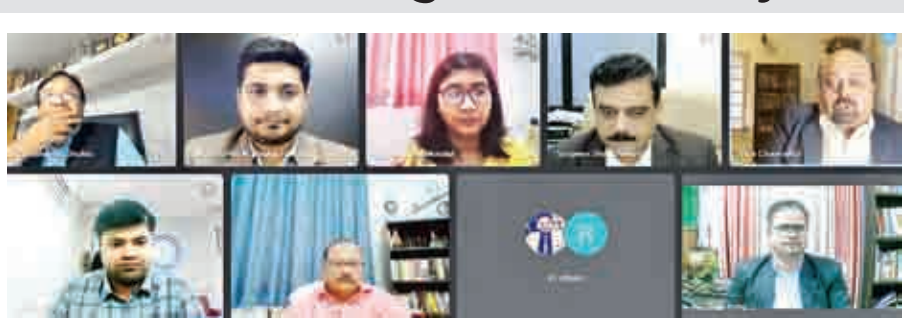
Sonu Lal Sahu, along with his four other associates Sandeep Bhoi, Virendra Bhoi, Surendra Bhoi, Jeeva Rao Jaghay, confessed to the crime of burying him in the ground. Regarding the accused, the dead body buried at the behest of the accused was recovered

ered in the forest of Kerajharia police station Pali, the incident site.

The kidnapper's family members identified him as their daughter Santoshi Vishwakarma. Gaiti shovel and other items used in the incident were seized from the accused, after exhumation of the dead body in the said case, the accused were Sandeep Bhoi, S/o Pancharam Bhoi, age 21 years, R/o Salihabhantha, Pondi police station Pali, Virendra Bhoi, S/o Maheshram Bhoi, age 19 years, R/o Salihabhantha, Pondi police station, Pali. Surendra Bhoi S/o Maheshram Bhoi age 21 years R/o Salihabhantha Pondi police station Pali, Jeeva Rao Jaghay S/o Krishna Rao Jaghay age 19 years R/o Salihabhantha Pondi police station Pali (05) Sonu Lal Sahu S/o Rameshwar Sahu age 27 years R/o Podi Banihar Mohalla police station Pali under section against A crime has been registered under sections 364 (A), 365, 302, 201, 120B, 376 of the Indian Penal Code.

## Global online conference for green future by HNLU concludes

Raipur, Nov 28: The First Global Online Conference on "Climate Action, SDGs, and Trade - A Path towards a Greener Future" organized by Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur in collaboration with Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board on November 25 and 26 deliberated upon a range of issues relating to a greener future addressed by policy wonks and subject experts.



The two-day event had its inaugural session on November 25 with Shailendra Shukla, Former Chairman of CSPDCL as Chief Guest and Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Director, GNLU Gandhinagar and Mr. Anurag Sehgal, Executive Director, PwC LLP, as Guests of Honour. Prof. Vivekanandan, Vice Chancellor of HNLU observed that "This programme by HNLU is a pioneering effort of Centre for WTO Studies, which brought to the fore of serious issues relating to Climate Change and the strategies to be adopted with an insightful and forthright discussions by domain experts".

In the inaugural address the Chief Guest Shailendra Shukla stressed that it is imperative that we ensure economic prosperity is harmonized with environmental sustainability and social equity. He underscored the importance of fostering global collaboration and partnerships among businesses, civil societies, and academia to collectively confront the challenges posed by climate change and trade imbalances. The Guest of Honour Prof. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Director of Gujarat National Law University highlighted the promising trajectory towards a greener future through the convergence of climate action, sustainable development goals, and trade. He emphasized that climate change permeates every aspect of our existence, spanning economics, social dynamics, public

health, and international relations. Prof. Shanthakumar stressed the critical imperative of ensuring that trade agreements and policies align seamlessly with our climate objectives. Anurag Sehgal, Guest of Honour delved into the implementation of sustainability in trade agreements, articulating that sustainability has become an integral component of India's trade agreements. His remarks shed light on the ongoing efforts to align trade agreements with the broader goals of environmental and social sustainability, underlining the commitment to responsible and conscientious trade practices. The day two of the conference on November 26 had two panel discussions addressed and chaired by distinguished experts notably Prof.

M . K . R a m e s h Distinguished Jurist Professor of HNLU and Former Professor of NLS Bangalore, Anuja Tiwari, Senior Partner of AZB, Dr Ritu Dhingra, IUCN CEESP Regional Vice Chair East and Southern Asia. The Valedictory session had Prabhat Mishra, IFS, Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board, presided over the session as the Chief Guest, who highlighted the need for collaborative efforts and individual commitment to address global environmental challenges. The Guest of Honour for the first session Prof. (Dr.) Vidyullatha Reddy, Professor and Registrar, NALSAR, Hyderabad, chronicled the two decades of deliberation not yielding the desired results due to the economically powerful Nation States procrastinating of their commitments urging for concrete commitments. The conference served as a platform for robust discussions and knowledge sharing among participants from diverse backgrounds and the papers presented were of contemporary content adding value to the ongoing discussions and inputs on the theme.

As the global community grapples with the urgency of the climate crisis, conferences like these play a crucial role in fostering dialogue and collaboration on a worldwide scale. The Inaugural and valedictory session had Dr. Vipin Kumar, Registrar In charge and Dean at HNLU welcoming the gathering quoting the religious scriptures which had the foresight of the world we live in and the importance of a sustainable life form. The valedictory session also had Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Dean, UG Studies delivering the vote of thanks and was anchored by Mr. Jeevan Sagar. The programme was designed and executed by the faculty team of Dr. Ankit Awasthi, Mr. Abhinav K Shukla and Dr. Rana Navneet Roy.

## NCC Day celebrated in Kundel School



Kareli Badi Nov 28: NCC Day is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of November. As per every year, NCC Day was celebrated in Government Higher Secondary School - Kundel Madhuban this year too. Chief guest of the program Naib Subedar Narottam Ram and head of the institution Santosh Kumar Sahu, mother It started by worshipping the photographs of Saraswati and Babu and made the children aware of discipline, unity, morality and personality development.

NCC in-charge Jaiprakash Tande said that NCC was established on 16 April 1948 and the first NCC Day was celebrated in Lalganj on 16 July 1948. It is the world's largest uniformed youth organization established in 1948. National Cadet Corps will have its 75th anniversary on 26th November 2023. Going to make anniversary. The old name of NCC was University of Officers Training Corps. In the 12th NCC meeting held on 12 October 1980, NCC gave its motto which is "Unity and Discipline".

Lecturer Dinesh Kumar Sahu while addressing said that NCC represents the epitome with an important chapter in training the youth with the core principles like discipline, leadership and unwavering patriotism. After doing NCC, not only better personality development but also ease in making a career. ICC cadets get huge concessions in many government jobs including police and police. The objective of NCC is to develop in the youth the spirit of discipline, character, brotherhood, courage and the ideal of selfless service. The National Cadet Corps is to inspire and motivate young Indians to join the armed forces. Provides a favorable environment for. Mamta Sahu conducted the stage.

On this occasion, in-charge Principal Santosh Kumar Sahu, lecturer Khilleshwari Banpela Mamta Sahu Dinesh Kumar Sahu, Lalitauke Homendr Kumar Sahu Yogesh Nishad Rameshwari Sahu Lakshmi Sinha Deepak Kumar Devcharan Sahu and all the NCC students were present.

Eight hurt as five houses collapse after gas cylinder explosion

11 rescued

incident. While six of them were discharged after treatment, a couple remain admitted at separate hospitals in the city.

Eleven people, including at least five persons stranded on the first floors of the houses, were rescued, the official said.

Following the explosion, the fire brigade, police, civic staff, ambulance service and other agencies were mobilised.

"Five fire brigade vehicles rushed to the spot and the personnel carried out a search operation to ensure that nobody was trapped under the debris of the collapsed houses," he said. The injured persons included a 49-year-old woman among others. She sustained about 80 per cent burn injuries to her face, hands and legs, the official added.



Firemen and others clean the debris after a gas cylinder exploded in a house at Chembur, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

Mumbai, Nov 29 (PTI): At least eight persons were injured as five houses collapsed after a gas cylinder exploded in one of them in Chembur area of

Mumbai on Wednesday morning, while 11 people were rescued, civic officials said. The incident occurred at 7.50 am at Old Barrack near Golf Club.

"A gas cylinder exploded in a house, leading to the collapse of five two-storey structures," a civic official said. A total of eight persons were injured in the

MOCK DRILL



NDRF personnel demonstrate during a joint mock exercise of NDRF, Railways and other agencies at Kanpur New Coaching Complex, in Kanpur, Wednesday.

'A mother's love in mythical realms'



Mumbai, Nov 29:

promising an enlightening and heartfelt storyline.

Sharing her excitement Suhasi Dhami said, "Returning to the screen after 5 years, I'm super excited about diving into mythology once again. Playing the roles of Chhaya and Sanghya in 'Karmadikari Shanidev' has been a joyful journey so far we have a very cooperative crew and the cast is also fun to work with. One of the key reasons I signed up for this project was the chance to collaborate with Nikhil Sinha again.

Mythological shows bring a unique flavor, and we face a lot of challenges. One of them is mastering the dialect, as the dialogues are often in Sanskrit so during rehearsals, we have to be extra conscious of our lines. I hope the audience appreciates the effort we're putting in and showers us with love as we bring this intriguing tale to life." As for other cast members and the launch date, Shemaroo TV and the production house are keeping things under wraps. Stay tuned to Shemaroo TV for more updates.

Get ready for a captivating journey into mythology with Shemaroo TV's upcoming show, 'Karmadikari Shanidev.' Often perceived as the bearer of misfortune and feared for his reputation for anger, the series will not only explore the untold narratives of the lord of justice, Shanidev but will also highlight his softer, loving relationship with his mother, Chhaya. She plays a crucial role as the most significant figure in Shan's life. The talented Suhasi Dhami has been roped in to play the roles of Chaaya and Sanghya in this series,

Rat-hole mining team did the tunnel rescue for free



(L-R, top row) The 12-member team of 'rat-hole' miners from Rockwell Enterprises Wakeel Hassan (leader), Monu Kumar, Feroze Qureshi, Nasir Khan, Jatin, Devender Kumar, (L-R, bottom row) Munna Qureshi, Irshad Ansari, Rashid Ansari, Naseem Malik, Ankur and Saurabh who successfully rescued the 41 trapped workers.

Uttarkashi, Nov 29:

Feroze Qureshi and Monu Kumar, experts in the rat-hole mining technique, were the first to meet the 41 labourers rescued from the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakhand after they cleared the last bit of the rubble inside the structure.

All the 41 workers were rescued on Tuesday evening after 17 days of a multi-agency operation conducted by the central and state governments.

Qureshi from Delhi and Kumar from Uttar Pradesh were part of a 12-member team of rat-hole mining technique experts who were called on Sunday to do the drilling after an American auger machine came across hurdles while clearing the rubble.

"They (the labourers) could hear us when we reached the last portion of the rubble. Soon after removing the rubble, we got down to the other side," Qureshi, a resident of

Delhi's Khajoori Khas, told PTI.

"The labourers thanked and hugged me. They also lifted me on their shoulders," he said, adding that he was happier than the rescued workers.

Qureshi is an employee of the Delhi-based Rockwell Enterprises and an expert in tunnelling work.

"They (the labourers) gave me almonds and asked my name. Soon, our other colleagues joined us and we were there for

about half an hour," Kumar, a resident of Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, said.

He said the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel went inside the tunnel after them. "We came back only after the NDRF personnel arrived," Kumar said.

"We are very happy that we were part of this historic operation," he added.

The leader of the 12-member team from Rockwell Enterprises, Wakeel Hassan, said he was approached for help by a company involved in the rescue operation four days ago.

"The work got delayed while removing the portion of the auger from the rubble. We started at 3 pm on Monday and finished the work at 6 pm on Tuesday," Hassan said, adding, "We had said the work would be finished in 24 to 36 hours and that is what we did."

He also said they did not charge any money for taking part in the rescue operation.

Kuki Zo community brings out rallies demanding separate administration

submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah through the deputy commissioner. In the memorandum, Zo Union said a separate administration was needed as Imphal, which has major government establishments, educational institutions, health-care facilities and the lone airport in the state, has become inaccessible for the Kuki Zo people, including government officials and tribal MLAs, after the community's expulsion from the Imphal Valley since the commencement of ethnic strife in May.

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Imphal/Churachandpur, Nov 29 (PTI): Thousands of Kuki Zo people on Wednesday hit the streets in several districts of Manipur demanding separate administration for the community.

In Churachandpur, agitators under the aegis of Zo United, an organisation of the community, undertook a three-km-long march from Lamka Public Ground to the 'Wall of Remembrance' near the DC office. They urged the Centre to hasten the process of establishing a separate administration in areas of the state dominated by the Kuki Zo community. The agitators

Fresh ragging charge against seniors by JU student

Kolkata, Nov 29 (PTI):

A post graduate student of Jadavpur University, which was in the eye of the storm after the death of a fresher due to alleged ragging, on Wednesday levelled harassment charges against some seniors of the boys' main hostel.

The complaints by the arts department student came a week after the university barred the entry of six students who were allegedly involved in the incident that led to the death of the fresher in August.

The six were barred from entering the campus indefinitely. A senior faculty member said the philosophy department post graduate student complained in a mail to the Dean of Arts that he was subjected to various kinds of mental torture and abuses after being tasked by the hostel mess committee with buying essentials from the local market over the size of fish and vegetables. "I am not feeling safe as I am being subjected to physical gestures and cold glares by some boarders. Neither is it possible for me to

carry on my study from outside. Please take me out of the particular block where I stay now and shift (me) to another hostel in the campus," the student added.

JU officiating Vice-chancellor Buddhadeb Sau told PTI, "I have

heard it (about the mail by the student). Let the convenor of the anti-ragging committee examine the matter."

Expressing concern over the complaint, the Jadavpur University Teachers Association (JUTA) general secre-

tary Partha Pratim Roy called for speedy investigation by the university authorities and "prompt, effective steps to eliminate the menace of ragging". The incident of

ragging and subsequent death of an under graduate first year Bengali student in the same hostel building on August 9 rocked the campus and state.

PUBLIC NOTICE: This is to inform all people that... [Detailed notice regarding a public notice for a legal case]

NAME CHANGE: It is informed to the general public that I GONDU RAM GOUTAM S/O Late BUDARA resident of P.O. Patelpara, Amagudha Dist- Baster, Chhattisgarh, Pin no 494001. Have changed my old name Gondu Ram Goutam S/O Late Budara So in future I should be recognized by my new name that is GONDU RAM S/O LATE BUDARA in all government and other document. GONDU RAM Patelpara, Amagudha Dist - Baster States - Chhattisgarh Pin no. 494001

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property): Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued Demand Notice dated 29.08.2023 calling upon the Borrower(s) LATA SAHU (CO-BORROWER, WIFE AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAJESH KUMAR SAHU) PROPRIETOR NEELAM SWEETS, NIRMALA SAHU (MOTHER AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAJESH KUMAR SAHU), MONA SAHU (DAUGHTER AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAJESH KUMAR SAHU), ISSA SAHU (DAUGHTER AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAJESH KUMAR SAHU), JATIN SAHU (SON AS WELL AS LEGAL HEIR OF LATE RAJESH KUMAR SAHU) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs. 55,07,494.72 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Seventy Two Only) against Loan Account No. HLAPRP00323509 as on 23.08.2023 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower (s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 28.11.2023. The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED for an amount of Rs. 55,07,494.72 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Seventy Two Only) as on 23.08.2023 and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PLOT NO. 15, KHASRA NO. 34/2 TOTAL AREA ADMEASURING ABOUT 2400 SQUARE FEET, OUT OF WHICH A HOUSE ADMEASURING 980 SQ. FT. CONSTRUCTED, AND REMAINING AREA IS OPEN SITUATED IN VILLAGE GUDHIYARI, THAKKAR BAPA WARD, TEHSIL & DISTRICT RAIPUR, RAIPUR-492001, CHHATTISGARH AND WHICH IS BOUND AS UNDER:- NORTH BY : PROPERTY OF SELLER SOUTH BY : PROPERTY OF DINESH SHARMA EAST BY : OPEN LAND AND ROAD WEST BY : PROPERTY OF KAMAL SAHU Date : 28.11.2023 Place : RAIPUR Authorized Officer INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. Registered Office : Indira Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office: Room No 401, 4th floor, Camac Square, 24, Camac Street, Kolkata - 700018. 'APPENDIX - IV-A' [Refer proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19th December, 2023 for recovery of Rs.9,05,42,343.51/- (Rupees Nine Crores Five Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three and Paise Fifty-One Only) (This amount is exclusive of TDS Calculation and Pre-Payment Charges, as applicable) as on 07.07.2022 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to Aditya Birla Finance Limited Secured Creditor from 1. Techno Drillers (Borrower), Through its Partners, 2. Satpara Drillers, Through its Proprietor, Prakash Chand Jain (Co-Borrower), 3. Prakash Chand Jain (Guarantor), 4. Venus Jain (Guarantor) and 5. Utsav Jain (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs.6,00,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crores Thirty Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.63,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakhs Only). Description of the immovable Properties : PROPERTY (1) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land situated at Plot No. 38, Kh. No. 258, 260 and 263, Ph. No. 114, Vallab Bhai Patel Housing Co-operative Society Limited, Mauja-Tikarpura, having one residential building, situated within Raipur at Mouza Tikarpura, Phn 144, District Raipur which is bounded and tutted by: ON THE NORTH: House Of Bajpajee. ON THE SOUTH: Road ON THE EAST: House Of Majumdar ON THE WEST: Road PROPERTY (2) - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND with 30- years old structure measuring a little more or less 1565 sq.ft. at Plot No. 42, admeasuring more or less 3315 sq.ft. Part of Khaska No. 258, 260, 263, Ph. No. 114, Rabindranath Tagore Ward in Ward No. 51, Village - Vallab Nagar, Tahsil and District Raipur - 492001, butted and bounded by: ON THE NORTH: House No. 38 ON THE SOUTH: 30 feet wide Road ON THE EAST: House No. 43 ON THE WEST: 30 feet wide Road For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://mortgage/finance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx or https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net Date: 30.11.2023 Place: Raipur Authorized Officer For Aditya Birla Finance Limited Contact No. 9503198114

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD. Registered Office : W-4 ESR, Manappuram House, P.O Valsapada, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 567, Kerala, India. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE. The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/12/2023 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of higher loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice. List of pledges: DHAMTARI, BASTAR ROAD, DHAMTARI, 134150700011336, 1375, 1402, 1403, 1417, 1419, 1436, 1444, 1806, 134150700012972, 3094, 3095, 3195, SADAR BAZAR, DHAMTARI, 131990700010928, 131990700006998, 7006, 7007, DURG, CHARODA SQUARE, BHILAI, 134110700017609, 7633, 7667, 7668, 7678, 7699, 7703, 7711, 7759, 7762, 7782, 7783, 7784, 7785, 7786, 7788, 134110700023997, 4004, 4025, 4048, 4090, 4092, 4105, 4127, 4177, CHOUHAN ESTATE, 115880700022892, 2907, 2928, 2944, 2945, 2981, 2988, 2990, 3002, 3006, 3010, 3015, 3019, 125930700019442, 9519, 9609, 9693, MAHARAJA CHOWK, 116770700015060, 5064, 5098, 116770700015683, 5784, 5807, 5861, 5863, 5864, 5890, 5879, 5980, MALVIYA NAGAR SQUARE, 118610700016837, 118610700029727, 9728, 9798, 9800, 9824, 9843, 9890, 9894, NEHRU NAGAR BHILAI, 125780700019902, 9950, 9963, 9968, 9985, 125780700021793, 1797, 1806, 1903, NEW BUS STAND DURG, 126220700015262, 5284, 5341, 5344, 5354, 126220700013714, 3718, 3719, 3845, 3846, 3855, POWER HOUSE CHOWK, BHILAI, 134030700033626, 3789, 3939, 3810, 3812, 3853, 3854, 3865, 3868, 3872, 3881, 3955, 134030700033587, 3639, 3753, 4000, 4010, 4022, 4023, 4024, 4048, 4052, 4053, 4054, 4059, 4071, 4082, 4098, 4100, 4105, 4110, 4133, 4135, 4146, 4155, 4161, 4225, 4254, 4257, 4277, 4279, 4301, 4308, 4322, 4335, 4355, 4359, 4396, 4417, 4430, 4431, 4458, 134030700000212, 0216, SANTRABARI, 112610700017319, 7331, 7349, 7366, 112610700017455, 7456, SMITHI NAGAR, BHILAI, 115830700017164, 7165, 7178, 7193, 7194, 7196, 7197, 7204, 7216, 7236, 7266, 7275, 115830700012716, 2723, 2769, KAWARDHA, INDIRA GANDHI CHOWK, KAWARDHA, 134560700010579, 0580, 0608, 134560700015990, 6009, 6010, 6011, MAHASAMUND, BUS STAND MAHASAMUND, CHATTISGARH, 129980700020517, 6003, 0675, 0689, 0692, 0705, 0808, 0828, 0838, 129980700022723, 2920, 2927, SARAI PALI CHHATTISGARH, 13849070002649, 2735, 2762, 2763, 2970, RAIPUR, ASHWANI NAGAR, RAIPUR, 131360700015079, 5253, 5466, 5520, 5528, 131360700020331, 0332, 0333, 0334, 0336, 0362, 0419, BADAIPARA, 113640700021897, 1898, 1920, 1927, 1950, 1971, 1981, 2005, 2007, 113640700020004, 0020, 0104, BANPURI, 114590700026313, 6394, 6515, 6532, 6569, 6598, 6601, 6626, 6644, 6646, 6650, 114590700017245, 7349, 7353, 7411, 7450, 7476, 7515, 7536, BANSTAL, RAIPUR, 124250700004612, 4690, BUDHAPARA, RAIPUR, 124430700027390, 7627, 7636, 7673, 7676, 7696, 7700, 7707, 7727, 7758, 124430700022788, 2822, 2823, 2830, 2834, 2842, 2873, 2930, DEVENDRANAGAR RAIPUR, 124880700013997, 4004, 4013, 4044, 4081, 4083, 124880700016868, 6869, KATORA TALAB, RAIPUR, 131700700015027, 5053, 5055, 5056, 5062, 5069, 5077, 5078, 5088, 5150, 5152, 5751, 131700700012308, 2478, 2498, MOWA RAIPUR, 129340700018972, 6981, 6988, 6990, 7007, 7010, 7014, 7061, 7062, 7063, 7066, 7076, PACHPEDINAKA CHOWK, RAIPUR, 12870700017491, 7511, 7538, 7549, 12870700018648, 8681, 8687, 8720, 8781, 8783, 8796, 8799, 8802, 8805, 8810, 8847, PANDRI, 114140700021012, 1145, 1154, 1160, 1163, 1171, 1172, 1178, 1200, 1201, 114140700018702, 8703, 8744, 8753, 8843, 8848, 114140700000996, SADAR BAZAR BHATAPARA, 134460700010369, 134460700007792, SANTHOSH NAGAR RAIPUR, 131480700019341, 9450, 9461, 9463, 9466, 113480700023548, 3555, 3582, 3583, 3684, 3644, 3673, 3691, 3692, 3756, 3768, 3769, 3781, 3816, 3842, 3857, 3905, 3906, TELIBANDHA, RAIPUR, 123840700025454, 5503, 5563, 5661, 5674, 5702, 5705, 123840700021537, 1955, RAJNANDGAON, DONGARGARH, RAJNANDGAON, 133670700010994, 1024, 1048, 133670700082245, 2341, 2447, 2646, 2647, LALBAGH, RAJNANDGAON, 133880700016976, 7189, 7212, 7242, 7251, 7260, 7277, 7278, 133880700038208, 8324, 8347, 8443, 8458, 8503, 8569, 8570, 8617, Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,00,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact: 8089292353

## Dark clouds keep farmers worried



Khairagarh, Nov 29:

Farmers in Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district are troubled by the deteriorating weather conditions for the last two days. The sky remained cloudy throughout the day on Monday, while the sudden rain on Tuesday has increased the concern of the farmers. It is known that these days the work of paddy harvesting and threshing is going on at a fast pace in the district and at such a time the weather conditions are deteriorating, which is a challenge to these farmers who have kept their paddy

in the barn for threshing. Most of the farmers' ready crops are kept harvested in the fields and the farmers are afraid of huge losses. Meanwhile, the intermittent rains that started on Tuesday afternoon have spoiled the hard work of many farmers. And at present, after threshing the paddy, farmers generally leave the crop in their fields under the open sky, in such a situation, the changed weather has left no stone unturned in increasing the problems of the farmers. It is estimated that if the rains continue like this, then the farmers will suffer huge losses.

## Training program conducted for peaceful and fair counting of votes

Khairagarh, Nov 29:

Under the direction of the Election Commission of India and the guidance of Collector Gopal Verma, training was given to the officers related to the assembly general election vote counting. The first phase of vote counting training was completed at the Government Polytechnic Khairagarh of the district. Under the direction of District Election Officer Gopal Verma, the first phase of training was given to the officers for smooth, peaceful and fair vote counting at Chhattisgarh Warehouse Pipariya on 3rd December.

This training was conducted from 11 am in room number 08 of the first floor of Government Polytechnic College, Khairagarh. Its second phase training will be held on December 1. The officers appointed for count-



ing of votes under the Public Representation Act-1950 and 1951 were trained by Collector Gopal Verma for smooth discharge of the work. Returning Officer and other officers participated in the training program organized and according to the information; training is an important part of the vote

counting process of the assembly elections. In this, the aim was to make the officers and employees working in various offices of the district efficient for counting of votes so that the counting process can be conducted in a guided, smooth and correct manner. During this, Khairagarh

Assembly 73's Returning Officer and Additional Collector Prakash Rajput, Assistant Returning Officer Preeti Laroar, Rajkumar Solanki, JS Rajput, Master Trainer Mansukh Verma, Umend Patel along with table in-charge, assistants and other counting officers were present.

## Class 3rd student made Shivlinga out of sand and started meditation

■ A sight to behold for a large number of devotees

Rajim, Nov 29:

Triveni Sangam of Sondhur, Pairi and Mahanadi is known since ancient times for chanting, penance and meditation and even in the modern era of the 21st century, many religious activities continue to take place in Dharmnagar and the surrounding areas. And here Ekanth Sonsarva of the city, studying in Class 3 in Saraswati Shishu Mandir, took to meditation, made a Shivalinga out of sand and was a sight to behold for a large number of devotees who had come to take holy bath in the Sangam river. Seeing this child in meditation posture, they paused to witness the act and Ekanth after meditation performed Jalabhishek chanting the Mahamrityunjaya Mantra and other rituals. Let it be



known that in Treta Yuga, Goddess Sita along with her husband Ramchandra and brother-in-law Lakshman reached Rajim Sangam through the river route during their exile period, and she met Maharishi Lomas and got the company of Maharishi Lomas, where while spending Chaumasa, Lord Ramchandra visited the surrounding areas. Meanwhile, Goddess Sita, after taking bath in Triveni Sangam, made a Shivalinga from sand and offered prayers, which later, it became famous by the name of Kuleshwarnath Mahadev.

## IGNTU holds two-day Ramayana Utsav

Amarnanthak, Nov 29:

The Ramayana Utsav organized under the able leadership of Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Prof. Shri Prakash Mani Tripathi ji on November 27-28, 2023 concluded successfully. In this two-day event, under the National Presence Scheme of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Dashavataar dance (Prince Dance Group Orissa) and bhajan presented by Ms. Aakriti Mehra, Indore, by Ayodhya Research Institute, Culture Department, Uttar Pradesh, besides local Gudumba Baja dance (Shri Laxmikant Marco and his team) and Karma



Nritya (Padma Shri awardee Shri Arjun Singh Dhurve and his team) enthralled the entire university family. After the conclusion of this cultural evening, a national seminar 'Ram in Vananchal' was organized on the last day. In which Vice Chancellor

Professor Shriprakash Mani Tripathi referred to various incidents of Shri Ram, which happened in the forest like the incident of Kevat, incident of Shabari, incident of Shri Hanuman, incident of Banro, incident of Jatayu etc. The Vice Chancellor, through his lecture, gave

the mantra to imbibe the conduct of Shri Ram. On this occasion, Director of Ayodhya Research Institute, Culture Department, Uttar Pradesh, Luv Kush Dwivedi thanked the university family and said that the new generation should follow the conduct of Shri Ram.

The welcome address was given by Dr. Sanjeev Bakshi. Outline of the program was presented by Prof. Gyanendra Bahadur Johari and at the end of the program vote of thanks was expressed by Dr. Jitendra Singh. During this, a large number of university officials, academic and non-academic staff as well as students were present.

## Support for Sunil Yadav from Medical Relief Fund

Kurud, Nov 29:

Registered member of Medical Relief Fund, Sunil Yadav, teacher of Government Secondary School, Phusera, was provided aid from Medical Relief Fund. As per information, he was in poor health for a long time due to which he was treated in intensive care at AIIMS Raipur.

As per the procedure of the fund, an investigation report team was formed under the chairmanship of the concerned cluster coordinator Manoj Sahu and on the recommendation of the team, Manoj Dewangan Executive District President Joint Teachers' Association District Dhamtari, Dikesh Sahu Principal



High School Fusera, Manoj Sahu Cluster Coordinator Darra, Santosh Netam Lecturer Fusera, Bhagwat Manhar Teacher Fusera, Neetu Kavareti, Manisha Sahu, Hemlata Dhruv, Rachna Nagvanshi, Ramakant Sahu, Rajendra Kosare, Manoj Mahle, Pokharaj

Dhruv, Nageshwar Sahu, Guman Sahu, Chandrashekhar Sahu, Hemant Sahu Yadav was presented a cheque of Rs 20000. On this occasion, Block President of Joint Teachers' Association, Human Chandrakar, President of Medical

Fund, Purushottam Nishad, ML Shori, Manish Verma, Mithlesh Kanwar, Chain Sahu, Lalit Kashyap, Bhavana Vdiveedi, Vasanti Dewangan, Pareshwari Sahu, Usha Lahare, Vishruti Vyas, Usha Sahu, Madhu Diwan etc. were present.

## Ch'garhi Official Language Day celebrated



Kusmura, Nov 29:

Chhattisgarhi Official Language Day was celebrated with enthusiasm in the local Kusmura College under the direction of Principal Dr. Manohar Patel. The program started with lighting of the lamp at the statue of Mother Saraswati and Chhattisgarh Mahtari, Saraswati Vandana and collective singing of the state song 'Arpa Pairi Ke Dhar'. Prof. Anita Patel (Hindi) highlighted the origin and

development of Chhattisgarhi language and the establishment and plans of Chhattisgarhi Official Language Commission. The story of Chhattisgarhi Churki-Murki was narrated by Dr. Tejeshwari and Pro. Vaibhav Para (English) expressed his views on education and career prospects in Chhattisgarhi. Information on various dialects of Chhattisgarhi was given by Khushboo Tiwari (Commerce) and a short story was narrated

by student Renu Banjara. The program was successfully conducted by Anita Patel (Sociology) in Chhattisgarhi. Also during the program, Chhattisgarhi riddles were asked from the students. In the program Prof. Rajkumar Khadiya (Commerce), Prof. Mithali Patel (Zoology), guest professor Shweta Dewangan (Chemistry), Ayrese Tirkey (Economics), Duryodhan Nishad (Physics) and laboratory technician Sushma Pradhan were present.

## Food department's big action against gas agency

Bilaspur, Nov 29:

On receiving information about referral of domestic gas cylinders, Food Department officials Dharendra Kashyap, Sheikh Abdul Qadir and Mangesh Kant Food Inspector District-Bilaspur jointly inspected Abhinav Gas Agency, Bilaspur, and domestic gas cylinders were found loaded in three vehicles, CG 10 BL 8360, CG 10 R 0239 and CG 10 AN 1947, respectively, numbering 32 nos and 30 nos. The weighing sheet of gas cylinders was prepared in front of the drivers present on the spot, but when the gas cylinders kept in the vehicle were weighed, the weight of each domestic gas cylinder was found to be 01 to 02 kg

less than the prescribed weight limit. A gas cylinder refilling machine was also found on the spot and statements of the drivers present on the spot were taken and Panchnama was prepared. The drivers admitted to filling the empty gas cylinders by extracting 01 to 02 kg of gas from each cylinder and selling them. The gas cylinders recovered from the spot along with the vehicle were handed over to Police Station-Sarkanda District-Bilaspur. In relation to the above irregularities, a case is being registered against the proprietor/operator and vehicle drivers of Abhinav Gas Agency Bilaspur and further action is being taken as per the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act 1955.

## Tamasivani school celebrates 75th NCC Day

Arang, Nov 29:

The 75th National Cadet Corps (NCC) Day was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm at the Government Higher Secondary School in Tamasivani. Principal Sheela Tolani led the proceedings, creating an inspiring atmosphere for the occasion.

The festivities commenced with a spirited rally and a mesmerizing march past by the dedicated cadets through the village streets. During the event, NCC Officer Baldau Singh Thakur presented the Annual Activity cum Observation Report, highlighting the organization's achievements throughout the year. Adding a touch of culture and patriotism to



the celebration, girl cadets performed patriotic and folk dances that captivated the audience. To recognize the outstanding performance of cadets during the course, mementos and

medals were awarded as a token of appreciation. The event witnessed the presence of teachers, NCC cadets, and students, making it a memorable and patriotic celebration.

## Collector directs to take all necessary measures

■ For the safe storage and protection of paddy

Bemetara, Nov 29:

Collector PS Elma early Tuesday morning appointed district level nodal officers for all the SDM paddy procurement centers of the district in view of the possibility of untimely rains. Instructions were given to take all necessary measures regarding safe storage and protection of paddy stored in production centres. He said that adequate arrangements should be made for covering the paddy with tarpaulin etc. to ensure that the paddy does not get spoiled due to untimely rains in the district. He directed that all the



paddy purchased in the purchase center should be stacked and covered with a cap-cover. All officers should inspect and monitor the paddy procurement centres. Collector Elma asked all the SDMs of the district to ensure arrangements by holding a meeting of paddy procurement center in-charges and nodal officers. Paddy should not be damaged by rain. It is mandatory to make

drainage for the safety of paddy. There should be sufficient number of cap covers in all paddy procurement centres. Water should not accumulate in the centre, there should be adequate drainage arrangements. He said that a list of paddy procurement centres should be prepared for first lifting. So that paddy can be lifted first from those paddy procurement centres.

## Sports extravaganza concluded

Kharora, Nov 29:

The dynamic sports program hosted for brothers and sisters studying at the Gahira Guru Sanskar-Kendra, under the guidance of Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School in Kharora, concluded with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by esteemed guests, with Anil Soni, President of Nagar Panchayat Kharora, serving as the chief guest, and Chandrakumar Dadsena, Head of Provincial Sanskar-Kendra, as the special guest. Panchram Yadav, Ward Councillor, and Ashwani Patkar, Principal of Saraswati Shishu Mandir Kharora, presided over the event. The program commenced on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp near the picture

of Maa Bharati by the distinguished guests. The event aimed at promoting physical development among the brothers and sisters and featured a series of engaging activities, including chair races, 100-meter sprints, lame races, frog races, and fugdi. The young participants who secured the top three positions in these thrilling contests were honoured with prizes by the gracious guests. The success of the program was a result of meticulous planning and the dedicated efforts of Acharyas, sisters, and brothers. Seema Sahu from Sanskar Kendra played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's success. Special thanks were extended to Satrupa Yadav, a resident of the ward, and school teacher Yashwani Kumar Nishad for their invaluable support.

## Conference of saints marks Parivartan Diwas celebration

Arang, Nov 29:

Sant Vijayendra Saheb orchestrated a gathering of revered saints to commemorate Parivartan Diwas at Kabir Kalyan Ashram in the village of Bhlai. This event brought together numerous saints affiliated with the Kabir sect, who shared their profound insights and wisdom.

The gathering of saints shed light on the significance of sixteen sanskars, emphasizing that it is through these values that life is truly enriched. They stressed that human existence remains incomplete without a foundation of moral values, which serve as the compass to distinguish between right and wrong. The profound im-



portance of sanskars in one's life was underscored. Vijayendra Saheb, in his address, highlighted the profound influence of Kabir's teachings within the state, describing every word of Kabir as brimming with the nectar of knowledge. To further foster spiritual growth, the Ashram organized a bhandara for all the satsang enthusiasts in attendance.

During the event, revered saints Awadh Saheb, Panchem Saheb, Gurnum Saheb, Shiv Saheb, and Tribhuvan Saheb delivered sermons on Kabirvani, enriching the spiritual experience. The gathering witnessed the presence of a large number of devotees from various villages and regions, uniting in the pursuit of spiritual enlightenment.

# Pak high court acquits ex-premier Nawaz Sharif in two corruption cases

In which he was convicted in 2018 Islamabad, Nov 29 (PTI):



The Islamabad High Court on Wednesday acquitted Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in two cases of corruption in which he was convicted in 2018. Sharif, 73, had challenged in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) his sentences in the Avenfield property and Al-Azizia cases.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb announced the verdict after hearing arguments from both sides. 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.

# US military Osprey aircraft with 8 aboard crashes into the sea off southern Japan

Tokyo, Nov 29 (AP): Japan's coast guard has found a person and debris in the ocean where a U.S. military Osprey aircraft carrying eight people crashed Wednesday off southern Japan, officials said. The cause of the crash and the status of the person and the others on the aircraft were not immediately known, coast guard spokesperson Kazuo Ogawa said. The coast guard received an emergency call from a fishing boat near the crash site off Yakushima, an island south of Kagoshima on the southern main island of Kyushu, he said.

# NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS SESSION



From third left, Latvia's Foreign Minister Krisjanis Karins, United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg pose during a meeting of the NATO Ukraine Council in NATO foreign ministers session at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Coast guard aircraft and patrol boats found one person, whose condition was not immediately known, and gray-coloured debris believed to be from the aircraft, Ogawa said. They were found at sea about 1 kilometer (0.6 mile) off the eastern coast of Yakushima. "The government will confirm information about the damage and place the highest priority on saving lives," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters. The Osprey is a hybrid aircraft that takes off and lands like a helicopter, but during flight can rotate its propellers forward and cruise much faster like an airplane.

# Imran Khan not to contest for PTI chairman's post

Nominates close aide to lead the party Islamabad, Nov 29 (PTI):



Jailed former prime minister Imran Khan will not contest the intra-party polls and has instead nominated Barrister Gohar Khan for the post of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman to lead the party in the upcoming general elections, a top leader said on Wednesday. Barrister Ali Zafar announced that Chairman Imran Khan would not be contesting intra-party polls scheduled for December 2 and Barrister Gohar Khan had been nominated for the slot of party chairman, Dawn newspaper reported. His statement comes a day after confusion erupted within Imran Khan's party after it dismissed a statement by one of its own senior leaders, who

claimed that the jailed leader would not contest for the chairman's post in the upcoming intra-party polls. "Imran Khan was, and will continue to be the chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf... I will carry out my responsibility till Khan returns," Gohar Khan said. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is set to conduct intra-party elections within the 20-day time frame set by the election commission to retain the bat as its electoral symbol, ahead of general elections scheduled to be held on February 8. Barrister Gohar Khan will be the candidate for PTI's chairmanship.

# India to build 10,000 houses in Sri Lanka's tea plantation areas

Colombo, Nov 29 (PTI):

India will build 10,000 more houses in the plantation areas of Sri Lanka in an extension of its housing project in the country. The High Commission of India signed two significant agreements for the construction of 10,000 houses in plantation areas of Sri Lanka under Phase IV of the Indian Housing Project on Tuesday, a statement said. Separate agreements with the two implementing agencies namely National Housing Development Authority (NHDA) and State Engineering Corporation (SEC) are aimed at early rollout of the construction of the 10,000 houses. Counsellor and Head of Development Cooperation Wing, Eldos Mathew Punnoose, Chairman of SEC, Rathnasiri Kalupahana, and General Manager, NHDA, Kankanamalage Ajantha Janaka were the signatories to the two agreements. Phase IV of the Indian Housing Project is spread

# Sri Lanka nearing completion of Indian Housing Project

Sri Lanka. Beyond the Indian Housing Project, 2,400 houses are being built across the 25 Districts of Sri Lanka under different housing projects. areas is nearing completion," the release said. "Housing receives focused attention in India's people-centric development cooperation partnership with

# At least 40 civilians killed by al-Qaida-linked rebels in a Burkina Faso town

Abuja, Nov 29 (AP):

At least 40 civilians were killed last weekend by al-Qaida-linked rebels trying to take control of a besieged town in Burkina Faso's hard-hit northern region, the United Nations' rights office said, calling the attack a war crime. In one of the largest clashes in recent years in the West African nation under threat from fighters linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group, a large number of fighters

tried to take control of Djibo near Mali's border. The town, located 210 kilometres (130 miles) from the capital, Ouagadougou, has been under blockade by rebels for more than a year, often struggling to provide essential services. The militants in the latest attack, which happened on Sunday, also wounded 42 people and set fire to three camps for internally displaced people, U.N. Human Rights Office spokesperson Seif Magango said in a statement on Tuesday that blamed the attack on JNIM, an umbrella coalition of armed groups aligned with al-Qaida. "Deliberately targeting civilians or individuals not taking direct part in hostilities constitutes a war crime," the U.N. department said, citing reports from its workers on the ground. The Associated Press couldn't reach witnesses or survivors in the area, which has frequent internet cuts and where the military government is

known to crack down on civil society. State-run RTB Television ran images which The Associated Press couldn't verify that showed large groups of people riding motorcycles as they appeared to flee aerial bombardment. "Attacks on civilians are inexcusable and must stop, and those responsible must be held to account following thorough, impartial and independent investigations by the authorities," the U.N. statement added.

# Sri Lanka nearing debt restructuring: President Wickremesinghe

Colombo, Nov 29 (PTI):



Sri Lanka is close to securing a statement of agreement from its external creditors on debt restructuring that will enable the IMF to conclude its first review of the USD 2.4 billion bailout facility approved in March this year, President Ranil Wickremesinghe said on Wednesday. Sri Lanka was hit by its worst economic crisis in history when the country's foreign exchange reserves fell to a critical low and the public came out on the streets to protest the shortage of fuel, fertilisers and essential commodities. On Wednesday, President Wickremesinghe told the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2023 here that, "China's Exim Bank was the first to provide Sri Lanka with the agreement in principle. We expect the official creditor committee to provide a similar agreement."

firmated that it had concluded a preliminary deal with China on restructuring its debts to Beijing, seen as a "big step" in the cash-strapped country's economic recovery. China holds about 52 per cent of Sri Lanka's USD 46 billion external credit. Both nations reached an agreement on the key principles and indicative terms of debt treatment with the Export-Import Bank of China.

The discussions with private creditors are also continuing, Wickremesinghe said. The debt restructuring and related financial assurances would enable the International Monetary Fund to conclude its first review of the USD 2.4 billion bailout facility approved in March this year.

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 16.12.2023 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors.	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner.	Possession Dt.	Reserve Price	Branch Name
			EMD Amt.	Account No. & IFSC Code
M/s. Ajanta Thread and Cosmetics, Proprietor Mr. Ganesh Ram Mahobiya, Gol Bazar, Habib Complex, Sabji Mandi Shop No. 07, Dongargarh -491445.	All that part and parcel of commercial shop no. 08 situated at plot no. 1267/1 & 1268/1, sheet no. 2, Habib Complex, Ward no. 17, Situated at village - Dongargarh, Teh. - Dongargarh, Dist. Rajnandgaon -491445. Area: 241.10 Sqft. Boundaries: North: Shop No. 9, South: Sabji Mandi Shop No. 12, West: Shop No. 07.	01.02.2022 20.04.2022 12.71,818.53 as on 01.02.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 13,68,000/- ₹ 1,36,800/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Dibyendu Biswas (Mo. 786005903) Dongargarh Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0005260 Email: cb5206@canarabank.com
1) Mr. Santosh Jha, Flat No. 11, 2nd Floor Block G2, Chouhan town phase II, Bhilai, Durg.	EMT of Land and Building in the name of Mr Santosh Jha, situated at Flat No 11, 2nd Floor, Block G2, Chouhan town, phase II, Bhilai, Durg. Area 670 SQ.FT. Boundaries: North- Flat no G2-10, South- road, East-Open Space Block G3, West-flat no G2 12.	07.08.2021 21.10.2021 14,68,403.62 as on 07.08.2021 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 13,95,000/- ₹ 1,39,500/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Sandeep Deshmukh (Mo. 9425503197) Smriti Nagar Bhilai A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0001973 Email: cb1973@canarabank.com
M/s. Freshia Multitrade & Infra Pvt. Ltd., Shop No. 30 Ground Floor, Magnet Mail, NH 6, Labhandi, Raipur (C.G.). Director cum Guarantor- 1) Mr. Suresh Nihichalani S/o Mr. Idandas Nihichalani, Flat No. 101, Block-B, Empressia Apartment, Behind Maharana Pratap College, New Rajendra Nagar, Amlidih, Ravi Gram, Brindavanagar, Raipur (C.G.).	1. All the part and parcel of residential flat at first floor, flat no. 101, The Empressia, Kh. No. 409/3, 409/11, 409/26, Ph. No. 114, Tikrapara Raipur in the name of Mrs. Kanchan Nihichalani. Area: 750 Sqft. Bounded: On the South- Flat 102, On the North- Passage, On the West- Flat 104, On the East- Flat 103. 2. All the part and parcel of residential flat at first floor, flat no. 103, The Empressia, Kh. No. 409/3, 409/11, 409/26, Ph. No. 114, Tikrapara Raipur in the name of Mrs. Sandhya Nihichalani. Area: 750 Sqft. Bounded: On the South- Passage, On the North- Flat 104, On the West- Flat 102, On the East- Flat 102.	13.04.2023 11.07.2023 63,44,209.77/- as on 31.04.2023 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 27,72,000/- ₹ 2,77,200/- ₹ 10,000/- ₹ 27,72,000/- ₹ 2,77,200/- ₹ 10,000/-	Property-1 Mr. Ritesh Kawale (Mo. 9326911967) Smriti Nagar Bhilai A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0002555 Email: cb2555@canarabank.com
M/s. AR Industries, Proprietor: Mrs Samrun Nisha W/o Abdul Gaffar, 562, Kavilash Nagar, Near Shiv Temple, Birgaon, Raipur 493221. Guarantor: Mr. Abdul Gaffar S/o Alladin Khan, 562, Kavilash Nagar, Shiv Temple Road, Birgaon, Raipur 493221.	All the part and parcel of Land & Building at part of KH No. 85/25, PH No. 108 at Dhan laxmi nagar banjara mata Ward No. 5, Banpur, Raipur owned by Abdul Gaffar S/o Alladin Khan. Area - 700 Sq.Ft. Boundaries: North: Land of Jawahar Lal Yadav, South: Road, East: Land of Devki Devi, West: Land of Bindal.	03.06.2022 25.08.2022 20,49,295.00 as on 03.06.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 9,90,000/- ₹ 99,000/- ₹ 10,000/-	Smt. Sarita Kumari (Mo. 9516009425) TP Nagar Raipur A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0005306 Email: cb5306@canarabank.com
Mr. Jitendra Yadav, Flat No. 10, 2nd Floor, Block G-06, Chouhan Town, Junwani, Bhilai & Mrs. Manju, Flat No. 10, 2nd Floor, Block G-06, Chouhan Town, Junwani, Bhilai.	All that part & parcel of the property and construction there on situated at flat no. 10, 2nd floor, Block G6, PH No. 15/21, Chouhan Town Phase-II, Junwani, Bhilai, Dist Durg in the name of Mr. Jitendra Yadav S/o Mr. Rampat Singh Yadav. Area- 670 sqft. Boundaries of the Property, East- Open Space & Block G-7, West- Flat No. G-6,9, North- Open Land Area of Chauhan, South- Flat No. G-6-9.	26.10.2022 03.01.2023 21,97,901.00 as on 26.10.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 18,18,000/- ₹ 1,81,800/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Sandeep Kumar Deshmukh (Mo. 9425503197) Bhilai Smriti Nagar Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0001973 Email: cb1973@canarabank.com
M/s. Tribhuvannath Mishra, H No 1 745 Nandini Road, Kshetra 12, Ward 15 Vill- Chhawni Bhillai (Borrower) 2) Mr. Rakesh Agrawal So Janakiaji Agrawal, 41 Ambekar Nagar Ward 21, Camp-1 Supela, Bhillai (Guarantor).	All the part and parcel of property consisting of land & single storied residential building situated at LIG/754, Ward No. 26, CG Housing Board IE Bhillai, and Dist-Durg, Area- 55.05 Sq.Mtr. Boundaries: North: House No LIG/744, South: ROAD, East: House No LIG/698, West: Road.	31.08.2021 17.11.2021 35,61,219.71 as on 12.09.2023 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,53,000/- ₹ 1,05,300/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. L. Venkat Ramam (Mo. 7007819000) Durg Main Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB000289 Email: cb0289@canarabank.com
1. Mrs. Ashok Construction, Proprietor- Mr. Ashok Sharma, Block No. 27, Plot No. 15, Motilal Nehru Nagar (East) Bhillai. 2. Mr. Ashok Sharma, Block No. 27, Plot No. 15, Motilal Nehru Nagar (East) Bhillai, 3. Mr. Jagdish Prasad Sharma, Block No. 27, Plot No. 15, Motilal Nehru Nagar (East) Bhillai.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting PH No. 36, KH. No. 492/2 (part) Village- Santra, Tahsil & Dist- Rajnandgaon in the name of Mr. Ashok Sharma Bounded: North- Govt. Land, South- Land of Toran, East- Land of Surrender, West- Dharsa. Area- 10000 Sq Feet.	02.04.2022 08.06.2022 8,77,447.00 as on 02.04.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 8,10,000/- ₹ 81,000/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Sandeep Deshmukh (Mo. 9425503197) Smriti Nagar Bhilai A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0001973 Email: cb1973@canarabank.com
M/s. Shri Ganpati Udyog, Proprietor: Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh S/o Kameshwar Prasad Singh, MCD Godown, Dhamdha Road, Chikkhi, Durg & Guarantor: Mr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Plot No. 16/17, Block No. 17, Dakshin Gangotri, Supela, Bhillai.	Property 1- Movable: Plant & Machinery located at MCD Godown Dhamdha Road Chikkhi- Durg in the name of M/s. Shri Ganpati Udyog, Proprietor Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh. Property 2- Immovable: All the part & parcel of lease hold G+1 storied commercial cum residential building situated at plot no. 17, Block no. 17, South Gangotri Commercial Market, Near Circus Ground, Supela, Bhillai, Chhattisgarh standing in the name of Mr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh S/o Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh, measuring 1308.00 Sqft. Bounded: On the South- Plot No. 16, On the North- Plot No. 18, On the West- Road, On the East- Plot No. 2.	07.11.2022 09.01.2023 1,05,78,903.55 as on 07.11.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 3,40,000/- ₹ 34,000/- ₹ 78,30,000/- ₹ 7,83,000/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Kapil Ganesh Gaud (Mo. 9739675979) Bhilai Main Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB000298 Email: cb0298@canarabank.com
Mrs. Parveen Sultana W/o Sheikh Abdul Rashid, 682 Katrakat Gali, Gol Bazar, Talipara, Raipur-492001, Chhattisgarh.	All that part of Khata No 246/3, PH No. 105/61, Mathpura, Chandra Shekhar Ward No. 52, RIC Raipur/01, Chhattisgarh, Total Area: 560 Sqft. Boundaries: North- Land of L.N. Singh, South- 20 feet Road, East- Land of Hassan and other, West- Land of Hassan and other.	17.11.2019 06.01.2021 20,98,922.00 as on 27.10.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 15,34,000/- ₹ 1,53,400/- ₹ 10,000/-	Mr. Manoj (Mo. 8319528266) Raipur Sejbahar Branch, A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0005142 Email: cb5142@canarabank.com

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) Whereas The undersigned being the authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 27/09/2023 calling upon: Borrower / Guarantor: 1. Mr. Girish Kamshik S/o Gopal Kamshik to repay the amount mentioned in the notice bearing Rs. 17,22,220.23/- (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and Twenty Three Paise Only) + applicable Intt and other charges there on) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. (Present balance is Rs. 17,22,220.23/- Intt and other charges there on (In words Rs. Seventeen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and Twenty Three Paise Only + applicable Intt and other charges there on).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this date 23.11.2023. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs. 17,22,220.23/- + Intt. and other charges there on (In words Rs. Seventeen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and Twenty Three Paise Only + applicable Intt and other charges there on).

Description of the Immovable Property At Mahima Sagar Ward, Ward no. 21, P.C. No. 22/30 R.N.W. Tehsil & District Dhamtari, Khazra No. 2421/36 Area 1000 SQ.FT/92.93 SQ. MT Plat No. Part No. 32, Dist Dhamtari (Chhattisgarh) Place : Dhamtari DATE: 29.11.2023 Authorized Officer



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### Triumph of Resilience

#### Silkyara Tunnel Workers Emerge From The Abyss

Hope flickered like a distant star for 17 long days, casting its feeble glow on the anguished hearts of families, friends, and a nation united in prayer. The 41 workers trapped within the depths of the Silkyara-Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand bore witness to an ordeal that tested the limits of human endurance. It was a harrowing journey that began on the auspicious morning of Diwali, November 12, and finally, on a crisp Tuesday evening, they emerged into the warm embrace of light, breaking free from their subterranean prison. The whole India held its collective breath as these brave souls stepped into the light of a new day, marking the triumphant end to their 17-day ordeal. Under the vigilant care of a specially crafted medical facility at the nearest government hospital, these resilient individuals have been declared to be in good health by a team of dedicated doctors. Preparations, including the possibility of airlifting to AIIMS in Rishikesh, stand at the ready to address any unforeseen medical needs that may arise. The compassion of the Uttarakhand government shines brightly in the wake of this remarkable rescue. A financial assistance package of Rs 1 lakh per worker is to be provided, a gesture that acknowledges the physical and emotional toll exacted upon these survivors. Furthermore, arrangements are being made to reunite them with their families, who have patiently awaited this joyous moment since news first reached them. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, a beacon of leadership and support, visited these remarkable individuals at the hospital, affirming the government's unwavering commitment to their well-being. The rescue mission that unfolded within the confines of the Silkyara tunnel was a testament to human perseverance and cooperation. The saga of the Silkyara tunnel collapse unfolded like a grim nightmare on the revered Char Dham route. On that fateful day in November, a portion of the tunnel crumbled, sealing the fate of those trapped within. Yet, as they grappled with the darkness and uncertainty, a lifeline emerged in the form of a six-inch pipe, delivering sustenance and hope through the rubble's depths. It was a multi-agency operation that swung between hope and despair, where every passing day was marked by uncertainty. Union Minister VK Singh and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami welcomed the workers as National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel carefully guided them through a steel chute, leading them along a 60-meter passage to safety. As the first ambulance emerged from the tunnel's mouth around 8 pm, a mere hour after a group of rat-hole mining experts chiseled through the last stretch of rubble, jubilation reigned supreme. Tears of relief flowed freely, hugs were exchanged, and outside the tunnel, the chants of "Har Har Mahadev" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" reverberated through the air, celebrating this hard-fought victory for life. Ambulances, standing in silent readiness, transported these valiant workers to a Community Health Centre, where a special 41-bed ward had been meticulously prepared to receive them. Before being reunited with their loved ones, the workers underwent a swift yet thorough medical examination as they emerged from the steel pipeline. In this hour of triumph, the nation stands united in celebration. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extend their heartfelt congratulations, acknowledging the indomitable spirit of these workers who labored to build critical infrastructure, even in the face of grave personal risk. The successful operation to rescue the trapped workers is an emotional moment for all, a testament to the unwavering dedication of rescue teams and experts who undertook one of the most challenging missions in history. The saga of the Silkyara tunnel serves as a testament to human resilience, compassion, and unity. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of hours, the indomitable human spirit can overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges. As these workers step back into the embrace of their loved ones and a grateful nation, let us cherish this moment as a triumph of the human spirit, a beacon of hope in an uncertain world.

### Wildfire Woes

#### Disturbing regular life

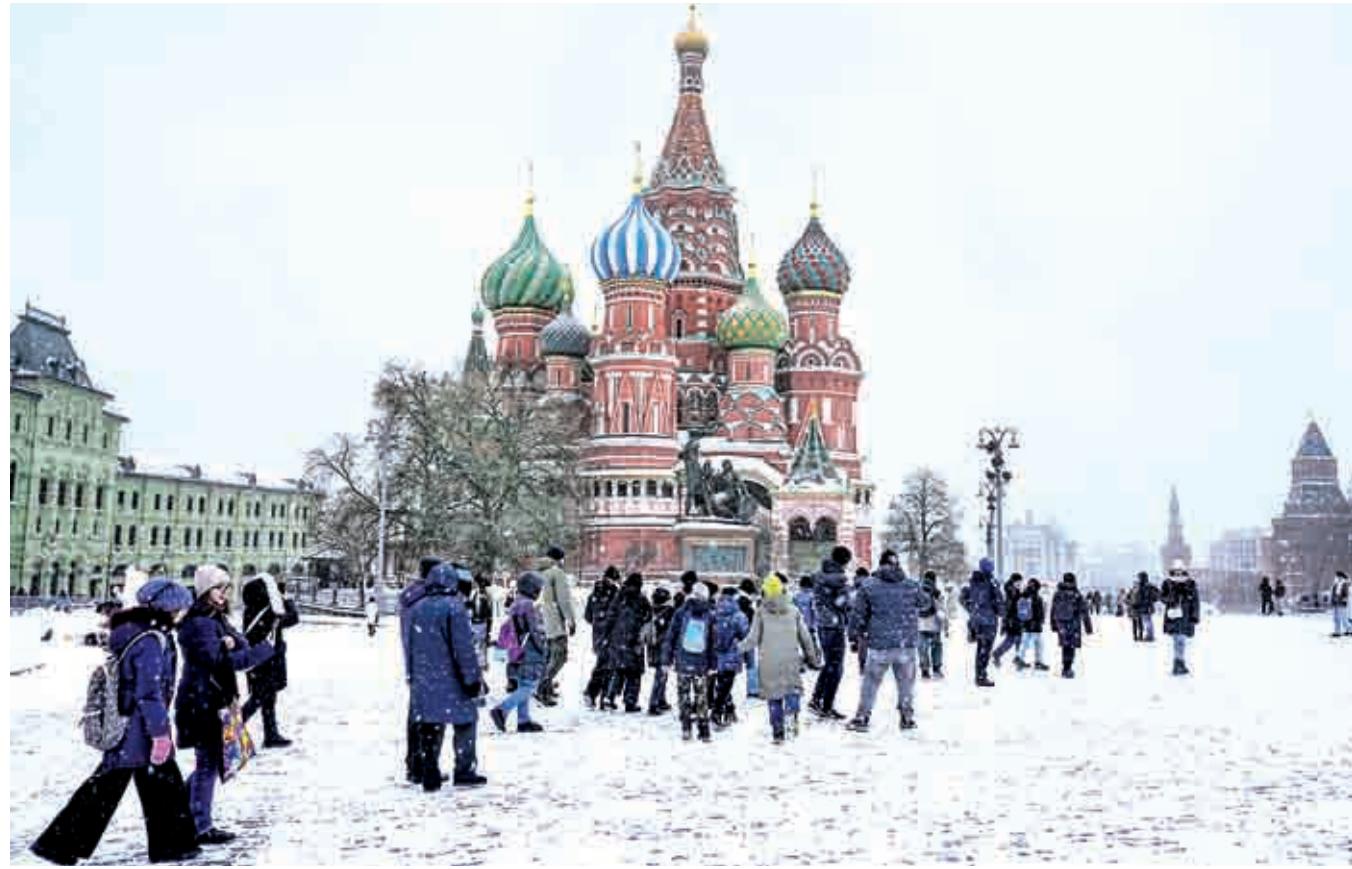
Arka Goswami

The world has witnessed a disturbing phenomenon that transcends borders, sending shockwaves from the serene landscapes of Canada to the idyllic shores of Greece. The persistent outbreak of wildfires has unleashed a relentless struggle for survival, a cataclysmic clash between the forces of nature and human habitation, particularly within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). Unlike the immutable characteristics of geographic features such as floodplains, the WUI is a creation born of human actions, a testament to our inexorable expansion into the wilds. It is a zone where the delicate equilibrium between nature and civilization hangs in the balance, where wildfires reign as a fearsome adversary, and where our very existence teeters on the precipice of destruction. The relentless march of urbanization, the burgeoning desire for homes nestled amid the scenic beauty of the wild, has seen a surge in human settlements encroaching upon the WUI. The consequence? Wildfires, once sporadic and contained, have evolved into a far more sinister and lethal force. As humanity continues to push the boundaries of its habitation, these fires become an ever-present specter, an unrelenting threat to both life and property. It is high time that we recognize the urgent need to monitor and evaluate the expansion of the WUI across the globe, to preemptively craft mitigation strategies that safeguard our communities. India, a land of diverse landscapes, is no exception to this predicament. With a burgeoning population, the nation grapples with the dual challenge of people residing within the WUI and a significant tribal population dwelling in forests prone to wildfire. The vulnerability of these communities cannot be overstated. Lacking the resources and means to combat this menacing force, they stand on the frontlines of an unforgiving battle, one they are ill-equipped to wage. To confront this impending crisis, governments must unite and formulate a multifaceted approach, one that transcends boundaries and encompasses local, state-level, and cross-border strategies. The foremost hurdle in this endeavor is the financial burden. Enacting comprehensive wildfire mitigation plans requires substantial funds, a currency that governments must be willing to invest. As our population burgeons and urban sprawl continues unabated, it becomes increasingly arduous to curtail human encroachments into forested areas. Consequently, communities' exposure to wildfire remains alarmingly high. Yet, within this daunting landscape, there exist glimmers of hope, strategies that, if employed judiciously, can mitigate this pervasive threat. Firstly, the use of fire-resistant building materials offers a beacon of resilience. Constructing homes and structures fortified against the ravages of fire can significantly reduce the extent of damage wrought by wildfires. Secondly, the installation of fire-smart sprinkler systems serves as an initial and contingent line of defense, helping to contain the wildfire's ferocity and limit its devastating reach. Lastly, the collection of a comprehensive and regularly updated pool of data pertaining to the WUI is paramount. This data serves as our compass, guiding us through the turbulent terrain of wildfire management, enabling us to adapt and respond promptly to shifting circumstances. Wildfires, as borne out by the data collected, have firmly entrenched themselves in the annals of serious natural disasters, causing colossal losses in terms of human lives and material wealth. However, with sagacious planning, timely responses, and a commitment to adaptive strategies, we possess the means to wrest control from this formidable adversary.

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

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### SNOW COVERED RED SQUARE



People walk through snow covered Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia.

### TOWARDS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

## India's G20 Presidency and the Dawn of a New Multilateralism

#### NARENDRA MODI



Today marks 365 days since India assumed the G20 Presidency. It is a moment to reflect, recommit, and rejuvenate the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.'

As we undertook this responsibility last year, the global landscape grappled with multifaceted challenges: recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, looming climate threats, financial instability, and debt distress in developing nations, all amid declining multilateralism. In the midst of conflicts and competition, development cooperation suffered, impeding progress.

Assuming the G20 Chair, India sought to offer the world an alternative to status quo, a shift from a GDP-centric to human-centric progress. India aimed to remind the world of what unites us, rather than what divides us. Finally, the global conversation had to evolve - the interests of the few had to give way to the aspirations of the many. This required a fundamental reform of multilateralism as we knew it.

Inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive - these four words defined our approach as G20 president, and the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDDL), unanimously adopted by all G20 members, is testimony to our commitment to deliver on these principles.

Inclusivity has been at the heart of our presidency. The inclusion of the

African Union (AU) as a permanent member of the G20 integrated 55 African nations into the forum, expanding it to encompass 80% of the global population. This proactive stance has fostered a more comprehensive dialogue on global challenges and opportunities.

The first-of-its-kind 'Voice of the Global South Summit,' convened by India in two editions, heralded a new dawn of multilateralism. India mainstreamed the Global South's concerns in international discourse and has ushered in an era where developing countries take their rightful place in shaping the global narrative.

Inclusivity also infused India's domestic approach to G20, making it a People's Presidency that befits that of the world's largest democracy. Through 'Jan Bhagidari' (people's participation) events, G20 reached 1.4 billion citizens, involving all states and Union Territories (UTs) as partners. And on substantive elements, India ensured that international attention was directed to broader developmental aims, aligning with G20's mandate.

At the critical midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, India delivered the G20 2023 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), taking a cross-cutting, action-oriented approach to interconnected issues, including health, education, gender equality and environmental sustainability.

A key area driving this progress is robust Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). Here, India was decisive in its recommendations, having witnessed the revolutionary impact of digital innovations like Aadhaar, UPI, and Digilocker first-hand. Through G20, we successfully completed the Digital Public Infrastructure Repository, a significant stride in global technological collaboration. This repository, featuring over 50 DPIs from 16 countries, will help the Global South build, adopt, and scale DPI to unlock the power of inclusive growth.

For our One Earth, we introduced ambitious and inclusive aims to create urgent, lasting, and equitable change. The Declaration's 'Green Development Pact' addresses the challenges of choosing between combating hunger and protecting the planet, by outlining a comprehensive roadmap where employment and ecosystems are complementary, consumption is climate conscious, and production is planet-friendly. In tandem, the G20 Declaration calls for an ambitious tripling of global renewable energy capacity by 2030. Coupled with the establishment of the Global Biofuels Alliance and a concerted push for Green Hydrogen, the G20's ambitions to build a cleaner, greener world is undeniable. This has always been India's ethos, and through Lifestyles for Sustainable Development (LIFE), the world can benefit from our age-old sustainable traditions.

Further, the Declaration underscores our commitment to climate justice and equity, urging substantial financial and technological support from the Global North. For the first time, there was a recognition of the quantum jump needed in the magnitude of development financing, moving from billions to trillions of dollars. G20 acknowledged that developing countries require \$5.9 trillion to fulfil their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2030.

Given the monumental resources required, G20 emphasised the importance of better, larger, and more effective Multilateral Development Banks. Concurrently, India is taking a leading role in UN reforms, especially in the restructuring of principal organs like the UN Security Council, that will ensure a more equitable global order.

Gender equality took centre stage in the Declaration, culminating in the formation of a dedicated Working Group on the Empowerment of Women next year. India's Women's Reservation Bill 2023, reserving one-third of India's Parliament and state legislative assembly seats for women epitomizes our commitment to women-led development.

The New Delhi Declaration embodies a renewed spirit of collaboration across these key priorities, focusing on policy coherence, reliable trade, and ambitious climate action. It is a matter of pride that during our Presidency, G20 achieved 87 outcomes and 118 adopted documents, a marked rise from the past.

During our G20 Presidency, India led deliberations on geopolitical issues and their impact on economic growth and development. Terrorism and the senseless killing of civilians is unacceptable, and we must address it with a policy of zero-tolerance. We must embody humanitarianism over hostility and reiterate that this is not an era of war.

I am delighted that during our Presidency India achieved the extraordinary: it revitalised multilateralism, amplified the voice of the Global South, championed development, and fought for the empowerment of women, everywhere.

As we hand over the G20 Presidency to Brazil, we do so with the conviction that the our collective steps for people, planet, peace, and prosperity, will resonate for years to come.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Concert Stampede

A horrifying incident unfolded during a music concert at Cochin University of Science and Technology in Kerala, leaving several students dead and injured. Over 2,000 enthusiastic university students attended the event, and the tragedy struck due to a single exit gate. The Vice Chancellor attributed the stampede to heavy rain and the immense crowd. It underscores the importance of meticulous event planning by institutions and organizations. Adequate preparations should always be in place to prevent any untoward incidents.

Jahangir Shaikh, Mumbai

#### Tunnel Crisis

The Silkyara Tunnel incident and ongoing rescue efforts have gripped the nation. Recent government actions, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's involvement, highlight a unified approach to ensure safety and swift rescue. As the rescue operation nears its end, relief and gratitude abound for the tireless work of rescue teams, volunteers, and authorities. However, this incident necessitates a critical review of its causes and a commitment to robust preventive measures. Stringent safety protocols, regular maintenance, and comprehensive risk assessments must become priorities to avert future tragedies. Silkyara Tunnel serves as a poignant reminder of the urgent need for proactive safety measures.

Maimul Saftui, Howrah

#### Impact of climate change on food price

Household food bills have been on an upward move due to various climatic changes. With the increasing incidents of floods, extreme heatwaves, inadequate precipitation at the time of farming, crops get damaged. According to the research conducted by "Energy and Climate intelligence research group" we can infer that climate impacts to get worse, seems to fuel a cost of living predicament for near future. The cost of climate change on food prices is rising up to 20 percent in between 2022 and 2023 in India due to extreme heatwaves in April and May alone. COP26 president sir Alok Sharma said: "The negative impacts of a changing world climate are here and now, and are putting real upwards pressure on the cost of living" In this scenario government should go for a dedicated fund within budget allocation to ensure our food security.

Rina Roy, Durgapur

## Saving Planet Earth

#### ANANTHAPADMANABHAN

Collaborative efforts can go a long way in reversing the degradations of the industrial era and turning our planet human-friendly as well as hospitable. The 28th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of Parties (COP28), beginning in Dubai on 30 November, is another crucial opportunity for world leaders, climate experts and all stakeholders to address the challenges of climate crisis that has been posing a plethora of challenges to humankind.

Even though the environment was considered a major issue at the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, nonetheless, climate action initiatives received a fillip only after COP started meeting every year since 1995. The 1997 Kyoto Conference committed to reduce the emission of gases that contribute to global warming. The initiative to limit the rise in average global temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius and ideally no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, compared with pre-industrial levels was framed up by the Paris Agreement of 2015. Climate scientists since then have been consistently warning that the world can face the

danger of irreversible and catastrophic damage from climate change if these thresholds are crossed.

At COP26 and COP27 in 2021 and 2022, countries agreed to accelerate efforts to phase out inefficient fossil subsidies. But the cause for serious concern is that according to the Stockholm Environment Institute's recently released Projection Gap Report 2023, some 20 major fossil fuel producing countries including Australia, Brazil, China, United Arab Emirates etc., have plans to keep increasing coal production until 2030 and oil and gas production decades beyond. This means that the world remains on track to produce around 110 percent more oil, gas and coal through 2030.

Notably, emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) - like carbon dioxide (CO2), methane and nitrous oxide (N2O) have broken records in 2022 and 2023 will be the hottest year on record. A recent World Meteorological Organisation report suggests that our Earth's climate is changing faster than ever before and for every one degree Celsius rise in temperature, the air's capacity to hold moisture is likely to increase by 6 to 7 percent. The hot-and-humid air, thus, makes more water available to fall as rain, making wet-hot extremes likelier. Events such

as floods and landslides could become frequent because under wet-hot conditions, the heat waves first dry out the soil, thereby reducing its ability to absorb water. India's active participation in world summits related to environment for over five decades and initiatives undertaken has earned appreciation from the United Nations which recently noted that "India accounts for 18 per cent of the world population, but to date only contributed five per cent of warming".

In line with the decisions taken at the 1972 Stockholm Conference, India enacted the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 aimed at protecting and improving the human environment. The National Action Plan for Climate Change launched in 2008 endeavours climate change mitigation and adaptation through various missions like solar energy, energy efficiency, water, sustainable agriculture, health, Himalayan ecosystem, sustainable habitat, green India and strategic knowledge for climate change. Based on the decisions taken at the UN Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June 1992, the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 was enacted for handling cases pertaining to liability and compensation in respect of victims affect-

ed by pollution and other environmental damages. To provide a framework for regulating energy consumption, promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation, India enacted the Energy Conservation Act in 2001, which has since been amended in 2022. The amendment is aimed at fulfilling India's commitments made at the COP26 in 2021 like (a) to reach 500GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030; (b) to meet 50 per cent of energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030; (c) to reduce total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030 (d) to reduce carbon intensity of the economy by 45 percent by 2030, over 2005 levels and (e) to achieve net zero emissions by 2070.

With the prohibition of sale and use of 19 designated single use plastic items in the country last year, ecofriendly alternatives like coconut frond straws, cutlery and plates made out of eco-friendly areca leaves, disposable tableware from bagasse (sugarcane fibre), repulpable paper cups without plastic lining etc., to name a few are available in many of our cities.

While clear plans and coordinated efforts at a macro level can make the difference in dealing with environmental challenges, adopting environmentally friendly products and practices,

by the community would help reduce carbon footprints. For instance, it would be prudent to carry one's own reusable bag(s) for shopping and it would keep a check on plastic bags entering our home, because in a year approximately 300 of them can be saved from ending in landfills. Using one's own reusable water bottles and reusable coffee/tea mugs by default can result in fewer disposable items reaching the trash can.

Transportation accounts for 23 per cent of human emissions globally. For a km of travel per person by train and bus, 14 gms and 68 gms of CO2 is produced. Similarly, it is 55 gms and 72 gms for travel by car and two-wheeler respectively. Air travel produces 285 gms of CO2. So, it pays to travel only when absolutely necessary. The adverse impacts of global warming and climate changes we are witnessing is just a fraction of what may be in store if we don't act today. By keeping a check on human caused climate change through simple steps we can save the planet. Together we can.

(Writer is an independent Journalist from Bengaluru. The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the newspaper.)



**BRIEF**

**Zero impact**



**New Delhi:** Homegrown wine producer Sula Vineyards Ltd on Wednesday said the recent unseasonal rains in Nasik will have zero impact on its business although there was some damage to vineyards. The net impact of these rains has actually been positive in many ways as some rain-deficient districts such as Dindori and Sinnar have received a much-needed water top-up due to the rains, Sula Vineyards CEO Rajeev Samant said in a regulatory filing. "Though there was some damage to vineyards, especially where there were hailstorms, the overall impact on our wine grape procurement and upcoming harvest will be negligible, meaning zero impact on the overall business," he added.

**Fresh bids**

**New Delhi:** The government on Wednesday issued a fresh RFP for the appointment of asset valuer for strategic sale-bound IDBI Bank. The last date for submitting bids by asset valuer is January 5, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said while floating the Request For Proposal (RFP). The DIPAM had last week cancelled the bid process for the appointment of an asset valuer for IDBI Bank on low bidder interest.

**Jeevan Utsav**



**New Delhi:** Insurance behemoth LIC on Wednesday launched its guaranteed return plan, Jeevan Utsav. It is a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings, whole life insurance plan, LIC said in a regulatory filing. LIC Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty, in an interview to PTI had recently said policyholders can expect a lifelong benefit of 10 per cent of the sum assured after the policy matures.

**I-T survey**

**New Delhi:** The Income Tax department on Wednesday conducted a survey operation at Hinduja Global Solutions, an entity of the Hinduja Group, in Mumbai and some other cities, official sources said. The survey operation is being undertaken as part of a tax evasion investigation and offices in Mumbai and some other cities are being covered, they said. According to the I-T law for survey operations, only office premises are being covered.

## Indian equity market enters coveted USD 4-trillion m-cap club for first time ever

New Delhi, Nov 29:

The combined market valuation of all listed companies on the leading stock exchange BSE reached the USD 4-trillion milestone for the first time ever on Wednesday, mirroring a positive trend in equities. What is remarkable about this feat is that it took just two-and-a-half years to hit the USD 4 trillion landmark after the market capitalisation (m-cap) of all listed companies on the BSE touched the USD 3-trillion mark on May 24, 2021. The total valuation of exchange-listed companies went past the USD 1 trillion level on May 28, 2007. The journey from USD 1 trillion to USD 1.5 trillion was covered in 2,566 days or just over seven years on June 6, 2014. The m-cap of listed companies reached USD 2 trillion on July 10, 2017 — taking 1,130 days from the USD 1.5 trillion level. It

took ten years for the exchange to reach from USD 1 trillion level to USD 2 trillion in market capitalisation. From there, it took 1,255 days to go past the USD 2.5 trillion mark on December 16, 2020. In the equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 727.71 points or 1.10 per cent to settle at 66,901.91 after beginning the day on a positive note. During the day, it zoomed 772.08 points or 1.16 per cent to 66,946.28. Thanks to the optimism in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies reached Rs 3,33,26,881.49 crore in morning trade, translating into USD 4 trillion at the exchange rate of 83.31. It finally stood at Rs 3,33,29,095.37 crore at the end of trade, translating into USD 4 trillion. The combined market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms hit an all-time high of Rs 333.29 lakh crore. While the BSE benchmark

Sensex has rallied 6,061.17 points or 9.96 per cent so far this year, the market capitalisation of all listed firms on BSE has gone up by Rs 50.90 lakh crore. The 30-share benchmark hit its all-time peak of 67,927.23 on September 15, this year. Globally, the other markets valued more than USD 4 trillion by m-cap include the US with a market valuation of USD 47.78 trillion, China (USD 9.74 trillion), Japan (USD 6.02 trillion) and Hong Kong (USD 4.78 trillion), according to HDFC Securities. "The BSE market cap's ascent to the \$4 trillion mark signals the start of a fresh momentum in the stock market. Indian stock market is rallying due to solid Q2 earnings and a drop in crude oil prices. Domestic liquidity has provided support to the market, but the lack of foreign fund inflows due to high US bond yields has been a hindrance.

## Govt clears Terms of Reference of 16th Finance Commission

New Delhi, Nov 29:

The government has cleared the Terms of Reference of the 16th Finance Commission to suggest the ratio for devolution of taxes between the Centre and states and also review financing disaster management initiatives, for five years beginning April 1, 2026. The commission would submit its report for the five-year period (2026-27 to 2030-31) to the President by October 31, 2025, an official statement said. Besides tax devolution and states' revenue augmentation measures, the commission would review the present arrangements for financing disaster management initiatives with reference to the funds constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. "The Union Cabinet

chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Terms of Reference for the Sixteenth Finance Commission. The 16th Finance Commission's recommendations, upon acceptance by the government, would cover a period of five years commencing April 1, 2026," the statement said. The Cabinet meeting was held on Tuesday. Names of the chairperson and members of 16th Finance Commission would be finalised soon, an official said. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for 16th Finance Commission will be notified in due course. The commission shall make recommendations in matters including the distribution between the Union and states of net proceeds of taxes which are to be, or may be, divid-

ed between them and the allocation between states of the respective shares of such proceeds. The commission would advise on the principles which should govern the grants-in-aid of revenues of states out of Consolidated Fund of India and the sums to be paid to states by way of grants-in-aid of their revenues. It would also suggest measures needed to augment the consolidated fund of a state to supplement the resources of panchayats and municipalities in the state. "The commission may review the present arrangements on financing disaster management initiatives, with reference to the funds constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and make appropriate recommendations thereon," the statement added.

## BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT



Foreign delegates pose for photos during the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2023, at Bengaluru Palace, in Bengaluru, Wednesday, Nov. 29.

## Vision document being prepared for Viksit Bharat @2047: NITI CEO Subrahmanyam

**New Delhi, Nov 29:** NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam on Wednesday said a vision document is being prepared for India to become a developed economy of about USD 30 trillion by 2047. The draft 'Vision India @2047' document will outline the institutional and structural changes/ reforms that will be needed for the country to become a developed nation by 2047. "A vision plan is being prepared for India to become a developed economy...the prime minister will release the document in January," Subrahmanyam said while addressing an event organised by industry body FICCI. In 2023, NITI Aayog was entrusted with the task of consolidating the 10 sectoral thematic vi-



sions into a combined vision for Viksit Bharat @2047. Subrahmanyam said the government wants college enrolment rate in India to increase from 27 per cent to 50-60 per cent. "So, the college going population would go up from 4 crore to 8-9 crore. So we need thousand more universities, in addition to thousand uni-versities we have today," he said. Subrahmanyam highlighted that since states are fiscally stressed, funds for opening new universities will have to come from the private sector. He noted that there is a need to create education cities like Boston and San Francisco where R&D and innovation can happen. Observing that the median age of half of India's population is below 29 years, the NITI Aayog CEO said, "We have a window of 25 years to exploit the demographic potential of India." While noting that India is going to be the provider of largest workforce in the world, Subrahmanyam said every year, 13 lakh Indian students go out of India to complete their higher education.

## Second quarter GDP numbers likely to be good: Eco Affairs Secretary

**New Delhi, Nov 29:** Indian economy is showing momentum and the growth rate in the second quarter (July-September) is likely to be good, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said on Wednesday. The GDP numbers for the second quarter are scheduled to be released on Thursday. The economy grew at 7.8 per cent in the first quarter (April-June) of the current financial year. "India economy showed good momentum in the second quarter. The second quarter numbers should be good", Seth told reporters on the sidelines of a national workshop on 'Leveraging private finance for urban infrastructure developments — Learnings from G20 Infrastructure Working



Group'. He further said that the fiscal deficit target of 5.9 per cent for the current financial year was feasible despite additional outgo towards food subsidy. "We are confident of meeting fiscal deficit target this year despite the government raising food subsidy for the next five years," Seth said.

## India's pharma biz can reach USD 130 billion by 2030: Industry experts

**Noida, Nov 29:** India's pharmaceutical business may exceed USD 130 billion by 2030, supported by expanding market opportunities and heightened demand in the overseas markets, industry experts said on Tuesday. The business stood at over USD 50 billion for the 2022-23 fiscal, they noted. Chairman of PharmExcil (Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India) Veeramani S V said the Indian pharmaceutical industry is on a compelling growth trajectory, evidenced by an 8 per cent year-to-date increase in exports and a remarkable 29 per cent surge in October alone. "This growth is propelled by expanding market opportunities, heightened demand in the USA, and critical shortages of medicines in the US and Europe. Despite challenges in CIS countries, the global reception of Indian pharmaceuticals

remains positive," he said. Veeramani noted that the domestic market has exhibited impressive growth, exceeding 10 per cent. "Driven by this momentum, I am confident in reaching the 130 billion mark by 2030," he said. The figures were shared at the inauguration of the 16th edition of CPHI & PMEC India Expo — a preminent pharmaceutical B2B event — held at the India Expo Mart and Centre in Greater Noida. Event organisers Informa Markets said this edition — their largest ever — has brought together over 50,000 visitors from across the globe, with more than 1,500 exhibitors showcasing over 10,000 products and representation from over 80 countries. Director General of Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) Anil Matai anticipates a trajectory of sustained

growth. However, achieving this necessitates regulatory reforms to foster industry growth, address patient needs, and promote disruptive innovation, as we learned from the pandemic, he noted. Executive Director of Bulk Drug Manufacturing Association (BDMA) Eshwar Reddy said the 2023 CPHI Pharma Index, score of 7.187 underscores the industry's drive for innovation and self-sufficiency, positioning these events as crucial platforms to showcase advancements, foster collaborations, and drive growth. Yogesh Mudras, Managing Director of Informa Markets in India, said India's pharmaceutical prowess, contributing a formidable 20 per cent to global exports, achieved a remarkable USD 25.3 billion (Rs 2.1 lakh crore) in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

## Hiranandani says no IPO plans in 2024

Mumbai, Nov 29:

The Hiranandani Group does not have any plans for an Initial Public Offering in 2024, and may look at hitting the capital markets in 2025, a top company official said on Wednesday. Niranjan Hiranandani, the Founder and Managing Director of the city-based group, said internal accruals are sufficient to take care of business requirements at present and all projects being undertaken do not require any funding support. "I have no plans at present... (there is) no need for capital today. But let us see. I haven't decided anything in that direction, but never (say) no. Not (in) 2024, may be 2025," Hiranandani told PTI, replying to a specific

query on the company's IPO plans. A slew of its peers from the city, including Rustomjee and Lodha Group (MacroTech Developers), have listed over the last few years. The group announced an expansion into the consultancy services space on Wednesday, wherein it will offer a slew of services, including liasoning, design and marketing, which spread out over the entire lifespan of a realty project, to clients. Hiranandani said the idea is to offer the services on an "a la carte" basis, wherein the client can choose the kind of help the entity needs. The group will charge 12-20 per cent of the cost as its fees, depending on the complexity of work it does, he said.

## Guj CM leads Vibrant Gujarat Roadshow in Tokyo

**Ahmedabad, Nov 29:** Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Wednesday led the 'Vibrant Gujarat Roadshow' in Tokyo, that saw participation of more than 200 business professionals, on the fourth day of his Japan visit, according to an official release. A high-level delegation led by Patel is in Japan to promote the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, to be held in January next year in Gandhinagar. At the roadshow, executive vice president Japan External Trade Organisation or JETRO, Kazuya Nakajo, and Director General of JETRO, Takehiko Furukawa, praised Gujarat's remarkable growth, as per the release. Recognizing the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, they high-



Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel during a meeting with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) official, seeking cooperation for the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, in Tokyo, Wednesday, Nov. 29.

lighted Gujarat's integral role in the global business ecosystem. Furukawa mentioned that the reason for this growth in Gujarat is its "double-engine government", the release said. Executive Vice President of Suzuki, Kenichi Ayukawa, shared his experience of working in Gujarat. He praised the proactive approach of PM Modi and CM Patel. He said such an

approach helped the company maintain leadership in the heavily competitive automotive industry. At the event, Additional Chief Secretary in the Industries and Mines Department, SJ Haider, gave a presentation on the strengths and opportunities in Gujarat. Highlighting the theme of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 as 'Gateway to the Future', he encour-

aged the Japanese business community to participate in the Summit, to be held between January 10 and 12 next year. The Ambassador of India to Japan, Sibi George, spoke about how the strong cultural, social and economic ties between Japan and India, especially with Gujarat, is driving strong cooperation between the two regions.

## Govt to make unique identifier mandatory for construction workers: Labour Secy

New Delhi, Nov 29:

The government on Wednesday said it will make a unique identifier mandatory for all building and construction workers across the country to ensure that migrant workers' rights are protected. This identifier, which will be linked to Aadhaar and integrated into the e-Shram database, will facilitate the portability of benefits. It doesn't matter if anyone is in Delhi today or Mumbai tomorrow, the family's entitlements should remain accessible, Labour Secretary Arti Ahuja said. The senior official made the remarks while addressing the "The Migration Conclave", organised by the All India Organisation of Employers (AIOE) and FICCI, with the support of



the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the national capital. The upcoming addendum, expected to be released within the next week, will further elaborate on these reforms. Ahuja addressed the challenges posed by the increasing use of unregistered outsourced labour through contractors. The four labour codes will require contractors to provide comprehensive bene-

fits to these workers, aligning with the provisions of the Interstate Migrant Workmen Act. These include minimum wages, occupational safety, and access to basic amenities like toilets and worksite creches. The ministry also plans to implement measures ensuring adequate shelter, sanitation, and awareness of entitlements at these locations, Ahuja said. She also emphasised on the importance of a tripartite mechanism involving workers' organisations to address specific concerns of migrant workers within industries. Satoshi Sasaki, Deputy Director, International Labour Organization (ILO), underscored the significance of labour migration in the current and future labour market.

## Candidate getting 40% & above votes can emerge victorious

- From Dhamtari Vidhan Sabha area
- Sahu Samaj is with the highest strength of 30% voters

By Basant Sachdeva

**Dhamtari, Nov 29:** The election results of the Dhamtari Vidhan Sabha (VS) will be declared on Dec 3 and as to who will win is sealed in EVMs. But from Dhamtari VS area only that candidate can win who will get more than 40% votes. There are all sorts of speculations about the election results of Dhamtari VS and the political pundits are making their own calculation of winning and defeat.

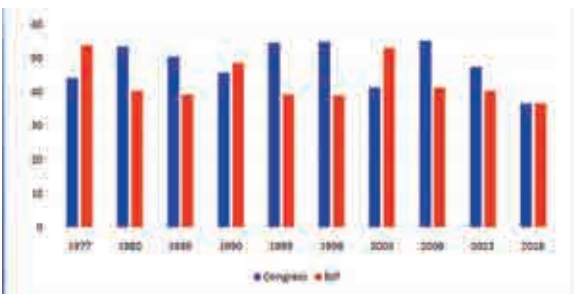
As per the last time figures of VS polls it is clear that the candidate getting more than 40% votes will emerge victorious. In the year 1997, Padrirao Pawar of BJP got 53.85% votes and won the elections against Kesarimal Lunkad of Congress get-

Year	Congress	BJP
1977	44.02	53.85
1980	53.39	40.37
1985	50.39	39.27
1990	45.54	48.51
1993	54.41	39.27
1998	54.79	38.96
2003	41.21	53.09
2008	54.98	41.21
2013	47.23	40.25
2018	36.39	36.66

ting 44.02% votes. Similarly in 1980 Jayaben of Congress got 53.39% against Sanmukhdas Panjwani of BJP with just 40.37% votes.

In 1985 Jayaben of Congress got 50.39% votes against Kriparam Sahu of BJP with just 39.27% votes. In the year 1993 Kesarimal Lunkad of Congress got 54.41% votes against Ramawatar Mishra of BJP with just 39.27% votes. In 1998 Harshad Mehta of Congress got 54.79% votes against Kriparam Sahu of BJP with just 38.96% votes.

In 2003, Inder Chopda of BJP got 51.09% votes against Gurumukh Singh Hora of Congress with



just 41.21% votes. In the year 2008, Gurumukh Singh Hora of Congress got 54.98% votes against Vipin Sahu of BJP with just 35.59% votes.

In the year 2013, Gurumukh Singh Hora of Congress got 47.23% votes against Inder Chopda of BJP with 40.25% votes and Dayaram Sahu (independent) with 5.95% votes. In the year 2018, Ranjana Sahu of BJP got 36.66% votes against Gurumukh Singh Hora of Congress with 36.39% votes; Independent candidate Anand Pawar got 16.96% votes. In the last ten years elections, on an average Congress got 48.235% votes and BJP got 47.364%

votes. What type of scenario will prevail this year?

Dhamtari Vidhan Sabha area with seats as different and mixed voters, as here people of more than 27 castes and creed resides. Sahu, Sinha, Satnami, Tribal, Yadav and Dheemar community are the one with above 5% voters. According to an analysis 52 out of 120 villages are such that the strength of any caste is not above 50%. But there are 38 villages where the strength of Sahu Samaj people is 50% and above and there are 26 villages, where the strength of tribals is 50% and above.

There are 20 villages of Dheemar caste; there is one village of Satnami and Sinha samaj with more than 50% voters of their community. The highest number of voters in the district is from Sahu Samaj and their strength is around 30%. In Dhamtari VS area, elections so far have been held 15 times and in this four times a candidate from Gujarati Samaj; 3 times from Maratha Samaj; 2 times each from Jain and Sikh Samaj and it was only once that a candidate from Brahmin community have emerged victorious. Based upon the caste equations, many a candidates have got the chance to gain mileage in the elections. But this time the scene is altogether different, as it is with the thoughts of the people and based upon the declarations made by both the parties that votes might have got distributed here and there and as to which side the camel may sit, is wait & watch situation.

## Khairagarh students shine in National Children's Science Congress



Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Nov 29:** In a remarkable display of scientific acumen and talent, young students from Khairagarh have made their mark at the 31st District Level Children's Science Congress. With 54 budding scientists participating across junior and senior groups, the event was a celebration of knowledge and innovation. The excitement reached new heights as the judges selected three senior and

two junior groups to represent Khairagarh at the state level. In the junior category, Khushi and Sonam from the government pre-primary school Sahaspur claimed the top two positions, while Gaurav and Depesh from Seges secured their spots for the state-level program. In the senior group, Dikeshwari Chandel and Niharika from government Higher Secondary School Jhuranadi, Keshar and Lileshwari from Government Girls Higher Secondary School

Chuikhadan, and Tilesh and Deepika Sahu from Government High School Bhardakala proved their scientific prowess by clinching spots for the state-level competition.

The judging panel, consisting of esteemed educators, praised the students' innovative ideas and dedication. District Coordinator Sanjay Srivastava, along with other educators and officials, commended the students for their achievements and extended their best wishes.

## Collector safeguards paddy during unseasonal rain

Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Nov 29:** District Collector Gopal Verma sprang into action as the possibility of unseasonal rain loomed over the district. In a proactive move, he issued vital instructions to safeguard the paddy purchased from farmers at various procurement centers, ensuring the protection of the region's agricultural wealth.

On Tuesday, unexpected rain hit the district, including Chhattisgarh, making it a crucial re-

sponsibility for the district administration and the food department to protect the paddy stored in the procurement centers. Under Verma's able guidance, the department took swift and effective measures to ensure the safety of the paddy.

Collector, anticipating the unseasonal rain, directed food inspectors, including the Food Officer and District Marketing Officer, to make necessary arrangements for paddy safety in the procurement centers.

He emphasized the im-

portance of safe storage, including covering the paddy with cape covers and tarpaulin, maintaining proper drainage to prevent water accumulation.

Thanks to the proactive approach of the district administration, the entire team, including District Food Officer Bhuneshwar Chelak and District Marketing Officer Chandrapal Dewan, visited the paddy procurement centers.

They ensured the paddy remained protected from the rain. By coordinating

with committee managers, they improved maintenance and security at the centers.

Paddy procurement has been ongoing in the state since November 1, and Collector Gopal Verma's instructions served as a lifeline to protect the farmers' interests.

Food Officer Bhuneshwar Chelak and Food Department officials inspected the Cooperative Service Society Amalipara Paddy Procurement Center on Tuesday, where all 40 stacks of paddy were covered and kept safe.

## Constitution Day celebrated at Dashrangpur School

Empowering students with legal knowledge and awareness

Central Chronicle News

**Mungeli, Nov 29:** The spirit of Constitution Day came alive at Government Higher Secondary School, Dashrangpur, where an enlightening program unfolded in the presence of esteemed guests, including Judicial Magistrate First Class Reshma Bairagi Patel, Judge and Secretary Mayank Soni, Magistrate Shweta Thakur, District Education Officer GR Chaturvedi, and BRC DC Dahire.

The festivities commenced with the ceremonial lighting of lamps be-

fore the images of Maa Saraswati and Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. The distinguished guests were accorded a warm welcome, followed by a series of insightful speeches.

Chief Guest Patel shed light on the life of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar and shared valuable advice with the students, emphasizing the importance of adhering to motor vehicle rules, especially discouraging under-age driving without a valid license.

The girls received valuable information about the POCSO Act and their

fundamental rights. Mayank Soni and Shweta Thakur provided students with insights into legal services and encouraged them to always respect both their peers and teachers. The gathering also received guidance on safeguarding against online fraud.

District Education Officer GR Chaturvedi continued the celebration by illuminating the life of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar and extending heartfelt wishes to the children on Constitution Day.

The students then took center stage, presenting a

captivating array of activities, including painting, rangoli, speeches, Constitution slogans, dances, dramas, and Panthi dance performances. School lecturer Vikas Kumar Sharma administered the Constitutional oath, further reinforcing the significance of the day.

Principal Shashi Ghosle, along with teachers and students, graced the occasion, making it a memorable celebration of Constitution Day. The program was skillfully conducted by Yogendra Bhaskar, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

## Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated with devotion

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**Kurud, Nov 29:** The 554th birth anniversary of the founder of Sikh community Guru Nanak Dev was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Sindh Bhawan Kurud. Whereas in the past days, the work of religious awakening was being done by the people by taking Prabhat Pheri, along with Shabad Kirtan, Langar Prasad and service work continued in the Gurudwaras.

Society chief Rajkumar Chainwani, Kushal Sukhramani told that Guru Nanak Jayanti is the festival of light of the entire human society, and Guru Nanaki gave the message that the master of



the entire world is one, and all are his servants and the biggest feature of Sikhism is service.

On this occasion, Sikh community members Rajkumar Chainwani, Kushal Sukhramani, Anil Bajaj, Rajesh Chainwani, Sanjay Chainwani, Deepak Bajaj, Prakash

Chainwani, Naresh Bajaj, Mahendra Chainwani, Manohar Lal Motwani, Prakash Shadija, Ravi Bajaj, Santosh Motwani, Dinesh Asrani, Sanjay Motwani, Vinod Asrani, Manohar Sundarani, Mukesh Nagwani, Akash Ramani, Ashish Shadija and others were present.

## Anwari Village celebrates Kartik Purnima

Central Chronicle News

**Anwari, Nov 29:** The village of Anwari gleamed with festive fervour as Kartik Purnima was celebrated with grandeur. Locals gathered at dawn to partake in the sacred Kartik bath, while the Raut brothers adorned cows with Sohrai in a captivating ritual.

**Traditional rituals and Dev Diwali significance**

According to Thaneshwar Sahu, a proud villager, the festival of Diwali is observed on Kartik Amavasya, followed by the auspicious Dev Diwali on Kartik Purnima, which holds a special place in Hindu tradition. On this divine day, it is customary to bathe in the holy waters of a river and offer lamp donations along its banks. Legend has it that Lord

Shiva vanquished the demon Tripurasura, and Lord Vishnu took on the Matsya avatar on this day, hence its name, Dev Diwali. It is believed that all deities descend from heaven to celebrate the festival of Deepotsav after bathing in the Ganga on Kartik Purnima. Homes are adorned with lamps and intricate rangoli designs to mark this joyous occasion.

**The mythical tale behind Dev Diwali**

Kartik Purnima holds great significance in Hinduism, with worship, rituals, chants, penance, and lamp donations being observed throughout the month of Kartik. It is believed that Goddess Lakshmi was born in this month, and Lord Shri Hari Vishnu awoke from his four-month-long yoga nidra dur-



ing Kartik. Dev Diwali, celebrated with splendor, also coincides with Guru Nanak Jayanti, embraced by followers of Hindu and Sikh faiths.

**Why is Dev Diwali celebrated?**

According to ancient texts, chaos gripped the

three worlds due to the terror of Tripurasura. Kartikeya, the commander of the gods, had already defeated Tripurasura's father, Tarakasura. Seeking revenge, Tarakasura's three sons performed rigorous penance before Lord Brahma. Although immor-

tality was denied, Lord Brahma bestowed another boon upon them. Subsequently, Lord Shiva vanquished the three sons of Tarakasura, known as Tripurasura, on Kartik Purnima, leading to the celebration of Dev Diwali by illuminating the banks of the Ganga with lamps. This time-honored tradition continues to be observed with reverence, commemorating the day's mythical significance.

This year, Kartik Purnima unfolded with rituals and recitations, with Thamman Sahu, Bhuneshwar Sahu, Tula Ram Sahu, Hemant Sahu, Kali Yadav, Hiru Yadav, Bhushan Yadav, and Gopi Yadav participating in the Doha recitations and the ceremonial tying of Sohrai to cows.

## CEO highlights Micro Observers' key role

Matching of machines as per booth is the main responsibility of Micro Observer: CEO

Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Nov 29:** As the assembly election vote counting approaches its culmination on December 3 at Ramanuj Vidyalaya premises, meticulous preparations are underway to ensure a fair and transparent process.

Following the directives of the Election Commission, micro observers will oversee the vote counting, and a dedicated training session was conducted today at the District Panchayat brainstorming room.

Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Chief Executive Officer of



District Panchayat Korea, underscored the critical role of micro observers in the counting process. He explained that the counting will commence at 8 am, starting with the postal ballots.

Master Trainer Vinay Mohan Bhatt provided detailed guidance during the

training session, clarifying that the 13C envelope will contain both the 13B declaration form and the 13A envelope housing the ballot paper.

This meticulous approach ensures precision in counting votes, and any envelopes not meeting the prescribed standards will

be rejected. Dr. Chaturvedi urged micro observers to exercise utmost vigilance in this regard.

In addition to micro observer training, sector officers and counting personnel are undergoing joint training to foster a sense of teamwork and impartiality in the counting process.

## Three accused nabbed for using electric current

• For hunting wild animals

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**Kasdol, Nov 29 :** Under the direction of Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Deepak Kumar Jha, under the guidance of Addl. Superintendent of Police and Anuj Kumar, Addl. SP Balodabazar, the police station Kasdol, and under the leadership of Inspector Lakhesh Kenwat three accused have been arrested, for using electric current for hunting wild animals.

According to the information received, on 22nd November, at village Narayan, resident of Khagesh Kumar Chauhan, father Shiv Kumar, aged 25 years, died due to elec-



tric shock, on which crime no. 591/2023 Section 304A, 139 Electricity Act was registered and taken into consideration. During the investigation at incident site village Borsi Paradgari road near Kalipandey Tikra, suspects Ramsingh God, Sitaram Kanwar and

Rameshwar Manjhi, three residents of village Borsi were caught and interrogated, on which they were caught with 11,000 KV current wire for hunting wild animals.

By neglecting the installation and spreading current by pulling the wire, led to the death of deceased Khagesh Kumar Chauhan. The bamboo pegs and GI wire planted by the accused have been seized and the accused in the case were duly arrested on 27th November and presented before the Kasdol court. Police station Kasdol and forest department staff along with head constable Kulmani Barik has made a special contribution in the entire proceedings.

## India Women's A pip England Women's A by 3 runs in thrilling finish to 1st T20

Mumbai, Nov 29 (PTI):

India Women's A staged a late inspirational comeback to pip England Women's A side by a mere three runs in the first T20 game of their three-match series here on Wednesday.

Chasing 135 for win, England looked in complete control riding on a brilliant 70-run stand for the fourth wicket between vice-captain Hollie Armitage (52) and wicket-keeper-batter Seren Smale (31), but India fought back with a cluster of wickets to clinch a narrow win.

Kashvee Gautam (2/23) struck twice to dismiss Smale and Issy Wong (2) in the 18th over to open the door back for the Indians, who pulled off a thrilling win at the Wankhede Stadium.

With 13 needed off the final over, Shreyanka Patil (2/26) gave away five extras (wide) on the first ball but India prevailed eventually by three runs.

India Women's A were guilty of not putting up enough runs on the board



and making plenty of mistakes in the field.

Armitage, who top-scored in the game with 52 off 41 balls (3x4s, 1x6s), made the most of a lifeline as Disha Kasat spilled a regulation catch at cover off Prakashika Naik (1/28). Another opportunity to break the stand was missed in the 14th over when Indian keeper Uma Chetry did not collect the ball to break the stumps, anticipating a direct hit.

The two England batters unleashed powerful hits while constantly pressuring the Indian fielders with brisk running between the wickets.

Patil got India A their first breakthrough when she cleaned up Grace Scrivens (7) in the second over. Mannat Kashyap (1/21) got rid of Mady Villiers (20; 17 balls, 4x4s) and Naik removed Freya Kemp (1) in the eighth over. Earlier, after electing

to bat, India made 134/7 in 20 overs. Kasat batted well to make 25 from 32 balls, hitting three fours.

On a slow deck, India Women's A could not really push on with their scoring rate, with England seamers doing well.

Skipper Charlie Dean was the pick among the bowlers with 4-0-19-2 while Kemp finished with figures of 4-0-30-2. Wong (1/13), Lauren Filer (1/34) and Kirstie Gordon (1/26)

### Brief scores

India Women's A 134/7 in 20 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 22, Disha Kasat 25, Gnanananda Divya 22; Charlie Dean 2/19) beat England Women's A 131/8 in 20 overs (Hollie Armitage 52, Seren Smale 31; Kashvee Gautam 2/23, Shreyanka Patil 2/26) by 3 runs.

chipped in with a wicket each. Player of the match Patil admitted India made errors in the field.

"It is a big platform for all of us. It happens, (but) how we come back is what matters," Patil told the media after the match.

Patil said India were confident that the bowlers would pull it off.

"I would say maybe (India were) 10-15 runs short but then we were looking (at a total) around 130-140 because the wicket was slightly slower and we knew our bowlers could get the job done," she said.

## Kane Williamson, Taijul Islam star on evenly-matched second day

Sylhet, Nov 29:

Taijul Islam kept Bangladesh ahead after the second day's play in Sylhet, even as Kane Williamson levelled with Don Bradman and Virat Kohli on 29 Test centuries. The left-arm spinner took four wickets to inspire a strong reply from the hosts, who held a 44-run lead at stumps. New Zealand reached 266 for 8 when play was called off early due to bad light for the second day in a row.

Williamson held the New Zealand innings together with a patient 104 which he essayed off 205 balls with 11 fours. He kept holding one end up with the middle order, but occasional wickets at the other end restricted his partnerships to only 54, 66 and 78 runs for the third, fourth and sixth wickets, respectively. Bangladesh even struck twice late in the day, when Taijul removed Williamson and Ish Sodhi with the second new ball. He had also given Bangladesh their first breakthrough early in the first session.

But earlier, they had lost their remaining wicket off the day's first ball when Tim Southee had Shoriful Islam lbw. In reply, New Zealand made a cautious start before their openers Tom Latham and Devon Conway succumbed to tight spin bowling. Latham, usually a heavy-scorer against Bangladesh, top edged a sweep off Taijul, which was easily caught by Nayeem Hasan. Mehidy Hasan Miraz then had Conway caught at silly point, where debutant Shahadat Hossain took a smart catch diving to his right.

New Zealand regrouped through Williamson and Henry Nicholls by adding 54 for the third wicket. Nicholls re-



mained cagey during his stay of 19 runs from 42 balls, before edging Shoriful. It was the first time in 13 years that Bangladesh took New Zealand's first three wickets for less than a hundred runs. Williamson reached his century five overs before the second new ball was due; but as soon as it was taken, Taijul removed him with his best ball of the day. Williamson came forward, but had the new ball slip between his bat and pad. Sodhi was Taijul's fourth wicket of the day, caught neatly at short leg by Shahadat.

## Srikanth loses; Unnati Hooda, Priyanshi, Kiran win

### Syed Modi International

Lucknow, Nov 29 (PTI):

India's Kidambi Srikanth bowed out with a straight-game loss in the opening round but young Unnati Hooda shocked compatriot Aakarshi Kashyap to make it to the second round of the Syed Modi International badminton tournament here on Wednesday.

Former world no. 1 Srikanth, a 2021 World Championships silver medalist, lost 21-23 8-21 to Korea's Chia Hao Lee, continuing his dismal run in international circuit this season. The 16-year-old Unnati, who is touted as one of the finest talents in women's singles, rallied her way to a stunning 15-21 21-19 21-18 win over Kashyap in a 77-minute Round of 32



clash of the BWF Super 300 tournament. The young shuttler from Rohtak will next face Japan's former world champion Nozomi Okuhara, who prevailed 18-21 21-17 21-10 over another Indian Malvika Bansod in another match. Anupama Upadhyaya, Ashmita Chaliha also progressed in

the women's singles. While Anupama defeated Amalie Schulz of Denmark 14-21 21-15 21-9, Ashmita got rid of Polina Buhrova of Ukraine 21-15 21-15 in another match. In men's singles, Orleans Masters winner Priyanshu Rajawat, Denmark Masters winner Kiran George and Sathish

Kumar Karunakaran entered the second round with fine victories in men's singles competition.

Priyanshu beat Kazakhstan's Dmitriy Panarin 21-17 21-19, while Kiran saw off Chirag Sen - Lakshya sen's brother - 21-16 14-21 21-13 and Sathish got past Chinese Taipei's Huang Yu Kai.

Priyanshu will face Sathish in an all-Indian clash, while Kiran meets Chia. Sameer Verma, however, went down fighting 9-21 21-17 17-21 to Wang Tzu Wei of Chinese Taipei.

In doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto notched up a 21-3 21-9 win over compatriot Samridhhi Singh and Sonali Singh in the first round. They will face another all-Indian pair - Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda - in the round of 16.

Ahmedabad, Nov 29 (PTI):

India opener Shubman Gill feels the experience of playing under "great leaders" in the India setup will help him a lot when he leads Gujarat Titans in the upcoming season of the IPL.

Gill has played under the likes of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma and played a vital role in India reaching the World Cup final at home recently.

Gill was recently announced skipper of 2022 IPL champions Gujarat Titans after their captain for two seasons, Hardik Pandya, was traded back to five-time winners Mumbai Indians.

It will be Gill's maiden outing as captain of an IPL side, having begun his journey in the competition in 2018 with Kolkata Knight Riders before head-



ing to GT in 2022. "We all know captainship comes with a lot of things, and commitment is one of

them. Discipline is one of them. Hard work is one of them. Loyalty is one of them," said Gill in a video posted by the franchise on social media.

"And, because, I think I've played under great leaders and I've learned a lot from them, I think those learnings that I have had from their experience playing under them is gonna help me a lot in this IPL," Gill added that there was no dearth of experienced players in Gujarat Titans, and he would get to learn a lot from leaders such as New Zealand's Kane Williamson and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.

"We have great leaders in our team, be it Kane (Williamson) or be it Rashid (Khan) or be it (Mohammed) Shami, or even David (Miller), or even Wriddhi (Saha). So, I

think it's gonna be great. "And obviously, there are gonna be a lot of learnings along the way, which would be my experience as a captain. And I see a lot of people making great memories," he added.

As far as playing the leadership role is concerned, Gill was the India U-19 vice-captain during the 2018 World Cup. He was also named skipper of India Blue during the 2019-20 Duleep Trophy, the India C captain in the Deodhar Trophy the same season, and the India-A leader during the New Zealand tour later in 2019.

However, Gill feels it will take him some time for the feeling of being made GT skipper to sink in. "I think it's gonna take, like, probably till the time we don't play the first match. It's not gonna quite sink in. It's a great feeling.

## BCCI extends contracts of Dravid and his support staff

New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI):

The BCCI on Wednesday extended the contracts of Indian cricket team head coach Rahul Dravid and his support staff following the side's runners-up finish in the ODI World Cup. India lost to Australia in the summit showdown at Ahmedabad on November 19 after an excellent run of 10 successive wins in the premier tournament. The PTI had on Tuesday reported that Dravid's contract would be renewed with the BCCI looking for continuity in the set-up helmed by the legendary cricketer over the last two years. Dravid had replaced Ravi Shastri after the T20 World Cup in 2021, getting appointed for a two-year term which ended with the ODI World Cup. Under Dravid, India also finished runners-up in the last World Test Championship, losing to Australia in the final. "The Board of Control for Cricket in India announces the extension of contracts for head coach Rahul Dravid and the support staff of Team India (senior men)," the sport's apex body said in a statement. The BCCI engaged in productive discussions with Dravid after the term of his contract ended following the recently-concluded World Cup and unanimously agreed to further the tenure, it added.



## India to tour Sri Lanka in July-August, 2024 for six-match white-ball series

Colombo, Nov 29 (PTI):

The crisis-ridden Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and its host broadcaster will have something to cheer about during the middle of 2024 when the Indian team makes its annual ritual tour of the islands for a short six-match white-ball series, the board announced on Wednesday.

SLC has been banned by the ICC for government interference and the global body has also shifted the U-19 World Cup to South Africa. However the national teams (men and women) will be allowed to fulfil their bilateral commitments.

According to the 2024 calendar released by SLC,

India is supposed to travel for three ODI and T20Is each during July-August, which is effectively country's cricket season.

The men's national team is due to play 52 international games in 2024, which includes 10 Tests, 21 ODIs and 21 T20Is. The T20Is, however, doesn't factor in the additional games that they will play during the T20 World Cup.

One of the major assignment will be the three-Test away series in England, which is a part of the current World Test Championship. The other tough assignment will be the two-Test series against South Africa in November.

## Ganemat and Anantjeet win maiden national titles

New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI):

Ganemat Sekhon and Anantjeet Singh Naruka, arguably India's number one women's and men's skeet shooters at present, added another feather to their cap by winning maiden individual senior national titles here on Wednesday.

Competing at the 66th National Shooting Championship Competitions for shotgun shooters, Punjab's Ganemat and Rajasthan's Anantjeet took contrasting paths towards the same result. Ganemat shot a below-par 116 in qualification and had to come through a five-way shoot-off for four final qualifying places, before



shooting down 56 targets to win the 60-shot final. Qualifiers leader Zahra Deesawala was second with 55 hits while Sanjana Sood was third with 44. In men's skeet, Anantjeet shot at a different level, registering a pillar to post victory.

He topped the qualifiers with a 123 out of 125. The next best in the field was 121. In the six-man final, he

gunned down 58 out of 60 targets to leave silver-winning Muneek Battula well behind on 55. Bhavtegh Gill won bronze hitting 45 out of the first 50 targets.

Earlier this year, Ganemat won two medals including a gold and silver in ISSF World Cups while Anantjeet won an Asian Games silver in men's skeet at Hangzhou.

## With so much dew even 14 runs per over would have been chased: Gaikwad

Guwahati, Nov 29 (PTI):

The dew laden condition was the primary reason for Indian bowling attack's poor show in the third T20 International, where the home team failed to defend an imposing total of 222, vice-captain and opener Ruturaj Gaikwad said after the defeat.



104 not out, included 23 runs off the final over from Prasad Krishna, who was smashed for four boundaries and a six.

For the record, Krishna's 0/68 in 4 overs is the worst T20I figure by any Indian bowler.

"I don't think so it's a

concern because it's almost like you are bowling with a wet ball. And it's really tough on them," Gaikwad told reporters during the post-match press conference.

"In these kinds of conditions, 12 runs per over or even 13 or 14 runs per over is gettable, even while we are chasing. In the first game, how easily we managed to chase 210," he cited an example.

"So I think, I don't think so definitely there's not a

concern at all. It's just that the conditions are slightly tougher for them, and we have to accept and move on." Gaikwad said Maxwell's brutal innings and heavy dew proved to be home team's undoing.

Making his 100th T20I appearance, Maxwell slammed an unbeaten 104 off just 48 balls as Australia massed 45 runs in the last two overs to seal a last-ball thriller to make it 1-2 in the five-match series.

## Thapa, Panghal storm into quarters at men's National Boxing C'ships

Shillong, Nov 29 (PTI):

Six-time Asian Championships medalist Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) and World Championships runner-up Amit Panghal (51kg) maintained their impressive form to advance into the quarterfinals of the Men's National Boxing Championships here on Wednesday.

Thapa, who won a gold medal in the last edition, demonstrated his prowess with a commanding 5-0 victory over Santhosh HK



from Karnataka. The Assam pugilist will now face Shashank Pradhan of Delhi in the quarterfinals. Representing SSCB, Panghal warded off a challenge from Punjab's Jayshandeep Singh 4-1 to

set up quarterfinal bout against Mohammad Aarif of Jammu and Kashmir. Meanwhile, 2021 Asian champion Sanjeet knocked out Sawan Gill of Chandigarh 5-0 in the 92kg weight category.

## After an electrifying campaign, stage set for polling in T'gana today

Hyderabad, Nov 29 (PTI):

After a high decibel campaign that saw the likes of top national leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rahul Gandhi and ruling BRS supremo K Chandrasekar Rao addressing a series of meetings crisscrossing the state, the stage is now set for polling on Thursday to elect 119 members to the Telangana Legislative Assembly.

Voters would exercise their franchise in 35,655 polling stations set up across the state. There are 3.26 crore eligible voters in the state.

Polling would be held from 7 AM to 5 PM in 106 constituencies and from 7 AM to 4 PM in 13 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, official sources said on Wednesday.

As many as 2,290 contestants are in the fray for the upcoming elections, including Chief Minister KCR, his minister-son K T

Rama Rao, state Congress president A Revanth Reddy and BJP Lok Sabha members Bandi Sanjay Kumar and D Arvind.

The model code of conduct came into force in the state after the Election Commission announced the schedule on October 9.

BRS has fielded candidates in all 119 seats. As per the seat sharing agreement, BJP and actor Pawan Kalyan-headed Jana Sena are contesting in 111 and 8 seats respectively, while Congress has given one seat to its ally CPI, and fighting from 118 others.

Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM has put up candidates in nine segments in the city.

The BRS is keen on extending its winning run that started in 2014, while the Congress is putting up a spirited fight to win the polls having tasted defeat in 2018 and four years earlier, when the previous UPA government granted state-

hood to Telangana. The BJP is also leaving no stone unturned to come to power for the first time in the southern state.

CM KCR is contesting from two segments—Gajwel and Kamareddy. He represents Gajwel in the outgoing Legislative Assembly.

Kamareddy and Gajwel are witnessing exciting contests.

Congress has fielded its state president Revanth Reddy to take on the chief minister in Kamareddy, while BJP candidate Venkata Ramana Reddy is no pushover either.

In Gajwel, BJP has de-

ployed its election campaign chairman Eatala Rajender against CM Rao.

Revanth Reddy, a Lok Sabha member, is also contesting from Kodangal which he had represented earlier. BJP's Rajender is seeking re-election from Huzurabad. As part of his campaign, PM Modi addressed rallies for three days in a row in the state, including at Kamareddy, Nirmal, Maheswaram, and Karimnagar, besides holding a massive roadshow in the state capital.

He had also attended a 'BJP's BC Atma Gourava Sabha' (backward classes self-respect meeting) and a public meeting organised by the Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS).

Modi had said the Centre would soon form a committee which would adopt all possible ways for empowering Madigas (a SC community) with regard to their demand of categorisation of Scheduled Castes.

### Vital statistics...

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### POLL SECURITY



Security personnel stand guard near Charminar on the eve of the Telangana Legislative Assembly elections, in Hyderabad, Wednesday.

## 'Confident of assembly polls victory'

Jaipur, Nov 29 (PTI):

The Congress' Rajasthan unit chief Govind Singh Dotasara on Wednesday expressed confidence that the party will return to form the government in the state with a full majority.

BJP's agenda of religious polarisation in Rajasthan has failed. Dotasara told reporters, "After the voting, the trends that are coming from the public and the political analysts, only one thing is coming out — the



Congress will again come to power in Rajasthan with a full majority."

Voting for 199 out of the 200 assembly seats in Rajasthan was held on November 25. The counting of votes will take place on December 3.

## Poll official suspended amid row over opening of postal ballots

● Kept in Balaghat strongroom

Bhopal, Nov 29 (PTI):

Days before the counting of votes of Madhya Pradesh assembly polls, a sub-divisional magistrate from Balaghat district has been suspended amid a controversy over some officials allegedly opening the strong room and segregating postal ballots ahead of the daily schedule on Monday.

The district administration had earlier said the strong room in the tehsil office, where postal ballots are kept, would be opened at 3 pm every day for storing the postal ballots.

The opposition Congress had submitted a memorandum to the state Chief Electoral Officer alleging that postal ballots were

taken out of the strong room on November 27 and demanded action against the Balaghat collector.

The district administration, however, had termed the incident as a "procedural lapse".

The order suspending sub-divisional magistrate Gopal Kumar Soni, the returning officer of the Balaghat assembly seat, was issued on Tuesday by district collector cum returning officer Girish Mishra.

Soni was suspended following directives from the Jabalpur divisional commissioner, as per the order.

Earlier, assistant returning officer (ARO) cum tehsildar Himmat Singh Bhavedi was suspended in connection with the postal ballots incident.

After Congress submitted a memorandum, MP CEO

Anupam Rajan denied the allegations and said local Congress leaders have expressed satisfaction with the procedure.

State Congress vice president JP Dhanopia, the party's in-charge of election affairs, had alleged that postal ballots were taken out from the treasury room in Balaghat and handed over to staffers who were handling them the way they wished.

"Therefore, the sanctity of postal ballots is under suspicion," Dhanopia had stated in the memorandum seeking the suspension of all employees associated with the process.

Balaghat collector Girish Mishra had issued a statement saying the strong room, created in the local tehsil office, was opened in the presence of authorised polling agents of political

parties to segregate the incoming postal ballots.

As per the process, ballots coming in through the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETBPS) from various districts are segregated assembly-wise at 3 pm every day after opening the strong room, he said.

The ballots are then carefully placed in bundles as per rules laid down by the Election Commission, the collector was quoted as saying.

A total of 429 service votes of Baihar, 553 of Lanjhi, 452 of Paraswada, 1,308 of Balaghat, 391 of Waraseoni and 126 of Katangi were segregated in the presence of authorised agents, the statement said.

"Someone shot a video of the process and circulated it to create confusion," it added.

## 'Public feedback, atmosphere indicate Congress' return to power'

Jaipur, Nov 29 (PTI):

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said feedback from the people and the atmosphere in the state indicate that the Congress will retain power.

Gehlot expressed confidence that the grand old party — which has been in power since December 2018 — will buck the trend of the state government alternating every five years between the BJP and the Congress.

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seats the Congress could win, he expressed hope that the party will form the government again.

"I do not calculate numbers but the atmosphere, by and large, and the kind of feedback that is there, it looks like people's mind this time is to repeat the government," he said.

"Whatever result comes on December 3, we will accept that with humility," Gehlot said before leaving for Delhi.

The Congress leader also accused BJP leaders — including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and chief ministers of the saffron party-ruled states who campaigned in

Rajasthan — of using provocative language.

The BJP raised the issue of Kanhaiya Lal's murder but those involved were linked to the saffron party, he alleged.

The veteran leader said the Rajasthan Police caught the murder accused within two hours but the BJP leaders did not talk about it.

Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor, was murdered by two men in his shop in Udaipur in June 2022 over an alleged insult to Islam.

Gehlot also said the Congress contested the assembly elections on the issue of development and governance.

## Why PM Kisan disbursement not stopped: Rama Rao

● Asks EC order to halt Rythu Bandhu

Hyderabad, Nov 29 (PTI):

Finding fault with the Election Commission for stopping the disbursement of funds under the Rythu Bandhu scheme in Telangana, BRS Working President K T Rama Rao on Wednesday asked the poll panel how funds under PM Kisan were allowed to be released.

In an informal chat with mediapersons, where Rama Rao raised the issue, he said his party would win at least one more seat than it did in



2018, and dismissed the impact of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rallies saying they were mainly aimed at Parliament elections rather than the Telangana assembly polls. The minister, however, questioned why the central scheme PM Kisan was not halted, whereas the EC ordered the Telangana to pause Rythu Bandhu disbursements.

"How come PM Kisan is permitted? How come Congress did not make a noise? This is an example that BJP and Congress are colluding with each other," the minister alleged. "Even the Election Commission did not stop (disbursement under PM Kisan). Why Rythu Bandhu was stopped? Why no protest against PM Kisan?" Rama Rao asked. Rythu Bandhu is the flagship programme of the BRS government, under

which farmers are paid Rs 10,000 per acre as investment support in two installments annually — during the kharif and rabi seasons. The Congress on November 26 requested the Chief Election Commissioner to restrict the BRS from mentioning Rythu Bandhu disbursements in their poll campaign. In a setback to the ruling BRS, the EC on November 27 withdrew permission given to the Telangana government for disbursements to farmers for rabi crops, pointing to state Finance Minister Hairsh Rao's public announcement about the release of the financial aid.

## 'Six in 10 residents in Delhi, Mumbai willing to relocate'

● Due to air pollution'

### SURVEY REPORT

New Delhi, Nov 29 (PTI):

A staggering 60 per cent of the people living in New Delhi and Mumbai are considering relocation due to the worsening air pollution in both the cities, said a new survey.

The survey of 4,000 people based out of Delhi, Mumbai and nearby areas was conducted by healthcare provider Pristyn Care.

It also recorded that nine out of 10 respondents experiencing the most common symptoms of the deteriorating Air Quality Index (AQI) such as persistent coughing,

shortness of breath, wheezing, sore throat, and watery or itchy eyes.

"Six in 10 residents in Delhi and Mumbai might consider relocating due to poor air quality and pollution," read the survey.

The findings also highlighted the profound impact of declining air quality on the well-being of individuals, especially during the winter season.

As per the report, 40 per cent of respondents have observed a deterioration in pre-existing respiratory issues such as asthma or bronchitis among their loved ones during the winter season.

"Four in 10 residents in Delhi and Mumbai seek medical attention for health issues related to air pollution every year or at least every few years," it added.

When questioned about adjusting their lifestyle to deal with air pollution, 35 per cent mentioned that they stopped outdoor activities such as exercising and running, while 30 per cent began wearing masks outdoors.

On air purifiers, the report said that a mere 27 per cent of respondents in Delhi and Mumbai admitted to using them, while surprisingly 43 per cent still have the "misconception that their use reduces immunity".

## Words of dead brother held together Lakhimpur labourer

● Stuck in Silkyara tunnel

Lucknow, Nov 29 (PTI):

For a 25-year-old Manjeet Chauhan stuck in Silkyara tunnel survival hinged on a picture of his parents and words of a lost brother, whom he took as a role model after his death in an accident last year.

Chauhan crawled out of the Uttarkashi tunnel after 17 days of being stranded inside and broke down in tears hugging his father.

"I asked him to stop crying but he wouldn't listen. Even I started crying," the native of Bhairampur village of UP's Lakhimpur

Kheri district told PTI over the phone.

Chauhan remembered the day the tunnel collapsed, "I was working hardly 15 metres away from where the tunnel collapsed. I thought it was a dream at first. It turned out to be a nightmare."

The first 24 hours after the collapse were the hardest for everyone, he said.

"All of us were scared, people were saying all kinds of things. Thirst, food shortage, suffocation everything came to the mind all at once. But when we established a connection with a four-inch drain pipe from outside, the mood began to change," recalled

Chauhan.

With every passing day, as the rescue work progressed outside, the morale of the stranded labourers, 41 in all, went up. Later, arrangements were made for them to speak to their loved ones.

"The first time I spoke to my father, I told him that I would return for sure and asked him to take care of my mother," said Chauhan, who lost his brother in an accident last year.

"My brother was more sincere and caring than me. He always used to say 'Who will care about our parents if not us.' His words echoed in my mind often. I also set

a picture of my parents as the wallpaper on my phone and used to see it several times during the day. It helped me not lose hope," he said.

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