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ASSEMBLY POLL RESULTS

HAT-TRICK FOR BJP, **CONSOLATION FOR CONG**

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

The BJP swept Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh on Sunday inflicting a resounding defeat on the Congress to tighten its stranglehold in the Hindi heartland, in a big boost for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and setting the tone for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

In some consolation for the Congress in the face of the saffron wave after it lost and Rajasthan Chhattisgarh, the party ousted the Bharat Rashtra Samiti(BRS) in Telangana to

simple majority and could make it 3-1 for the Bharatiya get two-thirds majority in a Janata Party(BJP) in the lat-House of 230. Congress

TRENDS

bagged 45 and was leading in est round of Assembly elections billed as a semi-final 19. Suspense also mounted before next year's poll showas to who will be the BJP's down. Counting of votes in chief minister in any of the Mizoram will be taken up on three Hindi heartland states. Monday.

veteran and former CM

Winning 141 seats and leading in 24, the BJP got a

Kamal Nath.

Seats 90/90

GRAPHICS

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3. T S Singhdev (lose)

4. Amarjit Bhagat (lose)

5. Ravindra Choubey(lose)

6. Mohammed Akabar(lose)

7. Mohan Markam (lose)

8. Jai Singh Agrawal(lose)

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Clouds of gulal, shouts of Ruling MP for 18 years, a Jai Shri Ram, joyful jigs and well entrenched BJP mancrackers were the sights and aged to stave off anti-incumsounds of celebration in BJP offices with party workers bency in a shot in the arm for four-time chief minister and leaders unanimous in Shivraj Singh Chauhan and attributing the win to Modi's dashing the hopes of a resur-'guarantees" gent Congress helmed by

"The election results show accept Prime people Minister Narendra Modi's guarantee of delivering on guarantees," BJP leader and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said. Modi turned on the heat

on the Congress over its poll guarantees by projecting himself as a leader who has delivered on the promises made by him to help the common man meet his aspirations.

Har "Modi Yaani Guarantee Poori Hone Ki Guarantee (Modi means the guarantee to fulfill every guarantee)," he had said in an article last week.

Free food grain, income assistance for farmers, housing for all, 100 per cent electrification of villages, and tap water to every home, were listed by the BJP as some of Modi's guarantees in Chhattisgarh.



BJP workers and supporters celebrate the party's lead in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Cl counting of votes, at the party headquarters, in New Delhi, Sunday.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023 Madhya Pradesh RESULTS & TRENDS	ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023 RAJASTHAN RESULTS & TRENDS Seals 199/199	ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023 TELANGANA RESULTS & TRENDS Seals 118/118
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Indian National Congress 63	Independent 7	Bharatiya Janata Party 9
Others 2	Others 8	Others 6
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STAR CANDIDATES TO WATCH

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023

Chhattisgarh

Bharatiya Janata Party

Indian National Congress

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Others

- 1. Bhupesh Baghel(win) 1. Raman Singh (win) 2. Kawasi Lakhma (win) 2. Brijmohan Agrawal(win)
- 3 Amar Agrawal (win)
- 4. Gomti Sai(win)
- 5. O P Choushary (win)
- 6. Renuka Singh (win)
- 7. Ajay Chandrakar(win)
- 8. Arun Sao (win)
- 9. Anuj Sharma (win) 9. Rudra Guru (lose) 10. Dharamjit Singh(win)

BJP defies exit polls, secures

majority in Chh'garh

10. Tamradhwaj Sahu (lose)

Poll outcome win for 'Aatmanirbharta'

PM attacks Oppn's caste census push

New Delhi, Dec 03:

PM Modi said that BJP's hattrick of wins in assembly elections has guaran-

lines." He reiterated that women, youth, poor and farmers are the only castes in the country and their empowerment would further strengthen the country. "But, I kept on saying that for me four castes are supreme – and

the life of every family improves. So, the voter is choosing the BJP continuously," he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed the Bharatiya Janata Party's big win in the assembly polls as a victory for his government's agenda of self-reliant India, asserting that its hat-trick in the states is a guarantee of its hat-trick of Lok Sabha poll wins in 2024."The results show popular support for our battle against corruption," he told a crowd of cheering supporters at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, adding that they have served a lesson to the Congress and the opposition's INDIA bloc that mere collecting some dynasts on dais may make for a good photograph but cannot win people's confidence.

11. Ramvichar Netam(win) 12. Vishnu Deo Sai(win) 13.Dharamlal Kaushik (win) 14. PP Pandey(lose)

Oust Cong Govt

Chhattisgarh assembly

elections saw an unprece-

dented turn of events after

the BJP, which was trail-

ing in initial trends,

bounced back to secure a

majority in the state. The

BJP has either won/lead-

ing on 55 seats while the

Congress is limited to 33

seats. The exit polls have

predicted a clear majority

for Congress, however, the

The campaigning for the

Chhattisgarh assembly

seats saw both parties

using their star campaign-

ers including senior lead-

ers like Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Amit

Shah, JP Nadda and

Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra and Mallikarjun

Congress ousted the BJP

in 2018 after 10 years of

rule, the saffron party is

keen on making a return

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Raipur, Dec 03:

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teed hattrick of wins in Lok Sabha elections. Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the assembly election results are a win for 'Aatmanirbharta' and Saath. Sabka 'Sabka Vikaas

Addressing jubilant party workers at the BJP headquarters in the national capital, he said, 'Todav's victory in assembly elections is historic and unprecedented. It is the victory of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and self-reliant India".

In an apparent attack on

registered a landslide victory largely because of a "strong" anti-incumbency against the then BJP dispensation and the grand old party's promise of freebies and welfare measures.

populist promises in its manifesto, titled Modi ki Guarantee 2023' for Chhattisgarh. They included procurement of 21 quintals of paddy per acre at Rs 3,100 per quintal, and annual financial assistance of Rs 12,000 to married women under the Mahtari

Vandan Yojana'. Expressing gratitude to the "janta janardhan" for choosing the BJP in Chhattisgarh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the results "indicate that the people of India are firmly with politics of good governance and development". Union minister Amit

to power in the state that went to the polls in two farmer sisters and broth-The promises made by ers of Chhattisgarh have the BJP, which it promoted as Modi ki Guarantee 2023', seemed to have worked in a huge majority.'

its favour in the tribaldominated state, where it is poised to win a thump-In the 2018 assembly polls, the Congress had

The BJP this time made

Shah said, "Tribal, poor, expressed faith in PM Modi and blessed BJP with

Prime Minister Modi the caste census push by the Opposition parties, claimed that "several at-**HEARTBREAK CMs**



Combo photo of BRS leader K. Chandrashekar Rao, and Congress leaders Bhupesh Baghel and Ashok Gehlot, who lost their positions as chief ministers of Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan respectively after the results of 2023 elections to the Legislative Assemblies of the states.

Humbly accept mandate; battle of ideology will continue: Rahul

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said his party humbly accepts the mandate of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, and asserted that the battle of ideology would continue.

The BJP tightened its grip in the Hindi heartland with assembly victories in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh while the Congress was set to

oust the BRS from Telangana on Sunday. In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "We humbly accept the mandate of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan -- the battle of ideology will continue." "I am very thankful to the people of Telangana we will definitely fulfil the promise of making 'Prajalu Telangana'. Heartfelt thanks to all the workers for their hard work and support," the former Congress chief said.

they are women power, youth, farmers, and the poor. The country will be strengthened if these four will be empowered," he said

Prime Minister Modi said the incumbent parties were thrown out of power Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana "because it was against the youth and had scams in its tenure." "The voter needs a well-defined roadmap to improve his lifestyle...India's voter knows that when India moves forward then the state moves forward and

In Chh'garh, Modi ki Guarantee' trumps Cong's promises of freebies

Raipur, Dec 03:

tempts were made to di-

vide country on caste

Modi magic dashes

Cong's revival in

Hindi heartland

The assembly poll re-

sults on Sunday have de-

livered a ringing endorse-

ment of the Bharatiya

Janata Party's strategy

centred on Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's appeal

and governance plank,

quashing the Congress'

came unstuck.

New Delhi, Dec 03:

Ahead of the Chhattisgarh assembly elections, both the Congress and BJP tried hard to woo farmers, women and the poor with populist schemes.

hopes of a revival in the It seems the promises made by the BJP, which it Hindi heartland and boosting the impression that promoted as Modi ki Guarantee 2023', worked in the ruling party is favourite to retain power its favour as it is all set to refor a third straight term in turn to power in the tribal-2024. The BJP had taken dominated state with a the gambit of not projectthumping majority. ing any chief ministerial In the 2018 assembly

face and built its campaign polls, the Congress had registered a landslide victory around grander narralargely because of a "strong" anti-incumbency tives involving the Modi government's works despite misgivings in some against the then BJP disquarters, as the five state pensation and the grand old polls came months after party's promise of freebies and welfare measures. As the Karnataka elections where a similar strategy per the latest trends of counting of votes on



Sunday, BJP had won 25 seats and was leading in 29, while Congress had bagged 17 constituencies and was ahead in 19.

As the BJP began its election campaign this time, it faced the herculean task of countering the Bhupesh Baghel government's profarmers, pro-tribals and pro-poor schemes, which the Congress was banking on to retain the state.





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BJP wins four out of six assembly seats in Durg district

Bhilai, Dec 03: The counting of votes for the six assembly constituencies in Durg district namely-Durg city, Durg rural, Bhilai Nagar, Vaishalinagar, Ahiwara and Patan took place at the Shankarcharya Engineering College Campus in Junwani on Sunday. Of the 06 seats, Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) won on 04 whereas Congress had to be satisfied with 02 seats only, one being the Patan assembly seat where the incumbent Chief Minister won by 19723 votes and the other being Bhilai Nagar assembly seat, which, Devendra Yadav managed to retain by a narrow victory margin of 1264 votes. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu lost the Durg (rural) constituency to a BJP fresh candidate Lalit Chandrakar by 16642 votes. The Ahiwara seat went to senior BJP leader DomanlalKorsewada who defeated the INC Mayor of Bhilai-Charoda Nirmal Kosre by a margin of 25263 votes. From Vaishalinagar constituency considered to be a safe seat for BJP, candidate Rikesh Sen defeated rival Mukesh Chandrakar of INC by a margin of 40074 votes. Last but not the least, Gajendra Yadav, again a fresh candidate (but son of former RSS state chief Bisraram Yadav) defeated INC candidate Arun Vora (son of stalwart Congress leader Late Motilal Vora) by a margin of 48275. A total of 93 contestants were in the fray for the six constituencies.

Chacha defeats Bhatija by 19723 votes in Patan



In Patan, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel defeated the BJP candidate Vijay Baghel by 19723 votes. Incumbent Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel contested the 2023 assembly election from his traditional seat of Patan. The

Congress heavyweight was elected to the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 1993 for the first time from Patan. Later, he was elected five times from the same seat. He lost this seat to his nephew Vijay Baghel in the year 2013 but again won the same in the year 2018. Later, Vijay Baghel was elected as BJP's Member of Parliament from Durg Lok Sabha seat in the year 2019. Now for the 2023 assembly elections, BJP had fielded Vijay Baghel from Patan to challenge the Congress CM and his uncle Bhupesh Baghel. The nephew gave a strong contest to his uncle but failed to defeat him.

There were 16 candidates in fray from Patan constituency. Amit Ajit Jogi (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh - J) got 4822 votes; Amit Kumar Hirvani (Sahu) (Aam Aadmi Party) got 959 votes; Bhupesh Baghel (Indian National Congress) got 95438 votes; Vijay Baghel (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 75715 votes; KP Khande (Gana Suraksha Party) got 622 votes; Madhukant Sahu (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 930 votes; Rajendra Baghel (Chhattisgarh Mahatari Party) got 292 votes; BS Rawate (Hamar Raj Party) got 90 votes; Sandeep Paul (GondvanaGantantra Party) got 162 votes; Ajay Chandrakar (Independent) got 134 votes;

Umesh Kumar Sonwani (Independent) got 198 votes; Gajanand Jangade (Independent) got 302 votes; Ramcharan Yadav (Independent) got 1276 votes; Ramchand Jangde (Independent) got 1247 votes; Adhivakta Ramratan Sahu (Independent) got 264 votes; Santosh Kumar Markande (Independent) got 774 votes; 640 votes went to NOTA.

Devendra defeats Prem Prakash with a narrow margin of 1264 votes



In Bhilai Nagar, Indian National Congress candidate Devendra Yadav defeated the BJP candidate Prem Prakash Pandey by 1264 votes for the second term in a row. Devendra got 54405 votes while his nearest opponent

and former VS Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey got 53141 votes. INC had given opportunity to incumbent MLA Devendra Yadav for the second time against senior politician and BJP heavyweight Prem Prakash Pandey. Yadav had defeated Pandey in 2018 assembly elections also. Devendra started his political career through the students' wing NSUI. He worked as District President and State President of NSUI and later was fielded as Mayoral Candidate in 2016. He became the second youngest Mayor in the country at the age of 25 years and 10 months. Meanwhile, he worked as National general Secretary of NSUI and IYC. In the assembly election of 2018, he defeated the senior minister of BJP to become the youngest MLA of Chhattisgarh Assembly.

The counting of votes was conducted in 12 rounds. Zaheer Khan (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh - J) got 465 votes; Devendra Yadav (Indian National Congress) got 54405 votes; Nadia Bhooshan (Bahujan Samaj Party) got 1028 votes; Prem Prakash Pandey (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 53141 votes; Uma Pandey (India Praja Bandhu Party) got 162 votes; RS Naidu (Bhrashtachar Mukti Morcha) got 56 votes; Pushpa Mairisha (Ambedkarite Party of India) got 80 votes; Ram Manohar Agrawal (Nyay Dharm Sabha) got 65 votes; Rituraj Verma (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 1219 votes; Dharmendra (Independent) got 51 votes; Mo Nasim (Independent) got 188 votes; Mahendra Banjare (Independent) got 98 votes; Shatrudhan Prasad (Independent) got 360 votes; while 925 votes went to NOTA.

Home Minister loses Durg (Rural) to BJP's fresh candidate

Incumbent Home Minister and senior Congress leader Tamradhwaj Sahu lost the Durg (Rural) seat to BJP's first time candidate Lalit Chandrakar by 16642 votes. Tamradhwaj Sahu got 70533 votes while Lalit Chandrakar



got 87175 votes. Incumbent Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu contested for the second time from Durg (Rural) assembly constituency. After winning this seat in the year 2018, he became the Home Minister of the state in Congress rule. Prior to this, he was an MLA from 1998 to 2013 from Dhamdha and Bemetara. After losing Bemetara in the 2013 assembly constituency, he was fielded as MP candidate from Durg and became the only Congress candidate to win the Lok Sabha election in 2014 from Chhattisgarh. BJP had fielded a fresh candidate Lalit Chandrakar from Durg (Rural) assembly constituency this year. Chandrakar has been active in the party organisation for about two decades but had never got an opportunity to contest election. As a fresh candidate, he defeated a senior Congress leader with a respectable margin.

There were 14 candidates in fray from Durg (Rural) constituency. Ishwar Kumar Nishad (Advocate) (Bahujan Samaj Party) got 1490 votes; Dhalesh Sahu (Raju) (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh - J) got 411 votes; Tamradhwaj Sahu (Indian National Congress) got 70533 votes; Lalit Chandrakar (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 87175 votes; Sanjeet Vishwakarma (Aam Aadmi Party) got 1520 votes; Kamlesh Yadav (Rashtriya Hind Ekta Dal) got 133 votes; Kameshwar Sahu (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 760 votes; Jugal Prasad Joshi (RashtriyaJansabha Party) got 176 votes; Girendra Kumar Khande (Independent) got 139 votes; Dwarika Barle (Independent) got 266 votes; Narad Ram Sahu (Independent) got 762 votes; Bimala Thakur (Independent) got 299 votes; while 1137 votes went to NOTA.

Rikesh defeats Mukesh by 40074 votes in Vaishali Nagar

The Vaishali Nagar constituency witnessed a contest between two fresh candidates fielded by both the leading parties. BJP candidate Rikesh Sen defeated INC Candidate Mukesh Chandrakar with a huge dif-

ference of 40074 votes. Rikesh got 98272 votes while Mukesh got ony 58198 votes. BJP had given opportunity to five-time corporator Rikesh Sen. He had experience of contesting local body elections but was a fresh candidate for assembly polls. On the other hand, Congress had given opportunity to a renowned philanthropist Mukesh Chandrakar, who entered into active politics about three years ago. He comes from a family which has a rich political background and had been very active in the social sphere in the last two decades.

There were 16 candidates in fray from Vaishali Nagar. Dinesh Kumar (Bahujan Samaj Party) got 1670 votes; Dr Diwakar Bharti (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh - J) got 536 votes; Mukesh Chandrakar (Indian National Congress) got 58198 votes; Rikesh Sen (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 98272 votes; Azhar Ali (Republican Party of India) got 837 votes; Anju Soni (Nyay Dharm Sabha) got 185 votes; Jai Prakash Prasad (India Praja Bandhu Party) got 97 votes; Yogesh Sahu (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 2020 votes; Shankar Lal Sahu (Chhattisgarh Swabhiman Manch) got 137 votes; Subedar Singh Yadav (Samajwadi Party) got 225 votes; Harendra Prasad Shah (Advocate) (Bhartiya Shakti Chetna Party) got 139 votes; Pandit G Ashok Kumar (Independent) got 108 votes; Engineer Jay Prakash Yadaw(Independent) got 338 votes; Jeevan Banjare (Independent) got 246 votes; Nitesh Kumar Gendre (Independent) got 169 votes; Sangeeta Ketan Shah (Independent) got 1225 votes while 892 votes went to NOTA.

INC's young Mayor loses Ahiwara to senior BJP leader

Young Mayor of Congress from Bhilai Charoda Municipal Corporation, Nirmal Kosre lost the Ahiwara seat to Senior BJP leader DomanlalKorsewada by 25263 votes. Kosre got 71454 votes while Korsewada got

96717 votes. From the reserved seat of Ahiwara, INC had fielded Bhilai-Charoda Mayor Nirmal Kosre. He also holds the post of President of Durg (Rural) District Congress Committee. He was fielded against senior BJP leader and former MLA DomanlalKorsewada. Kosre only had experience of contesting ward elections. After winning the Corporator election in the year 2021, he was selected as Mayor by the INC for Bhilai-Charoda Municipal Corporation. There were 10 candidates in fray from Ahiwara. Inder Lal Lahare (Bahujan Samaj Party) got 1609 votes; DomanlalKorsewada (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 96717 votes; Nirmal Kosre (Indian National Congress) got 71454 votes; Riti Deshlahra (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh - J) got 1252 votes; Arun Gandharva (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 1816 votes; Advocate Shailendra Banjare (Shaktiputra) (Shakti Sena - Bharat Desh) got 190 votes; Santosh Kumar Jangade (India Praja Bandhu Party) got 221 votes; Ashish Mandle (Independent) got 360 votes; Ramprasad Dhritlahre (Independent) got 921 votes; Santosh Kumar Joshi (Independent) got 830 votes; while 1599 votes went to NOTA.

Gajendra Yadav defeats Arun Vora by huge margin

In Durg City, BJP candidate Gajendra Yadav defeated INC candi-

date Arun Vora by a huge margin of 48275 candidates. Fresh candidate Gajendra Yadav got 96651 votes while senior Congress leader and incumbent MLA Arun Vora got only 48376 votes. From Durg (city), INC had given an



opportunity to the popular leader Arun Vora, who has been MLA thrice from this seat. Arun Vora belongs to a family of journalists and political stalwarts of national stature and is the son of former AICC Treasurer and ex-Chief Minister Late Motilal Vora. He had a direct contest with BJP's first-time candidate Gaiendra Yaday, who has experience of only one civic body election. However, Gajendra also has a strong political family background as his father Bisra Ram Yadav is a RSS veteran and has worked as RSS Chhattisgarh state chief for over five years. There were 24 candidates in fray from Durg City constituency. Arun Vora (Indian National Congress) got 49209 votes; Gajendra Yadav (Bharatiya Janata Party) got 97906 votes; Sanjay Dubay (Pappu Mahraj Hindustani) (Janta Congress Chhattisgarh -J) got 472 votes; Azra Khan (Samajwadi Party) got 154 votes; Ashok Tamrakar (Shakti Sena - Bharat Desh) got 163 votes; Aatma Ram Sahu (Socialist Unity Centre of India) got 388 votes; Dhruv Kumar (Langur Soni) (Chhattisgarh Mahatari Party) got 219 votes; Parasmani Chandel (Azad Janata Party) got 126 votes; Pankaj Kumar (Johar Chhattisgarh Party) got 508 votes; Manaharan Singh Chedaiha (GondvanaGantantra Party) got 221 votes; Rakesh Sahu (Nyay Dharm Sabha) got 158 votes; Varsha Ritu Yadav (Rashtriya Hind Ekta Dal) got 94 votes; Ajay Jhaggar Sahu (Independent) got 99 votes; Anoop Kumar Pandey (Independent) got 173 votes; Arun Joshi (Independent) got 525 votes; Indrani Bai Sahu (Independent) got 666 votes:

Kashi Ram Kurre (Independent) got 223 votes; Narayan Prasad Yadav (Independent) got 251 votes; Balkishan Sahu (Independent) got 53 votes; Bunty Choure (Independent) got 404 votes; Bharat Bhushan Sinha alias Bunty Sinha (Independent) got 56 votes; Sajid Beg (Sultan Mirza) (Independent) got 83 votes; Sunil Banjare (Independent) got 42 votes; Surya Narayan Sahu (Sonwani) (Independent) got 110 votes while 933 votes went to NOTA.

Programme organised in PGCON on World AIDS Day



Bhilai, Dec 03: World AIDS Day, is an international day dedicated in raising awareness about the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. It is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite and show support for those living with HIV, commemorate those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses, and advocate for increased efforts to prevent new infections.

The significance of World AIDS Day lies in its ability to bring attention to the ongoing challenges posed by HIV/AIDS and to mobilise support for related issues. The day enables people to educate themselves and others about HIV transmission, prevention, testing, treatment, and the stigma and discrimination faced by those living with the virus. PG College of Nursing, Hospital Sector, Bhilai always plays a leading role in contributing its services in every National Health programs. In this regard World Aids Day was organized in college premises by community health nursing Department. This year the theme was- "Let communities lead". Welcome address was given by Dr Prof Sreelata Pillai, (Vice Principal, Community Health Nursing Dept). Revealing of theme was done by Dr Prof Abhilekha Biswal, Principal, PG College of Nursing.

In her address she focused on all the concepts regarding HIV and its prevention and also stressed on points like promote initiatives that aim to reduce the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, engage in open and honest communication.

Vote of thanks was proposed by MNeha R Emanuel (Asst Prof Community Health Nursing Dept) and program was moderated by Rincy Mary (Asst Prof Community Health Nursing Dept). The students participated enthusiastically in Poster,

Slogan, Rangoli and skit competitions. A poster competition was also held in JLNH & RC, in which PGCON students bagged prizes and performed skit which was appreciated by Director In charge (JLNH & RC), Joint Directors and Nursing Officers and staffs.

A brief awareness class was conducted for BSc (Nursing) 1st Semester by MSc (Nursing) students on the topics such as: AIDS and HIV transmission, National Aids Control Programme and its phases, Needle stick injuries, its prevention and Occupation Exposure Protocol, Challenges and opportunities in Strengthening the treatment of HIV, Integrated Courseling and Texting Context

treatment of HIV, Integrated Counselling and Testing Centers and Increase awareness and end stigma and discrimination. The function was organized by faculties of Community

health Nursing Department, Dr Prof Sreelata Pillai (HOD, Community health Nursing Department), Dr Prof Jaya Chakraborty, Rincy Mary, Neha Emanuel, Arpana B Mohatewar and Damin Sahu. The MSc Nursing Final Year and Previous Year students played a key role in organizing the function which was highly appreciated by Principal, Staff and students of the college. The Bhilai Education Trust (BET) management extended their full support in the successful completion of the programme.

People have approved the guarantee of Narendra Modi: Saroj Pandey

Bhilai, Dec 03:

Rajya Sabha MP and National Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party Saroj Pandey has expressed gratitude to all the voters of the state for the victory and growth of Bharatiya Janata Party on 90 assembly seats of Chhattisgarh. Expressing her happiness, she said that the people of the state have expressed their faith in the guarantee of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They have put the seal of

approval on the works of the Prime Minister. Prime Minister's Mahtari Vandan Yojana, scheme to give Rs 12000 per year to women, purchase of wheat for Rs 2700, gas cylinder for Rs 450, permanent houses to sisters, opening of medical college in every ST block, free education to children of poor families up to class XII and schemes like Rs 3 lakh crore for tribal welfare. The public was angry with Congress's corruption pol-

icy and breaking of prom-



ises and they therefore voted to power the BJP for a clean administration in the state. Chief Minister

Bhupesh Baghel, who is into social engineering, remained assured by making Congress announcements, while the voters of the state have joined the main national stream of the Bharatiya Janata Party and its results are visible in Bharatiya Janata Party winning the elections. She added that voters of the state do not want a government indulged in corruption, loot and not keeping promises in the state. They want a administration clean

36,88,000 T crude steel in

April to Nov 2023 period as

compared to 32,32,000 T in

corresponding period of

The Plant also regis-

tered a growth of 15% in

saleable steel production

with 34,35,000 T recorded

in April to Nov 2023 period

as compared to 29,93,000 T

in corresponding period of

last fiscal year i.e. from

last fiscal year.

which can work in the interest of the public and develop the state.

She further stated that in democracy the people are the most important. The claims, announcements and promises of giving alms by the leaders do not matter to the people of the state. The corruption that has happened in state be it the government's liquor scam, coal scam, be it the PSC recruitment scam, people have rejected Congress because of such corruption.

BSP registers growth in all major parameters of production in April -November period

Bhilai, Dec 03: Maintaining the upward trend in production in current fiscal year, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has registered all round growth in all major parameters of performance in the first eight months from April to Nov 23.

From oven pushing to sinter and hot metal production, crude steel and saleable steel production to loading of both long and flat products for despatch, the Plant has registered handsome growth figures in the April to Nov 23 period of current fiscal year over corresponding period last year.

A 16 per cent (%) growth has been registered in oven pushing rate with 782



oven per day recorded during April to Nov 2023 period as compared to rate of 674 in corresponding period of last fiscal year i.e. from April to Nov 2022.

The Plant registered a growth of 9% in sinter production with 56,87,000 T recorded in April to Nov 2023 period as compared to 52,27,000 T in corresponding period of last fiscal

year. The Plant registered a growth of 15% in production of hot metal with blast furnaces producing 38,93,000 T hot metal in April to Nov 2023 period as compared to 33,86,000 T in corresponding period of last fiscal year.

In crude steel production, the Plant registered a growth of 14% with steel melting shops producing April to Nov 2022.

As regards loading of both long and flat steel for despatch, growth of 15.7 % has been registered with 34,26,040 T of steel loaded in April to Nov 2023 period as compared to 29,61,520 T loaded during April to Nov 2022.

This includes growth of 19.2% registered with loading of 25,69,020 T of long products for despatch during April to Nov 2023 as compared to 21,54,975 T loaded in corresponding period of last fiscal year, and growth of 6.3% registered with loading of 8,57,020 T of flat products April to Nov 2023 as compared to loading of 8,06,545 T loaded during April to Nov 2022.

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Brijmohan wins from South for 8th time, Munat from West

Raipur, Dec 03: BJP has won all seven Vidhan Sabha seats in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh. In Raipur South Assembly seat, BJP candidate Brijmohan Agrawal defeated Mahant Das Ramsundar of Congress. In the West Assembly constituency, former BJP minister Rajesh Munat defeated Upadhyay Vikas of Congress whereas in Dharsiwan seat, BJP candidate Chhattisgarhi hero Anui Sharma became MLA for the first time as he defeated Congress candidate Chhaya Verma. Indrakumar Sahu of BJP won Abhanpur seat by 15,554 votes.

In Raipur South BJP candidate and former Brijmohan minister Agrawal won for the eight time, defeating Congress candidate Mahant Ramsundar Das.

BJP made a clear sweep in all seven Vidhan Sabha seats of Raipur district, including four that of Raipur region. BJP's stalwart Brijmohan Agrawal won with record 67,851 votes against his arch rival Dr Ramsundar Das of INC getting just 41412 votes from Raipur (South) VS seat. Similarly the BJP's former Minister Rajesh Munat of Raipur (West) getting 98938 votes won with 41229 votes against his rival Vikas Upadhyay 57709 votes. getting Purandhar Mishra of BJP

Mahanat

from Raipur (North) getting 54,279, a fresh face from BJP, won with 23,054 votes against his rival Kuldeep Singh Juneja get-

ting 31,225 votes. The independent candidate Ajit Kukreja, dissident from Congress acted as spoilsport for INC candidate Juneja, as he got 22939 votes and lost the elec-







tions with 31340 votes.

From Raipur (rural), the BJP candidate Motilal Sahu got 1103032total votes and won with 35750 votes

against his rival Pankai Sharma of INC getting 77282 votes. From here Dhirendra Sahu of Johar Chhattisgarh Party (JCP) was third in the list with 5485 votes losing with 107547 votes.

BJP's bet on a new face in Dharsiwan has proved correct and BJP candidate Anuj Sharma became MLA for the first time as he defeated Congress candidate Chhaya Verma. From Dharshiwa Vidhan

state. This time also BJP

got majority of VS seats of

Bastar and Surguja and

mileage

Congress, which in the

last 2018 election had won

due to gaining majority in

these seats to form its gov-

The BJP got 54 out of

total 90 VS seat and

Congress has to settle for

35 VS seat and GGP get-

ting one seat. Majority of

the 14 cabinet Ministers of

the Baghel's government

has also lost in this year's

elections. The Ministers

of Baghel government

who lost their seats in-

over

Sabha seat, BJP candidate and Chollywood cine actor Anuj Sharma getting record 107283votes won with thumping 44,343 votes

against INC's Chhaya Verma receiving 62940 votes.

The BJP candidate from Abhanpur VS seat Indra Kumar Sahu getting 93.295 votes won with 15.554votes against Dhanendra Sahu getting 77742 votes.

Khushwant Guru Saheb of BJP won from Arang VS seat with 16538 votes and getting 94039 votes against Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia of INC getting 77501 votes.

Mohammed Akbar from

Kawardha, Ravindra

Choubey from Saja,

Tamradhwaj Sahu from

Durg (Rural), Jaisingh

Agrawal from Korba, TS

Ambikapur, Shiv Kumar

Daharia from Abhanpur,

Amarjeet Bhagat from

Seetapur, Rudrakumar

Guru from Navagarh. The

three ministers from

Baghel's government who

won included Umesh

Patel from Kharsia, Anila

Doundilohara and Kawasi

Lakhma from Bastar re-

buying companies, they falsi-

fied the lab reports and took

crores of rupees by declaring

the poor and non-standard

goods as good and standard in

the report. It has been con-

firmed that the bribe amount

of Rs 33 lakh 61 thousand 871

has been received in the bank

account of Mahendra Kumar

Nirmalkar and his wife Usha

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BJP's got mileage from tribal belt in its victory

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From 12 VS seats of Bastar and 14 of Surguja district **Maiority of Baghel's Ministers** lost election

Raipur, Dec 03: Congress got a major blow in Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha 2023 election, despite project the CM's face and BJP got the mileage projecting 'Lotus' and PM Narendra Modi as its face before the electorate. Set aside this it was victory in

seats of Bastar and

Surguja Vidhan Sabha,

area that led BJP to form-

ing its government in the

state. Majority of the CM

Ministers also lost in this

election and this speaks of

people's response to their

mal-governance and mis-

management in the de-

partments under their

It is notable here that in

Chhattisgarh it is known

fact that any party leading

in 12 VS seats of Bastar

district and 14 that of

Surguja, the tribal belt of

the region, always forms

Baghel's

leadership.

We accept people's mandate: Selja



Dec 03: Raipur Chhattisgarh Congress incharge Kumari Selja said that the mandate of the people of Chhattisgarh is acceptable. The Congress government worked for the development of every section. Addressing a

press conference held at the official residence of Minister Shiv Dahria regarding assembly election result she said that Congress will continue to fight the battle of the poor and deprived classes.

'We hope that the BJP government lives up to the expectations of the people', she said. She also said that Congress will work as a strong opposition and support the good works of the government.

Regarding the election results, Selja said that Congress will review what was missing and after that Colony Gudhiyari and other it will start preparing for vendor organizations committhe Lok Sabha elections. ted irregularities in lab report

Lab incharge of Shri Nakoda Ispat arrested on fraud charges

Raipur, Dec 03: Mahendra by taking money. By colluding with both the

Nirmalkar, Kumar lab incharge of Shri Nakoda Ispat Limited Company, has been arrested by Pandari police station in connection with fraud of Rs 33 lakh 61 thousand 871. Other accused involved in the case are being traced

Company director Ajay Kumar Dubey lodged a report on the matter. According to him, SMS Laboratory incharge Mahendra Kumar Nirmalkar along with representatives of M/s Satya Power and Hospital Limited office VR Plaza 1st floor Link Road Bilaspur, M/s Prime Metal Industries office J-567 Janta

started investigating the case. During investigation, information was received regarding Mahendra's presence in

Nirmalkar

Raipur, on which he was arrested. Two mobile phones and a bike related to the incident have been seized from the possession of the accused.

BJP workers reach BJP office riding on buildozers to celebrate victory

Raipur, Dec 03: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supporters engaged in celebration as results of the assembly elections show party victory in Chhattisgarh. BJP workers were seen bursting firecrackers, exchanging sweets and playing instruments in front of the party office

According to party's senior leaders victory is a result of "people's trust in Prime Minister Narendra



Modi's development guarantee"

Enthusiasm was writ large on faces of the BJP workers as they reached party office to celebrate victory in assembly election. A large number of BJP workers reached the party office riding on bulldozers. Amid bursting of fire crackers and distribution of sweets BJP workers raised slogans in praise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding victory.



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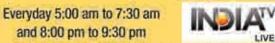
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Enclosure closed for tourists after the death of 17 Antelopes Public hearing closed due to code of conduct

• 1,925 complaints sent to center, most complaints related to land encroachment

Raipur, Dec 03: After the announcement of the dates of Assembly elections-2023, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force across the state. Due to this, hearing of public complaints has been stopped for almost 50 days. Since then, hearing of complaints of common people has stopped in Chief Minister and Collector Jan Choupal. During this time, people have sent complaints to Central the Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances Department, President and PMO. About 1,925 complaints have reached the center in these two months. Most of the complaints are related to people's land, which has been transferred to Raipur



SDM office. complaints Secondly, have been sent to the Superintendent of Police, Raipur, in which people had made their complaints regarding crimes not being registered in incidents ranging from cyber crime to assault and fraud, on which all the complaints were transferred from the center to the SSP office.

Most of the complaints made with Public Grievance Department and PMO are related to Tribal Department. **Environment** Protection Board, CEO Raipur,



СМНО Raipur. Municipality Tilda, Agriculture Department, Education Director Department, Food and Administration Drug Department, Labour Department and Municipal Corporation Raipur. There are still 73 complaints pending for resolution with Birgaon, Adhikari, Nazul Superintendent of Police Office, RDA, SDM Tilda, SDM Raipur, Sports and

Welfare Youth Department, SDM Arang and SDM Abhanpur.

Till the Chief Minister Jan Chaupal is closed due

to the code of conduct, 2.364 complaints are pending in Raipur. On the other hand, 733 complaints are pending still with Collector Raipur for resolution. The basic reason for this is that most of the officers and employees involved in the resolution have been deployed for election duty, because of which now these complaints seem to be resolved only after the formation of the new government.

Raipur Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure said, pending complaints are being resolved in Jan Chaupal. Due to the code of conduct, Jan Chaupal is not being organized right now. It will be started after the code of conduct. District administration officials said that now it will be restarted only after the end of the code of conduct, i.e. after the formation of the new government. Collector Janchoupal was started only a year ago.

of improvement, he men-

tioned resources and their

• Due to infection in **Jungle Safari**

Raipur, Dec 03: Due to the death of 17 Antelopes (Chausingha) in a manmade Jungle Safari in five days, the management has closed the deer enclosure for tourists due to fear of infection, while tourists can visit other enclosures of the zoo and safari. The age of the deer that died was three months to three vears. On the other hand, it is not vet known what caused the death of the deer.

deer, the Jungle Safari Although the Jungle management swung into Safari management has action and is calling docsent the deer carcass and tors from different places blood samples to IVRI Bareilly (UP) and of the state to get the health of all the wild ani-Dehradun and Anjora mals checked. A team of (Durg) labs to find out the doctors numbering more cause of death, but the than 10 from Durg, three labs have not vet con-Marwahi and other places firmed that how did these is in the jungle safari. deer die, while forest offi-Apart from this, prepara-

Central GST sent notice to more than 8,000 traders

For evading tax and not filing returns

Raipur. Dec 03: Central GST has sent notices to

partment covers cases of financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. If they these

GST officials said that no tax evader will be spared. According to the information, time was given till November 30 to settle the cases for the financial year 2017-18. Along with this, the time to settle the cases of financial year 2018-2019 is till December 2023 and the cases of 2019-20 are to be settled till the noose on tax evaders.



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confirm the reason for the

After the death of the

It is known that the

preparations for its forma-

tion have been started.

After the formation of this

court, disputes related to

death of the deer.

cials said that the deer tions are also being made died due to the spread of to call experts from other infection. Report is still provinces awaited. Only after its ar-

Jungle Safari, Director Hemant Pahare has issued a show cause notice to Dr. Rakesh Verma for his serious negligence in the case. Responsibility will be decided after investigating the matter. After that, strict departmental action will be taken against those who are negligent.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Sudhir Agarwal reached Jungle Safari on Friday in connection with the death of 'Chausingha'. Apart from knowing the reason

Witchcraft does not exist, no woman is a witch: Dr Mishra

places.

Raipur, Dec 03: Dr. Mishra, Dinesh President of the Andhha Shraddha Nirmolan Samiti. revealed that in the past decade, about 145 women have been tor-

tured in the Dang district of Guiarat due to suspicions of witchcraft. This troubling trend of witchcraft-related torture has raised serious concerns.

Dr. Mishra, a passionate advocate against superstition and injustice, emphasizes that witchcraft does not exist and that no woman should be labeled a witch. These incidents of torture, occurring in the 21st century, have cast a dark shadow on society's progress.

The victims, aged between 30 to 70 years, with 60 percent of them being widows, have endured a painful existence marked by murder, suicide, and ostracism. Shockingly, many of these women have been abandoned by their own families, left to face neglect and contempt. Some have even

resorted to seeking help from the police. All of this suffering is the result of irrational beliefs, attributing illnesses, bad luck, and bad omens to alleged witchcraft, forcing innocent women to bear an

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for Chausingha's death, he

took information from the

safari management about the action taken so far.

According to him, new soil

was recently added to the

herbivorous wildlife enclo-

sure to increase grass pro-

duction. There is a suspi-

cion that the bacteria pres-

ent in that new soil might

have caused the death of

Chausinhga. At present

as a precaution, the place

with new soil has been cor-

doned off with a green net,

so that other wildlife can

avoid getting infected by

YK Dahria, co-director

of Jungle Safari, said, all

the wild animals of the sa-

fari are being checked.

Only after the investiga-

tion report will it be

known the reason behind

the death of the deer

(Chausingha). At present,

viscera and blood tests

have been sent to three

the bacteria.

unjust stigma.

Dr. Mishra asserts that these 145 cases are just the tip of the iceberg in Surat Dang, and if the entire state of Gujarat is considered, the number of such cases could be in the thousands. To address this alarming issue, Dr. Mishra plans to use the Right to Information (RTI) to gather comprehensive data on witchcraft-related incidents across the state, and he aims to launch a public awareness campaign. Furthermore, Dr. Mishra calls upon the Gujarat government to enact robust legislation against witchcraft harassment, ensuring that accurate information about these cases emerges, culprits face appropriate consequences, and the victims finally receive justice.

NIT Raipur celebrates Foundation Day

Raipur, Dec 01: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur celebrated its Foundation Day on 1st December 2023.The Institute officially earned the distinguished title of National Institute of Technology Raipur on December 1, 2005.

Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra, CMD, South Eastern Coalfields Limited was the Chief Guest of the event. Dr. Subhanshu Gupta, Associate Professor, Electrical engineering and Computer Science. Washington State

University, Pullman WA, USA was the Guest of Honor. Dr Suresh Haware, Chairman, BoG, NIT Raipur and Chairman, Haware Properties and Group of Companies was the Special Guest. The event was presided over by Dr. NV Ramana Rao,



Director, NIT Raipur. Moving ahead, a documentary featuring the legacy of the Institute, its impressive placement and PPO records, and the various achievements of the students, faculties, and alumni were also presented.

Dr. NV Ramana Rao laid emphasis on the growth of institute into one of the top institutes of the country from its humble begin nings. He stated that the foundation day is celebrated to honour what the institute has achieved till now and to look forward to what



ly towards improvement. Dr. Suresh Haware explained how Alumni are the representatives of Institute. He explained the emphasis on multifaceted growth and all round progress of students and the rich legacy of our Institute. As for the scope

efficient utilisation. He also talked about his visit to Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) and how such visits expand the mental horizon of a person. This was followed by the Awards Ceremony. The Best Department Award was awarded to the Department of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Dilip Singh Sisodiya, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering secured the Best Faculty The Award. Best Researcher Award was bagged by Dr. (Mrs.) Anamika Yadav, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering. The Young achiever alumnus award was given to Dr. Abhijit Shrotri and the Distinguished Alumnus

award was given to Dr.

the convenors and partici-

University and Priyesh

wished for the successful

completion of the event

and sent the message of

motivation for all the stu-

dents and faculty mem-

bers for their participa-

tion in the international

conference. Gokulananda

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University congratulated

the students, and partici-

pants of the event and the

organizers for the success-

ful conduct of this

Technical international

conference.

Pagariya,

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had also

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pants for the conference.

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Pagariya,

General,

University

Chancellor,

Javant Jain.

more than 8,000 traders of March 2024. These cases Chhattisgarh who are not are currently being heard filing returns along with at the departmental level. evading tax. It is being told Central Government has that the process of sending notices to traders is asked to set up a tribunal going on continuously. court to resolve GST relat-This campaign of the deed matters. The tribunal court will operate in Bilaspur and Raipur. Now

do not respond to the notice, raids can also be taken against traders soon.

GST tax will be resolved as soon as possible. A new rule has also come into effect for traders with a turnover of more than Rs 100 crore from November. Under this rule, they will have to upload the receipts in the GST portal within 30 days. Tax experts said that this rule has further tightened

Man gets new life after undergoing operation for VSR

In ACI, Dr Bhimrao **Ambedkar Memorial** Hospital



Conference 'ICAEIAT-2023'

Successful completion of International

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Raipur, Dec 03: In the world of professional gatherings and knowledge sharing, conferences are formidable platforms bringing together erudite thinkers, visionaries, and industry leaders. They serve as grand stages where ideas converge, collaborations are forged, and significant discourse is born. MATS University at MSE&IT (School of Engineering and Information Technology) witnessed such a two-day international conference "Advances in on Engineering, Information & Aerospace Technology (ICAEIAT-2023)" which commenced on Dec 1st, 2023 and concluded on Dec 2nd, 2023. The conference had a grand start with stalwarts and think tanks from diverse areas of Engineering, science and technology. Apart from a host of dignitaries, participants from academic and research institutes attended the event.

The Principal of MSE&IT Dr. Gulshan Soni inaugurated the conference along with the Guest of honour Dr. Manu Vardhan, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering at National Institute of Technology Raipur: Along with him we had Dr Rajamohan Parthsarathy, Associate Professor and Lead Coordinator for the Centre for Networks Security & IoT, Faculty of



Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology, SEGi University, Malaysia and Dr. Vishvanath Kanthe, Professor from Nashik. On day 2 of the eminent speakers shared the stage, among them were Dr. Yadu. Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Department, NIT Raipur CG, Dr. Ashish Seth, Professor at of Global Convergence Studies, Inha University, South Rana Dr. SivakumarVengusamy, associate professor in Asia

Pacific University, and Dr. Vaitheeshwaran Advisor, Consortium for Technical Education, Chennai. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P.

conference

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School

Korea,

Yadav in his welcome address congratulated the organisers and participants for the conference. He highlighted onthe ICAEIAT-2023 theme for the conference, and paid thrust on the areas of research and innovations in the field of Engineering, Information and Aerospace technology. Dr Gulshan Soni, Principal MSE & IT, stressed that to achieve the goal of becoming 5 trillion economy, we need to look beyond mundane research problem and focus on real issues

gv/materials. processes, green buildings, process intensification, risk and hazard assessment, polymers and composites, energy storage, mathematical modeling and simulation, artifiwhich is the crux of the cial intelligence and data sciences, and structural matter. He further pitched engineering. He further in that, producing lofty added that the prizes are ideas is not just important but such scientific forum to be won in the poster will make a real sense if it and oral presentations in churns out at least a few the conference and certificates were to be presented entrepreneurs, and research scholars of tomorto the winners at the end. row. Along with them The Ceremony of the conferother dignitaries from difence was addressed by our ferent departments of MATS University were Vice-chancellor Dr. K. P. also present at the confer-Yadav sir and presented ence inauguration cerethe vote of thanks. He touched all important asmony. The entire event was hosted by Dr. Aruna pects from science and and Ms. technology, technical to SakshiSahufrom MSE&IT, vocational education in and was supported by the India, while addressing the gathering. He further student volunteers. distributed certificates to

In this two-day conference, a total of 10 technical track sessions were laid, which covered 5 plenary disciplines of engineering namely Civil, Mechanical, CSE, Mining and Aeronautical Engineering. A count of more than 126 research papers for oral and virtual presentations were acknowledged for the conference. Out of which 97 research papers were filtered and sorted for further presentations at the conference. And 13 different certificates were distributed under different categories for the conference. Principal MSE&IT informed that the themes of the conference revolved around renewable enerCentral Chronicle News

green Raipur, Dec 03: A 57year-old male patient whose heart wall ruptured after heart attack got a new lease of life after undergoing operation in the Department of Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery of Dr. Ambedkar Bhimrao Memorial Hospital, Raipur. The patient was discharged after 15 days of the operation. This operation was done by Dr. Krishnakant Sahu, Head of the Department of Heart, **C**hest and Valedictory Vascular Surgery and his

team. The patient reached OPD of the hospital a few months ago complaining of chest pain. ECG and other tests revealed that he had suffered a heart attack. Angiography revealed that there was a block in the main coronary artery of his heart. After angioplasty his condition remained fine for one to two days, but on the third day he started feeling shortness of breath and production of urine in his body has Dr stopped, said Sahu. Krishnakant Moreover his BP got very low (70/40 mmHg) and the body started filling with water. Echocardiography was done again by the cardiologist, it was found that due to the heart attack led to formation of large hole in the wall between left and right ventricles, called ventricular septal rupture (VSR). This hole occurs because in a heart attack, blood flow is obstructed due to



the formation of a clot in the artery of the heart and heart muscles start melting due to blood not reaching them. Moreover melted muscles increase the blood pressure of the heart. If this hole occurs in the outer wall of the heart, the patient dies within a few minutes.

Echocardiography revealed that this hole (VSR) was so big that no device to close the hole could be placed in it, hence this patient was referred to Dr Krishnakant Sahu in the Department of Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery. According to Dr Sahu the condition of this patient was very bad as his blood pressure was 70/40mmHg and oxygen saturation (SPO2) was 80%. The flow of urine had stopped completely and there was swelling in the lungs (pulmonary edema) and the heart was functioning only 20 percent, he said

According to him the chances of survival of such patients are ab-

solutely negligible. This condition is called acute cardiac failure with pulmonary edema.

By keeping this patient in ICU, efforts were made to correct blood pressure and other hemodynamics with the support of ventilator and medicines, Dr Sahu said. With medication, the patient's blood pressure improved and urination started. About 12 to 13 liters of water had accumulated in the patient's body and his weight had come down from 72 kg to 57 kg. It took more than 58 days for the creatinine level in the blood to come down from 7.2mg to 0.8mg.

Dr Sahu said that Dr Sahu said that operation was performed with cutting left ventricle, repairing of hole with special type of cloth (called Double Velor Dacron) and separation of dead wall of the left ventricle after stopping heartbeat with the help of a heart lung machine.

The size of the left ventricle was reduced using a special technique called "volume reduction left ventriculoplasty". After the operation, intra aortic balloon pump (IABP machine) was installed to support the patient's heart. According to Dr Sahu the success of this type of operation depends on the efficiency of the surgeon, teamwork and post-operative care of the patient. This patient was put on ventilator support for 03 days after the operation and discharged from the hospital 15 days after the operation. The team that successfully performed this operation under Dr Sahu's direction comprised Dr Nishant Singh Chandel (heart surgeon), Dr Ajit Sakleja (PG), Dr Sanjay Tripathi (JR), cardiac anaesthetist Dr Tushar Malewar, perfusionists-Pritam and Digeshwar, technicians- Bhupendra and Harish, and nursing staff-Rejendra, Narendra, Dushyant, Chowa. Munesh, Sarita, Kiran, Priyanka, Kusum, Shiba

and Tejendra.





BJP's Venkata

Sunil Kanugolu, the poll strategist behind Congress' win in T'gana

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

Poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu has yet again proven to be the man with the Midas touch, plotting the Congress' amazing turnaround in Telangana months after being the architect of the grand old party's return to power in Karnataka.

Kanugolu was largely credited for shaping the win Congress' in Karnataka and was later accorded Cabinet rank in the Siddaramaiah government.

This time, Kanugolu along with PCC chief A Revanth Reddy formed a formidable pair to chalk out the Congress' strategy to pull down the K Chandrashekhar Rao-led BRS government that was eving a third term in the

southern state. The Congress was headed for victory in Telangana while it was staring at crushing defeats in the Hindi heartland states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh



Rajasthan.

Kanugolu had also made forays in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh following a directive from the party's central leadership but regional satraps Ashok Gehlot and Kamal Nath reportedly were not on the same page as the poll strategist.

Ahead of the Rajasthan

his suggestions and



Karnataka 'PayCM' campaign against the BJP. In the run-up to the polls in Telangana, he highlighted the alleged corruption of the K Chandrashekhar Rao dispensation as part of Congress' campaign that seemed to have struck a chord with the people.

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The campaigns run by

Congress

Karnataka and Telangana

have been very similar as

both highlighted the al-

elections, Kanugolu had made an assessment about the winnability of probable candidates but Gehlot reportedly did not agree to

leged graft of the ruling brought in Naresh Arora's dispensation and project-Designboxed to construct ed welfare guarantees that the Congress governseemed to have struck an ment's narrative in the instant connection with run-up to the assembly the public.



Congress' narrative in with the Defeats KCR, **Revanth Reddy in** Kamareddy Hyderabad, Dec 03

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(PTI): BJP's K Venkata Ramana Reddy emerged as a giant killer by defeating Chief Minister and BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao and Telangana PCC chief Revanth Reddy in Kamareddy assembly constituency on Sunday. He vanquished his nearest rival KCR by a margin of 6,741 votes.



Speaking to media, Venkata Ramana Reddy said Kamareddy got recognition as big leaders contested in the segment.

"I feel that I am fortunate to win against those two (KCR and Revanth Reddy). People will vote for you even without money and liquor. I always believe that people are not corrupt, it is leaders," he said.

He further said he considered both KCR and Revanth Reddy as opponents only.

KCR, the vanquished T'gana icon who missed a historic hat trick

Hyderabad, Dec 03 (PTI):

After spearheading the separate Telangana movement and leading his party to significant victories since 2001, a third term in office eluded BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao, as his party fell behind in the legislative assembly polls. The setback could derail

Rao's ambitions to expand the BRS's influence beyond Telangana and establish a national presence.

Rao, popularly known as KCR, rebranded his party, Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) as Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) last year.

He extensively campaigned in neighboring Maharashtra to bolster the BRS's presence.

Transitioning from relative obscurity as a Congress supporter to becoming a symbol of Telangana pride, KCR adeptly navigated the complexities of state and central politics.

He gained prominence first with the formation of Telangana in 2014, followed by consecutive triumphs in the 2014 and 2018 assembly polls. A shrewd politician, Rao took an early initiative by an-



nouncing 115 candidates for the 119-member assembly in August this year, well ahead of the November 30 polling date.

However, this strategy seemingly backfired as the party candidates grappled with anti-incumbency sentiments.

KCR often faces accusations of perpetuating dynastic rule, nepotism, and corruption, allegations that seem to have resonated with the electorate.

The 69-year-old leader, hailing from Chintamadaka village in Medak district, commenced his political journey as an ordinary member of the Indian Youth Congress. Rao joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) founded by film icon N T Rama Rao in 1983. While his first electoral attempt in the same year re-

sulted in defeat to the Congress candidate in Siddipet, he secured victory in 1985 and maintained his winning streak. Rao triumphed in Karimnagar, Medak, and Mahbubnagar Lok Sabha seats five times. including two by-polls.

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Becoming a minister in the NTR government and subsequently in the government of his son-in-law N Chandrababu Naidu, Rao also served as the deputy speaker of the Pradesh Andhra Assembly.

However, the aspiration for a separate Telangana persisted. Rao departed from the TDP in 2001, citing Naidu's bias against Telangana. He founded the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, reviving the statehood movement dor-

mant since the late 1960s. Tying up with the Congress and pledging statehood for Telangana, he contested the 2004 Lok Sabha polls in alliance with them.

Securing five seats, Rao became a cabinet minister at the Centre but eventually parted ways, alleging the Congress's lack of sincerity in creating Telangana.

Ashok Gehlot: Magician' leaves centre stage in Rajasthan

Jaipur, Dec 03 (PTI)

"I sometimes think of leaving it, but the chief minister's post doesn't leave me," Ashok Gehlot famously said earlier this year, in part as a signal to the Congress top brass not to pick someone else for the job if the party wins

the assembly polls. Over the past several months Gehlot, 72, tried every trick up his sleeve he has his magician father's blood running through his veins, after all

 to retain the post. Last year, MLAs loyal to him even defied the party high command by boycotting the Congress Legislature Party meeting summoned in Jaipur to possibly pave the way to

the CM's post for Sachin Pilot, who in 2020 led a rebellion against the older colleague.

The Gandhis wanted Gehlot to quit state politics and become the next naagain as CM. tional president of the Congress. But Gehlot succeeded in staying put.

slew of welfare measures, including cheaper cooking gas for the poor and a Rs 25-lakh medical insurance scheme. The old pension scheme was back for government employees.

wart ensured that he was other leaders have done identified with each this Mohan Lal scheme. Had the Congress Sukhadia of the Congress was the CM four times, won, most observers feel. it would have been forced while Haridev Joshi (Congress) and Bhairon to pick Gehlot over Pilot Singh Shekhawat (BJP) But the kursi' did leave were chief ministers him this time. On Sunday thrice.

Gehlot began with student politics. He became the president of the Rajasthan unit of the National Student Union of India (NSUI) in 1974, a post

He has represented Jodhpur in the Lok Sabha five times. In Jodhpur's Sardarpura assembly segment, he had won five times in a row since 1999 before these elections -and was on course for the sixth success. Gehlot, the story goes, came to then prime minister Indira Gandhi's notice for his work with refugees from East Bengal. He remained in the good books of Rajiv Gandhi as well.

The party acknowledged his leadership as the All India Congress Committee (AICC) incharge for Gujarat, when he led a tough fight on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home turf in 2017. Next year, he was appointed AICC general secretary (organisation).

Earlier at the AICC, he has been in charge of the Seva Dal and the party's Uttar Pradesh and Delhi units. Gehlot has been the Rajasthan Congress Committee president thrice, the first time when he was just 34.

be different ball game: CPM



Rajastan Governor Kalraj Mishra receives Congress leader Ashok Gehlot's resignation as the state chief minister, at Raj Bhavan, in Jaipur, Sunday.

BJP's Gopal Bhargava registers ninth No saffron wave, LS polls to BRS poor show linked to anti-incumbency and shifting of voter sentiments

evening, Gehlot conceded He then set himself on defeat even as the final rethe task of trying to get sults of the counting in the Congress back in a Rajasthan were yet to state that for the last three come in but it was clear that the BJP was set to decades has never returned the same party to cross the majority-mark. he held up to 1979. office twice in a row. Polling was held in 199 of

successive win from Rehli seat

Gehlot introduced a

And the Congress stal-

the 200 seats in the assembly. Gehlot's "failure", however, cannot erase his past attributed successes.

mainly to his mass connect. He has been the state's chief minister

thrice, in 1998-2003, 2008-13 and 2018-23. Only three

Bhopal, Dec 03 (PTI): BJP stalwart

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Gopal Bhargava, who has a reputation for not campaigning during elections, on Sunday registered his ninth consecutive victory from the Rehli seat of Madhya Pradesh as his party surged ahead to retain power in the state.

Bhargava (71) defeated his nearest rival and Congress candidate Jyoti Patel by 72,800 votes. He will be the most experienced legislator in the new assembly.

The popular politician, who was the leader of opposition during the Nath-led Kamal Congress regime, had



first won from Rehli in 1985. Since then, he has been invincible, winning all assembly elections from the seat in the past 38 years.

Bhargava, a cabinet minister since 2003 with different portfolios, has said that he doesn't need to campaign as he be-

lieves in working for people all five years. Former chief minister and BJP leader late Babulal Gaur, a ten-time MLA, had won eight times in a row from Govindpura of Bhopal. He had been elected two times from Bhopal South (now Bhopal South-West) seat of the state capital. Another former chief minister of BJP, the late Kailash Joshi, had won eight assembly elections between 1962 and 1993 from the Bagli seat of

Dewas district. Of the 230 seats in the state, the BJP has so far won 77 seats and is ahead in 87 constituencies. The Congress has bagged 19 seats and is leading in 46.

Kolkata. Dec 03 (PTI): Claiming that it is wrong to suggest there is a saffron wave with the BJP winning in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the CPI(M) on Sunday asserted that it would be a different ball game in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP tightened its grip in the Hindi heartland with assembly victories in Madhya Rajasthan Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh while the Congress was set to oust the BRS from Telangana. CPI(M) central committee member Sujan Chakraborty said that the grand old party has secured a significant percentage of votes in all the four states, including Telangana where it is poised for a victory. He refused to accept that the Congress has got itself confined to the southern part of

India. "It is wrong to say there is a saffron wave because the BJP is winning in Madhva Pradesh. Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. They are winning now, but whether this will continue is to be seen," he told reporters here. Chakraborty asserted that the Lok Sabha elections will be a "different ball game". Batting for the Congress party, which was suffering a poll debacle in the three states, he said that it would not be right to suggest that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' did not have a positive impact on the people. The CPI(M) leader said that after the Gandhi family scion's yatra across the country, elections were also held in Karnataka, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, where the

Congress fared well.

Factors such as anti-incumbency, voter fatigue, and dissatisfaction among the youth contributed mainly to the poor showing of BRS in the Telangana Legislative Assembly election on Sunday. Despite the towering image of BRS supremo and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, along with the party's extensive grassroots network and welfare programmes, the perceived inaccessibility of its leaders contributed to the growing anti-incumbency sentiments. Additionally, the opposition projection of what they called the BRS family rule in the state further exacerbated this sentiment.

Hvderabad. Dec 03 (PTI):

The party's decision to renominate most of the 119 MLAs did not vield the desired results either.

The BRS has dominated Telangana politics since the state's formation in 2014 and had a significant presence even in undivided Andhra Pradesh since

2001 While the BRS government introduced various welfare schemes, its alleged failure to fulfill key election promises, including providing housing for the poor, ensuring significant job creation, doling out unemployment relief, as well as the delayed implementation of farmers' loan waivers and the leak of recruitment test ques-

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tion papers worked against them. The BJP was initially considered the main opposition to BRS, but the scenario changed after the Congress gained momenfollowing tum the Karnataka elections in May.

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Congress workers and supporters celebrate the party's lead during counting of votes for Telangana Assembly elections, outside Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, Sunday.

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nvironment means the space or situation that surrounds a living being. It refers to the conditions and which someone's growth. It is the basic life support system for all living things. The natural environment can be differentiated into 4 main components- biosphere, lithosphere, Hydrosphere And Atmosphere. The Earth's environment makes it the only planet in our solar system where life is possible. Human beings are an important part of the environment and they have a responsibility to upkeep the living conditions for them and other living beings. Human beings are now exploiting the environment and national sources for selfish uses. Now environmental conditions are becoming worse day by day.



Pollution of air, water and air play a major role in the gradual deterioration of the environment. To protect the environment we should learn to conserve water, using resources efficiently, making other people aware about the need of conserving the environment, planting trees and so on. Since the environment ly die is the interplay of different natural resources, they all need to be conserved.

taking different steps such as preventing water pollution by avoiding waste materials and chemicals to run off in water. It can be conserved by not wasting water on purpose. Nowadays, air pollution has also become common in the world. Chemicals and harmful gases are continuously being released in the atmosphere, polluting the air. It is now becoming a very harmful situation for living beings on Earth. Because every being on Earth needs to breathe in order to live and needs air in order to breathe. If the

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World AIDS Day awareness programs held in Sukma

Sukma, Dec 03

World AIDS Day was observed in Sukma with a series of impactful programs aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. Shaheed Government Bapurao PG College, Sukma, played host to a range of activities as part of the HIV/AIDS awareness campaign.

College students enthusiastically participated in competitions designed to promote awareness, including essay writing, poster creation, rangoli art, and speech contests. The participants who excelled in these competitions were rewarded with cash prizes, certificates, and mementos. Chief Medical and

Health Officer Dr. Mahesh Sandia, the chief guest of the program, delivered an informative address on



HIV prevention, control, and safety measures. His insights added depth to the educational aspects of the event. Furthermore, an awareness rally on HIV/AIDS was organized on World AIDS Day, featuring students from Balika Potakabin Sukma. The rally commenced from District Hospital Sukma and witnessed active par-

like chair races, painting, rangoli, and quizzes by ITI students.

The event was graced by the presence of Principal Prof. C.L. Patle, Red **Ribbon Club Coordinator** Prof. MK. Nagarchi, and several esteemed faculty members, including Assistant Professors P.K. Das. Kamlesh Salam, and Pooja Soni. The occasion also saw the involvement ticipation in competitions

of dedicated health professionals and officials, such District UNICEF Consultant Jayanarayan Singh, District TV HIV Coordinator Koshilva Chandrakar, District STI Counsellor Mukesh Roy, District Program Coordinator Rajesh Solanki, District Program Officer Piramal, and many college professors, guest lecturers, and students.

Manikpur police seized 11 sports cycles, 1 bike from history sheeter

on lumpy virus disease Kareli badi, Dec 03

A free veterinary camp was organized by the Livestock Development Department in Sub-Tehsil Kareli Badi on Friday at Artificial the Insemination Center Kareli Badi. More than 120 livestock farmers were benefited in this. The camp was made successful under the leadership of VEO Bhujendra Soni. 47 animals were treated in the camp. Medicines were distributed to 32 animals, deworming of 44 animals, spraying of anti-parasitic medicine to 38 animals, LSD vaccination of 1800, pregnancy test of 1, investigation of infertile animal disease of 1. castration of 3, cow dung samples of 6 and Blood platelet

Spread awareness



LSD vaccination of 1800 cattle

done in free veterinary camp

VEO Magarlod Dr. done. During this time, Bhujendra said that the the animal owners were Livestock Department is informed about the sympcontinuously organizing toms of lumpy virus that camps in every village in it is a viral skin disease the block to vaccinate the in which the animal has high fever, watery eyes animals with LSD. Vaccination for lumpy and nose, swelling in the skin disease was also legs, covering of the body done by organizing a with hard and flat lumps camp in Kareli Badi. or difficulty in breathing. Quick update related to There may be problems the skin disease of some in vaccination.

tion, the cattle rearers were made aware. He told that this camp was organized in the village by making announcement on 30th November. The cattle of the cattle rearers were vaccinated after reaching every house. The cattle rearers were very happy in this work. In the camp, animals were examined for various diseases and medicines were also distrib

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uted. On this occasion, Sarpanch Domar Singh There was cooperation from Yaduvanshis includ ing AVEO BL Nagarchi, Pashu Sakhi Gayatri Sahu, Onier Kashyap, Jinendra Sahu, Pashu Mitra Aswan Nishad, Yadram, Damon Sahu, Sahu. Sahu Kanwar

Bhenu Kanwar, Domesh Kanwar Mahesh Nishad.

Collector ensures fair crop harvest assessment



Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Dec 03:

In a significant step towards enhancing agricultural transparency and supporting local farmers, Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia personally oversaw the physical verification of paddy yield under the Pradhan Mantri Crop

in Bajrangi Mohalla, ward number 10 of Gaurela,

where she conducted a thorough assessment. To ensure accuracy, a 5meter by 5-meter plot was randomly chosen in the farmer's field and the

paddy crop was harvested, threshed, and weighed on the spot. This comprehensive process allowed for the calculation of the average yield, which was then used to estimate the total vield per acre.

Recognizing the moisture content in the paddy, the collector made appropriate adjustments, reducing the recorded weight of 16 kg 250 grams by ten percent to 14 kg 625 grams. She instructed the safekeeping of this paddy and scheduled a follow-up weighing after 15 days to monitor any changes.

The event was attended by Additional Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, Superintendent of Land Records P.R. Ananth, **Revenue** Inspector Vinay Koshale, Patwari Vinod Jagat, and local farmers.

various states in India. He



On the directions of Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla, under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Abhishek Verma, City Superintendent of Police Bhushan Ekka and Police Station Incharge Kotwali Rupak Sharma, 11 pieces of sports cycle were stolen on 1 December 2023 by Manikpur Police under the leadership of Outpost Incharge Manikpur Premchand Sahu. Success has been achieved in seizing a bicycle and one

Korba, Dec 03:

motorcycle. On December 1. 2023, information was received that Bhupesh Sahu alias Rahul Sahu, resident of

Bhadrapara Balco, was looking for customers in Manikpur area to sell stolen bicycles and motorcycles. On the said information, accused Bhupesh Sahu was surrounded and caught in Railway Colony. 11 numbers of sports cycles and one motorcycle HF Deluxe serial number CG 12 H 4103 were recovered from the places indicated by him and action was taken under 41 (1) (4)/379 IPC.

Korba, Dec 03:

International level badminton player supported by NTPC Korba is now qualified All India University Championship Khelo and India University Games. International level badminton player Harshit Thakur won the 22nd State Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament 2023, organized by the Bilaspur District Badminton Association, held at Bilaspur.

The finals of the Men's Singles were played between Ronak Chauhan of Raipur and Harshit Thakur of Korba. Harshit emerged as the winner. Harshit has carved an extraordinary path in the world of Badminton, representing India on various international platforms



also. His story is one of resilience and determination, inspiring us to pursue our dreams despite hurdles. Harshit Thakur is being trained under the initiatives of the Social Corporate

Harshit carved an extraordinary

path in the world of badminton

Responsibility (CSR) of NTPC Korba. Harshit Thakur who is supported by NTPC Korba recently also won a Silver Medal in the North Zone Inter

University Badminton Championship which was held at Chandigarh from 24 to 29 November 2023. "Me and my team is now qualified for All India University Championship and Khelo India University Games to be held in January 2024," said Harshit Thakur. "I'm really grateful and thankful for the support given by NTPC Korba." he added.

Awareness camp organized on World AIDS Day

Kasdol, Dec 03:

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tion rate in India, tireless efforts are being made to prevent the disease and in this regard, every year on

K Shanmugha Sundaram takes charge as Director (Projects), NTPC

Harvesting Scheme. The collector visited the field of farmer Ramesh Bhatt

Korba, Dec 03:

Shanmugha Sundaram (DIN: 10347322) has taken charge as Director (Projects), NTPC on 1st December, 2023. K. Shanmugha Sundaram is a 1988 batch Electronics Communication and Engineering graduate from Govt. College of Technology, Coimbatore with PGDM from MDI Gurgaon in the area of Strategy & Finance. Prior to joining as Director (Projects), NTPC Limited, he was ED to CMD, NTPC Limited.

Shanmugha K. Sundaram joined NTPC



Limited as Graduate **Engineer Trainee officer** in 1988 and has more than 35 years of diverse and versatile experience in Project as well as Commissioning stages of 110, 210, 500, 660 and 800 MW fleets, greenfield as well as brownfield, across

also has experience of operating and maintaining vast fleet of power stations. Shri K. Shanmugha Sundaram was actively involved for the development of 1st supercritical power project of India at Sipat. He has worked in various capacities at NTPC Darlipali Project. working at Corporate Centre in Operation

Services department wherein monitoring of Company's functions is being carried out and strategic initiatives taken. During his tenure as Head of Project at NTPC

Project at Talcher Kaniha (3000 MW), he was influential in improving the performance of the station which has ensured CII-ITC Sustainability He has exposure of award and also construction of FGD. He is a professional with Corporate and Site experience, people-oriented approach, knowledge and experience of the entire power sector and works towards speedy implementation of projects.

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Chief Medical and Health Officer. Baloda Bazar. Dr. Barauni (720 MW), a MP Mahishwar and under taken over Project from Bihar State Electricity the guidance of Block Board, project commis-Medical Officer, (Kasdol), was accom-Dr. Rakesh Kumar plished. As Head of Pradhan, on the occasion of World AIDS Day on Friday, December 1, an awareness camp was organized at ITI Asnind in which staff-officers posted at Community Health Center Kasdol also participated. information Giving

about HIV virus to the ITI trainees in the camp, HIV counsellor Dhane Shwar Patel said that HIV virus makes humans its victims. and this virus enters the human body through 4 mediums, mainly unsafe



sexual relations, use of HIV infected needles and syringes, blood transfusion and from an infected pregnant mother to her unborn child.Ram Gopal Sahu, present from the Community Health Center, highlighted the possibility of TB disease due to HIV virus and gave information about how immunity can be improved. Symptoms and treatment of leprosy were discussed by Hiralal Sahu, Dhaneshwar. Chetan Singh made the camp entertaining by satisfying the curiosity of the children through interesting quiz among the trainees. Children who gave correct answers in the quiz were also rewarded by the principal in-charge of the institution. It is noteworthy

December 1, under the National AIDS Control Programme, awareness rallies and camps are organized by all the health centers and various NGOs. On this occasion, Rural Health Coordinator Chetan Singh Health and Wellness

Asnind, Ram Gopal Sahu, Hiralal Sahu, Dhaneshwar Patel, Rajesh Dewangan, Harishankar Patel Community Health Center Kasdol as well as Principal in-charge of ITI Asnind C S Verma, Training Officer S.K. Kaivart, LL Dhruv, KK Koshale, SK Sahu and other officers and employees of the organization were present.

DAV MMPS Vishrampuri excels in cluster level sports

In Bastar and Kirandul

Kondagaon, Dec 03:

Students of DAV

Mukhyamantri Public School, Honavandi, the only CBSE English medium school in Vishrampuri area of Baderajpur development block of Kondagaon district, have waved their flag in the entire Bastar division by participating in the DAV cluster level sports competition. In which under the guidance of sports teacher Likesh Sahu, girls in age category of17 years group got first place in Kho-kho, boys category 17 years age group got first place in Kho-Kho category, boys category Kabaddi group game got first place in 19 vears age group and secured first position. Students have also shown their talent in ath-

District police practices riot control drill letics, Kumari Deepika Sori stood first in 1500m and 800m

race in girls category, Kumari Bhumika Netam stood first in 400m race and second in long jump. Deepesh Markam won the first position in the 400m race in the boys category. And in the 1500 meters race, Narendra Kumar Patel came third. In this way the students of DAV Mukhyamantri Public School Honavandi have waved their flag in cluster level sports in Bastar division and made DAV Vishrampuri proud. The teachers of the institution Premlal Sahu and other teachers congratulated all the winning students along with the parents also sent their best wishes to the winning students. Advance wishes are sent to all for further zonal level sports com-

petition and national level

sports competition.

Khairagarh, Dec 03:

The district police force conducted exercises to prevent untoward incidents like riots during the counting of votes in the assembly elections. Under the leadership of District Police Captain Ankita Sharma, all the police station in-charges, police line, cyber cell, DRG, district force and under the direction of Inspector General of Police Rahul Bhagat and Superintendent of Police Ankita Sharma are working to ensure a safe and peaceful law and order situation in the coming time.

Jointly with the office staff, riot drill was practiced with riot control equipment in the field of Madrakuhi (Sonbhatta) in which how to control the unruly elements,

take and how to do it, was practised. During the exercise, riot control was practiced in a dramatic manner, during which for example, employees of a factory are protesting demanding their salaries, allowances and other facilities, the said protesters are first requested by the police station in-charge and the jurisdictional magistrate to end the protest by giving a memorandum of

their demands, but if the protesters do not agree and get furious and start pelting stones at the police team, the police party uses tear gas from anti-rights guns.

Shells are fired on the protestors, yet as the crowd does not disperse, police party uses the cane party and still, when the anarchists do not disperse, a party is sent for lathi charge. When the protesters were not able to come under con-

trol even with the lathi charge, the magistrate present on the spot shows banners warning the protesters that they were against the law and as a last option, keeping in mind the security and peace of the common citizens of the area, they would fire on the protesters.

Through loud speakers, people are requested to stop the protest and go away, but if the protesters become more aggressive on the spot and start damaging government property and government vehicles, on which the police party, on the orders of the Magistrate, fires 12 rounds on the unruly elements, in which three protesters are injured and are immediately sent for treatment. After the riot drill, Police Captain Ankita Sharma briefed the present

force in detail about the merits and demerits of the action taken by them and gave important instructions regarding enhancing their negotiation skills and resolving the incident wisely by using minimum force in such situations.

that due to the high infec-

Additional Superintendent of Police Pandey, Neha Sub-Divisional Officer Gandai Prashant Khande, police station in-charge shared their experiences with the present force regarding VIP duty and law and order duty and gave necessary guidelines to the force. During the drill exercise, Reserve Inspector K. Raju, all police station in-charges, police line, DRG force, cyber cell, district force and Superintendent of Police office staff were present.

Trader caught trying to sell farmers' paddy

Bilaspur, Dec 03:

District Collector Avnish Sharan has given strict instructions to the Food Department to monitor the paddy procurement system and following the instructions, the Food Department is keeping a close watch on this. In this series, 225 bags of illegal paddy were seized from a businessman who was trying to sell paddy on the slip of three farmers in Kenda Seva Cooperative Society. Kripal Singh and Vijay Kumar, farmers of Silpahari, and Ram Singh, farmer of Barpali, were given a slip from the Kenda Committee on December 1 to sell their paddy. On the basis of token 225 bags of paddy were brought from three farmers by drivers Paras Jain, Harishchandra, Somdev Prajapati and Anil Patel. During this time, investigating officer Food Inspector Abdul Qadir Khan reached the spot and made inquiries. All four drivers admitted to bringing this paddy from the businessman and 225 bags of paddy have been seized from all of them.

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US Sikh body completes planting of 850 sacred forests

To present its action plan at COP 28

Washington, Dec 03 (PTI):

A US-based Sikh environmental organisation has completed planting 850 sacred forests, with latest one the in Ludhiana, and will be presenting its progress and the action plan at the UN Climate Summit in Dubai.

According to a press release, EcoSikh's global president Rajwant Singh will be showcasing the Sacred Forest initiative as an effective climate solution for ecological restoration and will offer collaboration with gov- tant gatherings in 2023 ernmental organisations and is expected to host and faith groups. He has been invited by

60,000 - 80,000 delegates and over 140 Heads of COP28 CEO Adnan Z State. "We all need to take ac-Amin to address a panel titled Urban Wisdom:

tion urgently in response to devastating rising tem-Indigenous knowledge and governance of future peratures. We cannot cities.' On the birth anwait for some entity or niversary of Guru government to find solu-Nanak, the founder of the tions to the ecological dis-Sikh faith, EcoSikh plantasters we are facing all ed its 850th sacred forest around us now. Many of 1,313 trees in the heart communities are losing their ancestral lands due EcoSikh will be preto several environmental senting its progress and factors beyond their conthe action plan in a meettrol. We cannot sit and watch while people are ing of various stakeholders in Dubai. COP28, suffering due to catastrowhich is taking place in phe." Singh said. Dubai, will be one of the

EcoSikh was founded in 2009 in collaboration largest and most imporwith the United Nations Development Programme as the Sikh community's response to climate change. For over a decade, EcoSikh has been working on environmental issues in India and now has chapters in Canada, the UK, Ireland and the United States. "Our strategy to fight climate change should not only be focused on emission reduction. We need to remove carbon from the atmosphere. Sacred Forests is one effective way to achieve that goal. Mass action of such kind can help control the rising temperatures," said Charan Singh, EcoSikh's Forest Convener.



People pose for a photo at the U.S. Center during the COP28 U.N. Climate Summit, Sunday, Dec. 3 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Suspected bomb blast kills at least **4 Christian worshippers**

During Mass in southern Philippines

Manila (Philippines), Dec 03 (AP):

A powerful explosion believed caused by a bomb ripped through a Catholic Mass and killed at least four people and wounded dozens of others Sunday in a predominantly Muslim city in the southern Philippines, officials said. The morning Mass was underway in a gymnasium at the state-run Mindanao State University in Marawi city when the explosion happened, causing panic among dozens of students and teachers and leaving the victims bloodied and sprawled on the ground, said Taha Mandangan, the security chief of the staterun campus. At least two of the wounded were fighting for their lives,

Mandangan said.

of Ludhiana.

'This is clearly an act of terrorism. It's not a simple feud between two people. A bomb will kill everyaround, body Mandangan told The Associated Press by telephone.

Regional military commander Maj. Gen. Gabriel Viray III said at least four people were killed by the explosion, including three women, and 50 others were brought to two hospitals for treatment of mostly minor injuries.

Only two of those killed had been identified, officials said.

Army troops and police immediately cordoned off the area and were conducting an initial investigation and checking security cameras for any indication of who may have been responsible for the attack. Security checkpoints were set up around the city.

The deadly blast set off a security alarm beyond Marawi city as the Christmas season ushered

in a period of travel, shopping sprees and traffic jams across the country. The Philippine coast guard said it ordered all its personnel to intensify intelligence gathering, stricter inspections of passenger ferries and the deployment of bomb-sniffing dogs and sea marshals following the suspected bomb attack.

"Amid this barbaric act, best public service must prevail," coast guard chief Admiral Ronnie Gavan said in a statement.

Presidential adviser Carlito Galvez, a former military chief of staff who now oversees government efforts to end Muslim and communist insurgencies. strongly condemned what he called a bombing incident.

Two Indian nationals have been jailed in Singapore for conspiring to steal apparel worth over one lakh rupees from a retail store, days after four of their compatriots were sentenced to jail for the same

Singapore, Dec 03 (PTI):

crime. Brahmbhatt Komal Chetankumar and Christian Arpita Arvindbhai, both 27, pleaded guilty to shoplifting offences after initially claiming that they had no intention to steal.

They were sentenced to 40 and 45 days in jail, respectively, and jailed on Friday, The Straits Times newspaper reported.

Komal and Arpita were on student passes in Singapore and lived with four other Indians. The group, along with other individuals, conspired to steal apparel together. Three other Indian na-

tionals were also involved

whom planned to steal from the outlet and roped the rest into the plan. Four of the group were

Two more Indians jailed for conspiring to

sentenced to between 40 and 65 days in jail on November 22.

went to the store and removed the price tags that contained radio-frequency identification (RFID). They contrived to steal the items without setting off the store's security alarm, ac-

cording to the report. The group then bought tote bags at the self-checkout area and stuffed the apparel in the bags, pretending they had paid for all their items. They stole 64 pieces of apparel worth SGD 1,788 in total. The authorities were alerted to the conspiracy when a second group including some members of the first group attempted to steal SGD 2,271

worth of clothes from the same outlet days later, according to the report.

Indian envoy visits Sri Lanka's north, underscores India's commitment to country

Colombo, Dec 03 (PTI):

The Indian envoy here has visited Sri Lanka's Northern Province to emphasise New Delhi's abiding commitment to the development and well-being of the people of the country through enhanced development cooperation and expanded economic partnership.

High Indian Commissioner Gopal Baglay has completed a three-day visit to the province, the Indian High Commission said in a statement on Saturday. He was accompanied by senior diplomats of the High Commission on the visit from November 29 to December 1.

High The Commissioner visited three islands off Jaffna, Nainativu, Analaitivu and Delft to assess the preing the Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems project. The Government of India have committed to support this project with a grant to address the energy needs of the inhabitants of these islands.

This was the High Commissioner's last of several visits to Jaffna during his assignment to Sri Lanka and underscored India's abiding commitment to the development and well-being of the people of Sri Lanka, including in the Northern Province, through enhanced development cooperation and expanded economic partnership in accordance with the priorities and the requirements of the people of the region, the statement said.

visited He Thalaimannar and Kankesanthurai passenger facilities in pursuance paredness for implement- of the ongoing efforts for

way infrastructure under the India-Sri Lanka development cooperation part nership for the benefit of the people of Sri Lanka, the delegation undertook a journey by Sri Lankan Railways from Colombo to

enhanced connectivity

through ferry services be-

tween mutually agreed

points in India and Sri

"Attesting to the signifi

cance of developing rail-

Lanka.

Medawachiya in modern coaches supplied under an Indian credit line. The train journey also

provided an opportunity to experience the riding comfort offered by the upgraded railway line from Anuradhapura.

The work is undertaken by reputed Indian public sector company IRCON. under an ongoing Indian line of credit for the upgradation of the Maho-Omanthai segment.

Trump calls Biden the 'destroyer' of democracy

Cedar Rapids (Iowa), Dec 03 (AP):

Former President Trump Donald on Saturday attempted to turn the tables on his likely rival in November, President Joe Biden, argu-



his political opponents like a Third World political tyrant," Trump said to

Biden

a crowd in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. "Biden and his radical left allies like to pose as standing up as allies of

tinued, arguing:

retaliation should he return to the White House. On Saturday, though, the former president extended his arguments about Biden's threat to democracy to lawsuits filed by two liberal organizations seekdemocracy," Trump con-tinued, arguing: "Joe ing to rule him ineligible for office under a rarely Biden is not the defender used Civil War-era constiof American democracy, tutional provision that Joe Biden is the destroyer prohibits those who "enof American democracy." gaged in insurrection" Ammar Moussa, a from returning to office. campaign All of the suits to date have failed. Biden has no spokesman, responded: involvement in them, but "Donald Trump's America Democratic donors who back him also help fund the liberal groups filing the claims. That's led Trump to blame them on the president, whom he contended had "defaced the Constitution" in trying to block him.

Pak, Saudi forges investment consensus for GCC free trade agreement

Islamabad, Dec 03 (PTI):

Pakistan and Saudi ing in Doha on Sunday, the International Court of ment. This chapter was where the FTA with Pakistan is expected to receive approval.

move preceding the GCC cally within eight months corporate an investment Foreign Ministers' meet- before escalating them to chapter into the agree-

particularly aimed at in-

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steal apparel from Singapore retail store in the conspiracy, two of In October, the group

ing that the man whose election victory Trump tried to overturn is "the destroyer of American democracy."

Trump's allegations about Biden, a Democrat, echo the ones that Biden has been making for years against his predecessor. As Trump has dominated the Republican presidential primary and talked about targeting his rivals and the news media if he wins the White House again, Biden has stepped up his own warnings, contending Trump is " determined to

destroy American democracy.'

On Saturday, Trump made his most explicit argument to date on why voters should instead see his rival as the bigger democratic threat. Trump repeated his longstanding contention that the four criminal indictments against him show Biden is

in 2025 is one where the government is his personal weapon to lock up his political enemies. You don't have to take our misusing the federal jusword for it Trump has adtice system against his mitted it himself."

Trump has long prom-ised to prosecute Biden in rival. "He's been weaponising government against **ELECTION CAMPAIGN**



Supporters of Taiwan President and Democratic Progressive Party presidential candidate William Lai cheer as Lai launches his election campaign in Taipei, Taiwan, Sunday, Dec. 3. Taiwan will hold its presidential election on Jan. 13. 2024.

Arabia have reached a consensus on the investment modalities, paving the path for the ratification of a much-awaited free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council, a development that has been pending for the last 19 years, according to a media report on Sunday. A high-powered delegation, led by interim commerce minister Gohar Ejaz, held the final round of discussions with the **Gulf** Cooperation Council (GCC) chief negotiator in Riyadh on Saturday, the Dawn newspaper report-

ed. The goal was to finalise the investment segment of the FTA, a critical

The agreed investment chapter is now set to be presented to the GCC ministers for approval, which was already included in the meeting's agenda. The GCC Secretariat has the authority to sign the agreement on behalf of the six-member GCC countries. If approved, this will mark the first trade and investment agreement that the GCC has entered into with any country in the past 15 vears.

The major decision among others will be the resolution of disputes lo-

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ing November.

in fatalities, and an 89

per cent increase in the

number of injured per-

sons was recorded dur-

Pakistani security forces killed at least 59

militants and arrested at

least 18 suspected terror-

ists during the month,

The data showed an 81

according to the report.

Arbitration.

"Today, we have fi-nalised the investment chapter of the FTA with the GCC team in Riyadh," Ejaz was quoted as saying by the Dawn after the meeting.

The minister said his team succeeded in creating a graduating approach by adding an eight-month period which will enable both investors for mutual settlement of disputes before going for arbitration to international courts.

In September, Pakistan agreed on the FTA with the GCC. However, the signing of the agreement was postponed as Saudi Arabia demanded to in-

(ICSID). In August 2004, Pakistan and the GCC, which includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and Kuwait, signed a framework agreement to explore the possibility of an FTA. However, only a handful of negotiation rounds occurred in the vears that followed. The dialogue was revived in 2021 after a substantial

Pakistan records 34 per cent increase in militant attacks in November

Islamabad, Dec 03 (PTI):

Anti-state violence in Pakistan surged 34 per cent in November, with militant attacks 63 recorded in the country during the month, a think-tank report said on Sunday.

The 63 militant attacks in November resulted in 83 deaths, including that of 37 security forces personnel and 33 civilians, the Dawn newspaper reported, citing data by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) think tank.

Additionally, 89 indi-

viduals, including 53 per cent escalation in civilians and 36 security militant attacks in the forces personnel, susfirst eleven months of tained injuries, accord-2023 compared to the ing to the Islamabadcorresponding period in based think tank. 2022.

It also showed a 64 per to October's data, a 34 per cent rise in the number cent surge in militant atof injured. tacks, a 63 per cent rise

The cumulative toll from the 599 militant attacks from January to November 2023 resulted in 897 fatalities and 1,241 injuries, according to the report.

Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was the most affected, recording 51 attacks with 54 deaths and 81 injuries.

The Balochistan province recorded nine attacks, which resulted in 18 fatalities, including that of 15 security forces personnel and three civilians, while Sindh recorded two minor-level attacks.

The Punjab province witnessed a single, highprofile attack on the Mianwali Air Base of the Pakistan Air Force. Heavily armed militants attacked the Pakistan Air Force training base, but soldiers foiled it by killing three of the attackers and cornering three others.



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Decisive Triumph

BJP's Dominance in Hindi Heartland he assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh have reshaped India's political landscape, firmly establishing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the dominant force in the Hindi heartland. In the high-stakes semifinal showdown preceding the Lok Sabha elections, political fortunes took an unexpected twist, leaving the Congress Party in shock and the nation at large in awe. What was anticipated to be a closely contested battle turned out to be a resounding victory for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). With a convincing display of leadership and a strategic electoral sweep in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the BJP emerged as the clear frontrunner. The enthusiasm surrounding the elections also saw Chhattisgarh firmly embracing the BJP, further solidifying their dominance. Yet, amidst the sea of saffron, the Congress managed to find solace in the southern state of Telangana. The electoral verdict is a resounding endorsement of the BJP's charismatic leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and a testament to their effective communication strategies. At the same time, the Congress Party's struggle for relevance is evident, with only a glimmer of hope in Telangana. In Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's victory is a testament to his leadership and the success of his government's welfare schemes, such as Ladli Lakshmi and Ladli Behna, aimed at supporting women and youth, along with initiatives for farmers and the impoverished. In Rajasthan, the BJP is set to return to power, continuing the state's tradition of alternating between the two major parties. The Congress's internal rift between Ashok Gehlot, the incumbent chief minister, and Sachin Pilot, his deputy, weakened the party's performance. While the BJP's choice for the next chief minister is pending, the transition is expected to be smooth. Chhattisgarh, on the other hand, delivered a surprise as the BJP secured victory over the Congress, challenging the latter's hopes for another term. This outcome reflects the public's faith in Prime Minister Modi's work and commitments, highlighting the shortcomings of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's promises. Telangana offered some solace for the Congress, with the party set to seize power from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The results underscore the intricacies of regional politics in Telangana and may see Congress's Revanth Reddy emerge as the next chief minister. The BJP's election campaign, centered on "Modi's Guarantees," struck a chord with voters, and the results validate the public's trust in Modi's commitment to delivering on these promises. In contrast, the Congress's strategies and campaign promises have come under scrutiny, necessitating a profound reassessment as they prepare for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The BJP's electoral success serves as a compelling example of the power of promises and effective communication. The stage is now set for the main event, the Lok Sabha elections, where the BJP's impressive showing in the semifinals has undoubtedly shifted the political landscape. With their newfound momentum, the BJP has signaled its intent to maintain its grip on power, while the Congress faces an uphill battle to regroup and recover lost ground.

Defence Empowerment

Strategic Investments Propel India's Military Might

he green light from the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) for acquisition projects totaling Rs 2.23 lakh crore marks a pivotal moment in India's pursuit of military preparedness. Among the sanctioned projects are the procurement of 97 Tejas light combat aircraft and 156 Prachand helicopters, representing a significant stride to wards reinforcing the combat capabilities of the Indian armed forces. In the face of escalating tensions with China, both along the Line of Actual Control and in the Indian Ocean Region, the need for a robust and technologically advanced defence infrastructure cannot be overstated. The Tejas aircraft, lauded by Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari as "very capable and potent," assumes a critical role in replacing the aging MiG-series fighter jets. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent sortie in Bengaluru served as a powerful testament to the prowess of the Tejas, showcasing its capabilities in real-time. The DAC's approval also encompasses the crucial decision to upgrade 84 Sukhoi 30 fighter jets, further fortifying India's airpower. The strategic move aligns with the broader vision of modernizing the armed forces and ensuring their preparedness for evolving geopolitical challenges. It's worth recalling that in February 2021, the Ministry of Defence finalized a monumental Rs 48,000-crore deal with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for the procurement of 83 Teias jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The delivery timeline, set to commence in February 2024, underscores the urgency for HAL to adhere to the agreed-upon schedules. Any delays in this critical process could potentially compromise the operational readiness of our forces, a risk that cannot be taken lightly. A noteworthy aspect of this procurement is the government's commitment to bolstering the indigenous defence industry. A staggering 98 per cent of the sanctioned acquisitions will be sourced domestically, a testament to India's resolve to achieve self-reliance in the defence sector. The decision to allocate capital acquisition funds in a ratio of 75:25 for the ongoing financial year. favoring domestic procurement (75 per cent) over purchases from foreign sources (25 per cent), is a commendable strategy. This deliberate distribution aims to catalyze the indigenous defence industry, urging it to play a more substantial role in the nation's defence modernization efforts. The responsibility now rests on domestic manufacturers to ensure two critical factors: stringent quality control measures and efficient delivery timelines. The success of this ambitious agenda hinges on the industry's ability to rise to the occasion and consistently meet the highest standards. In fostering self-reliance, India not only fortifies its security apparatus but also propels its position on the global stage as a key player in the defence manufacturing sector. This strategic push for indigenous production aligns with the broader vision of 'Make in India' and underscores the government's commitment to nurturing a resilient and self-sufficient defence ecosystem.



Commuters during heavy rain owing to Cyclone Michaung, in Chennai, Sunday, Dec. 3.

China's Role in Emerging Diseases: Origins and Implications



n the last few decades, some new diseases have emerged in China which have spread to other countries of the world and become a threat to human life. In 1996, a disease called 'Hainan Avian Flu' originated in Hainan province of China. This disease is also called H7,H9,H10,N8,N1 and is spread by influenza-A virus in birds. There is also a belief that its infection in humans has come from a bird called 'Brahminy Duck'. This disease caused great harm to Humans and Avians life . Then in 2002-2003, a new disease called SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) was caused by a virus called SARC-CoV and emerged in 'Guangdong Province' of China.It caused complex respiratory problems in infected people and hundreds of large scale that too in record short time not only saved the human life worldwide but also get rid human society from lockdown.In the running centuries first time human being closely observed the power of science and technology which helped a lot in controlling and preventing the Corona epidemic and in making life normal.Secondly international cooperation between developed, developing and underdeveloped countries was also very useful in getting rid of the Corona epidemic.

The whole world including China could not even take a sigh of relief from Corona when a new mysterious disease emerged and spread rapidly in China and started scaring the world once again. This time also it has emerged in China. Medical Scientists are considering it as a type of pneumonia which is increasingly affecting children.According to the doctors of China, the main symptoms of this disease are swelling in the throat and lungs, difficulty in breathing, soreness, fatigue, high fever, long lasting cough. If this disease becomes complicated, nodules (lumps) can also develop in the lungs.In the month of October 2023, the first time news about this disease came in front of the world's people that a huge crowd of children gathered in the children hospital of Beijing and Liaoning province due to unknown disease.The National Health

Commission of China informed the world about this disease through a press conference on 13 November 2023 that a type of disease causing difficulty in breathing among children is spreading rapidly in China. Chinese doctors are of the opinion that the sudden increase in known pathogens like influenza, mycoplasma pneumonia, SARC-CoV-2 due to some unknown reasons may be the cause of this disease.Chinese officials and health experts are blaming the outbreak of the unknown disease on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions to get its citizens out of lockdown. Scientists also believe that due to the prolonged lockdown, the immunity of children has reduced, perhaps the result of this disease. It is very difficult to judge how much of this information is right and how much it is wrong as track records of Chinese about the correct information sharing is not good.A question repeatedly comes to the mind of the medical scientists of the world why does every new infectious disease originate from China? This disease cannot be called the results of population explosion because India is also bearing the brunt of population explosion, yet it is not a new disease emerging center. China can-

indication of special purpose biological research going on in a Chinese research lab? Is it not the result of a mistake made while preparing micro-organisms for biological warfare?The scientific community believes that if the microorganisms used in biological weapons are not controlled safely, then they may give rise to the birth of new disease-causing bacteria and viruses which may be harmful to the living world

(including human society). India is feeling threatened by this respiratory disease but does not seem to be too worried because it believes that if it is 'Mycoplasma Pneumonia' then it has enough stock of the antibiotic Azithromycin to treat. Indian medical personnel are advised to think over all the possible root causes and treatment of this disease. Although the Central Government has issued advisory to all the states and union territories to be cautious and asked to keep all the necessary facilities ready in the World Health hospitals.The Organization also advises all the countries that remain alert and take precautions (masks, frequent hand washing, social distancing can provide protection) against this children respiratory disease. This indicates that this so-called new respiratory disease is not an ordinary one. Therefore everyone needs to be alert and causes.I believe that India should take special protective measures and keep vigilance regarding goods and persons coming from China.To make the world worry-free, China should also share correct and accurate information regarding this disease with all nations for the sake of human society. If China does this, it may be successful to some extent in regaining the trust that it had lost by not sharing COVID-19 information for a long time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Animal Safeguard

Canada takes a humane stance by partially prohibiting animal testing in cosmetics, aligning with global trends. Following South Korea, Britain, and the EU, Canada's move emphasizes animal safety and rights. Advocates urge extending the ban to pesticides and toxicity tests. Outdated animal testing can be replaced by bio-engineering and lab-grown organs. Worldwide human research explores AI, in-vitro methods, and technology to eliminate animal testing. Governments must rigorously monitor industries, ensuring compliance, and collaborate with international organizations for alternative test methods. A comprehensive approach is crucial for successful implementation, safeguarding animals and promoting ethical practices in research and production. Arka Goswami, Durgapur

Respect Beyond

The eminent vocalist T.M.Krishna has rightly stated that a driver, civic worker, nurse or waiter can never be truly respected in our society.I just wonder what would have happened to the class-conscious privileged "educated" souls if there hadn't existed the people/profession of such "low" vintage including cleaners scavengers domestic masons servants plumbers electricians or sewer workers to mention a few. Only a heartless insensitive vulgar immoral society can afford to denigrate God's children just on the basis of their class profession or money.

Kajal Chatterjee

The GDP growth surprise

The GDP data for the July-September quarter showed a healthy surprise on the upside. India's economy grew by 7.6 percent in the quarter (Q2FY24) compared with the RBI's forecast of 6.5 per cent and most analysts' predictions of 6.8-7 per cent. The healthy GDP print, which ensured that India retained its spot as the world's fastest growing major economy, came on the back of a strong showing in manufacturing and construction activity. It is expected that as welfare outlays from the Centre and States increase in this key election cycle, rural demand will bounce back and consumption will pick up. After all. there are limits to how much of the weight of the economic boom can be carried by the top 10 per cent of the population, or be stoked by public sector expenditure. Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Central Chronicle invites articles, write-ups, and comments on a wide range of issues for our editorial page. Submissions should be between 800-900 words in length. In addition, we welcome letters to the editor for this page. While letters may be edited for clarity, we aim to preserve the integrity of the original message, and ask that they be kept to around 50-60 words. Submissions can be sent via email to editorcentralchronicle@gmail.com. people died. The World Health Organization had declared this disease a "worldwide health threat". The third disease was Covid-19 caused by the virus SARC-CoV-2. This disease came in the news in 2019 and again 'Wuhan' city of China was the center point of origin. The World Health Organization declared this disease a 'worldwide pandemic'. This disease killed millions of people around the world, created an economic crisis and slowed down the pace of development.But Vaccine development against this disease, it's medical trial, its manufacturing and vaccination in

not be described as a weak nation from the point of view of medical facilities because there are a large number of world level medical facilities and centers in China, the health care system is strong, the latest technical resources and expert doctors are also available in quite good numbers. The economic crisis also cannot be the reason for this disease because China's economy is strong and the nation is also developed. Despite all this, new diseases are being born and accurate information and data are not being shared with other nations on time. Is this

Take strict action

A 15- year-old girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour after holding her hostage in his house in Pataudi area with the help of his mother on November 29 but came to light on Friday when the victim's mother lodged a complaint at women police station,Manesar. This sort of accident occurs from time to time somewhere.Therefore, the police must strictly look into this kind of accident and punish such exmaplery punishment so other people can get lesson. Jahangir Shaikh, Mumbai

Deepfake Dilemma: Urgent Need for AI Legislation



Yash Pal Ralhan

The advent of deepfake technology has thrown our society into a whirlwind of uncertainty and fear. From political leaders to celebrities, nobody is immune to the potential threats posed by deepfake AI. It's high time we address this issue with comprehensive AI legislation, as the implica-

tions of inaction are dire.

Threats to Democracy and Privacy

Recent events have demonstrated just how vulnerable our society is to deepfake technology. When even the Prime Minister of our country can be targeted, it raises concerns about the safety of every individual. Deepfake, a term used to describe videos or audio recordings that convincingly replace a person's face or voice with that of someone else through artificial intelligence algorithms, poses a significant threat to our democracy

Rising Cases of Misuse

Notably, actors like Rashmika Mandanna, Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhutt have fallen victim to this technological menace. The misuse of deepfake technology can have devastating consequences, not only for the privacy of public figures but also for national security. It can be wielded to spread disinformation, fake news, and sow discord among the masses.

Immediate Actions Needed India, with its vast popula-

tion of internet users, is particularly susceptible to the misuse of deepfakes, especially during crucial events like elections. To deter wrongdoers, we must impose hefty penalties on both creators and platforms hosting deepfakes. The government and the tech industry must collaborate to develop responsible AI that benefits society and prevents anti-social elements from exploiting this technology.

Public Awareness and Responsibility

While regulations and penalties are crucial, public awareness is equally important. People must be educated about the perils of mindlessly sharing content on social media. We must foster a culture of responsibility and dis-

a- cernment in content cons- sumption, given the prevalence of deepfake technology.

Legal Framework and Education

India urgently requires a comprehensive legal framework to address the deepfake menace. Our best AI and legal minds must collaborate to create a forward-looking law that safeguards our society. Additionally, social education programs targeting all age groups are necessary to ensure that our citizens are equipped to navigate the digital landscape safely.

AI Regulation and Safeguards

The regulation of deepfake technology should not be limited to just penalties. We need to consider the interplay between platform and AI regulation while incorporating safeguards for emerging technologies. Watermarking AI-generated videos can help with detection and attribution.

Ethical Use of Technology While deepfake technology has its legitimate uses, we must encourage ethical and responsible usage. Codes of conduct and standards for creators and users should be established and enforced. These measures should not only deter unethical actions but also promote positive and beneficial applications of the technology.

In conclusion, the rise of deepfake technology presents a clear and present danger to our society, democracy, and privacy. It's imperative that we act swiftly and decisively by enacting AI legislation, fostering public awareness, and promoting ethical usage. Failure to do so may lead us down a perilous path where truth and trust become scarce commodities in our digital world.

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Honda Cars to hike prices of its

entire model range from January



BRIEF

Practro

New Delhi: Tencentbacked healthcare and diagnostics app Practo is aiming to turn profitable in next fiscal and is looking at a stock exchange listing with an initial public offering (IPO) soon, its co-founder and CEO Shashank ND said. Practo is looking to enhance presence in smaller cities and towns and leverage AI to analyse data and provide much better analysis

and outcomes in healthcare.

NSDC

Bhubaneswar: The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has inked three MoUs in expediting job creation and empowering the Indian workforce, officials said. The NSDC signed MoUs with Blinkit, Apna and Quess Corp here on Saturday in the presence of Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan.

Godrej Properties

New Delhi: Realty firm Godrej Properties net debt rose 17 per cent in the July-September quarter to Rs 6,174 crore mainly due to fund acquisition of land parcels. According to its investors presentation, the net debt of Mumbaibased Godrej Properties stood at Rs 6,174 crore as on September 30, 2023. Its net debt was Rs 5,298 crore as on June 30, 2023 and Rs 3,649 crore at the end of the last fiscal.

HFCL

New Delhi: Telecom gear maker HFCL on Saturday said it has bagged an order of around Rs 67 crore to supply optical fibre cables to a domestic telecom operator. The company has to execute the order by April 2024. HFCL said in a regulatory filing."We are pleased to inform all the stakeholders that the company, along with its material subsidiary HTL Limited, has received the purchase orders, aggregating to around Rs 67 crore for the supply of optical fibre cables to one of the domestic telecom service providers of the country," the filing said.

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

The market capitalisation of listed companies on the NSE has surpassed the USD 4 trillion (Rs 334.72 trillion) mark for the first time ever, with the benchmark Nifty hitting its all-time high of 20.291.55 last Friday. The benchmark Nifty

climbed 134.75 points or 0.67 per cent to settle at an all-time high of 20,267.90 on Friday. During the day, the benchmark reached its intra-day record high of 20,291.55. The Nifty-500 index also

touched an all-time high of 18,141.65 on the same day, indicating that the equity market rally is not re-

stricted to only the largecap stocks. The achievement of this milestone is a testament of the vision outlined for the Amrit Kaal which includes a technolo-

gy-driven and knowledgebased economy with strong public finances, and a robust financial sector," NSE said in a statement on Sunday. The journey of market

In a first, NSE listed companies' market

capitalisation surpass \$4 trillion mark

capitalisation of listed companies rising from to USD 2 trillion (in July 2017) to USD 3 trillion (in May 2021) took about 46 months, whereas the last USD 1 trillion i.e., from USD 3 trillion to USD 4 trillion took only about 30 months, it said. "NSE list-

12,84,180.67 crore. HDFC

Bank added Rs 17,881.88

crore, taking its market val-

uation to Rs 11,80,588.59

crore. ITC's mcap climbed

Rs 15,159.02 crore to Rs

5,61,159.09 crore and that of

Bajaj Finance soared Rs

14,480.29 crore to Rs

The valuation of ICICI

Bank surged Rs 12,085.42

crore to Rs 6,63,370.71 crore

and that of Hindustan

11,348.53 crore to Rs

The mcap of State Bank

of India went up by Rs

10,307.92 crore to Rs

5,10,353.93 crore and that of

advanced Rs

4,48,446.82 crore.

Unilever

6,02,258.98 crore.

ed companies' market capitalisation surpassing the USD 4 trillion mark is an important milestone in the country's journey towards the USD 5 trillion economy. The positive sentiment in the economy has provided a thrust to the capital markets," Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE, said. The combined market valuation of all listed companies on the BSE also reached the USD 4 trillionmilestone for the first time ever on Wednesday (November 29).

The market cap of listed companies increased at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.5 per cent in the last 10

Otis India

offers online

order-booking

Building owners and facility

managers in India can now

Gen3 Nova elevator online

through Otis India's e-com-

merce portal. Otis India is a

subsidiary of Otis Worldwide

world's leading company for

elevator and escalator manu-

The portal, located at //online-

booking.otis.com, was initially

Gen2 Prime range of elevators

and has rapidly gained adop-

tion by customers for its con-

venience and transparency.

Now, the Gen3 Nova range is

facturing, installation and

launched in 2021 with the

service.

Corporation (NYSE: OTIS), the

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Mumbai, Dec 03:

Mcap of nine of top-10 most valued firms up Rs 1.30 lakh cr

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

The combined market valuation of nine of the top-10 most valued firms climbed Rs 1,30,391.96 crore last week, with Bharti Airtel and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) emerging as the biggest gainers, amid an overall optimistic trend in equities.

Last week, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,511.15 points or 2.29 per cent.

Reliance Barring Industries, nine other companies including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Infosys and Hindustan Unilever witnessed addition in their market valuation. Bharti Airtel's valuation rallied Rs 23,746.04 crore to Rs 5,70,466.88 crore. The market capitalisation (mcap) of TCS jumped by Rs 19,027.07 crore to reach Rs

Infosys climbed Rs 6,355.79 available on the portal for direct sales. crore to Rs 6,02,747.01 crore. "We are excited to add the However, the market valof Reliance Gen3 Nova range to our euation commerce portal for the direct Industries declined by Rs Rs sale of elevators" said Sebi 574.95crore to Joseph, President of Otis India. 16.19.332.44 crore. **FASHION SHOW**

years, the exchange said.

The top three companies by market valuation -Reliance Industries Limited, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank retained their positions when NSE's valuation hit the USD 2 trillion, USD 3 trillion, and USD 4 trillion mark, it added.

"Whie India ranks amongst the top five nations based on market capitalisation, the market cap of listed companies on the NSE to India's GDP stood at 1.18 or 118 per cent, which is lower as compared to developed markets such as the United States of America or

sure on input costs. be finalised by the end of

In an interaction with PTI, Honda Cars India Vice (Marketing and Sales) Kunal Behl said the company will increase the prices of its models from next month due to pres-

this month. Our new Japan," NSE said in the model Elevate which was statement.

IIFL Samasta to raise up to Rs. 1,000 cr via bonds

ing to Rs 200 crore, with a

green-shoe option to retain

over-subscription of up to

Rs 800 crore (aggregating

to a total of Rs 1,000 crore).

The IIFL Samasta bonds

offer highest coupon rate

of 10.50% per annum for

tenor of 60 months. The

NCD is available in tenors

of 24 months, 36 months

and 60 months. The fre-

quency of interest pay-

ment is available on

monthly and annual basis

The credit rating is

CRISIL AA-/Positive by

CRISIL Ratings Limited

and Acuite AA| Stable by

Research Limited, which

indicates that the instru-

ments are considered to

have a high degree of safe-

ty for timely servicing of

and

for each of the series.

Acuite Ratings

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

Honda Cars India plans

to increase prices of its

vehicles from January in

order to partially offset

the impact of riding input

costs, according to a sen-

The Japanese carmaker

sells three models --

Elevate, City and Amaze --

ior company official.

in the Indian market.

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Mumbai, Dec 03:

IIFL Samasta Finance. which is one of India's largest non-banking microfinance companies (NBFC-MFI), will raise up to Rs 1.000 crores through its maiden public issue of secured bonds, for the purpose of business growth and capital augmentation. The bonds offer up to 10.50% and high degree of safety. The issue opens on Monday, December 4, 2023 and closes on Friday, December 15, 2023. IIFL Samasta is a part of IIFL Finance, which is one of India's largest retail-focused NBFCs with loan assets under management of Rs 73,066 crore.

IIFL Samasta Finance will issue bonds, aggregat-

Duroply celebrates mega success of 'Duro Advantage'

Mumbai, Dec 03:

Duroply, India's premium and most experienced among the leading plywood companies, celebrated the mega success of 'Duro Advantage - 09 Layers of Protection', by expressing heartfelt gratitude and appreciation towards its valued partners and dedicated employees. As a brand that consistently strives for excellence and values its strong network of distribution partners, Duroply took this opportunity to highlight the importance of teamwork and togetherness during this festive season. Duroply had clubbed together nine most soughtafter features most demanded by plywood customers and had launched it at a recent building material industry exhibition 'MATECIA 2023'.

President launched at an introductory price has been well received by the market with very high customer consideration. The introductory price will be valid till December 23 and price model-wise will be revised from amount of increase will January 2024," he noted.

Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra and Audi India have also announced plans to hike prices of their passenger vehicles in January 2024 citing reasons, including cost pressure driven by overall inflation and increased commodity rates. Besides, Tata Motors and Mercedes-Benz India are mulling increasing the prices of their models from January.

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Axis Bank and AI enter partnership

New Delhi, Dec 03:

financial obligations and carry very low credit risk. Axis Bank, one of the IIFL Samasta received a largest private sector rating outlook upgrade to banks in India and Air 'positive' from 'stable' by India, India's leading glob-Crisil earlier this month. al airline, have entered a partnership that enables Samasta

IIFLFinance's MD and CEO Mr. Venkatesh N said, "IIFL Samasta Finance has a strong physical presence of across India through about 1,500 branches. It caters to the credit needs of underserved and unserved population, primarily women entrepreneurs from underprivileged background through a well-diversified portfolio. The funds raised will be used to meet credit demand from more such customers and bolster business growth."

Air India Flying Returns points. Axis EDGE REWARD points or EDGE miles converted to Air India Flying Returns points can be redeemed for cabin upgrades or award flights on Air India's growing route network spanning five continents. Customers can also redeem award flights on Air India as well as on

Flying Returns' 25 other

partner airlines

Axis Bank credit card cus-

tomers to transfer their

Axis EDGE REWARD

points or EDGE miles to

IOC raises Panipat refinery expansion cost by 10 pc

Pushes completion deadline by a year

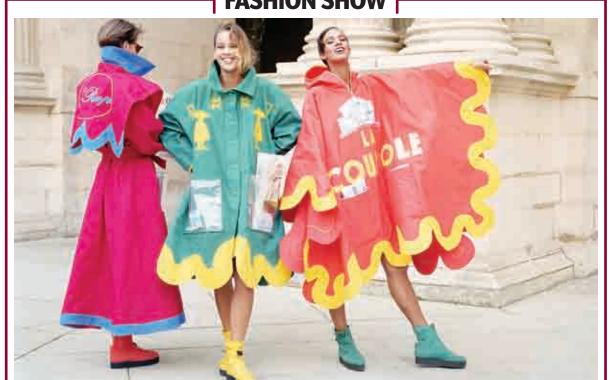
New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top oil firm, has revised the esti-

Besides expanding the capacity to turn crude oil catalytic dewaxing unit.

ect from September 2024 to December 2025.'

into value-added fuels such as petrol, diesel and ATF, IOC is also setting up a polypropylene unit and a



Air India

• New Delhi: Air India on Saturday said it has adopted an automated aircraft exterior washing and cleaning system that can save up to 75,000 litres of water per wide-body aircraft in a year. The device 'Aerowash' is equipped with multiple modern features like a robotic micro-fibre brush drum for cleaning.

Comviva

New Delhi: IT company Tech Mahindra Group firm Comviva has been penalised Rs 1 lakh for the delay in transferring unspent corporate social responsibility obligation to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, as per a regulatory filing. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Regional Director for the Northern Region has ruled against an appeal filed by Comviva against the order of the Registrar of Companies, which imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on the company for the delay.

Models present poncho and trench-style raincoats, sporting names of celebrated Paris cafés "Procope", "Deux Magots" and "La Coupole' by designer Jean-Charles de Castelbajac, for the Spring/Summer 90 ready-to-wear collection in Paris.

Rooftop solar installations rise 34.7 pc to 431 MW in Jul-Sep: Mercom

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

The rooftop solar installations in India registered a 34.7 per cent year-on-year jump to 431 MW during July-September 2023, aided by a fall in module prices, Mercom India said.

The rooftop solar installations were at 320 megawatt (MW) during the three-month period of 2022, the research firm said in a report.

The rooftop solar capacity addition was also higher at 1.3 gigawatt (GW) in the first nine months of 2023, compared to 1.2 GW in January-September 2022. India's cumulative rooftop solar capacity reached 10.1 gigawatts (GW) at the end of September 30, 2023, the Capital Group. 'Q3 2023 Mercom India

Rooftop Solar Report' said. 'We are starting to see a



surge in momentum in rooftop installations. The significant drop in module prices has reached a turning point, sparking increased procurement activities that offer attractive returns for rooftop solar investments. We foresee two very robust quarters coming up," said Raj Prabhu, CEO of Mercom

The majority of installations were in the residential segment, followed by

the commercial and industrial (C&I) market segments. During the quarter, average rooftop solar system cost fell 13.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) and around 5 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter basis.

Gujarat continued to lead in rooftop solar installations, contributing to 26.7 per cent of the cumulative installations, followed by Maharashtra (13.5 per cent) and Rajasthan (8.3 per cent).

FPIs infuse Rs 9,000 cr in equities in Nov

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI):

After turning net sellers in the past two months. FPIs again made a comeback in the Indian stock markets in November and pumped in Rs 9,000 crore amid fall in US treasury bond yields and the resilience of the domestic market. Additionally, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) made a net investment of Rs 14,860 crore in the debt market last month. making it the highest level in six years, data with the depositories showed. Going forward, FPI response will be crucially determined by the market trend, which, in turn, will be influenced by the state election results, VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services,

said

mates of cost of expanding the Panipat refinery in Haryana by 10 per cent to Rs 36,225 crore and pushed back completion deadline by more than a year to December 2025.

IOC is expanding its 15 million tonnes a year refinery, about 100-km north of New Delhi, to 25 million tonnes. In a stock exchange filing, the firm said its board has approved "revision in cost of the project for capacity expansion of Panipat Refinery from Rs 32,946 crore to Rs 36,225 crore and revision in completion schedule of the proj-

Polypropylene is used in packaging, plastic parts for various industries including the automotive industry, and textiles. Catalytic dewaxing is used in base oil production. IOC owns and operates nine of the country's nearly two-dozen refineries. The total capacity under its operations is 70.1 million tonnes per annum. In its latest annual report, the firm says, "By 2026, our approved projects will significantly increase our crude oil refining capacity from the current 70.05 million tonnes per annum to 87.9 million tonnes.

Govt to approve setting up of 10-11 testing labs for cotton, textiles by Dec 16: Goyal

Mumbai, Dec 03 (PTI):

The government is planning to approve setting up of 10-11 testing laboratories across the country to ensure high quality of cotton and textiles for both the domestic consumers as well as for the export markets. Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

'I have discussed with the Textile Ministry, the Consumer Affairs Department, who will work together with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for setting up high quality cotton and textile testing laboratories," Goyal, the Union Minister for Textiles, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Public Food and Distribution, said.

"In the next 15 days, by



December 16, we will approve a series of laboratories across the country with an investment of about USD 6-7 million," he said. Addressing the fourday 81st Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) that started on Saturday, the minister said, "We want the most modern and high-quality testing laboratories to come up in different parts of the country, so that we can ensure that right from the farm till

it reaches the consumers, we will make sure that very high quality textiles are available and are produced in India and are exported from India.'

The government will initially roll out 10-11 laboratories in different parts of the country, seven of which will be hosted in the seven textile research associations and in another 3-4 locations that will cover the entire country wherever cotton is grown, Goyal said.

"These laboratories will be 100 per cent funded by the central government to support the private sector, particularly the farmers, so that gradually they have the recognition for producing better quality cotton and they start getting a good value for their," the minister added.



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Khairagarh witnesses surge in migration for better opportunities

MGNREGA earnings comparatively higher in other states Significant migration trend has resurfaced after conclusion of elections and **Diwali festivities**

Khairagarh, Dec 03

Khairagarh district has witnessed a significant surge in migration, marking a departure from conventional narratives postelections and Diwali festivities. This unique trend, driven by aspirations for improved livelihoods, reflects a positive aspect to the ongoing migration phenomenon

The migration wave is notably concentrated in the Salhewara and Jangal Gatapar areas, where families are choosing to explore opportunities beyond the district borders for a brighter future. Contrary to initial apprehensions, this migration surge is a testament to the optimism and determination of rural youth actively seeking avenues for enhanced economic stability.

However, amidst this surge in migration, a regrettable aspect has come to light – the absence of comprehensive records within Janpad Panchayats,



District Panchayat, and the departing later than usual. District Administration re-Most migrating families are comprised of agriculgarding the extent of migration, even a year after tural laborers who, being the district's creation. landless, work on others' The primary drivers befields. Following the con-

hind this migration wave clusion of the farming seaare the higher earning son, they venture to other prospects available in states in search of employother states compared to ment opportunities. Despite government schemes and administrathe wages provided under the Mahatma Gandhi National tive efforts, the surge in mi-Rural Employment Guarantee gration remains unabated. Act (MNREGA). The wage The implementation of the rates under MNREGA fall RIPA scheme, which raised significantly short of the expectations for curbing earnings in major cities of migration, has proven unother states, prompting a satisfactory in the newly substantial number of vilcreated district. Even more lagers to seek opportunisurprising is the lack of acties elsewhere. As the curate information about

farming season in migration within Janpad Khairagarh region experiand district panchayats. enced delays due to late The distressing reality is rains this year, families infurther underscored by the tending to earn additional current state of MNREGA income found themselves in Khairagarh district. Of the 73,515 active cards, 154,140 laborers are currently engaged in MNRE-GA work. Shockingly, work under MNREGA is entirely stalled in 221 Panchayats of KCG districts, with the available opportunities significantly lagging behind the number of laborers seeking employment. Gulapchand, a resident

of Temri village, waiting for a bus to Hyderabad, highlights the stark contrast in earnings between MNREGA and opportunities in cities. He receives a salary of Rs 221 under MN-REGA, while he could potentially earn Rs 600 in Hyderabad.

Skilled laborers, such as masons, can earn up to Rs 900, a sum that remains elusive in rural areas. Migration trends indicate that the majority of vil-

What official says...

Migration is not happening; we have no records of migration. We have not received any information in this regard from the Sarpanch-Secretary of the Panchayat.'

Shishir Sharma, **CEO of District** Panchayat Khairagarh

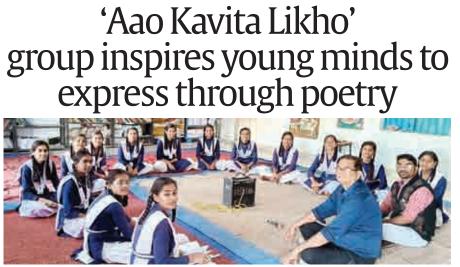
The migration register is maintained by the Panchavat, accurate information will be available only from the Panchayat, being a new district we do not have any separate record in this regard.

Jitendra Sahu, **Project Director District Panchayat KCG**

We do not have any record in this regard, the Panchayat will have the records.

JS Rajput, CEO Janpad Panchayat Chhuikhadan

lagers from Khairagarh district are heading towards Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Orissa. Cities such as Surat, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, and Puri are the primary destinations for those seeking better employment prospects.



Kareli Badi, Dec 03: The library room of Government Higher Secondary School in Kareli Badi became a haven for budding poets as the "Aao Kavita Likho" group orchestrated a captivating monthly poetry seminar. The event unfolded with Chief Guest Brijesh Kumar Dewangan, Lecturer Commerce, Principal Kishore Kumar Jangde, and special quest Awadh Ram Sahu. founder of the poetry group, along with poet Jitendra Sukumar Kumar Sahir, initiating the program with a heartfelt worship of Mother Sharda, the bestower of knowledge.

In an inspiring address to the young poets, Chief Guest Brijesh Kumar Dewangan emphasized the profound impact of creating literature, noting that at this age, students have the unique opportunity to guide others on the right path through the medium of poetry. He commended the participants for their literary endeavors and extended his congratulations and best wishes. Principal Kishore Kumar Jangde expressed his delight at the remarkable improvement in the students' speaking styles due to continuous participation in such seminars. He acknowl-

edged the transformation of stirred hearts. "Betee kee hesitant individuals into confividaee mein kabhee aansoo dent voices, actively expressing nahin dikhaata kabhee kuchh na their thoughts through the art of kah kar ek kone mein ro padata poetry. Special guest Awadh hai vah pita hai," while Hina Ram Sahu shared his deep Sahu shed light on the struggles appreciation for poetry, of the young generation grapexpressing his inability to resist pling with alcohol addiction. Damini Nishad emphasized attending such seminars. He encouraged the young poets, environmental protection, urgconveying his presence as a ing, "Har ped ko murajhaane se form of support and encouragepahale paanee pilaaye, bachment. Poet Jitendra Sukumar chon ka alag sangathan banaen, Sahir, founder of the Aao Kavita sookhe pattiyon se khaad Lekhen group, highlighted the banaen, har ek gaanv ko vrksh divine blessing inherent in the se sajaaye." Preeti Sahu's ability to write poetry. He impactful poems on resilience underscored the rarity of those and Gitanjali Sahu's gratitude blessed by Mother Saraswati, towards life drew applause, setemphasizing that a literary revoting the stage for Kashish Pal's description of nature's beauty. lution in society is achievable only through literature. As the Neelam Baghel's poignant lines on relationships resonated stage came alive with poetic expressions, child poet Bhavana deeply, "Rishto kee neenv dhah Sahu set the tone by inviting rahee hai sahaara chaahie, main Viram Nishad as the first poet. doob raha hoon cheekhane vaalon ko kinaara chaahie". Viram's verses captured the mischief of the winds, evoking earning her well-deserved emotions with lines like, applause. Vandana Sen beauti-"Daravaaja baar baar khul raha fully portrayed a mother's love, hai, tumhaare aane se, baar-Bhavna Sahu delved into the baar ulajhan ho rahee hai kisee biography of Saint Guru ko na paane se." The emotional Ghasidas, and Janaki Nishad expressed heartfelt gratitude, resonance continued as Parmeshwari Sahu's poem on creating a symphony of emothe significance of a father tions through verse.

'Akshat Kalash' from Ayodhya receives grand welcome in Rajim

Gariaband district prepares for Ayodhya **Temple inauguration** with enthusiastic participation

Rajim, Dec 03: The city of Rajim resonated with joy as the auspicious Akshat Kalash, sent from Ayodhya, received a magnificent welcome at the Rajim Bus Stand amidst musical melodies and vibrant fireworks. The journev continued as the Kalash was ceremoniously placed at the revered temple of Lord Rajivlochan,



every nook and corner of powerful Shri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram Vijay Gariaband, demonstrating unwavering support for Mahamantra 108 times, rethe noble cause championed by Shri Ram Teerth Janmabhoomi Kshetra. With the temple nearing completion, invitation cards have reached Gariaband district from Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Avodhva. Ram devotees and organizational workers in the district are gearing up to personally deliver these invi-

Triumph of talent at annual sports festival at **DAV Public School**

Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Dec 03: The grounds of DAV Public School, Kudkai Pendra, echoed with cheers and applause as the two-day an-nual sports festival unfolded under the enthusiastic guidance of Principal Rashmi Mishra, sports incharge Kanhaiya Tiwari, Deepak leader and Kushwaha.

The festivities commenced with the lighting

Students shine in a two-day extravaganza of athletic prowess



Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Badminton, Taekwondo, Skating, Chess, Long Jump, and Running in both Under 14 and Under 17 categories for boys and cured the first place in the giris. A total of 300 participants showcased their athletic prowess, with outstanding performances and exemplary teamwork. In Kho Kho, DAV Sakri secured the first position in the Under 14 boys category, while DAV Kudkai clinched the second spot. Sarbahara claimed the top spot in the Kho Kho girls category, with DAV School Sakri securing the second position. In the Under 17

Kho Kho boys category, DAV Sakri emerged victorious, followed by DAV Marwahi in the second position. DAV Sarbahra se-

The Badminton competition witnessed Unnati Kesharwani of DAV School Kudkai declared the winner by walkover. Meanwhile, students from DAV School Kudkai displayed their prowess in Bilha and Deori, hoisting the flag high. Individual achievements were celebrated as well, with students excelling in various categories. Vaishnavi, a Class VII student, secured the first position in the 100 meters race, while Deepali Yadav clinched the top spot in the 400 meters race. Srinivas and Yogendra Chaturvedi demonstrated

Gondbahal student soldiers

thusiasm to the day. address, In her Principal Rashmi Mishra emphasized the importance of encouraging children to participate in sports, fostering not only entertainment but also valuable life lessons. She highlighted the role of sports in mental and physical development, character building, and the promotion of positive energy. The program concluded with appreciation for the tireless efforts of teachers and the school council body, underscoring the significance of teamwork and cooperation in creating a successful sports event.

their chess mastery securing the first position in Under 17 and Under 14 cat-

egories, respectively. The closing ceremony featured an entertaining aerobics performance by Ritika, energizing participants and alleviating the fatigue of the competition. The vibrant commentary by teachers Pradeep Kumar Nirmalkar and Shailendra Sahu added en-

where heartfelt prayers and worship ceremonies took place.

Shishupal, the district coordinator of the program, shared the uplifting news that Gariaband district played a crucial role in contributing towards the construction of the grand temple in Ayodhya during the year 2020-2021. An impressive amount exceeding ninety-four lakh rupees poured in from

cite Hanuman Chalisa. Sunderkand, Ramraksha Stotra, and partake in the iovous celebration of Deepotsav by lighting lamps in front of their homes after sunset. The heartening ceremo-

ny witnessed the presence of esteemed guests, including representatives from Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Vishwa Hindu tation cards to every Parishad, and numerous household. While not residents of the city.

everyone can physically at-

tend the inauguration on

January 22, 2024, the col-

lective spirit aims to trans-

form homes, cities, locali-

ties, and villages into sym-

bolic representations of

Ayodhya. The call to action

urges residents to gather

on the auspicious day of

Pran Pratishtha (between

11:00 AM to 01:00 PM) at

local temples, installing

televisions or projectors to

conduct bhajan kirtan.

Devotees are encouraged

to collectively chant the

of the lamp and the hoisting of the school flag by Principal Rashmi Mishra, teachers, and referees. Eight different DAV Schools participated in various competitions. with a spectacular march past showcasing the participants' dedication and sportsmanship.

Over the course of the two-day event, DAV School Kudkai hosted an array of competitions, including

Kho Kho girls category. with DAV Bilha securing the second spot.

The Kabaddi competitions witnessed spirited performances, with DAV School Baloda Bazar securing the first position in the Under 17 boys category and Devrikhurd claiming the second spot in the Under 14 boys category. In the Under 17 girls category, Kabaddi saw a walkover victory for Pamgarh.

Irregularities plague paddy procurement in Marwahi

Pendra Gaurela Marwahi, Dec 03: Paddy procurement centers in Marwahi block experienced significant irregularities, prompting villagers to allege extortion by the employees. In the village of Gram Daani Kundi, farmer Ajay Rai has come forward, asserting that jute bags purchased by farmers at the procurement center are being resold in the open market under the label of "old bags." The matter has escalated further, with these bags allegedly being repurchased under the pretext of producing new sacks, causing distress among the local farming community. A noteworthy concern highlighted by farmers is the token verification process, which involves farmers approaching the Patwari for verification after obtaining their token. The verification process has been characterized by delays and irregularities, leading to dissatisfaction among farmers. Such practices violate the paddy procure-



ment policy and rules set the government. passing the paddy. Rs. 6000 bv prompting a call for an imwas collected from some mediate ban on token verifarmers and Rs. 1500 from fication at the centers. some others because if Social media has been they did not give the abuzz with discussions on money, their paddy would an alleged case of illegal be taken away. The acrecovery from farmers at cused grader reportedly the Nimdha paddy proasserted that payments curement center. Farmers had to be made to higher officials, including the claim that Agriculture Department employee Collector and SDM, creat-Sheikh Irfan collected subing a web of financial exstantial sums from them ploitation. Farmers, who for passing their paddy invest considerable effort through the grading and resources into cultiprocess. Exploited farmvating and harvesting ers admitted to the media their crops, have been adthat the grader had extortversely affected by these

ed money from them for unethical practices. The fear of rejection during the procurement process due to non-payment has left them in a vulnerable position. The situation has prompted District Priyanka Collector Mahobia to take swift action, ordering an investigation into the alleged extortion and illegal recovery practices by graders. District

Collector Priyanka Mahobia has assigned the Agriculture Department's Assistant Director, Satyajit Kanwar, to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter.

Forest ranger suspended

Dongargaon, Dec 03: In a commendable move towards maintaining transparency and accountability, the forest department has taken swift action by suspending Khujji forest ranger Makhanlal Banjare over serious irregularities in the Tendupatta warehouse. The forest ranger's suspension comes in the wake of a complaint regarding the manipulation of Tendupatta stock in the Gurukripa godown, Rajnandgaon. It was reported that during the Tendupatta collection year 2022 by District Union Rajnandgaon, the stored tendu leaves. overseen by Banjare, were illicitly replaced with non-standard and substandard alternatives, resulting in significant financial losses for the government. The complaint, submitted through official channels, triggered a prompt investigation. three-member committee, Α appointed by the Managing **Director of District Forest Produce** Cooperative Union Limited, Rajnandgaon, substantiated the allegations of tendu leaf substitution in the warehouse. The verification process confirmed the validity of the complaint, leading to the immediate suspension of Makhanlal Banjare on November 30. The forest ranger's disciplinary action underscores the commitment to accountability and safeguarding public funds.

celebrate 75th NCC Day Pithora, Dec 03: In a spirited celebration guided by the directives of Chhattisgarh

Battalion Commanding Officer Colonel Saurabh Kumar and Adm Officer Lieutenant Colonel Pradeep Kumar, the Government Higher Secondary School in Gondbahal recently commemorated the 75th NCC Day. This annual event, observed nationwide on the last Sunday of November, resonated with fervour in the school as student soldiers actively participated in the festivities.

NCC

Under the leadership of Company Commander Chetan Yadav, the student soldiers initiated the celebration with a patriotic flag salute, followed by captivating displays of Saxon Formation, Camouflage Consignment, and other military activities within the school premises. The Junior Division Girl Student



Soldiers added a cultural touch by presenting a play that portrayed the valor and sacrifices of soldiers, earning them resounding applause from the audience.

Naib Subedar Keshav Dutt of 27 CG Battalion NCC Raipur graced the occasion as the chief guest. sharing poignant memories from his 27 years of combat experience. He recounted moments of adversity during the Jammu and Kashmir conflict, emphasizing the unpredictable nature of life and the importance of resilience. Dutt's inspiring words resonated deeply with the students, who listened attentively to his journey and received words of encouragement to fuel their own aspirations.

Addressing the gathering, School Principal Dr. Mukesh Dadsena urged students to maintain discipline and embrace a life of preparedness for challenges. Senior lecturer NP Tiwari also addressed the program, instilling the values of discipline and perseverance. NCC officer Vivek Verma, overseeing the event, imparted guidance to the students, fos tering a sense of responsibility and commitment among the budding student soldiers.





Issy Wong shines as England Women's A beat India by two wickets to take T20 series 2-1

Mumbai, Dec 03 (PTI)

All-round performance from Issy Wong played a decisive role as England Women's A defeated India Women's A by two wickets to clinch the three-match T20 series 2-1 here on Sunday.

In a low-scoring thriller, India Women's A fought hard until the end but paid the price for poor batting, as they were shot out for 101 in 19.2 overs after electing to bat on a slow turner at the Wankhede Stadium. In reply, England finished at 104/8 in 19.1 overs.

Minnu Mani's side fought back hard but could not stop Issy (28 not out) from hitting the winning runs, having returned 2.2-0-18-2 earlier.

Issy had won England the second game single-handedlv when she struck a 15-ball unbeaten 35 to help the visitors level the series after India had won the first game.

Grace Scrivens (10) was dropped at eight by Arushi Goel off Mani in the third over at mid-on but two balls



later, a leading edge ended her stay with India getting their second breakthrough.

Mannat Kashyap then had Freya Kemp (0) caught at short third for India's third success, with England slipping to 28/3 in four overs. Mani (2/24) gave England another jolt when she cleaned up Mady Villiers (1) for the fourth

wicket and soon after; Hollie Armitage survived a close leg-before appeal from Shreyanka Patil. Armitage was run out with a brilliant direct hit from Mannat which ended her vigil for a 28-ball 27 (3x4s) and Anusha

Bareddy had Seren Smale

(18) caught behind to leave

Issy joined forces with

England reeling at 63/6.

Rhianna Southby (3) to take England ahead but Shreyanka brought India back firmly with two wickets in the 16th over.

Southby chopped one on to her wickets while Lauren Filer (0) was cleaned up.

Earlier, it was a forgettable outing for the Indian batters in the series decider. They struggled collectively

with England bowlers exploiting the conditions better.

While Vrinda Dinesh (9 off 16 balls) was cleaned up on a slower delivery from Mahika Gaur, looking to scoop it on the leg side, No. 3 G Trisha was caught at midwicket off Issy for a 10ball 7. Mani hit two fours to begin with but mis-timed

Brief scores

India Women's A 101 in 19.2 overs (Uma Chetry 21, Disha Kasat 20; Issy Wong 2/18, Kirstie Gordon 2/17, Mady Villiers 2/19, Lauren Filer 2/15) lost to England Women's A 104/8 in 19.1 overs (Hollie Armitage 27, Issy Wong 28 not out; Shreyanka Patil 2/13, Minnu Mani 2/24) by two wickets.

one off Kirstie Gordon to be caught at long on.

Uma Chetry, given a lifeline on 14, could only make 21 off 16 balls with three fours before being trapped leg-before off Mady Villiers. Goel (5) got a top edge

while looking to sweep Mady and was caught by Seren Smale to be reduced to 65/5 in the 14th over.

Kanika Ahuja (3) perished without troubling the scorers much and Disha Kasat (20 off 25 balls, 1x6s) once again fell in her 20s when she looked to attack.

Monica Patel (11) hit two fours which were crucial to push India towards the triple-figure mark.

Abhinav Choudhary is men's rapid-fire national champion



Bhopal, Dec 03 (PTI)

Rajasthan's Abhinav Choudhary clinched the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol title at the National Shooting Championship here on Sunday.

Abhinav shot a score of 30 in the final to outgun Uttar Pradesh's Ankur Goel, who finished with 26 hits to his name. Delhi's Arpit Goel was third with 21 at the MP State Shooting Academy range.

Abhinav had earlier qualified for the top-six final round with a score of 584 in qualification, which was also the leading score.

In the junior men's rapid-fire pistol, Vijayveer Sidhu struck gold with 28 hits in the final, getting the better of Haryana's Paris Olympic quota winner Anish Bhanwala, who had 25. Punjab won gold and bronze in the event, when Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu shot 20 to finish third on the podium. However, Anish (578) did win the team event in men's RFP event, combining with Sameer (578) and Adarsh Singh (571) for a combined effort of 1727. Vijayveer along with Rajkanwar and twin brother Udhayveer won the junior team gold.

Rinku is contender for T20 World Cup spot, but it's too early: Ashish Nehra



New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI)

against Australia, and, in the fourth match in Raipur on Friday, his 46 off 29 balls was vital in India's 3-1 series-clinching 20-run win."There is no doubt that Rinku Singh is a contender for inclusion in India's T20 World Cup squad," the former left-arm pacer told JioCinema. "But the World Cup is still far away and the spot he's fighting for has many challengers." Rinku has played some defining knocks in the ongoing series. His 31 not out from nine balls played a big role in India's 44-run win in the second T20I at Thiruvananthapuram.

With no clarity on whether Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli will be in India's scheme of things for the global showpiece, there could be major changes in the T20 squad for the World Cup and Rinku could emerge as a leading contender for the slog overs. "You can look at Jitesh Sharma (wicketkeeper-batter) and Tilak Varma. We'll have to discuss the positions where Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya will play," the cricketer-turned-commentator said.

"So, we have to see how many spots are available in the 15-member squad. But one thing is sure, he (Rinku) has opened everyone's eyes and put everyone under pressure. But there's still a lot of time to go. The trip to South Africa is coming up followed by the IPL," averred Nehra. Nehra defended the young Indian pace attack, which has been criticised in some quarters for leaking 200-plus totals in the first three T20Is against Australia. The squad for the five-match series is without stalwarts Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, who have been rested.

India set to bid for **2029 World Athletics Championships**

Amritsar, Dec 03 (PTI):

India is set to bid for the World Athletics 2029Championships after dropping its earlier intention to host the 2027 edition of the prestigious tournament, a top official of the national federation said on Sunday.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) was earlier considering to bid for the hosting rights of the 2027 World Athletics Championships but it is now learnt that it has dropped the plan and is instead looking to host the 2029 edition.

'Yes, we are interested in bidding for the 2029 World Athletics Championships," **AFI** senior Vice President Anju Bobby George told PTI, on the sidelines on the sidelines of the AFI Annual General Body meeting."India has ex-pressed interest to host the 2036 Olympics and 2030 Youth Olympics. So, it will be very good if we can host the 2029 World Athletics Championships," said the legendary long jumper. The time period for the formal bidding for the 2029 Athletics World

Warner named in

SCG farewell

Championships is not known yet. The World Athletics has published the bidding timeline for the 2027 World Athletics Championships -- which began early this year -- but

not for the 2029 edition. The last edition of the World Athletics Championships was held in Budapest, Hungary in August and the next one will be held in 2025 in

Tokyo. Strategic plan up

to 2036 The AFI has also decid-

ed to prepare a strategic plan till 2036 with a target of 5-6 medals from athletics in the Olympics that vear. India has already expressed its interest to bid for the 2036 Olympics. "We want to achieve high performance, produce world beaters and win 5-6 medals Open here on Sunday. in the 2036 Olympics," AFI Planning Commission Ramkumar, who won the ITF Mumbai Open last chairman Lalit Bhanot week, took just 64 minutes to quell Pichler's challenge said during the AGM. Bhanot has been given 6-2, charge of preparing the strategic plan. Three committees have been formed to give inputs on different aspects to prepare the strategic plan.

Ramkumar clinches ITF Kalaburagi Open title



Kalaburagi, Dec 03 (PTI):

India's Ramkumar Ramanathan thrashed Austrian David Pichler in straight sets in a lop-sided men's singles final to secure his third ITF title by winning the Kalaburagi

ner's cheque of USD 3200 and 25 precious ATP points, while the visitor was richer by USD 2120 besides gaining 16 ATP points. "It feels great to win

back-to-back titles. My

game is coming along good.

I did play some of my best

five games, Ramkumar made the first dent by breaking David's serve in the sixth game and never looked back, dishing out some superb winners to capture the rest of the games to win the set 6-2.

The second set promised a fightback from David when he held his serve losing just a point, but Ramkumar had different plans. Moving with great tenacity, he forced David to commit mistakes and himself came up with a couple of cross court winners which drew cheers from the crowd that could be heard a mile away.

Explosive left-hander Rinku Singh has emerged as a "contender" for the finisher's spot in India's T20 World Cup squad, according to Ashish Nehra, but the former India pacer also believes that the batter will face stiff challenge for the position from fellow cricketers.

The T20 World Cup will be played in the West Indies and the USA in June next year. Rinku has been in blazing form in the ongoing five-match T20I series

6-1 at the Chandrashekhar Patil Stadium to claim his third ITF title in a span of 57 days. Ramkumar, a member of the Indian Davis Cup team, pocketed the win-

tennis in these last two weeks," said Ramkumar after the victory. "The courts here didn't suit my game initially, but I adapted to them very quickly." Playing in front of home crowd, Ramkumar was already morally boosted even before he hit his first serve. After both the players held their serve for the first

Annu's brace went in vain as Australia squad for 1st India lose 2-3 against Belgium Pakistan test; hopes for

Junior Women's **World Cup**

Santiago (Chile), Dec 03 (PTI):

Annu's brace went in vain as India lost 2-3 to Belgium in a closely-contested Pool C match to slump to their second consecutive defeat in the FIH Junior World Cup here on Saturday.

Annu (47th, 51st minutes) struck twice in a span of four minutes from a penalty corner and a penalty stroke to draw level after Belgium raced to a 2-0 lead through goals from Noa Schreurs (fifth) and France de Mot (42nd).

But it was not India's day as Astrid Bonami scored the winner from a penalty stroke in the 52nd minute. It was another heartbreaking loss for the Indians after they squandered a two-goal advantage to go down 3-4 to last edition's runners-up Germany on Thursday night. The Indians had,

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India are currently placed second in Pool C with three points from three games. Belgium are atop the pool with an allwin record from three matches.

Germany will play Canada in the last match of the pool later in the day.

India applied a pressing Belgium an early lead. With the score in their

favour, Belgium intensified the attack by frequently penetrating the circle, restricting India's chances of equalising in the opening quarter, which concluded with Belgium leading 1-0.

Determined to turn the tide, India adopted an aggressive approach in the second quarter.

Rodman's goal caps 3-0 victory for the US women over China



Fort Lauderdale, Dec 03 (AP):

Trinity Rodman had a goal and two assists to help the United States beat China 3-0 in an exhibition match on Saturday.

Sophia Smith and Lindsey Horan also scored in the first of two exhibition games against China.

The second is set for Tuesday in Frisco, Texas, outside of Dallas.

The matches close a difficult year for the United States after the four-time champions were eliminated from the Women's World Cup this summer in the round of 16, the team's earliest exit ever.

Smith scored in the eighth minute, beating China goalkeeper Xu Huan off a pass from Rodman. It was Smith's 15th goal in 37 national team appearances.

Horan made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute, striking the ball from distance before it bounced past Xu. It was her 30th goal.

Rodman capped the scoring in the 77th with an assist from Jaedyn Shaw. Rodman celebrated with a cheeky dance in front of the goal.

"She's just being really intentional, we see that in training, we see that in games. And she's starting to play more and more with the players around her as well," interim U.S. coach Twila Kilgore said about Rodman. "She's obviously a very gifted individual player and she's looking to play more with her teammates.'

Veterans Alex Morgan, Becky Sauerbrunn, Alyssa Naeher and Crystal Dunn were given some time off as Kilgore focused on youth for her roster.



Sydney, Dec 03 (AP):

David Warner has been handed the chance of a hoped-for Sydney Cricket Ground farewell after being named in Australia's squad for the first of three tests against home Pakistan. The squad named Sunday, which includes the 37-year-old opener, is only for the first test at Perth from Dec. 14-19. If he hold his place for the second test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground starting on Boxing Day, Warner will be in line for his dream farewell on his home ground in Sydney from Jan. 3 to 7.



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Cong to form govt in T'gana

Revanth Reddy could be state's second CM

Hyderabad, Dec O3 (PTI)

The Congress was on its way to achieve the magic mark of 60 seats on Sunday to form the first non-BRS government in Telangana, with the southern solace coming in the midst of a saffron sweep of the Hindi heartland where BJP wrested two states from its rival and retained one

Telangana becomes the second southern state in Congress' kitty in 2023, after it emerged triumphant in Karnataka in May

Having registered a virtually unassailable lead against the ruling BRS, the Mallikarjun Khargeled party won 47 seats and was ahead in another 17, according to latest Election Commission figures.



Revanth Reddy

members in the outgoing Assembly, emerged victorious in 22 and was leading in 17 others.

Chandrasekhar Rao submitted his resignation with the Governor following his party's poor performance. Anumula



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Chief Minister K Revanth

KCR (CM Rao). They have Reddy, who led the defeated KCR. That's all," Congress' charge, finds Reddy told reporters. himself on the brink of a potential chief ministerhave decided the role of ship. The 56 year-old the leader met top police offi-Congress expects the cials of the state and dis-BRS's cooperation in cussed the security order to fulfil the people's

arrangements for the aspirations.

swearing-in ceremony, "To revive democratic likely on December 4 or 9. values, we are expecting He welcomed the peothat the BRS will come forple's mandate in favour of ward," he said the national party while

It is the party's responsibility to fulfil Telangana people's aspirations after forming the government in the state, he added.

BRS working president and KCR's son K T Rama Rao said the assembly poll results were "disappointing" though he was not 'saddened"

'Grateful to the people of Telangana for giving @BRSparty two consecutive terms of Government. Not saddened over the result today, but surely disappointed as it was not in expected lines for us. But we will take this in our stride as a learning and will bounce back," he said.

"Congratulations to Congress party on winthe mandate. ning Wishing you Good Luck," the BRS leader further

CELEBRATING VICTORY



MP CM Shivrai Singh Chouhan with Union Ministers Jvotiraditva Scindia. Ashwini Vaishnaw and Narendra Singh Tomar and BJP State President VD Sharma celebrate the party's lead during counting of votes for MP Assembly elections, in Bhopal, Sunday.

Only PM Modi in people's hearts: Shah Poll results 'unexpected for everyone': Gehlot

opposition, and

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The KCR-led Bharat

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Jaipur, Dec 03 (PTI)

As the Congress faced defeat in Rajasthan, outgoing Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday said the poll results were "unexpected for everyone" but rejected suggestions that bringing forward "new faces" would have helped the party retain power.

He lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, alleging they incited people in the name of religion during the election campaign. The Congress leader said that he had expected that the people of the state would take "revenge" on the BJP leaders but it did not happen.

In a post on X, Gehlot said, "We humbly accept the mandate given by the people of Rajasthan. This is an unexpected result for everyone. This defeat shows that we were not completely successful in taking our plans, laws and innovations to the public."

Later, talking to reporters, Gehlot said that they would go into the reasons behind the adverse

election results Madhya Rajasthan,

Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Replying to a question on whether a change of face in the elections might have brought a positive result, Gehlot said that it would be wrong to say that bringing new faces might have made the party win the elections.

"There was talk of bringing new faces, and new faces should come, but this demand was not in MP there and Chhattisgarh and still we lost the election. It would be wrong to say that we would have won the election if new faces were brought."

Gehlot and former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot, who was batting for handing over the reins to the next generation leaders, were engaged in a power tussle since the Congress formed government in the state in 2018.

In 2020, Pilot led a revolt against the Gehlot Government after which he was removed from the posts of the party's state unit president and deputy



chief minister.

Last year, an attempt by the high command to effect a leadership change in Rajasthan had failed after Gehlot loyalists dug their heels in and did not allow a legislature party meeting to take place.

Asked if the defeat might affect the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Gehlot replied, "All these things affect. In the elections, Kharge ji, Rahul Gandhi ji and Priyanka Gandhi...everyone did campaigning massively.

Our schemes were exemplary. "We were expecting to win on the basis of our schemes, laws and promises. But, the government My advice to them is that

Gehlot submits resignation to Guv

Ashok Gehlot submitted his resignation to Governor Kalraj Mishra Sunday evening after his Congress party was defeated in the assembly polls.

Gehlot reached the Raj Bhavan here and handed over the resignation letter to the governor. The BJP crossed the halfway mark in Rajasthan, winning 106 seats out of the 199 where assembly elections took place.

According to the latest assembly poll results and

could not be formed."

Gehlot said that he would continue to work for the people whether he remains in any position or not. He said that he would continue to work for the people of the state till his last breath.

He said party president Mallikarjun Kharge has asked everyone to now prepare for the Parliament election. "I wish the new government all the best.

Rajasthan Chief Minister trends available on the Election Commission website, the BJP won 106 seats and was ahead in nine. The Congress, which was

> the incumbent being voted out in the state every five years, bagged 60 seats and was ahead in nine.

200 seats were held on November 25. The election in Sriganganagar's Karanpur seat was postponed due to the death of the Congress candidate.

despite working hard, we were not successful, it should not work after

He said all the schemes introduced by the the Congress government in the past five years, including the old pension scheme and the Chiranjeevi health insurance scheme, should be taken forward by the next government.

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI)

BJP leaders on Sunday credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "charismatic" leadership and development agenda for the party's success in three states, with Home Minister Amit Shah asput their stamp of ap-

in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan is a stamp of people's faith in Modi's leadership, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asserted the prime minister has made the BJP a "lok laadli" (people's favourite)

'It's only and only Modi ji in the hearts of the people. Today's election results have proved that days of appeasement and caste politics are over. New India votes on politics of performance," Shah said in a post on X.

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Singh termed the BJP's victory in three states as "historic" and also gave its credit to Nadda's "organisational skills" as well as collective efforts and hard work of the party workers.

"I congratulate Prime Minister Modi ji, party president Nadda ji and all the workers for this spectacular victory and express my gratitude to the people of the three states for this mandate and congratulate them," the de-

BJP chief Nadda hailed Modi's leadership.

Meanwhile, party leadmandate in Telangana form its government.

"Gratitude to people of Telangana for encouraging support. Under PM Narendra Modi Ji's leadership the BJP will continue to work towards the development of Telangana,' Shah said in a post on X.

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mense support," the home minister said, adding "many congratulations to prime minister Shri Narendra Modi on this grand victory of BJP"

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BJP's win in three states mandate for BJP's resounding win boosts Chouhan as leadership 'Modi guarantee': Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI)

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said BJP's victory in three states is a mandate for "Modi guarantee" and that the party has succeeded in enlarging its ideological base in spite of all the contradictions

"People have authenticated their trust in what Prime Minister Narendra Modi says because it has been proven time and again with evidence that Modi has the capacity to walk the talk," he told reporters here.

As for the "double engine government" is concerned, Singh said that during the election campaign, many critics took

pinch of salt but he had repeatedly reiterated even at that time that the common man understands the essence of this impression.

He said, for example, in Rajasthan, the common man did not say this in mincing words but in heart of hearts he could sense that he was not getting the benefits of Modi's welfare schemes to the same extent as was being

received by the people in the neighbouring states like Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

"Misuse of funds and lack of accountability to the Centre has taken their toll in both Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh and particu-

this impression with a larly the young voters could realise this," said Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel.

Results of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh showed that the BJP will form the government. While in Madhya Pradesh, the party retained power, in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, it overthrew the Congress.

In the Telangana, Congress is set to form the government defeating the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). About Telangana, the minister said, that Congress' victory is by default because it has benefited by the negative vote against BRS. However, for BJP, Singh said, it is a

qualitative vote because BJP has succeeded in enlarging its ideological base in spite of all the contradictions. He said another important factor emerging from the election results one after the other is that Modi has sought to introduce a new political culture in this country which, unlike in the past, is above caste, creed and vote bank consideration.

About who would be the chief minister in the three States won by BJP, Singh said, this question is asked because the mindset is conditioned by half a century of Congress rule where the preferences are dynasty-driven and decisions are taken at the dining table.

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI) remain at the helm in MP

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All the talk about the BJP looking at an alternative leadership in Madhya Pradesh receded into the background on a day Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made a strong statement about his popular acceptability as the party appeared set to retain power with a stunning two-

thirds majority. The BJP had chosen to head into the assembly polls without naming a chief ministerial face in any of the states and its leaders asserted that the results underscore the wider support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda. "The mandate gives the party leadership a free

hand in deciding on chief ministers on all three states," a senior leader said, without going into names. While Chouhan has

emerged as a favourite to

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the BJP has snatched power from the Congress. Many possible contenders for the top job across the three Hindi-speaking states have not contested the assembly

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polls but this may not be a factor as the party has in the past placed its trust in leaders who were not a member of state assemblies, such as Yogi Adityanath in 2017.



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Less than 1% voters opted for NOTA in MP, Raj, Telangana

• 1.29 % in Chhattisgarh

New Delhi, Dec 03 (PTI)

The counting of votes in three out of four states on Sunday showed that less than one per cent of the voters exercised the 'none of the above' (NOTA) option in the just-concluded assembly polls, according to the election commission. Assembly polls were

conducted in five states and while the counting of

votes in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Telangana was held on Sunday, votes will be

counted in Mizoram on Monday. In Madhya Pradesh,

0.99 per cent of the voters went for the NOTA option out of total voter turnout of 77.15 per cent. neighbouring In Chhattisgarh, 1.29 per cent of the electors pressed the NOTA button. Here, the voter turnout was 76.3 per

cent. In Telangana, 0.74 per cent of the electors opted for NOTA. The state registered 71.14 per cent of voter turnout.

Similarly, in Rajasthan 0.96 per cent of the voters exercised the NOTA option. It had recorded 74.62 per cent turnout.

Talking to PTI on the NOTA option, Pradeep Gupta of Axis My India said NOTA has been used from .01 per cent to a maximum of two per cent. If anything new is introduced. its effectiveness depends on its result or performance.

"I had written to the government that if NOTA's effectiveness has to be made in the real sense, then NOTA should be declared as the winner if the maximum number of people use this option," he said.

Gupta was referring to the 'first-past-the-post' principle followed in India where a candidate who gets the maximum number of votes is declared the winner.