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of USD 250 million to mod-

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Dammu Ravi, secretary

(economic relations) in the

Ministry of External

Affairs, said the Kenyan

side offered land for farm-

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under a cooperative model

besides showing interest

in India's payment system

UPI (Unified Payments

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age Indian companies for

investment in the sector,

including in equipment

and technology on mutual-

ly agreed terms. Both

sides noted that enhancing

bilateral agricultural co-

operation would increase

bilateral trade and con-

tribute to food security in

Kenva," it said.

"The government of

Interface).

At a media briefing,

al sector," he said.



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Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari with Commander of the Sri Lanka Army Lieutenant General Vikum Liyanage during a meeting, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

NIA raids

■ Srinagar: The National **Investigation Agency** (NIA) on Tuesday carried out raids at several locations across Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the terror conspiracy hatched and operationalised by offshoots of the banned Pakistanbacked terrorist organisations, the investigating agency said. The searches led to the seizure of several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data and documents, it said.

GI tag

■ **Shillong:** Meghalaya's Lakadong turmeric has been awarded the **Geographical Indication** (GI) tag, state Agriculture Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh has said. Along with Lakadong turmeric, Garo Dakmanda (traditional dress), Larnai pottery and Garo Chubitchi (alcoholic beverage) were also awarded the GI tag, she said.

Suicide

■ Indore: A 65-year-old municipal contractor allegedly committed suicide by consuming acid in Indore, with his kin claiming that he was upset over the delay by the city civic body in settling the dues to him, police said on Tuesday. Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava said in a statement that the civic body had paid around Rs 22 crore to the contractor from April to November and around Rs 14 crore is yet to be paid to his firm. He denied that the deceased contractor was harassed by the municipal corporation.

Flash strike

■ Guwahati: An association of IOC LPG cylinder transporters in the Northeast went on flash protest for an indefinite period, affecting supply of the fuel to various sectors, officials said on Tuesday The North East Packed LPG Transporter Association (NEPLTA) has cited pending dues and low rates in the recently floated tenders as reasons for the strike.

Dope test

New Delhi: Sprinter Lalit Kumar, who ran solo in the 100m final at the **Delhi Athletics** Championships in September after seven other competitors pulled out on hearing the presence of NADA officials, has failed a dope test, according to officials. It is learnt that Kumar's urine sample collected after the race on September 26 has returned positive for a

banned steroid.



India, Kenya ink 5 pacts

New Delhi announces USD 250 mn LoC for Kenyan agri sector

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI):

India on Tuesday announced a USD 250 million line of credit to Kenya for modernisation of its agricultural sector as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto agreed to shore up bilateral ties in areas of defence, trade, energy, digital public infrastructure and health-

Following the Modi-Ruto talks, the two sides signed five pacts providing for cooperation in a range of areas including sports, education and digital solution, and unveiled a joint vision document to scale up maritime engagement in the Indian Ocean region.

The Kenvan side offered. in line with Kenyan laws, to provide land to Indian companies and institutions for cultivation of crops, including millets. In order to

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

The CBI carried out

searches in 13 locations

and registered an FIR in

connection with Rs 820

crore that "mistakenly'

landed in 41.000 UCO Bank

account holders through

IMPS in November this

year, officials said on

The search operation,

which continued till late

night Monday, covered 13

premises in multiple

cities, including Kolkata

and Mangalore, they said.

The CBI action came fol-

lowing the FIR that was

Tuesday.



PM Modi with President of Kenya William Samoei Ruto at the Hyderabad House, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

enhance bilateral economic engagement as well as to finance projects under development partnership, the two leaders also discussed the need to use local currencies for trade.

In his media statement, Modi said India has been a

from UCO Bank against

two support engineers

working with the bank

and other unknown per-

sons. It alleged suspicious

Service (IMPS) transac-

tions amounting to ap-

proximately Rs. 820 crore,

the agency spokesperson

and 13 this year, over 8.53

lakh IMPS transactions

took place in which Rs 820

crore originating from

14.000 account holders of

private banks landed in

the 41,000 accounts of

UCO Bank customers, the

Between November 10

said in a statement.

Payment

Immediate

CBI files FIR, searches

13 locations

"reliable and committed" development partner for Kenva and that New Delhi is fully prepared to share its achievements in digital public infrastructure with the east African nation.

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'Over 3 cr Ayushman cards generated till **November 28'**

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

More than 3 crore Ayushman cards had been generated under the 'Ayushman Bhav' campaign till November 28 with the maximum being generated in Uttar Pradesh, followed by Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. The 'Ayushman Bhav' campaign, President Droupadi Murmu on September 13, seeks to saturate selected healthcare services in every village and town in line with the commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure everyone has access

IAF official granted bail

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

A Delhi court has granted bail to a former Indian Air Force official, who allegedly shared secret information with intelligence operatives suspected to be backed by Pakistan's ISI after being "honeytrapped", noting he has already spent more than seven years in iail half the maximum sentence



Five persons held with leopard skin

On Chh'garh-Odisha border

Gariaband, Dec 05:

Police have seized a leopard skin near a village in Chhattisgarh-Odisha border area and arrested five men for allegedly trying to sell it, a forest official said on Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off about the possibility of leopard skin smuggling, the antipoaching team of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district and neighbouring Odisha forest division conducted a joint operation on

About the seizure...

Acting on a tip-off about the possibility of leopard skin smuggling, the anti-poaching team of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband district and neighbouring Odisha forest division conducted a joint operation on Monday night in Kalahandi district of Odisha, USTR deputy team seized a 1.97 metres long leopard skin, two motorcycles, five mobile phones and a sharp edged weapon from the five men on Amapani village road in the district. Prima facie it seems the feline, around three years old, was poisoned.

district of Odisha, USTR deputy director Varun Jain said. The team seized a 1.97

metres long leopard skin, two motorcycles, five mobile phones and a sharp edged weapon from the five men on Amapani village road in the district, he said Prima facie it seems the feline, around three years old, was poisoned, Jain said. The five persons were arrested under relevant provi sions of the Wildlife Protection Act and a probe was on into the case. On November 29, a tiger skin was seized from two persons in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district following an operation by teams of USTR and Maharashtra forest personnel, the official

Revanth Reddy to be Tgana (

Swearing-in on **Thursday**

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI):

Telangana Congress chief A Revanth Reddy, who switched from the TDP in 2017 and spearheaded the successful electoral campaign against the BRS, was on Tuesday named as the new chief minister of the state.

Announcing the decision at the party headquarters here on Tuesday, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said the swearing-in of the 54-year-old



Venugopal, however, did not say who all would join the government.

'We will recognise all senior leaders. This is going to be a team, this is not going to be a one-man show. The Congress will go with the team," he told reporters while replying to queries on

the issue. Revanth Reddy was the frontrunner for the top post in the state after the party staged a stupendous victory in assembly elections by winning 64 seats in Telangana, upstaging the BRS which has been in power for the last nine years. "I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to hon-ourable AICC president Shri Kharge ji, Mother of Telangana our beloved Soniamma, ever inspiring leader Rahul Gandhi ji, charismatic Priyanka Gandhi ji, AICC General Secretary (Org) K C Venugopalji, Deputy CM of

Secretary-Telangana Manikrao Thakare and last but not the least our Congress soldiers who stood by us through thick and thin," Reddy posted on X. Venugopal said Revanth Reddy was working as the PCC president and is a dynamic leader who campaigned in this election extensively with other senior leaders. "After considering the report of observers and after discussion with senior leaders, the Congress president has decided to go with Revanth Reddy as the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) in

BIP only in 'gaumutra states': DMK MP sparks row assembly election results as

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

A DMK MP in Lok Sabha sparked a controversy on Tuesday by describing Hindi heartland states as "gaumutra states", and said the BJP can win elections only there and not in south

BJP leaders hit back at the DMK and asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi if he agreed with the insulting remarks of its INDIA bloc partner against the north Indians.

Participating in a debate in the Lower House on two bills related to Jammu and Kashmir, D N Senthilkumar said people



DNV Senthilkumar

of this country should think that the power of the BJP is only winning elections "in the heartland states of Hindi and what we generally called as gaumutra states". The comments come in the backdrop of some referring to the recent a 'North-South divide' after the BJP trounced the Congress in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and the Congress won Telangana.

During the elections, the row over some DMK leadremarks against Sanatan Dharma had been latched on by the BJP to target the Congress.

Earlier this Congress had wrested Karnataka from the BJP, while other southern states are ruled by non-BJP parties including Tamil Nadu where Congress ally DMK

and disruption

Amaravati, Dec 05 (PTI)

Severe cyclonic storm Michaung made landfall crossing south Andhra Pradesh coast between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm on Tuesday leaving its maximum fury to be felt on Monday in Chennai and adjoining areas in neighbouring Tamil Nadu. Southern districts of Odisha and eastern Telangana continue to be

At least 12 people lost their lives in various rainrelated incidents in and around Chennai even as personnel on fishing boats



Actors Aamir Khan and Vishnu Vishal, and others being rescued from a flooded area after heavy rainfall owing to Cyclone Michaung, at Karapakkam in Chennai.

gaged in rescuing stranded people in the city on Tuesday. The city and adjoining districts faced relentless rains on Monday as Michaung loomed over the north coastal areas of

Tamil Nadu.

Odisha's southern districts too received rains on Tuesday in the wake of severe cyclone Michaung. Authorities have deployed five teams of ODRAF

Action Force) and eight teams from the fire service department for rescue operations in the five southern districts Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati and Ganjam - the state's Relief Special Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahu said.

Michaung crossed near coastal south Andhra Pradesh's Bapatla district with maximum gales of up to 90 to 100 km per hour,

Amaravati Meteorological Centre official said, adding that the weather system was to move northwards and weaken into a cyclonic storm in the two hours

'One flag, one PM, one constitution' not a political slogan: Amit Shah

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

Responding to a remark by TMC's Saugata Roy in the Lok Sabha that "ek nishan, ek pradhan, ek samvidhan (one flag, one head, one constitution)" was a "political slogan", Shah wondered as to how can a country have two prime ministers, two constitutions and two

While responding to a remark from the opposition benches, Shah said, "Whosoever did it was wrong. Narendra Modi has corrected it. Your approval or disagreement does not matter. The entire country wanted it." This comment was made in an apparent reference to the abrogation of provisions of Article 370

were "objectionable".

He went on to state that "one symbol, one head, one constitution" was not an election slogan. "We had been saying since 1950 that a country should have one PM, one flag and one constitution and two will not do and we have done it.'

PM ON EXCUSES AFTER BJP WIN 'Beware of their divisive agenda'

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

Minister Prime Narendra Modi Tuesday took a swipe at critics, saying they may remain happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance but people should be beware of their divisive agenda as an old habit of 70 years cannot go away so easily.

He was reacting to a an post captioned "Meltdown-e-Azam' (great meltdown) of a news clip that cited "excuses" and alleged attempts by an "ecosystem" to stoke regional divide and insult voters in Hindi speaking states after the BJP swept to power in

Madhya

Rajasthan,

Chhattisgarh, brushing aside the challenge from the Congress. The Congress drew

some consolation by winning the assembly poll in Telangana.

Modi posted, "May they be happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance. But... Beware of their divisive agenda. An old habit of 70 years can't go away so easily. Also, such is the wisdom of the people that they have to be prepared for many more meltdowns ahead."His reply and the expression of unusual social media aggression in reaction to a post was also punctuated by several emojis, also not very common with his re-

marks on X.

Kolkata, Dec 05 (PTI):9 Kolkata emerged as the

safest city in India for the third consecutive year, recording the least number of cognisable offences per lakh population among metropolises, a report published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) said.

The TMC on Tuesday expressed jubilance over the NCRB data which declared Kolkata as the safest city in the country and asserted that it exposed falsehoods propagated by BJP on the Bengal government's handling of law and order. The National Crime

Records Bureau (NCRB) re-

port said Kolkata has se-

cured its position as the

safest city in India for the

third consecutive year by

reporting the lowest number of cognizable offenses per lakh population among metropolises. 'Kolkata, the safest city

'Kolkata safest city in India'

with the least crime rates for the third consecutive year, says the NCRB crime report 2022. Thank you, @MamataOfficial, for keeping us safe. Maybe if @BJP4India and their trolls could learn to read, they'd shut up now," remarked TMC MP Mahua Moitra on

In a social media post, the TMC emphasised that beyond its cultural richness Kolkata also fosters a sense of security rarely found elsewhere.

'We rejoice as Kolkata achieves this milestone once again! For the third consecutive time, according to NCRB data, the City of Joy proudly stands as the safest city in India. Under the able guidance of Smt @MamataOfficial and the constant vigilance of @KolkataPolice, crime rates have significantly plummeted. Beyond its richness in culture, food, music and art, Kolkata also nurtures a sense of security seldom found elsewhere,"

the party posted on 'X'. Opposition BJP dismissed the NCRB data alleging that the state government often either suppresses data or provides inaccurate figures. "The NCRB report is prepared based on inputs from respective state governments. The TMC government seldom provides accurate figures and correct data," BJP state

Samik

spokesperson

Bhattacharya said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday asserted that the concept of "one flag, one prime minister, one constitution" was not a political slogan and the BJP firmly believes in the principle and finally implemented it with regard to Jammu and Kashmir.

flags. He said Roy's remarks

in Jammu and Kashmir.

Traffic Police to use GPS camera against violators



To avoid unnecessary arguments, the Durg Traffic Police is going to use GPS camera against the traffic violators. Based on the photo taken from the GPS map camera, notice will be sent to the vehicle driver's home or WhatsApp number. Traffic Police Durg is again going to take an innovative step to improve the traffic regulation system. The use of GPS map camera will avoid the situation of argument and will ensure transparency.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ramgopal Garg is continuously working on the traffic regulation system of the dis-

He had given instructions to take action against the drivers who knowingly violate traffic rules despite being aware of the rules. Under the leadership of days, the vehicle owner will have to visit the Traffic Headquarters in Nehru Nagar and make a representation. efits of taking action using GPS map camera, DSP Satish Thakur informed

DSP Sadanand Vidhyaraj, Traffic Police Durg has been making challans manually. Now, using modern techniques, Traffic Police will use GPS map camera for challan.

Traffic Police Durg has taken photographs of such drivers through GPS map camera for driving without helmet, two pillion riders on a two-wheeler, driving by a minor, modified silencer, wrong number plate, carrying a passenger in a goods carrier, etc.

BMC to conduct door-to-door survey of tap connections



Municipal Corporation will conduct a door-to-door survey and investigate the legal and illegal tap connections installed under the Amrut Mission Scheme in the residential and commercial buildings of the municipal limits. Action will be taken to regularise the illegal connections. Many building owners have not deposited the amount of water tax for a long time. Action will be taken against such people as per the provisions mentioned in the Municipal Corporation Act 1956.

On the instructions of Commissioner Rohit Vyas, Superintendent Engineer Sanjay Sharma chaired a meeting with the engineers of the Water Department and the water tax collection agency. He said that 91129 tap connections have been given in the entire Corporation area. Out of which only 48000 tap connections are mentioned in the property tax ID. Due to which the corporation is not receiving the amount of water tax. Apart from this, such beneficiaries who have valid connections are not paying the amount of water tax on excuse of hav-

water. He asked the BMC's engineers and agency representatives that soon a zone-wise and ward-wise door-to-door survey would be conducted to identify those having illegal tap connections and not depositing water tax. During the survey, it will have to be clearly mentioned in the form whether the connections made under AMRUT Mission are valid or illegal. If an illegal connection is found, the Corporation will issue a notice against that landlord and take action to legalize the connection along with a fine. Superintending Engineer Sharma said that such house owners will also be identified who, despite already having a tap connection, are not depositing the amount of water tax in the corporation fund on the pretext of inadequate water supply or no water coming from the tap. Notices will also be issued to such beneficiaries to deposit the outstanding amount of water tax soon. The survey work will be started soon in all the 05 zones. Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Deputy Engineer and Assistant Revenue Officer were present in the meet-

MGM SSS Sector-6 secures Top Honor in Inter School Debate Competition

Theodosius Mar Memorial Inter School organizedby MGMSenior Secondary School, Sector-6, December 02, 2023. topic of the debate was "The emphasis on no rigid separation between scholastic and nonscholastic areas as per NEP2020 would elevate India's educational services sector".Program was graced by RevThomas Ramban, President StThomasMission as Chief Guest.The other guests were the Correspondent, Mathew, andChurch managing committee members.

Apart from the host school, MGM Senior Secondary School, Sector-6,Bhilai,the 8other neighboring schools participated in the competition where each teamconsisted of two participants(For Against).

The program commenced with theschool prayer. Principal In-charge Shaji Chacko, of the host school escorted thedignitaries for lighting of the ceremonial lamp which was followed by garlanding of the portrait of Late Lamented His Grace Stephanos Mar Theodosius by ChiefGuest. The Chief Guest RevThomas Ramban in his speechemphasized importance of

Sankara School, Sector-10 one's overall development. He also paid his homage in reverence to the PatronHis Grace Stephanos Mar Theodosius (Bade Baba). The Principal In-charge ShajiChacko also shared his views and wished the young debaters good luck.The competition was adjudged Shakuntala DrRakesh Ramnagar, Principal Rungta College ofEngineering Technology Bhilai,

Govt PGCollege Bhilai, DrNeeta Shankaracharya College Junwani. Dr Rakesh Himte highlighted the importance and beauty of NEP2020, he also emphasized that it was a wonderful learning experience for him. He bought thefocus of at-

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tention on the three main aspects as per the NEP policy which wasKnowledge, Skill Development and Abilities. For the motion, Anushka Pathak of Sri

bagged thesecond runner up position, and Shristi Singh of KPS, Sundar Nagar won the firstrunner up position, Winner Trophy was bagged by Aditi Chandrakar of MGMSSS Sec-6. In Against the motion, Vanshika Tamrakar of Bhilaiand Ananya Soni of MGMSSS Sec-6, Bhilai won the first runner up position, Winner Trophy was bagged by Pandey Disha KHMemorial, Nagar.

The Winning Trophy was claimed by the host school MGMSSS. Mathew, the Correspondent and Principal In charge of the hostschool, congratulated the participants, their mentors and everyone associated inmaking the competition a grand success.The vote of thanks was proposed by Mary Sajan which was followed by National

Aadhaar enrolment / updation camp begins today

Bhilai, Dec 05:

Municipal Corporation is going to organise a camp for enrolment and updation of Aadhar cards. The camp will begin on December 6 and conclude on January 19. It will be organized simultaneously in all the five zones of Bhilai Corporation. Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas has issued orders so that common citizens can get the facility of making and correcting Aadhaar cards in their ward or locality.

Base camp will be organized on December 6and 7 in Ward 01 Junwani, Junwani Chowk Durga Manch and Bazaar Chowk Community Hall, Ward 14 Dussehra Ground Ganesh Manch near Councilor's Office in Shanti Nagar, Ward 30 Pragati Nagar Health Office Water Tank and Pragati Nagar Camp 01. Ward 38 Community Hall behind the Shivalaya in Sonia Gandhi Nagar, Ward 57 Sector 4 East Councilor's residence of-

December 8 and 11 at Ward 02 Smriti Nagar Radhakrishna Temple Triveni Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar Councilor's office in Ward 15 Ambedkar Nagar and Shanti Nagar Siyan Sadan, Ward 31 Karma Bhawan in Mother Teresa Nagar, near councilor's office and Mayur Ward Garden. Chandrashekhar Azad Nagar, behind the playground community building, Ward 58 Sector 4 West, Road 27-28 near the stage and Road 29-30 post Near the office and Ward 03 Model Town.

On December 12 and 13, the camp will be organısea Panchmukhi Garden Cultural Garden, Ward 16 Community Hall in Supela Bazaar Shankar Supela Community Hall Dubey Animal Food, Ward 32 Baikunthdham Near Yugnirman School in Sunder Nagar Councilor's Office, Ward 40 Martyr Chumman Yadav Chhawani near Mangal Bazaar and Radhakrishna



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with a GPS camera, the lo-

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number and which traffic

rule has been violated by

the driver becomes clear

The driver of the vehicle

does not need to stop for

long at the place of action.

After extracting the de-

tails of the vehicle owner

from the vehicle number, a

notice is sent to the home.

The vehicle owner can-

not retract during the pro-

ceedings. Use of GPS map

camera will not create a

situation of dispute on the

spot and transparency will

be maintained. All police

staff from Inspector to

in the photo.

Temple, Ward 59 Sector 05 East, Dome Shed Street 12-13. On December 14 and 15, at Nehru Nagar Siyan Sadan, Ward 19 Rajiv Nagar. Janaki Temple and Hanuman Temple, Shakuntala Vidyalaya Ramnagar, near Gaurav Path in Ward 33 Santoshi Para Camp 02 and Kali

Vivekananda, Rajiv Nagar Community Hall in Ward Industrial Area Chhawani Anganwadi near Kranti Chowk, Ward 60 Sector 05 West. On December 19 and 20, the camp will be held at Dome Shed Satvijay Auditorium, Ward 05 Kosanagar, near

Radhakrishna

Nagar Councilor's office in Ward Vaishali Nagar, Councilor's office in Ward 34 Veer Shivaji Ward, Milan Chowk, Ward 42 Gautam Nagar, Shiv and Panchsheel School, Ward 61 Sector 6 East Municipal Corporation Zone Office Ward Zone Priyadarshini Parisar. On December 21 and 22, the camp will be organised at Sheetla Mandir Sanjay Nagar and Baliram Stores Community Hall near Venkateshwara Talkies, Ward 21 Kailash Nagar Kailash Nagar Sian Sadan, Ward 35 Near Councilor's Office Janta School in Shardapara, Ward 43 Rajiv Nagar Durga Pandal and Rajiv Nagar Shiv Mandir in Bapu Nagar, Ward 62 Kalibari Sector 6 in Sector 6 Central. On December 27, Siyan Sadan, Radhika Nagar, Ward 22, Bazaar Chowk Community Hall in Kurud Ward 36 Surva

Sub Health

and Community Building Nagar Satnam Bhawan Ahmed Nagar and Anganwadi Center, Ward 44, Ganesh Manch Oriya Basti and Jalaram Mandir in Laxmi Narayan Nagar, Laxmi Narayan Nagar, Ward 63 Street 70 in Sector 6, near councilor resi-

On December 28 and 29 in Ward 08 Krishna Nagar, Radhakrishna Temple and Bajrang Chowk Ward Office, Ward 23 Durga Manch in Ghasidas Nagar, Ward 37 Councilor Office in Sant Ravidas Nagar, Ward 45 Balaji Nagar, Community Hall in Sai Mandir Complex, Street No 12 and 13 in Ward 64 Civic Center Sector 10. On January2 and 3, Ward 09 Rajiv Nagar Supela near Rajiv Nagar Cultural Forum Paras Nath Cooperative, in front of Syan Sadan in Ward 24 Housing Board, Camps will be organized at Durga Puja stage and Akhara ground in Ward 52 Sector 03, community hall in Ward 46 Durga Mandir, councilor residence office in Ward 65 Sector 10.

Two-day 'Learning from Each Other' Workshop inaugurated at Bhilai Niwas

Lakshya Deepdaan at SNGDS on Jan 22



Bhilai, Dec 05:

On the auspicious occasion of inauguration of Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, a grand event of Lakshya Deepdaan Shri Narayan Guru Dharma Samajam Sector-4 on 22 January 2024. In this grand religious event, one lakh eight thousand lamps will be lit and Maha Aarti of Lord Shri Ram will be organized in the SNG Vidya Bhawan Sector-4.

The organising committee released a book

for the said gramme. On this occasion, President of Sree Narayana Dharma Samajam, VK Babu, Secretary TU Sunil, Treasurer PS Suresh, President C Biju, Joint Secretary KB Prakash Chandra, school principal E Bharti and temple priest Acharya Sharma were present. The above information was given by TU Sunil, Secretary of Shri Guru Narayana

Dharma Samajam.

BSP's 'Sarathi' QC team wins Gold Award at Beijing



Bhilai, Dec 05

The Quality Circle teams at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant guided by the Business Excellence Department have once again succeeded in taking their creativity to new heights by winning the prestigious Gold Award at recently held International Convention of Quality Concepts-2023 in Beijing, China from October 30 to November 02, 2023. The 'Sarathi' team from the BSP BRM department, led by Manoj Kumar Dubey, GM (BE) clinched the Gold Award in the

competition, and handed

over the Winning Trophy

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) on November 04, 2023.

Members of the winning team also demonstrated a presentation before Anirban Dasgupta and other Senior Officials of the plant, in a brief ceremony held at the Director-in-charge auditorium. Plant's Senior Officials including Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), S Mukhopadhyay, (Projects),

AK Chakraborty ED (MM), Dr AK Panda, ED (F&A), Sameer Swarup, ED (Rowghat), Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A), BK Giri, ED (Mines) and Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS), were also present on this occasion along with MK Gupta, CGM (BRM), Nisha Soni CGM (HRD & BE) and Manoj Kumar Dubey, GM (BE).

Under the leadership of Dubey, 'Sarathi" team, including members Deepesh Kumar Chugh, Dhanraj Sahu, Shubham Shinde. Kunte Lal, and Yashwant Kumar, excelled International Convention of Quality Concepts, winning the prestigious Gold Award. The team presented a case study on innovative work done in their department during the competition. "Sarathi" team highlighted their creative work, such as selecting a roll change in Stand-18 for rolling the first section, which resulted in significant time savings for their project. Teams from countries, including China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Mauritius, participated in the compe-

Bhilai, Dec 05: LEO two-day (Learning from Each Other) Workshop on

Temple

Reduction of Sinter Return Fines- Issues & Opportunities, was inaugurated at Bhilai Niwas on December 05, 2023. SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Sinter Plant Department in association with the Human Resource Development Department are jointly organizing this two-day workshop. Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Atanu Bhowmick, Director I/c (BSL&RSP) also joined the workshop virtually on the first day and shared his insights on theme of Workshop.

Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A), Dr Varsha Pandya Chaurasia, Principal Govt Polytechnic College, Durg, Soni, Nisha (HRD&BE), Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron), PK Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services), Asit Saha, CGM I/c (M&U), AK Ghose, CGM (SP-ISP), and BK



Behera, CGM (SP-BSL), were also present on this followed occasion, along with CGM I/cs, CGMs, GMs, and other Senior Officials, and plovees of SPs personnel. Several Executives from the Sinter Plant Department from various units of SAIL including BSL, DSP, ISP, RSP, RDCIS, and Mines along with other Private Steel Plants including JSW, RINL, Tata Steel, NECO, Anjani Kumar, in his ad-TSK, TSM, and several others also took part in the

two-day workshop as dele-Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) inaugurated the workshop by lighting the ceremonial lamp along with other dignitaries,

amid Saraswati Vandana, Chhattisgarhi Welcome Song presented by the em-Department. Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD&BE) delivered the Welcome Address, while Anup Kumar Dutta, CGM (SPs) briefed upon the theme and technical sessions to be held under the LEO Workshop.

dress, said that sinter-making is one of the most crucial processes to the Blast Furnace, and every steel plant is greatly affected by the quality and amount of sinter it produces. Let's brainstorm collectively, share our insights at this



syndicate discussion by optimizing our time and intellect to explore avenues for a more efficient, sustainable and environmentfriendly sinter production at our Steel Plants, said Kumar. Joining the workshop virtually, Atanu Bhowmick, Director I/c (BSL&RSP) also motivated the delegates in his address and said that Sinter making is a process of great interest for a person involved in Iron making, and it is our responsibility to further improvise this process for reducing Sinter return fines, as we still are on the way of exploring a

more sustainable sintering

process. This is a two-day

opportunity to discuss and deliberate each other's experience and give innovative solutions to our BF technologies, which is fundamental to the steel in

Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A), and Dr Varsha Pandya Chaurasia, Principal Government Polytechnic College, Durg also motivated the delegates and shared their valuable insights over theme of the Workshop.

The programme was compered by Sushmita Patla, Asst (Personnel), while Mukul Kumar Saharia, DGM (HRDD) proposed the Vote of Thanks.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023

BJP Central leadership intensifies exercise to select Chh'garh CM



Dr Raman, Renuka Singh, Ramvichar and Vishnu Deo emerge front runner for the post

Raipur, Dec 05: Amidst speculations over the probable face for the post of Chief Minister in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government in Chhattisgarh, the State BJP President Arun Sao on Tuesday left for New Delhi to attend meeting with the central leader-

Apart from former Chief

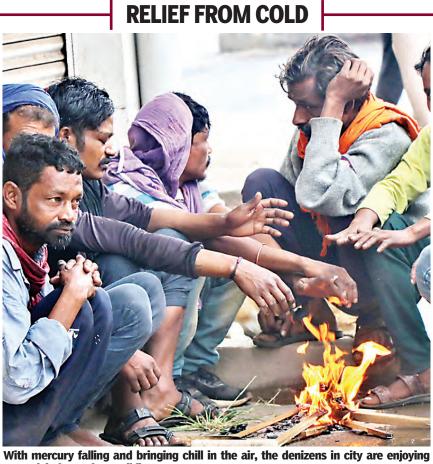
Minister Dr Raman Singh, the names of Union Tribal Minister for Welfare Renuka Singh, former Minister Ramvichar Netam, former Union Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and State BJP President Arun Sao have emerged as front runner for the post of Chief Minister. However, the central leadership may come up with surprise face apart from the above

er indicated. Party leaders said that the Central Leadership as Parliamentary Board would give final approval

mentioned names as earli-

for not only Chhattisgarh but also Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

With the Lok Sabha elections round the corner, the BJP is considering socialequations before taking a decision in Chhattisgarh. While Dr Raman Singh has experience to govern the state, the Union Minister Renuka Singh has emerged as front runner on social equations whereas the State BJP President Arun Sao's candidature is strong on existing social equations with OBC dominating the politaffairs



City witnesses light to medium showers whole day

Effect of Cyclonic Storm Michong in Ch'garh; rainfall at many places tomorrow

Raipur, Dec 05: Overcast weather prevailed throughout Monday in the capital Raipur and several other parts of state witnessed light to medium showers in intervals since Tuesday morning. The change in weather is being attributed to Cyclonic Storm 'MICHAUNG' formed in the Bay of Bengal. The IMD has predicated rain in several districts of the state for the next

According to IMD, the Cyclonic Storm "MICHAUNG" (pronounced as MIGJAUM) over West -Central & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal off south Andhra Pradesh and adjoining north Tamil Nadu coasts moved northwestwards with a speed of 8 kmph during

past 06 hours and intensified

into a Severe Cyclonic Storm.

almost parallel and close to south Andhra Pradesh coast and cross South Andhra Pradesh coast Nellore and Machilipatnam, close to Bapatla during forenoon of 5th December as a Severe Cyclonic Storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph. The IMD has forecast rain-

ly and move nearly northwards

falls at few places on Tuesday and fairly widespread rains at several places on Wednesday. The IMD also warned of thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and gusty winds (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) isolated places of Chhattisgarh during the next two days under effect of the

Bulldozers roll out with BJP's victory Mayor Dhebar should step down on moral

Corporation's action on illegally Chowpatty

Raipur, Dec 05: Bulldozer started rolling out in the city just after BJP's victory in assembly election in the state. The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) team along with the police administration took action on unauthorized Chowpatty being run near Salem School in Motibagh, Raipur. However, local shopkeepers have opposed this action of the corporation. Shopkeepers say that the Municipal Corporation team arrived without any information to take action. A large number of police forces were deployed at the

It has been learnt that shopkeepers set up shops far ahead on the road in the name of Chowpatty creating obstacles in traffic. The action has been taken following demonstration by girl students. On Monday, the students of Salem Girls School in front of Motibagh along with their teachers demonstrated on the road in front of the school with placards in their hands in protest against illegal 'Chowpatty'. Displaying placards the protesters demanded immediate action to remove chowpatty. According to the students



Hundreds of youths gather at the Chowpatty every day and talk loudly and use abusive words besides jumping over the school wall and consuming liquor. Empty liquor bottles were left behind in the school premises. According to students gathering of people at Chowpatty vitiated atmosphere which affected their studies during the time after 3 pm. Due to the presence of meat and mutton shops, everyone was

Encroachments removed from areas near NIT, Salem School, etc



Raipur: As per the instructions of Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, anti-encroachment drive was conducted in various areas of **Municipal Corporation Raipur** and action was taken against illegal encroachers. Action was also taken to remove illegal 'Chakhna' centers.

Anti-encroachment drive

was conducted by the Flying Municipal Squad Corporation Headquarters and the team of Municipal Corporation's Town Planning Department amid deployment of Police Force. Strict action was taken by the special team to remove and confiscate about 35 carts doing illegal business near Salem School.

fast food shops of omelette, Chowpatty, which were

evening in GE Road and seized about 40 illegal carts operating near NIT. Apart from this, a drive was also run in Santoshi Nagar main road and Corporation Zone 9 area. Various main roads were freed from illegal encroach-

The Municipal Corporation

team also conducted drive in

smell emanating all the

ground: RMC opposition leader

Central Chronicle

Raipur, Dec 05: After its victory in Chhattisgarh assembly election, BJP is preparing to bring a noconfidence motion against Raipur Mayor Aiaz Dhebar. BJP corporators in Raipur Municipal Corporation held a meeting to discuss the strategy for no-confidence motion against Mayor Aijaz

Leader of Opposition Meenal Choubey said that Dhebar should leave the post of Mayor on moral ground. Congress is not in majority hence no-confidence motion is being brought, she said.

In Raipur Municipal Corporation with 70 seats, 31 corporators belong to BJP whereas Congress has 39 corporators. The party recently expelled corporator Ajit Kukreja for contesting assembly elections as independent.

victory Bharatiya Janata Party candidates with majority in all four assembly constituencies of Raipur city and in almost 70 wards of the city proves that the people of the city are unhappy with the functioning of the present Mayor Aijaz Dhebar, said Mrityunjay Dubey, spokesman BJP corporators team in Therefore, on grounds the moral Mayor should resign, he said. Even in the wards of ruling party corporators, Bharatiya Janata Party candidates have won with majority, he said. It is clear from this that the corporators of the ruling party could not win even in their wards due to the working style of the Mayor, Dubey said.

The team of BJP corporators blamed the Mayor Aijaz Dhebar for failure to provide drinking water and roads in the city in the last four years. The Mayor failed in providing housing to the poor, the BJP corpo-

Furthermore, he directed ADMs to con-

duct night patrols alongside police offi-

cers, ensuring swift action against

rators said, adding that electricity system has also been ruined. Smart poles worth lakhs have been dumped, they said. Raising question over poor sanitation system they said that dust gathered on dustbins bought worth crores. Menace of stray dogs has increased, they said. They also said that meat and mutton shops had been opened in residential areas without permission. There is no trace of de-

velopment work in 70 wards of Raipur city; rather only announcements have been made and Bhoomi Pujan has been performed, they said, adding tnat **Municipal Corporation** has not yet received the funds from the Congress government of the state. According to them dur-

those disrupting law and order in the

city. The officials from the Raipur dis-

trict administration, the police depart-

Congress mayors have not been able to get funds for development work from their own government. Overall, the Raipur Municipal Corporation Mayor has failed to solve the problems of the people in every area, they said. The meeting was attended by Manoj Verma, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Mrityunjay Dubey, Surya Kant Rathod, Dr Pramod Sahu, Seema Santosh Sahu, Purushottam Dewangan, Sarita Verma, Narad Kaushal, Sushila Dhiwar, Vishwadini Pandey, Dr. Seema Kandoi, Rohit Sahu, Bhola Sahu, Vinod Agrawal, Godavari Gajju Sahu, Ravi Dhuvra. Savitri Jaimohan Sahu.

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and Birgaon Municipal Corporation

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Raheja Group to launch premium plotting project 'Raheja Nirvana-2'



Raipur, Dec 05: The premium plotting project 'Raheja Nirvana-2' of Raheja Group, a leading and trusted real estate sector leader, will be launched on December is 8th, 9th and 10th December at the project site Kachna. In the three-day spot booking fair, visitors will get an assured gift on every booking. Plots of four different sizes are being provided in this 23acre well-equipped project. The project is away from the hustle and bustle of the

city. The environment- location. Its connectivity is friendly project is located in a peaceful environment covered with greenery.

Directors of Raheja Group, Mr. Deepak Raheja and Mr. Sanjay Raheja said that we had launched Raheja Nirvana in 2021 and it has been successfully completed in 2023. After completing all the development amenities the project was completed before time with better facilities. On the demand of the people, we are launching Raheja Nirvana-2 in Kachna. This is also a premium plotting project in which plots will be available in sizes of 1000, 1200, 1500 and 2000. This project of total 23 acres is being liked a lot considering its facilities, layout and

very close to main market. educational institutions, hospitals. Raheja Nirvana-2 is a premium plotting project located in Kachna, Raipur, which has all the luxury facilities that a premium project should have. On the occasion of launch of Raheja Nirvana-2, an assured gift will be provided on every booking. Raheja Nirvana-2 will have all the amenities of a premium project like club house, library, café, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, gym, lawn tennis, squash court, garden, children's play area, indooroutdoor games, temple etc. They said that Raheja Nirvana-2 is a RERA, Town and Country approved



Raipur. Dec 05: Raipur district administration has revised the closing time for shops and markets, concluding business operations by 11 pm. Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure chaired a meeting on city law and order and instructed the officials to take appropriate action against the illegal encroachments. SSP Prashant Agarwal issued directives to the concerned officials to maintain law and order in the city.

Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure has mandated strategic measures to streamline traffic in Raipur City. He instructed the officials to remove stalls, temporary shops, and carts lining the roadsides to alleviate commuter hassles and curb traffic conges-

tion caused by crowds. Dr. Bhure also instructed the officials to remove illicit paan stalls, temporary shops, and kiosks near roads and schools. In a bid to maintain law and order, the police officials have been instructed to crack down on anti-social elements and enforce strict action against law violators, particularly against the illegal bar-snacks (chakna) centres and late-night gatherings at clubs, bars, and parties organised in other places beyond the revised closing time. Dr. Bhure instructed the concerned officials to establish anti-encroachment squads in both municipal corporations, tasked with identifying and dis-

mantling illegal encroachments.

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Chh'garh defeats Jharkhand by 96 runs in Vijay Hazare trophy match

managed to score 274 runs for 8 wickets in the 50 overs. In reply, the Jharkhand team could score just 178 runs and lost the match by 96 runs. Shashank Singh scored maximum 79 runs for Chhattisgarh whereas Harpreet Singh Bhatia (68 runs) Shashank Chandrakar (45 runs) made valuable contri-

butions to ensure team managed to score 274 runs. However, the Jharkhand team lost early wickets and were bundled out for just 178 runs. Mayank Yadav claimed 5 wickets for Chhattisgarh whereas Sourabh Majumdar and Ajay Mandal also claimed 2 wickets each to ensure victory by 96

Modi's guarantee major factor for BJP's victory in Ch'garh

Guarantee 2023 is being considered as the biggest reason for BJP's victory in Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023. In the manifesto, BJP made special promises on employment, inflation and several other issues. The public exconfidence. According to political observers, infighting and factionalism within Congress

The announcement of Mahtari Vandan Yojana to give Rs 12000 annually to married women influenced women the most. BJP had also got 60 lakh women to fill its forms. Apart from this, the announcement of scheme of giving gas cylinders to poor women for Rs 500 also

led to its defeat in election.

proved effective for BJP. Twenty guarantees including procurement of 21 quintals per acre paddy, paddy price of Rs 3,100 per quintal, lump sum payment and two years' outstanding bonus to farmers are said to have influenced

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nine-year tenure were also conveyed to the

Moreover, religious con-

version in tribal areas and Hindutva remained major issues. BJP kept attacking Congress government on issues like Hindutva, religious conversion, lovejihad. Apart from this, BJP aggressively raised the communal violence in Biranpur and the saffron controversy in Kawardha. The issue of Hindutva was raised loudly and it also affected the percentage of votes.

BJP continuously raised issues of corruption against Bhupesh government. Cases ranging from liquor scam to coal scam, Mahadev App online betting scam, cow dung scam and PSC scam were raised. There was anger among the people due to the liquor scam and there was deep anger among the vouth due to the PSC scam. Apart from this,

fulfil promise on regularization of temporary workers and prohibition of liquor, BJP has benefited from this.

The central leadership of the BJP strengthened the organization more actively than the Congress. Union Home Minister Amit Shah himself was on the forefront. For the first time, BJP had announced candidates for the tough 21 seats three months before the elections. Most of these seats were won. The candidates got full opportunity to work. BJP fielded new faces on 47 seats, which is 52 percent of the total 90 seats in the Assembly, out of which 37 candidates are below 50 years of age whereas Congress fielded 32 new faces, which is about 34

BJP vigorously raised the local issues of the assembly constituency. Under the leadership of BJP state president Arun Sao, BJP raised voice for the deprived under vari-

Special Education) organ-

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on 5 December 2023 at

Govt. Middle School

Boriyakala, Raipur on the

occasion of International

Day of Persons with

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Reasons for Congress's defeat

According to sources factionalism and infighting were seen Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress. There was a difference between Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Deputy Minister TS Sindeo. In addition to with denial of tickets to 22 of its sitting MLAs rebels spoiled the equation on 12 seats for Congress. At the same time, expulsion, suspension and other actions were taken against about 50 leaders who indulged in anti party activities on more than 25 seats.

Congress had promised liquor ban in the last elections, for this women had supported Congress, but this time women were angry because there was no prohibition. After

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Chancellor

Awareness program held on the occasion

Int'nal Day of Persons with Disabilities

nounced Griha Lakshmi Yojana and announced to give Rs 15,000 annually. This announcement of Congress was not a priority for women earlier.

The way BJP raised the issue of scams in cow dung, coal, liquor, online betting, PSC, Congress was unable to respond with the same aggressiveness. Only the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel kept fighting in this. The expected support from the rest of the central leadership was not received. Apart from Bhupesh, Congress did not have any big strategist.

sons for the defeat of Congress was the party's overconfidence. Organizations Congress Seva Dal, Mahila Congress, Sarvodaya, Youth Congress could not work in coordination for the party. Three months before the elections, the party made MP Deepak Baij Pradesh Congress

One of the biggest rea-

CBSE Regional Science Exhibition inaugurated



Raipur, Dec 05: CBSE Regional Level Science Exhibition was inaugurated at NH Goel World School auditorium. The event saw participation of 90 students from grade 6 to 12 of various schools across the state. The exhibits spanned all three branches of science -Physics, chemistry, biolo-

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a small cultural programme performed by the students of the school. The director administration SK Tomar and the principal of the

school Dr.Awinash Pandev welcomed the judges with bouquet of flowers as a token of respect.

In his inauguration speech Principal Dr. Awinash Pandey appreciated the students for their hard work and enthusiasm while the science coordinator and the mentor of the event MN Singh showing his gratitude towards the authorities, the teachers and the participants in his speech.

Ninety participants took part in this historic event along with their forty five exhibits. The students also gave beautiful

and detailed information of their models with great zeal and enthusiasm to all the guests and the panel of judges. They were even questioned about the scientific concepts and the theories behind their projects. Various sustainable topics and ideas were picked up and demonstrated visually with the help of

charts, ppts etc Through this exhibition, the students were encouraged to develop a scientific fervor and an attitude of research mindedness so that they develop the qualities of analytical and critical thinking.

Campus Drive of ASP OL Media Pvt Ltd at Kalinga University



Raipur, Dec 05: Kalinga University is a prestigious educational institution in Central India. The university has been awarded B+ accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for providing innovation and quality education. It is the only university in Chhattisgarh to be included in the band of top 101- 150 universities in the NIRF rankings in the year 2022 and 2023. Students are trained through high quality mulcentric education and skill development programs to develop innovation among students as per global standards to develop spirit of responsible citizens along with development of

leadership power. On 1 December 2023, the on-campus placement drive was organised by

His mental condition is

also not reported normal

Korba, Dec 05: An 18-

year-old Vijay Bharti, who

left home from SECL

Colony Ramnagar under

Manikpur outpost of Korba district at 10 am on

Thursday, Nov 30, 2023, has

not returned home till

date. His mental condition

members of the victim.

the missing Vijay Bharti

had come out wearing a

yellow colored shirt, blue

colored jeans pant, gray

and blue sweater and red

According to the family

is also not good.

Training and Placement terview. companies and students.

Kalinga University on this outstanding achievement of students congratulated Kada Srinivas, Prithvi Narayan, Niriksha Tandasa, G. Harshita, Saurav Kamal, Rohan Acharya, Aditya Kumar, Komal Tawari, Renuka Jodh, Antara Das, Ankita Parida and their families and extended best wishes for their bright

the Department 18 year old boy missing for five days

Kalinga University. 11 students of Kalinga University were selected for various posts -CEO, Operation Manager and HR Manager of Pune based multinational ASP OL Media Pvt Ltd. The selection process was conducted in three stages written examination, group discussion and in-Kalinga University coordinates between campus placement

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Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Dec 05: Similarly, State Congress President Deepak Baij said on the defeat of Congress in the state that the people's mandate is accepted. He said that the party will return with double strength after reviewing the reasons for the defeat. Wherever there is a shortcoming in our work, it will be discussed and every effort will be made to remove it.

the Congress government in the last five years has been very good. And our announcement was also better but it will be reviewed where it was lacking. On the question of defeat of senior ministers. Deepak Baij said that all the ministers did good work and were ready to serve the public. His role



iected him. He said that in elections someone wins and someone loses, this is

won a landslide victory was not in our favor, this

General Working by the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry banning the use of "dark patterns" on e-commerce platforms, saying it will curb the trend of e-commerce companies duping customers.

can be the way of Rethinking disability inclusion for the SDGs.

Prof. Education Department, Trapti Saraswat explained that Disability is referenced in multiple parts of the SDGs, specifically in the parts related to education, growth and employment, inequality, accessibility of human settlements, as well explained to young generation that how it is possible to get succeed in all these goals just putting efforts for

persons with disabilities. At the end, vote of thanks given to the principal of school for the coordination to implement the awareness program with all the faculties of the department of special education

Hemwati strikes silver in Judo competition

At 3rd Khelo India Sub **Junior Women Judo** League, West Zone

Raipur, Dec 05: Hemwati, a talented judo player hailing from the remote district of Kondagaon in Chhattisgarh, has secured a remarkable silver medal in the 3rd Khelo India Sub Junior Women Judo League, West Zone, held at Sanskar Dham Sports Academy in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Despite her humble background, Hemwati, a student at Kondagaon Government School, has been diligently honing her judo skills under the guidance of her dedicated coach, Uday Singh Yadav, for the past three years. Her dedication and hard work paid off as she clinched the silver medal in the highly competitive West Zone Women's Judo League. This isn't Hemwati's first taste of success. She has previously won a bronze medal at the national judo competition and



Gujarat, where she faced a formidable opponent from Gujarat and secured the silver medal on points. Chhattisgarh State Judo Association President Arun Dwivedi, General Secretary SR Soni, Treasurer Satish Singh, along with various judo associations and trainers, have extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the accomplished judoka Hemwati.

Mandate is acceptable, defeat will be reviewed: Baii

He said that the work of

was important in every decision of the government. There is a need to think about why the public re-

In the last election we

and this time the mandate happens in elections. Our job is to keep working for the public and we will con-

My victory is the tireless hard work of the workers: Baghel Jagdalpur. Dec 05: Lakheshwar Expressing his gratitude to the

won from Bastar Assembly for the third consecutive time. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm among the Congress workers on his victory. As soon as Lakheshwar's supporters reached the MLA's residence, hundreds of people gathered. Lakheshwar Baghel

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village Girola. Lakheshwar's was given a grand welcome in village Girola.

straight to Hinglajin temple and offered prayers and prayed for the prosperity of the area.

workers, he said, 'My victory is your victory. This victory has been achieved only because of your hard work.' He also thanked the people of the area and said that he will always maintain the trust that the people of the area have given him by giving him a third chance.

Dark pattern notification for e-commerce will bring reforms in e-commerce business manipulating their pur-

Need for rolling out of e-commerce policy and rules, CAIT urges **Piyush Goyal**

This is being considered a

major step of the govern-

Raipur, Dec 04: CAIT National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani, chairman Mangelal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, misleading State President Jitendra Doshi, States Working President Vikram Singh Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, State Secretary Suriender Singh, State companies. General Secretary Bharat Jain, and State Treasure Ajay Agrawal informed that the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has welcomed the notification

ment in the continuous struggle being carried out by CAIT for the last four years against the arbitrary attitude of e-commerce companies.

CAIT while continuously complaining that the ecommerce companies were not only harassing the traders through their business model but were also causing great harm to the interests of the customers. It is very important to take necessary steps to stop this trade practices of the

CAIT National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani and State President, Jitendra Doshi thanked Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal for this step and urged that now e-commerce policy and rules should also be implemented immediately so that e-commerce trade can flourish in India in a very systematic manner and the responsibilities of the e-commerce portal are fixed.

Mr. Parwani and Mr. Doshi said that dark pattern is called that through which attempts are made to cheat customers or manipulate their choices. In this regard, on November 30, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) issued a notification titled "Prevention of Dark Pattern". A Gazette notification was issued which is applicable to all platforms, advertisers and sellers offering goods or providing services in India. According to the notification, resorting to dark patterns, misleading advertisements or engaging in unfair trade practices, would be a violation of consumer rights. It said the penalty would be imposed as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act.

Mr. Parwani and Mr. Doshi said that in the emerging digital business, dark patterns are increasingly being used by e-commerce platforms to mislead consumers by

chasing choices and behaviour. They said that the notified guidelines will make it clear to all stakeholders buyers, sellers, markets and regulators as to what actions will be considered as unfair trade practices and strict action can be taken against their violation. According to notification, any practice or deceptive design pattern using the user interface or user experience interaction on the platform that is de signed to mislead or deceive users into doing something or that impairs the consumer's autonomy, freedom to decide or their Influencing choice is dark pattern. An example of dark patterns is basket sneaking which involves charging an additional amount for products, services, which is more than the customer's purchase amount, while

checking out from a plat-

form, levied without the

customer's consent.

OBITUARY Budhkumari

Raipur: Budhkumari of Manohar Jeevan



rites will be held on Dec 6 at Marwari crematorium at 11:00 am.

Newly elected BJP MLA Kiran Dev thanks people Jagdalpur, Dec people. And with this basic

Bharatiya Janata Party's newly elected Jagdalpur Assembly MLA Kiran Dev has expressed gratitude towards all the public voters and party workers of the assembly constituency. While expressing his gratitude, MLA Kiran Dev said that due to the blessings of the people of the area and the hard work of the workers, BJP has achieved victory in the assembly elections. And

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in Chhattisgarh, BJP government has been formed with full majority. This victory is the victory of the

mantra, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, there will be tireless continuous work with determination to serve the respectable public and development of the region. He has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the citizens of Jagdalpur Assembly, voters, young women, elderly farmers and all the party workers.

BJP surges in SC/ST seats in MP, bags 50 of 82

Bhopal, Dec 05 (PTI)

The BJP, which registered a resounding victory in the Madhya Pradesh assembly polls, has improved its performance in the constituencies reserved for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes by winning 50 of the total 82 such seats, a gain of 17 segments compared to the 2018 election.

The poll results show that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has increased its base among the SC, ST communities in the state. party's prominent tribal face and Union minister Faggan Singh Kulaste lost the election. Elections to the 230member Madhya Pradesh assembly were held on November 17 and the counting of votes took place on December 3. The BJP retained power in the state by winning 163 seats.

relegating the Congress to a distant second with 66 seats, down from the 114 the grand old party had

As per the results, the BJP won 50 out of the total 82 seats reserved for ST and SC communities. In the last election, it had won 33 such seats.

Of the 47 ST-reserved seats that went to polls this time, the BJP won 24, while the Congress's tally came down to 22 - a loss of nine assembly segments as compared to the previous election. In 2018, the BJP had won 15 of these

One of the ST-reserved seats - Sailana in Ratlam district - was bagged by the new poll entrant Bharat Adivasi Party, which is headquartered in Rajasthan. Of the 35 SC-reserved seats, the BJP emerged victorious in 26 while the Congress's tally

came down to nine - a loss of eight seats as compared to previous assembly election. The BJP had won 18 seats in 2018.

But while the BJP's base expanded among the tribals, Union minister Kulaste, a prominent tribal face of the saffron party, lost the election from Niwas seat in Mandla.

State BJP spokesman Pankaj Chaturvedi said his party received love from all sections of the society, including members of the SC and ST commu-

"ST and SC communities have shown their love for the BJP. The Congress has always disparaged the SC, ST icons and overlooked the well-being of these communities while the BJP cared for them on priority and arranged for their employment, education, bank loan guarantee

Chaturvedi said the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act has been implemented in Madhya Pradesh to empower the tribal communi-

"Sant Ravidas and tribal icons Birsa Munda, Tantya Mama, Shankar Shah, Raghunath Shah, Rani Durgawati were given their due respect by the BJP," he said.

The BJP government in the state laid the foundation stone for the Rs 100crore temple-cum-memorial of Sant Ravidas in Sagar in August this year.

When asked about the party's poor performance in these reserved seats. state Congress media department chairman KK Mishra told PTI, "The party has been taking a review of all these points. The reason that led to this situation will be known

HOMAGE TO SHEIKH ABDULLAH



Former J&K chief minister and J&K National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah pays homage to his grandfather and founder of J&K National Conference Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on his birth anniversary,

'A symphony of emotions'

youngest and supremely talented Sagar Bhatia keeps the essence of Qawwali alive with his latest and soul stirring melody "Mera Ishq". This soulful composition quintessentially delves into the depth of love and devotion while transcending the boundaries of conventional music, offering listeners a symphony of emotions. mesmerising

rhythm and evocative lyrics of Mera Ishq,paints a vivid picture of the everlasting presence of the beloved in all aspects of existence. This resonating piece of love curated by Sagar Bhatia with his unique touch of Qawwali is a masterpiece that makes you feel a whirl of emotions in its purest possible sense. The song creates an immersive experience for the audiences to just listen and surrender to the power of love and devotion. Talking passionately about his new release Sagar shared, "Qawwali is



my way of doing a Qawwali is different and very unique. Mera Ishq was my first ever Qawwali that I wrote and now it's my first to release too. The beautiful thing about this song is that it will resonate with every soul that will listen to this melody. No

while listening to this song the ultimate emotion is going to be of pure love and devotion and that is so beautiful. Mera Ishq is my start to a new journey of creating some heart touching songs and i am beyond excited to cater my music to the audiences.

Law aspirants explore opportunities post 'CLAT 2024'

New Delhi, Dec 05: CLAT 2024 had an updated exam pattern with 120 questions and the revised paper pattern had cast clouds of uncertainty however. against everyone's expectations CLAT 2024 paper was easy to moderate. 105+ is a good number of attempts and 90+ is a good score for Top 3 National Law Schools.

Talking about section analysis, The English section was easy. The questions were literature-based and to the point and could be solved by elimination. There were no vocab questions. The General Knowledge: section was easy and maximum questions were passage-based. A few Why questions and questions on world affairs and political events like G 20, Gaza strip, ISRO, and Jallianwala bagh The Quantitative Aptitude section was easy to moderate and had basic case lets. Ouestions based on the population survey were relatively lengthier. There were questions about Ratio & The Reasoning section was easy with short passages on the Juvenile Justice Act, Void and voidable Marriage, Personal data protection bill etc. One question was case-based and the section mostly had questions on current legal knowledge The Logical Reasoning section was easy to moderate with a little confusing passage on "production efficiency".

The length of the passages was surprisingly short with few questions on inference, strength, and weakness in this section. "CLAT 2024, despite its revised pattern causing initial uncertainty,

offered a relatively easy paper with 120 questions. The updated sections, featuring literaturebased English, passage-centric GK, and manageable Legal Reasoning, alongside easy-to-Legal moderate sections Quantitative Aptitude and Logical Reasoning, present high chances for students to excel, promising favorable scores.

To guide aspiring law students, parents, educators understand the post-CLAT landscape and review the previous year's exam trends we will be organising a one-on-one counselling session titled "What Next After CLAT 2024. on 11th December 2023 at 4 PM This one-to-one session will guide aspiring law aspirants about their options and paths after the CLAT 2024 examina-

Railway employees can now apply for leave through mobile app New Delhi, Nov 05 (PTI): either through the web ployee by the concerned leave admins," the Board's

The Railway Board has simplified the leave application process for its emmaking changes in the leave module of its mobile app, HRMS (Human Resources Management System).

The leave module, which was launched on August 1, 2023, for digitising the process of leave, now offers a facility for employees to apply for leaves though this mobile application. "In order to further improve the user interface for employees, facility for applying for certain types of leaves have been provided in the Mobile App of HRMS with immediate effect," said a written communication from the Railway Board dated November 4, 2023 issued to all railway zones.

It added, "It may be noted that as of now, the mobile app feature will only be available for applying the leave and process of sanction needs to be done

Chandigarh, Dec 05 (PTI):

A Pakistani woman on

Tuesday crossed over to

India from the Wagah-

Border to marry a Kolkata

resident with whom her

marriage has been fixed in

Karachi resident Javeria

Khanum crossed over into

the Indian side from Attari

in Amritsar district where

she was welcomed by her

fiance Sameer Khan and

some members of his fam-

granted a 45-day visa after

two previous visa rejec-

tions and the Covid pan-

demic stalled their plans

The couple, in a brief in-

teraction with reporters at

Attari, said the marriage

will be solemnised in

ily to the beats of 'dhol'.

Khanum has

for around five years.

next

Attari

January

International

year.

been

to marry Kolkata resident

January next year.

"I have been granted a

45-day visa. I am very

happy to be here. Just on

arrival, I am already get

ting so much love here. In

the first week of January

the marriage will be

She had tried to get a

visa on two occasions, but

got lucky the third time.

"It is a happy ending and a

happy beginning," she

said, expressing her happi-

ness at being able to travel

was very happy. I can't be-

lieve I have got the visa

after five years," she

added. Sharing how the

couple got in touch, Khan

said he expressed interest

in marrying Khanum

"Everyone back home

to India to get married.

solemnised," she said.

portal 'HRMS' or through mobile browser." According to the Board,

the application is currently available only in the Android version. "There are certain technical reasons due to which this facility is not functional in the IOS version but we are working on it and very soon, these glitches will be removed," a Board official said. In a separate communication to all zones, the Board has further informed the steps it has taken to streamline leave management functions and to ensure updation of leave ledger of all the employees in a dynamic manner through the HRMS app. "LAP (Leave on Average Pay), LHAP (Leave on Half Average Pay) due for the employees as on 1st January of 2024 will be tentatively proposed to be credited to the leave account of the emplovee subject to verification of details of each em-

letter said. It added, "The process of manual verification is an interim measure pending launch of related modules such as Cadre Management, D&A module etc.' The Board has also ex-

pressed concern over the slow speed of leave verification by the respective leave admins in various

zones and divisions. This year, It issued two communications dated August 1 and November 23 directing leave admins "to complete the verification of the initial leave balance of all employees by 31.12.2023." "It is observed that the process is still not moving at the desired pace. Keeping in view the urgency of the matter all the leave admins may kindly be instructed to complete the verification process in respect of LAP and LHAP before 24.12.2023 and for CL and RH by 19.12.2023," the Board's letter said.

Pak woman arrives in India नाम परिवर्तन स्चना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैं पुनम मंत्री पति श्री हरीश मंत्री, निवासी मोवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) शपथपूर्वक निम्न कथन करती हूँ कि आधार कार्ड में मेरा नाम पुनम हरीश मंत्री दर्ज है, लेकिन मेरे पासपोर्ट में नाम पूनम मंत्री लिखा हुआ है। स्पेलिंग की त्रुटि से Aaradhy Mantri आराध्या मंत्री का नाम Aradhya Mantri लिखा हुआ है नील मंत्री के नाम में उपनाम दर्ज नहीं है। उपरोक्त तीनों त्रुटियों के पासपोर्ट में सुधार हेतु मैं पूनम मंत्री यह सूचना प्रकाशित कर रही हूँ।

पुनम मंत्री निवासी मोवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) दिनांक - 02/12/2023

Project Disha rolls out menstrual hygiene awareness

To 2.5 lakh girl students in 360 towns

New Delhi, Dec 05: The company, which has already raised awareness among 4.5 lakh young girls across 1,450 towns in India about menstrual hygiene, is now rolling out the initiative in 360 towns across Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh to reach out to another 2.5 lakh girl students across four states in India to raise awareness as part of the next phase of its Project Disha initiative. Comfy Snug Fit, a fastgrowing menstrual hygiene brand from the house of Amrutanjan

Health Care. At the end of the third phase, Project Disha would have directly impacted 7 lakh girls in over 1,800 towns across India. As part of the drive, the company also distributed their Sanitary Pads -Comfy, which offers 80% better absorption than cloth and are priced reasonably. Now in its third year, Project Disha has been implemented in 10 states, covering 900 towns 400 schools, and 100 Anganwadi centers. The project extends its reach to homes and high-footfall

nt documents within 7 (Seven) days of the date of ation of this General notice (Aam Suchna). Submi

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od will be considered invalid and void. And will not be

licable and binding on my party. So know the

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Document Senal No. 5652, which has been received through Sale Deed. The original Sale Deed Dates (15.10.1977 has been lost of the place of Date (15.10.1977 has been lost) at House or other place on Date (20.11.2023 which was searched and not found tild date). Hence, the First Information Report of this lost document has been registered at Police station Teilbandhor Region on Date 03.12.2023 and it is necessary for public notice, My Client has applied for loan and Mortgage that alorisation properly at Cholamandalam Investment, and Finance Co. Liú. Reigur Chhattisgarh.

Hence, regarding above mentioned proceedings

Hence Noticed. sted: 06.12.2023 Advocat Near Dolphin Complex Bazar Chowk, Mowa, Raipur (C.G. Mo. No. 7999386353

Authorized Officer

Raipur Yours ASHUTOSH MISHRA (Advocate) Office : F-3, Modern Complex, Beside Lalganga City Mart, Raipur (C.G.) Mob. : 9425548998 PUBLICATION

Notice dated 20.11.2023 in Loan Account No. HLAPRPR00306002 was issued by indersigned on behalf of Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited, secured creditor to Kamal Gupta Proprietor of M/s Kiran Sweets ("Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)") to provide information to the undersigned regarding other legal heir(s) of Late Sukhai Prasad Gupta within 7 (Seven) days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As you the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) have failed to provide the legal heli details it is hereby assumed by the undersigned that there are no other legal heir(s) of Late Sukhai Prasad Gupta apart from the above mentioned Borrower(s)/Co

after seeing her photo on his mother's phone. Frisas Syndicate

Place: RAIPUR(CHHATTISGARH) INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED G.E. Road Branch, Bhilai (C.G.)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 🕸

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF

FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 Borrower's & Guarantor's **Details of Mortgaged**

Limit Name & Address Loan Outstanding Smt. Roshani Rao W/o. Shri G. Shriniyas HOUSING LOAN Rao, Plot No. 36, Vrindawan Colony, Umda Road, Bhilai-3, Durg-490021. (Borrower)

Shri G. Shrinivas Rao S/o, Late G. Ramnna Murti, Plot No. 36, Vrindawan Colony, Umda Road, Bhilai-3, Durg-490021, (Co-Borrower) NPA Dt. 21,11.2023

₹ 30,00,000/-₹ 29,84,135.02

Residential Housing bearing Plot No. 36, Comprised in part of Khasra No. 258/1, Situated at Known as "Vrindavan"Mouza-Jmda, P.H.No. 01, RIC-Bhilai, Tahsil- Patan District- Durg (C.G.) Boundaries: North-Plo No. 35. South-Plot No. 37. East-Plot No. 39

The Borrower mentioned above has availed total credit facilities as mentioned above from CANARA BANK, GE Road Branch and the mentioned Guarantors provided guarantee and secured by way of mortgaged of above mentioned property. The borrower failed to adhere to terms and conditions of sanction. The account becam irregular and classified as NPA as mentioned above as per RBI guidelines. The Bank intends to enforce the said property mortgaged by you and issued Demand Notice as mentioned above for recovery of outstanding amoun as mentioned above with interest and expenses thereon under registered post with acknowledgment due which were not served to the borrowers and guarantors. Hence this publication issued. Hereby Borrower/Guarantor are called upon to pay the amount mentioned above with rate of interest (Contractual Rate), costs, charges etc. thereon within 60 Days from the date of publication failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action against mortgaged property under section 13(4) and the provision of said Act to realize our Bank's dues Your attention is invited to provisions of the Sec (8) of Sec (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to

Place: Bhilai (CG)

redeem the secured assets.

Date: 05.12.2023

Organisers decide against holding century-old 'Poush Mela'

In Bengal's Santiniketan

Kolkata, Dec 05 (PTI):

Bengal's heritage winter fair Poush Mela', which was set to be held in Santiniketan after a hiatus of three years, has been called off by its organisers, citing lack of time to prepare for the event, officials said.

The Visva Bharati and the Santiniketan Trust, in a joint statement, said it does not seem feasible to hold the fair this year despite "all the good intentions".

The central university, had, however, announced on December 2 that a consensus emerged over organising the fair.

'It was unanimously decided after threadbare discussion by all present that it does not seem feafor Santiniketan Trust and the university to organise the Poush Mela' in 2023 despite all good intentions," Visva Bharati spokesperson Mahua

Banerjee said in the joint

statement.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)]

Whereas the Authorized Officers of Union Bank of India, Bhatapara Branch under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice of the followin borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the Notices within 60 days from the date of said Notices.

The Borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, Notices are hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor(s)/mortgagor in particular and the public in general that Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/guarantor(s)/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, for the amounts and nterests and incidental expenses and costs and charges thereon as mentioned below.

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World Disability Day

observed in SMVS

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CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023

Machines worth 40 lakh gathering dust!

technicians.

hardly 80 patients are

Only 8 technicians for

Every day 200 patients

come to the lab of the dis-

trict hospital for various

types of blood tests and 120

being examined.

investigation

Five lakh people affected as technicians overburdened

By Basant Sachdev

Dhamtari, Dec 05: In today's time, blood test is the most priority test for any ailment and the government also sent hi-tech machines to the district hospital, but reportedly lack of lab technicians, high level training of lab technicians, lack of chemicals and kits, ironically the machines are not used.

CBC Part-5, Electrolyte Analyser, Fully Automatic Biochemistry, Hormones Analyser, etc. are available and of these, CBC Hormones Analyser, Electrolysis Analyser, are state-of-the-art machines and the price of all these machines is more than Rs 40 lakh.

Machines like CBC-1,

Also in the District Hospital due to lack of adequate staff and neglect of the health department, many machines are gathering dust in the store room. Machines worth lakhs of rupees have been installed in the lab of the



district hospital for testing blood sugar and hormones but due to lack of training and man power, these machines are proving to be show-pieces. The target is to have 130 types of blood tests, but due to lack of chemicals and resources, 80 types of tests are being conducted daily.

For Vitamin-C, Vitamin-Vitamin-B-12 and Thyroid testing, patients have to spend Rs 700 to Rs 3,000 in private labs and this has increased the financial burden on them. About five lakh patients from Dhamtari, Charama, Kanke, Gariaband, Balod, Antagarh, Narayanpur Odisha are dependent in the district hospital. This is the reason why the OPD of the hospital is continu-

ously increasing. HB test is free in the district hospital, whereas the fee for this test is Rs 300 to Rs 600, similarly, a fee of Rs 300 is fixed for thyroid test in the district hospital, but the same test costs Rs 1700 to Rs 2700 in private labs. This investigation is not being done in the district hospital and under Biochemistry, only blood sugar, HB-1C, RFT, blood urea are being tested in the lab.

200 patients arriving, only 80 are being investi-

The Central Chronicle team inspected the lab located at the district hospital on Wednesday at 12 noon. Patients were standing in queues at the main gate to get blood, urine and other types of tests done.

Bhavna Sahu, Surekha types of tests are being Nirmalkar were sitting dedone here but there are jected, they told that they only 8 lab technicians. Of were complaining of these, 2 are on duty in the blood bank and techniswelling in the body since few months, but eh hospicians are also put on duty tal didn't do the test and in corona testing, TB testthe Rs 1900 in a private lab. ing and blood camps and Similarly, due to lack of blood testing work is being chemicals and trained badly affected. There are 20 lab technicians in the (Complete Blood Count), neighboring districts of Kanker and Balod and de-Thirteen Four, and TSF tests are not being done. It spite immense patient is reported that 200 papressure in Dhamtari, the tients come to the lab of number of lab technicians the district hospital every are very less day for testing out of these,

Direct talks with Dr. Aditya Sinha, Hamar path lab

How many types of tests are available in the lab of the district hospital and how many are being done?

Answer: The district

120 types of tests every day. Currently getting 80

Hormone analyzer machine has been installed in the district hospital lab since last one year, why thyroid test is not being done?

Answer: These are state-of-the-art machines and Lab technicians need training to operate these. The kit is also awaited.

When machines are available, why have lab technicians not received training yet?

Answer - Training is given by CGMAC. A letter has been sent for this.

Patients are wandering for thyroid test. Why is alternative facility not being provided?

Rajim, Dec 05:

of World Disability Year,

'Shanti Maitri Vikas

Sansthan' (SMVS) ob-

serves it at 'Anurag

Manovikas Kendra' Rajim

and in this the entire saff

of Anurag Manovikas

Kendra and all the 'di-

vyang' students of the

applied with 'gulal' and

then sweets were offered.

They took part in various

sports and cultural pro-

gramme. The President of

the institution Manoj

Kumar Sahu informed

The children were first

Kendra took part.

Answer - We have hormones analyzer machine available for thyroid testing. Testing facility will start available by the first week of December.

What is the other reauirement from the government for running the

Answer: A separate building is required for lab operations. Also, there is a need for at least four more lab technicians. If this facility is available then the work will be better.

that even today any form of disability in a person is Every year on occasion seen differently and it

> needs to be improved. The institution in order to promote the rights and development of 'divvang persons in the society and for their development, observed World Disability Day on Dec 3.

> On this occasion the staff of Anurag Manovikas Tikeshwari Sahu, Jhanna Sahu, Saraswati Nishad, Damini Nagrachi, Neelam Sahu, Bhagwati Nishad, Kajal Sahu, Rukhmani Patel and Malick Ram

Two day scout guide camp organized Will the new govt. organize Kumbh Mela!

Efficiency

■ In Kendriya Vidyalaya

Khairagarh, Dec 05:

A two-day scout-guide camp was organized at Kendriva Vidyalaya Khairagarh in which chief guest SR Malla and special guest head teacher Sanjulika James were present. After welcoming the guests, the camp was inaugurated by garlanding the portrait of the founders of Scout Guides, Baden Powell and Lady Baden Powell and lighting the lamp.

In the beginning, the children of the Scout Guides offered prayer, flag singing and salute to the flag. During this, Scout Master GP Giriya admin-



Camp Director Mohini Sahu informed the students about Scout Guide training and gave detailed information about the history of Scouts, its rules and pledges.

On the first day of the camp, the Scout Guides are given the motto, rules and pledge, uniforms, the students of the first step are given information about their care, discipline, rope work and on the second day of the

camp, the students of the first step are given information about pioneering, cooking food in the open primary Information was given about medical aid, BP Six

The second day of the camp was marked by flag hoisting, flag songs and prayers. Scout Master Lokesh Kumar gave concise information about

Broadcasting Communication (Application of Computer Mobile). After the training, an examination was organised, in which the Principal-in-charge praised the Scout Guides who participated enthusiastically during the camp and in his address he said that a Scout can change the environment around him. If he wishes, he can awaken a good personality in his companions; and the Scout was inspired to be mentally, socially and morally strong. Camp coordinator Radhe Shvam taught the students of each scout, the guide to follow the pledge rules so that people can trust the

Rajim, Dec 05:

This time in the assembly elections, BJP is forming the government with full majority, but like last time in Rajim Assembly, this time also MLAs have been elected from the ruling party. The Congress government has been talking about organizing Maghi Punni Mela at Naveen Mela Ground for the last 5 years, and in this way the entire 5 years have passed and the public has expressed their displeasure on this matter.

Anyway, the names of Rajim and Chhattisgarh in the name of Kumbh had earned fame in the country and abroad, but as soon as the Congress government came to power in 2018, the name was



changed to Punni Mela; due to this the event remained limited to the entire state. Many people have opined their view point on this subject, and Deepak Shriwas, Jitendra Sahu, Krishna Kumar Sahu, Bhajan Dewangan, Manas etc. say that devotees will get the benefit of Kumbh bath along with sages, and saints, while others like Akash Singh Rajput, Rajesh Sahu,

World AIDS Awareness Day celebrated

Dharmendra Sahu, Tiku Chandrakar said that if PM Modi is there then it is possible and the grandeur of the fair will increase Rikesh Sahu, Kailash

Sahu, Mukund Meshram, Ashwani Sonkar say that undoubtedly the grandeur and vastness of Kumbh will be seen again. It is noteworthy that in the new fair ground, only the

society and detailed infor-

mation was provided, in

work of land leveling and sub-station work of the electricity department along with the construcof ghat has started,but a lot of work has to be done here. Hundreds of works like construction of roads, rest houses, parking, huts for saints are to be done, of which there is no trace. It may be noted that

after BJP leader Arun Sao's speech in Parivartan Yatra during the election campaign, former minis ter Brijmohan Aggarwal had told the general public that if Kumbh is to be organized again in Rajim, then vote for BJP. The public has done its work and now the discussion is prime, on as to when the new government will

Ajay Tiwari reveals key factors behind Shailesh's defeat

Balodabazar/Tilda Neora, Dec 05:

Former Congress councilor and alderman, Ajay Tiwari, in a candid statement, pointed out several significant factors that have played a crucial role in the electoral setbacks experienced by the Congress party. Among these contributing factors, Tiwari highlighted instances of internal strife within the party, mishandling campaign funds and a notable absence of experienced leadership. These



issues, he believes, have collectively hampered the party's electoral prospects For the first time in the annals of Tilda Neora's pohistory, the Congress party faced a stunning defeat. Tiwari pointed out that assigning critical roles to 'Jaichand' and 'Vibhishan' with no prior election experience, and sidelining senior leaders and public representatives as significant factors behind the disappointing outcome in the Tilda Block Municipality.

Tiwari emphasized that this defeat was not merely a reflection on Congress candidate Shailesh Nitin Trivedi but a collective setback for the people of

Kasdol, Dec 05: In Daulat Ram Sharma Government Graduate College, Kasdol, under the aegis of National Service Scheme,

World AIDS Control

Awareness Day program was celebrated on 01 December, in which Rangoli competition, painting competition was organized in the college for AIDS control awareness, in which all the volunteers and students of the college took part.A one-day AIDS control



awareness program was organized in the college by the entire doctor staff Community Health Center Kasdol present in the college, in which all the doctors gave neces-

sary guidelines to all the students for AIDS control and prevention. On the occasion of the day, all the students were made aware about the prevention of AIDS in the country in the

which Dr. Manoj Mishra (Block Program Officer) of the Health Department of Community Health Center Kasdol, Dr. Dhaneshwar (HIV AIDS Patel Consultant) Dr. Supreet, Dr. Hiralal Sahu, Dr. Ramgopal Sahu, Dr. Rajesh Dewangan, Dr. Lokesh Chandravanshi and the entire team of doctors, including college principal Dr. Khurshid Khan, senior professor HL Patel, National Service Scheme Program Officer

V. Tandon, Hemant Patel Seema Shriwas, Manoj Verma, all the students of the college were present in which along with senior National Service Scheme seniors Suraj Abhishek Navrange. Pritam Jaiswal, Chandan Jaiswal, Secretary Raman Miri, General Secretary Meenakshi Bairagi, Deputy General Secretary Hrithik Deputy General Phuleshwari Rukmani Pankaj, Aditya

Collector and SP express gratitude

On completion of counting process

Manendvgarh, Dec 05:

After the assembly elections were completed peacefully along with the counting of votes in the district, Collector and District Election Officer Narendra Dugga and Superintendent of Police Siddharth Tiwari met all the officers and employees involved in the election work in the district, including common citizens, security forces, media personnel, politicians and expressed gratitude to the parties and residents of the district.

The Collector, while praising the commendable contribution of the administrative and police officers, district officers and employees associated with the counting of votes for the assembly elections, said that due to the true



dedication, loyalty and hard work of all the government employees, the work of voting and counting of votes was carried out in a peaceful manner. He also said that the citizens of the district participated enthusiastically in the election arrangements including voting with full cooperation and by taking part in the voting and exercising the right to vote, they gave full sacrifice in the great sacrifice of democracy. The District Election Officer also expressed his gratitude to the representatives of all print and electronic media, who played a constructive role in making people aware about voting through news of SVEEP

activities

Prof Neeta Singh Gaharwar given addl. charge

■ As Registrar IKSV along with Dean **Dance Faculty**

Khairagarh, Dec 05:

Vice Chancellor Indira Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya (IKSV) Khairagarh Mamta Chandrakar has been given additional charge to Prof. (Dr.) Neela Singh Gaharwar as Registrar of IKSV along with the present position of Dean of Dance faculty held by her till further

Prof. Neeta Singh Gaharwar assumed the charge in a simple programme in University here on Friday. Prof. Neeta in the history of IKSV has joined as the Registrar of



the University for the first time. On this occasion in-charge Registrar IKSV Prof. Kashinath Tiwari, Asst. Registrar Rajesh Gupta, Asst. Registrar Vījay Singh, and other officers and employees of University and her friends extended greetings to Neeta Rajendra Singh Gaharwar and wished her all the best in

her future endeavours.

Graduation students RRSSM went on education tour

■ To Bastar region

Khairagarh, Dec 05:

The students of MSc, M.Com, MA and other graduate levels from Rani Singh Rashmidevi Shashakiya Mahavidyalaya (RRSSM) Khairagarh went on an education tour to Bastar region. During this the students visited the natural beauty in Bastar, Jagdalpur, Teerathgarh, Chitrakot falls, Dantewada and other parts of the region.

It was as per direction of Student's Union in-charge Lal JK Vaishnav, students of RRSSM were taken on educational tour from Dec 1-3. Apart from the College studies to gradation students of RRSSM, the importance of educational tours was underlined and held necessary for development of their individual personality and therefore this region was selected. Set aside this finding the questions related to state and its geographical locations in the competitive exams and with majority of GK questions surrounding the state's Bastar and Dantewada region, that this study tour was planned. It is by personally visiting these sites that the



students develop some interest in acquiring knowledge and it helps them in preparing for exams as well. So it is pertinent for the students to have on the spot physical touch of all these places, so that it remains live in their memory and easy to recall. The student's team on educational tour comprised of head of team Vasu Singh Rajput, Sachin Sahu, Jayant Verma, Dev Sarthi, Jai Sirsath, Hitesh Verma, Pankaj Sahu, Pintu Sahu, Muskan Shrivastava, Puja Verma, Sharda, Muskan Verma, Nikki, Nitu, Apporva and others students were present in large number.

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Dr. Mufaddal Saifuddin receives Pakistan's highest civilian award

Islamabad, Dec 05 (PTI):

Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, head of the Dawoodi Bohra sect of Islam, was on Tuesday conferred with Nishan-e-Pakistan', the highest civilian award Pakistan.

"President Dr. Arif Alvi conferred the award of Nishan-e-Pakistan upon Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, Head of the Dawoodi Bohra community, at a special investiture ceremony, held at Aiwan-e-Sadr," the president's office said in a post

Dr Saifuddin, the head of the Mumbai-headquartered Dawoodi Bohra community spread across over 40 countries, including a sizeable congregation in Pakistan, is the 53rd Da'i al-Mutlaq of the order. The Dawoodi Bohras carry out developmental works to benefit the underprivileged in all these countries.

Nishan-e-Pakistan is the highest civilian honour awarded for services of the highest distinction to the national interest of

The award, conferred at a special investiture ceremony, recognises 77-yearold Saifuddin's services to Pakistan in the field of spiritual guidance and social services, Geo News

The Bohra community head holds a special regard for Pakistan and is an advocate of peace, harmony and goodwill, read the citation read out before the conferment of the award

Recounting his services in the education sector, it was said that he had contributed to the building of the School of Law at the University of Karachi and launched a universi-

Multiple healthcare institutions are operating in the name of the Bohra community head providing affordable healthcare

Separately, caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul-Hag Kakar met the Dawoodi Bohra community head and lauded the

community's services for the progress of the coun-

try.
The premier felicitated Dr Saifuddin on being awarded the country's highest civil award and expressed confidence that the Bohra community would continue to play their role in the progress and development of the country.

Each year, the announcement of awards is made on August 14, Pakistan's Independence Day, and the awards are conferred next year on Pakistan National Day, observed on March 23. But in special cases, these dates are not followed and the investiture can be arranged anytime.



CLIMATE ENVOY'S RIDE

John Kerry, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, rides in a cart at the COP28 U.N. Climate Summit, Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Pakistan's finance ministry releases Rs 17.4 billion for general elections

The Pakistan government said on Tuesday that it has released Rs 17.4 billion to the election commission for the upcoming general elections, a day after the poll body raised concerns over the non-provision of funds.

Cash-strapped Pakistan, which is facing both political and economic instability, is going to the polls on February 8.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Finance Division said it has released Rs 17.4 billion to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in addition to Rs 10 billion released in July 2023 for the conduct of general elections in the

'This brings the total released amount to Rs 27.4 billion for holding

Finance Division remains committed to the provision of funds as and when required by the Election Commission of

Pakistan," it added. development comes a day after the electoral body raised concern over the delay in the release of the urgently needed amount for the conduct of polls.

Addressing the ECP's caretaker concerns, Information Minister Murtaza Solangi had said that the government would meet the financial needs of the ECP ahead of the February 8 general election.

"There is no crisis in meeting the financial needs of the ECP,' Solangi said in a post on X. "Whatever budgeted amount is needed by the

general elections. The ECP will be released as per its needs according-Îv" he said

Solangi's statement followed media reports that the ECP summoned the finance secretary on Monday for the ministry's failure to provide the funds allocated for the election.

The minister said the Cabinet already approved Rs 42 billion for the ECP's needs and Rs 10 billion had been released so far.

"We firmly stand behind the ECP in holding free and fair elections as mandated by Article 218(3) of the Constitution," he added.

Last week, the electoral body rejected as "baseless and misleading" the media reports about a delay in the upcoming

Four injured in blast in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

Peshawar, Dec 05 (PTI):

At least four people, including three children. were injured on Tuesday when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded here in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. According to the police,

the blast occurred around

9:10 am near a school in the provincial Peshawar, Geo News reported. At least four kilogrammes of explosives, planted in a "cemented block" on the side of the road, were used in the blast. Police and rescue teams were sent to the site as soon as the blast was reported. Warsak Superintendent of Police Arshad Khan was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. The injured children, between the ages of seven and 10, were moved to a private hospital, the report said.

The condition of two children was critical, a spokesperson of the Peshawar Lady Reading Hospital was quoted as saying in the report.

Khan said that the police launched a search operation in the surrounding areas. "The element of extortion is also being considered in the blast," he was quoted as saying.

"It would be premature to say who was the target," he added. Recently, Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorist activities orchestrated by various terror outfits. According to a recent report by the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) think tank, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province was the most affected by terror attacks in November, recording 51 attacks with 54 deaths and 81

Putin to discuss Israel-Hamas war during a one-day trip to Saudi Arabia and UAE

Moscow, Dec 05 (AP):

Russian President Vladimir Putin will make a one-day trip to the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia focused on the Israeli-Hamas war and host the Iranian president in Moscow this week, the Kremlin said Tuesday.

Putin will make working visits to both countries on Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

The talks will focus on bilateral relations, the war between Israel and Hamas and other international issues, Peskov said. Issues related to oil price caps under OPEC+ will also be on the agenda, he added.

Putin's trip was first announced on Monday by his foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov, who didn't give a date for the visits when he spoke to the Russian news

outlet Life.

"I hope that these will be very useful negotiations, which we consider extremely important," Ushakov was quoted as saying by Life. Putin will make the visit

at a time when Russia wants to advance its role as a power broker in the conflict in the Middle East. Putin will host Iranian

President Ebrahim Raisi in the Kremlin on Thursday, Peskov added.

The Russian president visited China in October and recently made several trips to former Soviet nations. The International

March for war crimes, accusing him of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine.

Since the warrant was is

sued, Putin chose not to attend a BRICS summit in South Africa because the country would be obliged to arrest Putin upon arrival as it is a signatory to the international court's treaty Neither Saudi Arabia nor the UAE have signed the ICC's founding treaty. The notice against Putin in March was the first time the global court issued a warrant against a leader of one of the five permanent members of the U.N Security Council. The ICC said in a statement that Putin is accused of the war crime of "unlawful deportation" of children from oc-

cupied areas of Ukraine to

EARTHQUAKE



People wear helmets as they are evacuated from a building following an earthquake in Manila, Philippines on Tuesday, Dec. 5. A magnitude 5.9 earthquake occurred at Lubang municipality, about 150 kilometers (93 miles) southwest of Manila, in Occidental Mindoro province on Tuesday, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

France's parliament considers a ban on single-use e-cigarettes

Paris, Dec 05 (AP):

The French parliament is considering a ban on single-use, disposable electronic cigarettes that teenagers for their sweet flavours and are under scrutiny as a new source of trash.

The ban, supported Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne and Health Minister Aurelien Rousseau, aims to protect the health of youths and mitigate the environmental impacts of the increasingly popular disposable products known as "puffs."

National Assembly was expected to vote on the measure Monday night. If passed, it would then move to the Senate and could go into

effect by September 2024. Disposable e-cigarettes

are small, battery-powered devices that deliver vaporized nicotine with various flavourings. While they do not contain tobacco, many include nicotine, a dangerous chemical known for its addictive properties.

Marion Catellin, president of the Alliance Against Tobacco, told The Associated Press that "single-use e-cigarettes are made of plastic. They contain a lithium battery and other heavy metals including cobalt and bromine. And these pods contain nicotine which is a highly toxic product On the basis of its environmental impact alone, these single-use e-cigarettes puffs warrant a ban."

Top US Congressmen introduce bill to reduce green card backlog

Over the entire period 1850 2022, the US' cumulative emissions amounted to 115 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide (Gt C) (24 per cent of the world total), the EU's to 80 Gt C (17 per cent) and China's to 70 Gt C (15 per cent).

India has emitted 15 Gt C since 1850 which is just 3 per cent of the world's total.

India's per capita emissions less than half of global average in 2022

bon dioxide emissions rose by around five per cent in 2022 to reach 2 tonnes but these were still less than half of the global average, according to a report released here on Tuesday. According to the Global

Carbon Project, a group of international scientists, the United States topped the per capita emissions chart with every individual in the country emitting 14.9 tonnes of CO2 (carbon dioxide), followed by Russia (11.4), Japan (8.5), China (8), and the European Union (6.2). The global average stood at 4.7 tonnes. The US is also the

biggest CO2 emitter since the Industrial Revolution.

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Project shows India's per capita emissions grew by 5.1 per cent in 2022 to reach 2 tonnes. last year) into the atmos-The scientists, howev-

er, said India was the third biggest CO2 emitter (8 per cent of world total) in 2022 after China (31 per cent) and the US (14 per cent). The EU accounted for 7 per cent of the global emissions last year. Russia 4 per cent, and Japan 3 per cent. India's total emissions

are estimated to have increased by 8.2 per cent (range 6.7 per cent to 9.7 per cent) over 2022, with rises in emissions from coal (9.5 per cent), oil (5.3 per cent), natural gas (5.6 per cent), and cement (8.8 per cent), they said. Coal growth is largely

driven by high growth in demand for power, with new renewables capacity far from sufficient to meet this growth, the scientists claimed. CO₂ emissions in

China are estimated to have increased 4 per cent in 2023. These declined in the EU by 7.4 per cent, the US by 3 per cent.

By the end of the year,

pumped 36.8 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (1.1 per cent more than

This increase was re ported amid the global climate talks in Dubai. where countries are trying to chart a definite course to cut emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, a guardrail to avoid further worsening of climate im-

The research team included the University of Exeter, the University of East Anglia (UEA), CI-Center International Climate Research, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich and 90 other institutions around the

"The impacts of climate change are evident all around us, but action to reduce carbon emis-

sions from fossil fuels remains painfully slow," said Professor Pierre Friedlingstein, Exeter's Global Systems Institute, who led the

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Washington, Dec 05 (PTI):

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Act of 2023, would strengthen the US economy and boost its international competitive-Raja Krishnamoorthi ness while reducing the and Pramila Jayapal, green card backlog by allowing American employers to focus on hiring immigrants based on their merit, not their birthplace, a press state-

Efficiency and Security

ment said. The bill would phase out the existing seven per cent per-country limit on employmentimmigrant visas while increasing the seven per-country limit on family-sponsored visas to 15 per

permanent residency. cent, it said. Rich "As we work to build McCormick is the third the economy of the fulawmaker to have joined ture, we cannot allow Indianhigh-skilled workers to languish in the green card backlog, left unable to fully establish themselves as Americans and contribute more fully to our nation Krishnamoorthi said.

"I am proud to partner with my colleagues on our bipartisan legislation to end countrybased discrimination for employment-based immigrant visas to reduce visa backlogs while strengthening our economy and our workforce," he added.

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ing employer generally must advertise and prove that they cannot find a qualified US worker to fill the posi-

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India's Principled Stance

he United Nations COP28 summit in Dubai resounded with a global call for a cleaner, more sustainable energy future. A total of 118 countries came together to pledge the phased withdrawal of fossil fuels and the tripling of the world's renewable energy capacity by 2030. This monumental commitment, however. faced resistance from two major players in the energy landscape: India and China, the world's leading consumers of coal. In the face of Western pressure tactics, these two nations abstained from making these commitments. India's decision to abstain from the pledge to phase out fossil fuels and ramp up renewable energy capacity is a calculated one, aligning with its broader national goals and strategies. Earlier this year, as the G20 president, India had vowed to triple its renewable energy capacity to 450 GW by 2030 through a comprehensive national plan. Prime Minister Modi, speaking at COP28, emphasized India's commitment to balancing ecology and economy. He underscored the nation's track record, aiming to reduce emissions by 45 percent before 2030. India's stance is rooted in the fact that, despite being home to 17 percent of the global population, its contribution to global warming remains at just 4 percent. In this context, India argues that justice necessitates that nations responsible for the climate crisis due to industrialization take tangible steps to facilitate a low-carbon economy in developing countries. This should involve the transfer of climate technology and financial assistance to help developing nations achieve their climate goals. The COP28 summit witnessed India taking a principled stand, firmly asserting that it cannot commit to a reduction in coal-fired power projects that would hinder its development objectives. The economic realities facing India are stark, and implementing drastic cutbacks in coal projects would have adverse consequences on the nation's growth and development plans. India's refusal to be a signatory to the Declaration on Climate and Health, which seeks to address greenhouse gas emissions in health systems, is also in line with its commitment to prioritize its development agenda. While India's stance may have raised eyebrows on the global stage, it brings attention to the complexities of balancing environmental conservation with economic growth, especially in developing countries. The responsibility for mitigating climate change should not fall solely on the shoulders of nations that are still striving to uplift their citizens and achieve economic prosperity. Developed countries, primarily responsible for the climate crisis due to industrialization, must step up and fulfill their obligations. One positive development emerging from COP28 is the approval of the 'loss and damage fund.' This fund is a crucial step toward climate justice, acknowledging that vulnerable nations in the Global South are disproportionately affected by climate change. However, the fund's effectiveness hinges on the willingness of developed nations to provide adequate compensation. This compensation should not merely be a token gesture but must genuinely empower developing countries to combat climate change effectively. India's stance at COP28 is a reminder that achieving global climate goals requires a nuanced approach. While the imperative to transition to clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions is undeniable, this transition must account for the unique challenges faced by each nation. It is an appeal for a more equitable distribution of responsibilities, with developed countries taking the lead in sup-

Mizoram's Political Shift

porting the climate efforts of their less affluent counterparts.

A New Dawn Emerges

The Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), a formidable six-party alliance spearheaded by the former IPS officer-turned-politician Lalduhoma, has achieved a resounding victory, securing 27 out of 40 seats in the Assembly elections. This sweeping triumph marks a momentous turning point for Mizoram, which has long been dominated by either the Mizo National Front (MNF) or the Congress. The MNF, succumbing to deep-seated anti-incumbency sentiments, witnessed the loss of its top leaders, Chief Minister Zoramthanga and Deputy CM Tawnluia, in the electoral fray. In the wake of this electoral upheaval, the beleaguered Congress finds itself grappling with vet another setback, coming hot on the heels of its humbling defeat in the Hindi heartland. The party's influence in the North-East has been steadily eroding over the years. In the 2018 elections, it managed to secure just five seats, while the BJP clinched one. This time around, the BJP has added insult to injury by securing two seats, surpassing the once-dominant Congress. The BJP, making remarkable strides in the North-Eastern region, has announced its intent to join the emerging political landscape, despite the fact that it's the MNF, not the ZPM, that is part of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Mizoram, however, grapples with a plethora of pressing challenges. The state is ensnared in a severe financial crisis, and authorities are struggling to manage the influx of refugees from Myanmar, which has been embroiled in a civil war for the past two and a half years. Furthermore, the volatile situation in neighboring Manipur, a BJPruled state, where ethnic clashes erupted in May, has kept Mizoram on edge. The incoming government is thus faced with an array of formidable tasks. The ZPM's decisive victory underscores the shifting political dynamics in Mizoram. It reflects a growing aspiration for change and a desire for fresh leadership untainted by the baggage of incumbency. The people of Mizoram have spoken loud and clear: they demand accountability, transparency, and effective governance. This election has demonstrated that political parties must prioritize not just their past roles but also their present contributions and their ability to deliver on promises. In this era of heightened political awareness, voters are discerning and vigilant. They cannot be easily swayed by sentimental rhetoric or political posturing. Excessive reliance on emotional appeals and divisive tactics can lead to the downfall of both parties and leaders, as evidenced by the resounding message sent to both the MNF and the Congress. The BJP's expanding footprint in Mizoram is another noteworthy development. While it has been making substantial inroads in the North-East, securing two seats in this election further cements its presence in the region. The party's willingness to be part of the emerging government signals a dynamic shift in political alliances. As Mizoram grapples with complex issues, the new administration faces formidable challenges. A looming financial crisis demands prudent fiscal management and innovative solutions. The humanitarian crisis stemming from the influx of refugees requires a compassionate and well-coordinated response. Additionally, the state must navigate the delicate situation in Manipur and work towards regional stability.

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CYCLONE MICHAUNG



People wade through a flooded road after heavy rainfall owing to Cyclone Michaung, in Chennai, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Analyzing the Game-Changing Telangana Verdict



he people of Telangana gave a verdict shattering the party and the leaders who fought and got the separate state after almost ten years of the statehood. Why KCR tasted rejection is the hands of his own people is something which is a classical lesson for all those arrogant and family centric leaders irrespective of the party they are in. The message is whatever may be the past role of yours the contribution in the present and the delivering of the promises made is important. Voters are more intelligent than the leaders think and they can't be fooled all the time with sentimental dialogues and play with the sensibilities of the minds. Too much of play with sentiment will result in defeat both for the party and the leader is the clear message for BRS and KCR. BRS lost 49 seats and got restricted to 39 seats while KCR lost in one out of two constituencies he has contested.

KCR's strongest weapon the anti-Andhra people diatribe got neutralized with the tactical withdrawal by Chandrababu Naidu and his TDP from the Telangana state elections. KCR's plank of water share to Telangana from the Krishna and Godavari rivers got dented with the sinking of piers in the prestigious Kaleswaram lift irrigation project about his government was boasting all these years. The National Dam Safety Authority conclusion that the sinking of piers in the project was

caused by the combination of factors including planning, design, quality control, operation and maintenance. This project was initially estimated to cost 38,000 crores was increased to 1.2 Lakh crores by KCR administration. With the confirmed damage to the Dam and its unstable position to hold the water in the reservoir means that the project has to be dismantled and reconstructed thus losing all the 1 lakh crore rupees. The Telangana was a surplus budget state on the day of formation in 2014. As KCR resigns following the adverse verdict from the CM post in 2023 the state of Telangana has debt burden of 5 Lakh crores. Where does this borrowed money gone in the question the opponents were posing and people believed that it went into the coffers of the KCR family and friends. There are so many allegations of corruption on the family members of the KCR family, including his daughter Kavita who is a suspected partner in the Delhi liquor scam. The arrogance of KCR has no bounds and that made him to lose touch with the people. His megalomaniac behavior of not visiting the secretariat and running the administration from his out of city farm house received the flak from everyone but power drunk KCR refused to change. KCR's over reliance on his friend Asaduddin Owaisi of MIM party and his anti-Hindu speeches in the public made the large section of Hindu mold of autocratic Nizam rather than a democrat leader. In the end of near ten year rule the negatives overshadowed than his positives in the development of state. His national ambitions to project himself as the challenger to Modi is now deflated by his own Telangana

While KCR was busy in dismantling the Congress structure in the state it was BJP which was campaigning against KCR and exposing his corruption in the state. The BJP, in Telangana, since 2020 was perceived as the real challenger to the BRS. The then party president Bandi Sanjay could reach the people of Telangana through the slang of the state and successfully rebutting BRS in the same language of KCR. But the post Karnataka election loss the BJP got iittery and their main goal shifted from dethroning KCR to preventing Congress from coming to power. The BJP Delhi bosses strategy to tone down anti-KCR stand and going soft on KCR's daughter Kavita, the suspect in the Delhi liquor scam sent a wrong message to the people of Telangana and those voters who already determined to defeat KCR saw the Congress as the best bet to beat the BRS. The BJP momentum died on the very day Bandi Sanjay was removed from the party post and Kishan Reddy, a not so efficient leader, was anointed as party state chief. The slide from that day is so fast and from the party sure to win the BJP ended with 8 seats in the recent elections.

The Congress cashed on the BJP's backward steps and filled the role of aggressor through PCC chief Revanth Reddy, who is all set to be the next CM of Telangana. The Congress party which saw a chance to win, for a change, forgot all the internal differences and fought unitedly. The voters waiting for a suitable instrument to beat KCR found the one in Congress and held it firmly. The backward steps of BJP costed them heavily with its all

the top leaders biting the dust. BJP which was hoping a hung assembly with about 20 seats for it, thus getting a chance to play a role of king maker lay now shattered with the consolation of doubling the vote share since 2018 and increasing its number of seats from 1 in 2018 to 8 in 2023.

Post formation of government by Congress in Telangana the political scenario start unfolding in a multidimensional way. KCR, now faced with a formidable Revantha Reddy in CM chair and Congress calling for revenge on KCR for his past backstabbing politics and his daughter Kavita under threat of arrest may have to fight back or run for shelter to NDA. But KCR's past speeches peppered with personal epitaphs against the duo Modi and Shah will be a hindrance. Those two leaders are not the type to forget, forgive and move forward politicians. Moreover BJP is known to follow the principle of kill the regional parties and make the Congress as main opponent as that will suit their fight mode. The death of BRS will give scope for the BJP to fill the space of main opposition. On the other hand both BJP and BRS may wait for the familiar Congress script of internal dissension blossoming in Telangna and plan the collapse of government. The Congress on the other hand may try to get back those leaders who joined BRS after 2014 and now won the election into the Congress fold to further strengthen its

The Hyderabad city people are worried about the possible communal flare tering the state as the track record is such for Congress. 2024 is going to be exciting in many ways for the state of Telangana with all the main players, Congress, BJP and BRS, opening their political cards to hit each other. In the Congress attempt of consolidation and opponents attempt of destabilizing politics many exciting scenes are awaiting for Telangana.

Opposition Fragmented

BJP secured victories in Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh, despite limited tangible achievements, buoyed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's influence. The Congress failed to resonate with its call for a castebased census, while the BJP's Hindutva politics appealed to a broad range of caste groups. In Chhattisgarh, targeting Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and relying on Modi's 'guarantees' paid off for the BJP. Rajasthan saw internal Congress strife between Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot. The opposition's inability to unite worked in the BJP's favour. These results should prompt opposition parties to regroup and present a united front. As the BJP gains momentum, the Congress must reassess its strategies and ideologies for future elec-

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

BJP Victory: A Necessity Check

The BJP secured victory in 3 Assembly polls, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan from the Congress through democratic means. While entitled to celebrate, the party's rapid praise of its wins contrasts with its past criticism of opposition victories as "dynasty triumphs" or "rigging." BJP should reflect on why the "Modi Magic" faltered in Telangana and Karnataka earlier this year before belittling Congress and Rahul Gandhi. Rejoicing in victory is valid, but maintaining rationality, humility, and sanity is essential.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Bridges & Roads Construction

Faulty road engineering is often the reason for five lakh accidents reported in India every year, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said here on Sunday, urging engineers to work towards removing the black spots to save lives. Often bridges and roads destroyed because of using raw materials only for sparing some amount. Therefore, there should not be any compromise in quality in road and bridges construction. Most importantly, corruption should be rooted out, otherwise all efforts will go in vain.

Mohammad, West Champaran

Assembly poll results

Going into the polls, Congress seemed to have the wind in its sails, but a saffron deluge has all but drowned the party. BJP succeeded in all these three States with full majority that is out of expectations.It can't do much worse. But it will have to realise that the BJP's high success rates in elections of all sorts are achieved on the back of solid organisational work. Being washed out despite a positive campaign and high morale, points to the significant work that remains to be

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Shining Economic Parameters



According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on November 30, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at the rate of 7.6 percent in the second quarter of the current financial year, while the GDP growth rate in the same period of the last financial year was 6.3 percent. This growth rate is more than the Monetary Policy Committee's estimate of 6.5 percent. Even in the first quarter of the financial year 2023-24, the GDP growth rate was 7.8 percent. It is noteworthy that in the September quarter, real GDP was Rs.41.75 lakh crore, while nominal GDP was Rs.74.66 lakh crore.

In the last 5 years i.e., in the financial year 2018-19, GDP grew at the rate of 6.80 percent, while in the financial year 2019-20 it was 3.70 percent, in the financial year 2020-21 it was minus 6.60 percent, in the financial year 2021-22 it was 8.70 percent and in the financial year 2022-23, GDP growth was recorded at

the rate of 7.2 percent. The GDP growth rate in the June quarter of FY 2023 was 13.1 percent, while it was 6.3 percent in the September quarter, 4.4 percent in the December quarter and 6.1 percent in

The growth rate in Gross Value Added (GVA) in the September quarter of the current financial year was 7.4 percent. whereas it was expected to grow at the rate of 6.8 percent. In the first quarter it had grown at the rate of 7.8 percent, whereas in the same period last year it had grown at the rate of 5.4 percent. GVA reflects economic activities related to the supply of products, while GDP reflects economic activities related to demand.

Urban consumption, manufacturing and government expenditure have contributed significantly to the growth of GDP. The growth rate in the manufacturing sector was 13.9 percent, while the growth rate in the construction sector was 13.3 percent. At the same time, the growth rate of mining sector was 10 percent, while the growth rate of electricity-water sector was 0.1 percent, defence sector was 7.6 percent, finance and property sector were 6 percent and business and transportation sector was 4.3 percent. However, the agriculture sector grew at just 1.2 percent in the second quarter of FY24.

The infrastructure or core sector grew at the rate of 12.1 percent in the month of October, whereas this sector had grown at the rate of 0.7 percent in the last financial year. In the month of October, except fertilizer, all other secthe month of September, an average growth of 9.2 percent was recorded in the sectors of coal, crude oil, steel, cement, refinery, natural gas and electricity. The production growth rate of 8 major sectors during April to October was 8.6 percent, which was 8.4 percent a year ago.

According to the Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Shri Shaktikanta Das, the GDP growth rate may also see a rise in the next quarter, because the inflation in the month of October was 4.87 percent. which was 5.02 percent in the month of September and 6.83 percent in the month of August and all the sectors of the economy are improving. Key economy related parameters also remain strong. India's fiscal deficit in October stood at Rs.8.03 trillion, 45 percent of the full-year budget estimate of Rs.17.86 trillion. In the same period last year, this deficit was 45.6 percent of the budget estimate for the financial year 2022-23. Thus, a reduction of 0.06 percent has been recorded in the fiscal deficit. Fiscal deficit refers to the difference between

expenditure and revenue. According to the data released by NSO, the urban unemployment rate remained stable at 6.6 percent in the September quarter of the current financial year. The unemployment rate among men increased to 6 percent in the September quarter from 5.9 percent in the June quarter, while the unemployment rate among women declined to 8.6

percent in the September quarter from

9.1 percent in the June quarter.

Women's participation in the labour force was 20.4 percent in the March guarter of 2022, which increased to 20.9 percent in the June quarter, 21.7 percent in the September quarter, 22.3 percent in the December quarter and 22.7 percent in the March quarter of 2023. It was 23.2 percent in the June guarter of 2023 and 24.0 percent in the September guar-

The unemployment rate among youth above 15 years of age has been the lowest in the last 5 years. At the same time, the unemployment rate among youth aged 15 to 29 years was 17.6 percent in the June quarter, which came down to 17.3 percent in the September quarter. It may be noted that after the high unemployment rate of 12.6 percent recorded in the June quarter of 2022, there is a continuous decline in the

unemployment rate in urban areas. The unemployment rate in the urban sector was 8.2 percent in the March quarter of 2022, which declined to 7.6 percent in the June quarter, 7.2 percent in the September quarter, 7.2 percent in the December quarter, 6.8 percent in the March quarter of 2023, 6.6 percent in the June quarter and 6.6 percent in the September quarter.

Standard & Poor's Global (S&P Global) has increased the GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2023-24 from 6 percent to 6.4 percent. According to the agency, the reason for this is the strengthening of economic standards in the domestic market. However, S&P Global has reduced its GDP growth forecast for fiscal year 2024-25 to 6.4 per-

cent from 6.9 percent. The agency feels that economic activity in India may weaken in the second half of fiscal year 2024.

According to S&P Global, apart from India, the economies of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines are also growing strongly, while China's economy, which is ranked second in the world, is expected to grow at the rate of 4.6 per-

cent in the financial year 2024. It is clear from the increase in both GDP and GVA that the demand and supply of various products remains strong. due to which all economic activities are also gaining momentum. Reduction in fiscal deficit indicates that revenue collection exceeds expenditure, which is an indicator of a strong economy. Core sectors remain strong. The stable unemployment rate indicates that our economy is strong and has completely emerged from the ill effects of the Corona pandemic. The increase in participation of half the population in the labour force speaks of a positive change in the country.

Due to the continued strength of the Indian economy, S&P Global has increased the GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2023-24 from 6 percent to 6.4 percent, while the GDP of China, the world's second largest economy is estimated to grow at a rate of 4.6 percent in FY24, which is much lower than India's GDP growth rate estimate. Today, when many countries of the world are struggling with the negative effects of global recession. India's growth rate is continuously mounting.

New Delhi, Dec 05:

India is on its track to

have 50 per cent of its in-

stalled power generation ca-

pacity from non-fossil

sources by 2030, Union Minister R K Singh in-

formed the Rajya Sabha on

Tuesday. The country's in-

stalled power generation ca-

pacity from non-fossil

source is 186.46 gigawatt

(GW), which is 43.82 per

cent of its total installed ca-

pacity, the minister for new

and renewable energy said.

"India is on track for

achieving its target of hav-

ing 50 per cent of its in-

stalled source generation

capacity from non-fossil

fuel sources by 2030," Singh,

who also holds the portfolio

of Power Minister said. Of

the total 186.46 GW capacity.

India on track to have

50 pc installed power capacity: R K Singh

has taken several measures

to promote renewable ener-

gy in the country like per-

mitting foreign direct in-

vestment (FDI) up to 100 per

cent under the automatic

route and waiver of inter-

state transmission system

(ISTS) charges for inter-

state sale of solar and wind

power for projects to be

commissioned by June 30

2025. The measures include

setting up of ultra mega re-

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023

BRIEF

Appointment



John, a 2001 batch Indian Economic Service Officer, has taken charge as Executive Director of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), according to a release. Earlier, John served as an economic advis er in the Ministry of Power: "Jithesh John took charge as Executive Director. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)," a release dated December 1 by the IBBI said. John has a postgraduate degree in Economics. He has completed more than 21 years in Government of India in various capacities.

Tea exports

■ Kolkata: Tea exports from India during January to September declined 4.93 per cent to 157.92 million kg, according to latest Tea Board data. During the first nine months of 2022, exports stood at 166.11 million kg. From North India, primarily the states of Assam and West Bengal, tea exports dropped 6.61 per cent to 96.28 million kg in the reporting period, compared with 103.09 million kg in the corresponding nine months a year ago, the

PM-Kisan

data showed.



New Delhi: Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on proposal to increase the amount provided to the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) from the existing Rs 6,000 per farmer annually. "At present, there is no proposal to further increase the amount of PM-KISAN from Rs 6,000," Tomar said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha. Under the PM-KISAN, a central scheme being implemented since December 2018, an amount of Rs 6,000 per year is transferred in three fourmonthly instalments of Rs 2,000 each directly into the bank accounts of the farmers.

Startup conclave

Ahmedabad: A startup conclave will be organised in Gandhinagar on December 7 in the runup to the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024. The conclave will be attended by the representatives of unicorns, venture capitalists and leading businessmen from across the country, Gujarat Minister of Higher and Technical Education Rushikesh Patel said on Monday Patel said a roundtable will also be organised in the state capital on December 6 in presence of Union ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

Public sector banks get Rs 15,183 cr following ED action under PMLA: Nirmala Sitharaman

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has confiscated assets worth Rs 15.186.64 crore under the stringent prevention of money laundering law and almost all of these have been restituted to public sector banks, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. Replying to supplementary questions in the Rajya Sabha, the minister said specific actions through various legal provisions are being taken against defaulters and as a result, "huge monies" are going back to the banks. Sitharaman informed the House that as of March 31, 2023, legal suits were filed for recovery against 13,978 loan accounts, action under the SARFAESI Act has been initiated in 11.483 cases, FIRs have been filed in 5,674 cases, and an aggregate amount of Rs 33,801 crore has been re-

"As of December 1, 2023, assets amounting to Rs

New Delhi, Dec 05

Mid-sized motorcycle

maker Royal Enfield on

Tuesday said it has forayed

into the pre-owned bike seg-

ment. It has introduced --

Reown, a new company-op-

erated, pre-owned motorcy-

cle business initiative, that

enables existing and

prospective customers to

buy or sell their Royal

Enfield motorcycles, and

exchange their motorcycles

and upgrade to a new bike

with ease. The initiative is

envisaged to create easier

access to ownership and up-

grading while ensuring

trust, convenience and com-

plete assurance by the

brand for customers. "We

see Reown as an initiative

to address the issue of ac-

cessibility and trust that

customers have when pur-

Royal Enfield forays into

pre-owned bike biz with Reown



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi,

15,186.64 crores under the PMLA have been confiscated by the ED out of which Rs 15.183.77 crores have been restituted to the Public Sector Banks," she said. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar asked the minister to explain the mean-"phone banking" which was mentioned in reply to a supplementary question. Explaining the meaning of the phrase, Sitharaman said 'Phone Banking' was the method through which "political interference (during UPA rule of 2004-2014) spoilt all

chasing pre-owned Royal

Enfield motorcycles," Royal

Govindarajan said in a

statement. With a wide re-

tail network, and an even

wider ecosystem of Enfield

collectors and workshops,

the company has the ability

to bring together an array

of pre-owned Royal Enfield

motorcycles to aspiring rid-

checks on the motorcycle

for quality and to guarantee

and assurance by the

brand, he added.

ensure thorough

CEO

our banks and drove them to a loss-making situation". "'Phone Banking' was at that time when people would call the banks and say 'so and so will come to seek a loan from your bank, please grant it', meaning that there's no need to look at their eligibility, etc & that the loan must be granted," the minister said. She further said that the heart of the problem was during the 10 years of UPA rule between 2004 and 2014 when calls were made to grant loans to people who were not

Holds review

companies

New Delhi, Dec 05:

The government on

Tuesday held another

round of meeting with so-

cial media platforms to

"review" progress made by

them in tackling deepfake

issue, according to

sources. Platforms have

been clearly told that the

11 "user harms" or "illegal-

ities" flagged under IT

rules are in fact also

mapped to equivalent pro-

visions in IPC (Indian

Penal Code) and hence

criminal consequences

exist even under the cur-

rent laws. It is pertinent to

meeting with

sort the Indian banks out with reforms. Prime Minister Narendra Modi sat with all of us, including my predecessor Arun Jaitley (former finance minister). We spent a lot of time understanding where the problem was and worked together with the RBI," Sitharaman said. It must be looked at what contributed to the NPAs and made Indian banks actually have a twin balanceproblem which brought down the Indian economy to the 'Fragile Five', she added. Due to the measures taken by the Modi government, the minister said the Indian economy is the world's fastest-growing economy, registering a 7.6 per cent GDP growth rate in the last quarter. Sitharaman also informed the House Punjab Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (now merged with Unity Small Finance Bank) has recovered Rs 104.02 crore with active co-

operation and support

Govt talks tough to social media

platforms on deepfake issue

November 24, Minister of

Chandrasekhar had met

with the representatives of

social media platforms

and the companies were

given seven days to act de-

cisively on deepfakes, and

align their terms of use as

per the IT rules. According

Electronics

Tuesday with social media

platforms to assess the

progress made after the

November 24 meeting.

While some platforms

have complied, others that

been "slow" in doing so,

have been given additional

The government, in

Tuesday's meeting, has

made it clear that it will

continue with its "zero tol-

erance approach" on user

harm. While many plat-

forms have shown a clear

understanding of what is

the right thing to do and

are adapting quickly, some

platforms have shown

lethargy, the sources point-

ed out. A final meeting

with platforms to take

stock of the issue will take

worthy of getting a loan. from agencies. Assets amounting to Rs 692.89 crores have been confiscated under the provisions of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, she said. The finance ministry also informed the House that over the last two financial years, the number of non-performing asset (NAP) accounts in the commercial banks has declined from 2.19 crore to 2.06 crore, showing a decrease of 6.2 per cent. Similarly, aggregate outstanding of such accounts (gross NPAs) has declined from Rs 7.41 lakh crore to 5.72 lakh crore during the same period, showing a decline of 22.9 per cent. Further, slippage ratio (fresh slippages of NPAs during the financial year as percentage of standard loans and advances at the beginning of the financial year) of banks has declined from 2.74 per cent (fresh slippages of Rs 2.86 lakh crore) in the financial year 2021-22 to 1.78 per cent (fresh slippages of Rs 2.13 lakh crore) in the financial

178.98 GW is renewable ennewable energy parks to ergy and 7.48 GW is nuclear provide land and transmission to renewable energy power. In addition, 114.08 GW of developers for installation capacity is under impleof renewable energy projmentation and 55.13 GW of ects at large scale, besides capacity is under tenderschemes such as Pradhan ing. The non-fossil electrici-Mantri Kisan ty capacity increased from Suraksha evam Utthaan 32.54 per cent in March 2014, to 43.82 per cent in October 2023. Singh further

Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM), Solar Rooftop Phase II, 12000 MW CPSU Scheme said that the government Phase II. **Adani Group completes acquisition**

Billionaire Gautam vised to Rs 121.90,' Adani-owned Ambuja Cements Ltd on Tuesday regulatory filing. announced the completion of the acquisition of Industries Limited (SIL), at a revised offer price of Rs 121.90 per share. Earlier in August year, Ambuja Cements Ltd (ACL) had offered a price of Rs 114.22 apiece for acquiring 26 per cent equity shares of Rs 10 each of Sanghi Industries from its public shareholders. "In terms of the company's obligations the (Substantial Acquisition

the offer price as defined in the PA shall stand re-

Sanghi

under

Regulations,

Ambuja Cements said in a Meanwhile, shares of Sanghi Industries were trading at Rs 129.90 during the afternoon on Tuesday, which is 6.56 per cent higher than the revised offer price. ACL in a separate statement informed that it "successful ly completes acquisition of Sanghi Industries, funded entirely through internal accruals" at an enterprise value of Rs 5,185 crore. "With the acauisition funded entirely through internal accruof Shares and Takeovers)

of Sanghi Industries, revises offer price to Rs 121.90/share

New Delhi, Dec 05:

als, ACL holds a controlling stake of 54.51 per cent ('Takeover Regulations'),

Global South must adopt digital public infra: Kant

■ To achieve sustainable development goals

New Delhi, Dec 05:

The Global South needs to adopt digital public infrastructure to technologically leapfrog and achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs), India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on Tuesday. Addressing an event organised by Carnegie India, Kant said now the world will grow on the back of digital public infrastructure.

He said if the the world



has to grow equitably then the global south is important because 4 billion people still do not have digital identity, 1.3 billion people do not have a bank account, while 133 countries in the world do not have fast payments. "And there-

fore you need the digital public infrastructure to enable these countries to technologically leapfrog and ensure that we are able to make sustainable development goals reached to them. "And that is really the key, the SDGs must reach the global south," Kant said.

The term 'global south' is used to refer poor and developing countries. The former NITI Aayog CEO noted that during the COVID period, while the world was giving out large packages, which led to then inflation, India was able to put money straight into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries using digital public infrastructure. "800 million people got money straight into the bank account without any leakages," he added. He said the government is working to link artificial intelligence (AI) to the digital public infrastructure.

"What it does is...anyone sitting in any part of India can use his local dialect to get information, fill up the form in his local language through the voice and get access to any government scheme," Kant explained. According to him, India's digital public infrastructure is transforming lives

India to be third largest

Rupee settles 1 paisa higher at 83.37 against US dollar

Mumbai, Dec 05:

The rupee recovered from all-time low levels to settle up by 1 paisa at 83.37 against the US dollar in a restricted trade Tuesday amid a stronger American currency in overseas markets and disappointing services sector data. Forex traders said the rupee traded in a narrow range as positive domestic markets and crude oil prices trading below the USD 80 per barrel mark cushioned the downside. At the interbank for-

tled 'Global Credit Outlook 2024: New Risks, New

Playbook'. India, with a

GDP size of USD 3.73 tril-



eign exchange market, the local unit opened at its all-

time low level of 83.41 against the greenback. The local unit oscillated between an intra-day low of 83.41 and a high of 83.37 against the greenback and finally settled at 83.37 (provisional) against the dollar, higher by 1 paisa from its previous close, even as domestic benchmark indices touched new lifetime peaks.

On Monday, the rupee settled at 83.38 against the US dollar despite domestic benchmark stock indices rallying to lifetime high

Technology has important role to play in future of biotech: Biocon chief

New Delhi, Dec 05:

There is a need to leverage technology in a much bigger way, including ways to reform regulatory processes, to ensure that new medications reach market in a much lesser time, Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said on Tuesday. Speaking at the Global Technology Summit here, Mazumdar-Shaw said that it takes years to take an idea to the market and even after that the probability of failure remains very high. "I, for one, believe that technology has a very, very important role to play in the future of biotechnology and



Mazumdar-Shaw said. She noted that it would be great to see an idea to go from laboratory to market in less than a year. "Now, how do we do that? The way we do that is to really look at, you know, completely reforming our regulatory process," she

Stock markets hit new record highs; Sensex breaches 69k-mark, Nifty eyes 21k level

Mumbai, Dec 05:

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty settled at new peaks on Tuesday, rallying for the sixth straight session amid massive buying in power and utility sector shares. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 431.02 points, or 0.63 per cent, to close at a new record high of 69,296,14.

The broader index Nifty also climbed 168.50 points, or 0.81 per cent to hit its lifetime high of 20,855.30. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms surged by more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore to cross Rs 350 lakh crore on Tuesday. Analysts said the positive sentiment was fuelled by



unabated inflow of foreign funds on the back of robust sentiment built up over favourable macroeconomic data in the previous week and the results of assembly polls of Madhva Pradesh, Rajasthan Chhattisgarh that raised expectations of longer political stability in the

country

Opportunity to become global manufacturing hub New Delhi, Dec 05:

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday said India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2030, but a major test for the country would be to unlock the 'immense opportunity' and become the next big global manufacturing hub. The US-based rating agency expects India to be the fastest growing major economy in the next three years, with GDP growth reaching 7 per cent by 2026, from 6.4 per cent projected expansion in the current fis-

economy by 2030: S&P cal. Indian economy grew 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 fiscal ended March 2023. India's GDP expanded 7.8 per cent and 7.6 per cent in the June and September quarters, respectively. "India is set to become the thirdlargest economy by 2030, and we expect it will be the fastest growing major economy in the next three years. A paramount test will be whether India can become the next big global manufacturing hub, an immense opportunity. "Developing a strong logistics framework will be key in transforming India from a services-dominated economy into a manufacturing-dominant one," S&P said in its report ti-

these two areas will enable India to realize its demo-

graphic dividend.

lion at the end of 2022-23 fiscal, is currently the fifth largest economy in the world behind the US, China, Germany and Japan. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected India to become a USD 5 trillion economy with the third largest GDP in 2027-28. S&P said unlocking the labour market potential will largely depend upon upskilling workers and increasing female participation in the workforce. Success in

Woman candidate proves winning advantage for Cong in Khairagarh

Yashoda Verma secures victory by **5634 votes**

Congress dominates rural booths, BJP holds strong in urban areas

Khairagarh, Dec 05

the region. Meanwhile, as

anticipated, the Bharatiya

Congress emerged victorious in the Khairagarh constituency, securing a historic win with a woman candidate, Yashoda Nilambar Verma, at the helm. Despite facing a competition, Congress managed to clinch victory by a substantial margin of 5634 decisive votes, reaffirming the potency of their candidate selection. Traditionally, Congress dominated the rural booths in Khairagarh, solidifying its stronghold in

tained its dominance in the urban areas surrounding Khairagarh. The final tally saw Congress amassing 89,704 votes, while BJP trailed with 84,070 votes. Nilambar Verma's victory marked a historic moment as she secured her position for the second time, making this her first win in a general election following a previous by-election. Voters resorted to the "None of the Above" (NOTA) option as their third preference. Discontent with the candidates fielded by five regional parties, along with

Late Devvrat Singh, running independently, received 561 votes, while another independent candidate, Tikam Lodhi, secured 446 votes. In addition, Ratnesh Verma from the Bharatiya Shakti Chetna Party se-

liance, garnered 614 votes.

cured 407 votes, Santoshi Pradhan of the Hindustan Janata Party received 356 votes, and Rashid Das Banjare from Rashtriya Mahasabha Party obtained 188 votes. Notably, none of the candidates were able to make a significant impact, leading to the forfeiture of their deposits as a consequence of their lackluster performance. The booth-wise breakdown Congress's dominance in 158 booths, while BJP secured victory in 125 booths, underscoring the depth of support garnered by the respective parties in this high-stakes electoral

Students take pledge on HIV/AIDS awareness

Chhattisgarh Mahtari College hosts educational campaign and competitions

Principal and **Professors emphasize** importance of **HIV/AIDS education**

Anwari, Dec 05:

On World AIDS Day, Chhattisgarh Mahtari College in Bhakhara, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club, National Service Scheme, and Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Committee, organized an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign for college officials, employees, and students. Dr. Shailendra Kumar Sahu, the college principal, administered the pledge to participants.

The event featured a range of programs, including Rangoli, Prashna and Poster Manch. Competitions, aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS. The winning students will receive commendation, awards, and emblems from the Red Ribbon Club. College professors provided insights into HIV/AIDS, discussing its causes, prevention, and



symptoms. Neha Sahu, Assistant Professor of Zoology, highlighted the global impact of AIDS and the importance of preven-Aimeshwari, Assistant Professor of Botany, shed light on the symptoms of HIV/AIDS and the potential for extending the lifes-

pan of affected individuals

through therapy. The pro-

gram emphasized the im-

ing in government hospitals and the confidential handling of patient information to support their mental well-being. Assistant professors and students shared their perspectives on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Shailendra Kumar Sahu, the college principal, encouraged youth to dispel misconceptions about HIV/AIDS and promote

awareness within society He clarified that AIDS does not spread through casual contact such as handshakes, sharing toilets, or dining together. Sahu stressed the need for a soci etal awareness campaign more informed communi-

The program was conducted by TK Sahu, Assistant Professor of Hindi and Program Officer of National Service Scheme, and concluded with gratitude expressed by MS Sahu, Assistant Professor of Political Science. Principal Dr. Shailendra Kumar Sahu, along with professors and staff, was present, fostering a sense of unity and commitment to HIV/AIDS awareness among all col-

ICMAI, WIRC felicitates SECL Director Finance

a nominee from a national



Bilaspur, Dec 05: CMA Arindam Goswami. Vice Chairman & Professional Committee, ICMAI - WIRC felicitated CMA G. Srinivasan, Director -Finance, SECL and Chairman,

CERL & CEWRL on December 05, 2023 at Bilaspur. He was accompanied by CMA Sanjay Shrivastav, Chairman Bilaspur Chapter, CMA Y Manoj, Secretary, Bilaspur Chapter,

Treasurer Bilaspur Chapter, CMA Prince Bandhekar, Jt. Secretary, Bilaspur Chapter, CMA Mriganka Maiti, CA Abhisek Anand, Kuljeet Kour and many senior members from Bilaspur Chapter . He was briefed about the activities of the Institute and areas where CMAs can play a vital role to the Industry. The Vice-Chairman, ICMAI was provided the activities which the WIRC, ICMAI in undertaking in various professional avenues and how it is helping the industry-institute connect through various programmes and seminars.

party and three other inde-

Khairagarh's electorate

chose NOTA as a symbol

According to official

data, NOTA received sub-

stantial support with 2,312

votes, making it the third

most favored choice

among voters. Lucky

Mangal Netam, the candi-

date from Jogi Congress,

secured 1,244 votes, fol-

lowed by Omprakash Sen

from the Ambedkarite

Party with 1,109 votes.

Independent candidate

Tulsiram Bandhe gath-

ered 1,098 votes, while Dr.

Santosh Maria, represent-

of their dissatisfaction.

candidates,

pendent

CMA G. Srinivasan assured that he will provide all support to the activities of the WIRC, ICMAI and the Institute for growth of the profession and all other endeavors in the coming days.

Education department releases timetable for sports competitions



Pandariva. **Education Department has** unveiled an action-packed schedule for the upcoming children's sports competition across the entire district, including Pandariya-Block. The timetable outlines a series of events, with the Sankul level competitions scheduled from December 1st to 7th, inter-Sankul level competitions from December 18th to 23rd, blocklevel competitions from January 2nd to 7th, and district-level

competitions from January 15th to 20th. Preparations are in full swing, with meetings held in Sankul to develop sports grounds and organize the events. Enthusiastic children are gearing up to participate in a diverse range of competitions, including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Racing, Relay Races, High Jump, Long Jump, and Gandy Races. In addition to the athletic contests, cultural programs will also be a highlight of the

Collector expresses gratitude for peaceful assembly elections in Bilaspur

In the aftermath of the successful completion of the Assembly Elections 2023 in the district, Collector and District **Election Officer Avnish Sharan** expressed heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders involved in the electoral process. He extended his appreciation to the citizens of the district, political party representatives, members of the media, securitv forces, as well as officers and employees for their pivotal roles in ensuring a peaceful and fair election.

Collector emphasized that the collective cooperation of all individuals and groups contributed significantly to the



smooth and peaceful conduct of the assembly elections. He commended the responsible and team-spirited approach demonstrated by everyone involved in election-related tasks. Moreover, he acknowledged the enthusiastic participation of voters in the district and their cooperation in maintaining a peaceful voting envi-

lighted the crucial role played by media representatives, emphasizing their vital contribution to the electoral process. Additionally, he lauded the efforts of security forces in ensuring the peaceful execution of the elections. Furthermore,

expressed his admiration for the unwavering dedication and commitment of all district officers and employees engaged in election-related duties. Their wholehearted efforts contributed to the overall success of the electoral process, reinforcing the spirit of teamwork and enthusiasm that prevailed throughout the Assembly

Theft incidents plague paddy procurement centers

CCTV footage captures theft of 41 bags of paddy

concerning incident of operative society, with the Baram Nishad, and paddy theft has shaken culprits still at large. Yadaram Nishad, has the Primary Kushi Credit Society Cooperative Limited in Parsadakala, where 41 bags of paddy were stolen during the midnight of December 1st. Unidentified individuals, captured by CCTV cameras, are seen making off with stacks of paddy. The management has pointed fingers at the watchman, alleging negligence in his duties.

The incident promptly reported to the Fingeshwar police station, and Police Station In-Charge Jitendra Vijaywar took immediate action. He examined the camera footage at the Parsadakala Procurement Centre and launched an investigation. This incident follows a previous theft of 21 bags

Fingeshwar, Dec 05: A of paddy at the Baler co-Rekharam These thefts highlight a worrying lapse in security at procurement centers, with some lacking surveillance cameras, making them vulnerable

theft. Officer Fingeshwar has called on the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police without resorting to violence or confrontation. Damon Sahu, the committee manager, and authorized officer Netram Dahria confirmed that the CCTV footage revealed individuals removing paddy from the center between 12:51 AM and 3 AM on December 1. A total of 41 bags of harvested paddy were stolen. Negligence by the watch-

raised concerns among farmers who rely on the government's procure ment centers for their livelihoods. These incidents not only tarnish the reputation of the government and administration but also result in financial losses for the management committee. Calls for accountability and recovery from those responsible are mounting, as these thefts jeopardize the crucial process of paddy procurement, rice extraction, and distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS). Police Inspector Jitendra Vijaywar emphasized that the investigation is ongoing, urging the public to stay vigilant man, including Mastu and report any suspicious Dewangan,

activities promptly.

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raised enthusiastic slogans,

illuminated the skies with fire-

works, and exchanged con-

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lated village of Parkhanda

within the Kurud development

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BJP MLA Rohit Sahu in Raipur for key meeting

Rajim, Dec 05:

Rajim's newly elected MLA, Rohit Sahu, has undertaken a significant journey to the state capital, Raipur. Following his victory and the collection of his certificate at the district headquarters in Gariaband, Rohit Sahu promptly heeded the call of his party and headed to the capital.

Reliable sources have indicated that his return to Rajim is expected by Tuesday evening, although uncertainty looms over the choice for the position of Chief Minister, which is set to be determined during the upcoming meeting of the newly elected legislative party. A decision on this matter is anticipated by Tuesday With evening. Kharmas commencing on December 16th, preparations are underway for the swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet, including

Rohit Sahu is likely to return to Rajim on Wednesday, marking the occasion with a meeting with his constituents and supporters. An enthusiastic victory procession rally will be organized to express gratitude to the voters, who eagerly await the opportunity to congratulate their MLA.

Despite this excitement, there were disappointed workers and members of the public who had come to meet Rohit Sahu on Monday. However, the BJP has maintained its strong presence in the Rajim Assembly, securing a victory once again. Since the formation of Chhattisgarh state, the BJP has emerged victorious in Rajim Assembly elections in 2003 and 2013, with Rohit Sahu's win in 2023 being the latest addition to this

The BJP has summoned all its winning MLAs to Raipur, sparking speculation about the impending



Chief Ministerial selection. Given that the BJP did not project a Chief Ministerial face during the assembly elections, numerous candidates have emerged as potential contenders for the role, including Dr. Raman Singh, Arun Sao, Vishnu Dev Sao, Brijmohan Aggarwal, Ajay Chandrakar, and OP Chaudhary, among others. The decision will be reached either through the legislative party's selection process or through the party's directive.

Notably, Brijmohan Agarwal has secured victory from Raipur South for the eighth consecutive time, receiving the highest number of votes in the entire state with 67.719 votes. Omprakash Choudhary from Raigarh secured the second position with 64,443 votes, while Arun Sao from Lormi came in third with 45,891 votes. This discussion extends beyond the state and reaches the capital city of

The BJP has witnessed a substantial increase in its vote percentage, rising from 32.97% in the last assembly elections to 46.6% in the 2023 elections. This indicates a surge in support for the party, even in the face of tempting promises made by the Congress, such as loan waivers, housing initiatives, free education from KG to PG, affordable gas cylinders, and annual financial support for women.

It is evident that voters

have moved beyond free bies and expressed a preference for stability and trustworthiness. The trust placed in the BJP's leadership has remained strong, prompting a potential shift from Bhupesh Baghel's

leadership.

Interestingly, it has been observed that Congress party high command consistently selected the same candidate Amitesh Shukla for Rajim Assembly since the formation of Chhattisgarh, despite the public's apparent desire for a new face. While several names were proposed for the ticket, the party ultimately decided to maintain with the old

In contrast, the BJP has consistently introduced fresh faces in Rajim Assembly elections, a strategy that has proven to be successful. With a change in MLA every five years, Rajim's voters have reaffirmed their faith in

Ajay Chandrakar clinches hat-trick victory in Kurud assembly seat

Chandrakar defeats Congress rival by 8090 votes

Kurud, Dec 05:

The Kurud assembly seat in Dhamtari district became the center of attention as election results were unveiled. Prior to the elections, there was significant speculation that former minister and the incumbent MLA, Ajay Chandrakar, faced a formidable challenge in the

However, as the results emerged from the strong room after the vote count, a palpa-



top BJP leaders and district alike. workers Ajay Chandrakar emerged victorious, defeating his Congress rival Tarini Chandrakar by a substantial margin of 8090 votes. This remarkable hattrick win for Ajay Chandrakar sparked jubilation among BJP leaders in both the urban and

rural areas of the district.

"Vikas Purush", BJP leader Murari Das Vaishnav declared that Kurud was poised to set new records in terms of development and continuous progress. The victory in Kurud has In celebration of Ajay's vic-

infused a renewed sense of enthusiasm for growth and progress among the people of Prominent BJP leaders such

block. Expressing his confi-

dence in the return of the

as Narendra Sahu, Girendra Sahu, Chain Sahu, Lakhan Kashyap, and Mohit Sahu joined in the celebratory fervor, further underscoring the significance of this electoral

Odia community proud of spectacular win

Bilaspur, Dec 05:

The vibrant spirit of celebration filled the air as numerous officials and members of the Utkal Samaj, led by Bilaspur Utkal Samaj President Amit Mishra, converged in Raipur to extend their heartfelt congratulations B.JP candidate Purandar Mishra for his

remarkable victory in Raipur North. Amit Mishra, expressed immense pride in the spec-



Utkal Samaj celebrates Purandar

Odia community rejoices tacular triumph Purandar Mishra, a wellknown figure bearing the Utkal identity, familiar to lakh people in bring. Chhattisgarh. The entire

in his victory and holds high expectations for the positive impact he will

Joining in the celebra-

tion were key members of the Bilaspur Utkal Samaj, including Ashok Panda, Subhash Jena, Prafulla Mishra, Shashibhushan Nanda, Shridhar Behura, Prafulla Behura, Akshay Sao, Manoj Mishra, Sanjay Mishra, Subrat Rath, Ravi Mishra, Ashutosh Mishra Shrikant Mishra, Mohit Behera, Sunil Panda, Nayak, Abhay Mishra, Nalnikant Tripathi, Janaki Mishra, Trupti Panda, Sharmila Mishra, Rita Tripathi, Suvarna Rath, who joined together to offer their best wishes and heartfelt congratulations.

ble sense of relief engulfed the

India women aim for better returns against England in T201 series

Mumbai, Dec 05 (PTI):

India will look to draw confidence from recent performances and improve their disappointing bilateral record against England when the two teams face-off in a three-match women's T20I series, starting here on Wednesday.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led India have had a successful year in the shortest format so far, winning the gold medal in the Asian Games, an away series against Bangladesh by 2-1 and also making it to the final of the triangular series in South Africa, with West Indies as the third side.

On the other hand, world No. 2 England will look to overcome the disappointment of losing to Sri Lanka 1-2 at home.

World No. 4 India have a poor record at home in T20Is as well as against England in general and the hosts will hope to come up with something special.

At home, in nine matches against England, India have only two wins to show with their most recent victory coming more than five years ago in March 2018 when they won by eight wickets at the Brabourne Stadium.

In fact, it is India's overall record against England which is also concerning given they only



India's captain Harmanpreet Kaur and teammate Smriti Mandhana during a practice session ahead of the 1st T20I cricket match between India and England, at Wankhede Stadium, in Mumbai, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

have seven wins to show from 27 matches.

Additionally, India women's last win at home in T20Is came more than two years ago in March 2021 when they defeated South Africa in Lucknow by nine wickets. Since then, India have lost four and tied one game while playing India an opportunity to improve their disappointing overall home record as they only have 19 wins from 50 T20Is at home with 30 losses and one tied game.

Both India and England were the semifinalists of the last T20 World Cup held in South Africa earlier this year.

With the next showpiece event ranks.

slated for September-October 2024, this series presents an opportunity to fine-tune their preparathe edition Bangladesh.

For England, the veteran Nat Sciver-Brunt's all-round exploits in the WPL and her form in international circuit make her the most dangerous player.

Besides scoring 332 runs at a strike rate of 140.08 and 10 wickets in WPL in Mumbai's winning campaign, Sciver-Brunt has also amassed 271 runs in only eight T20Is at an average of 45.16.

While Danny Wyatt has most runs (278 in 11 matches), Sophie Ecclestone (16 wickets) and Sarah Glenn (13) have been England's best bowlers in T20Is this year.

The series between the senior women's sides was preceded by a three-match contest between their respective A' teams, wherein Issy Wong's all-round brilliance handed the visitors a 2-1 win.

On spin-friendly and slow surfaces, batters from both the teams struggled largely which indicates this could be a series dominated by spinners and both India and England have plenty in their

Junior Hockey WC: Araijeet scores hat-trick in India's 4-2 win over Korea



Kuala Lumpur, Dec 05 (PTI)

Araijeet Singh Hundal struck a hat-trick as India dished out a dominant display to beat Korea 4-2 in their opening pool match of the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup here on Tuesday.

Hundal scored in the 11th, 16th and 41st minutes while Amandeep found the target for India in the 30th minute in the Pool C match. Dohyun Lim (38th) and Minkwon Kim (45th) were the goal scorers for

Payal, Nisha and Akansha strike gold in Junior World Boxing C'ships

to France in the bronzemedal match in the last edition in 2021 in Bhubaneswar, made a strong start with Hundal scoring in the first quarter off a penalty corner.

The Indians continued their domination by pumping in two goals in the second quarter through Hundal and Amandeep -- both field goals -- as they were 3-0 up at the half time.

Korea pulled one back though Dohvun midway in the third quarter but India

Hundal completing his hat-trick with another

field goal. With a 4-1 lead in the match, the Indians appeared to have slowed down a bit. The Koreans pressed for goals and they were able to reduce the margin with Minkwon finding the target.

India next play against Spain in their second pool match. Canada is the other country in the four-team Pool C. India have won the tournament twice (2001 and 2016) and finished run-

identical 5-0 margins.

Three other Indian

women in action on the final day, Vini (57kg), Shrushti (63kg) and Megha

(80kg) signed off with silver

medals after suffering de-

feats in their respective

In the men's section

Sahil (75kg) and Hemant

(80+kg) added silver medals

to the Indian tally after

going down 0-5 in their re-

Jatin (54kg) also put up a

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strong fight against

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Bangladesh looking to secure first test series win over New Zealand

Mirpur, Dec 05 (AP)

Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha wants his players to guard against complacency as it win against New Zealand in the second and final test.

Bangladesh won the first test in Svlhet by 150 runs to close in on a landmark series victory. The only toplevel teams that Bangladesh has ever beaten in a twomatch test series are Zimbabwe and West Indies.

"I can't see complacency in the team. If I see any action of complacency, I will have one to one chat." Hathurusingha said ahead

day. "We had a good chat inside the dressing room yesterday. Strong and experienced leaders like Mushy (Mushfiqur Rahim) and Mominul (Haque) spoke very emotionally. They spoke in Bengali. I can see there's no tall poppies in the dressing room."

The Sylhet test victory was only Bangladesh's second against New Zealand in 18 meetings, and it came courtesy of captain Najmul Hossain Shanto's second-innings century. In doing so, Shanto became the first Bangladeshi cricketer to hit a century on his debut as

"Captaincy and leader-

"(Shanto's) captaincy was excellent. He was tactically on the mark. He was step ahead of the game most of the time. Very impressive field placings as well. Sometimes unorthodox, but very effective.

> "(His) leadership was excellent. He led from the front with his performance. He was commanding respect, and demanding the standard. I think he has a long future ahead." Leftarm spinner Taijul Islam, who took 10-184 in the first test, will be a Bangladesh's most crucial weapon in Mirpur, which traditionally has a slow wicket with

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI):

Young pugilists Payal, Nisha and Akansha won a gold medal each after dominating performances as India ended their impressive campaign at the IBA Junior World Boxing Championships in Yerevan, Armenia with 17 medals on Tuesday. The Indian contingent se-

cured three gold, nine silver and five bronze medals from the championships. The Indian women's team finished joint second in the event. Payal handed India its first gold when she outclassed local favourite Petrosyan Heghine of Armenia by unanimous decision in the girls 48kg final.

Payal (48kg), Nisha (52kg) and Akansha (70kg)

ons Nisha and Akansha dream runs to clinch gold lived up to the expectations as they extended their

Ebenyo, Yehualaw star

World championships

Ebenyo won a silver medal in 10,000m in Budapest world championships in August and then finished second in half marathon in Riga at inaugural World Running Road

medals in style. Nisha

thrashed Farinoz of Tajikistan and

Kazakhstan before losing 1-4 in a thrilling match. Overall, 12 Indians had Abdullaoeva

entered the finals, which was more than any other

India tour is going to be valuable as T20 World Cup: Heather Knight

Mumbai, Dec 05 (PTI):

The T20 series in India gain significance as it will show how the young visiting players excel in conditions which will be similar to what the team will experience in Bangladesh during next year's T20 World Cup, said England women's skipper Heather Knight.

India and England are set to face off in a three-match T20 series, starting here on Wednesday.

"I learned a lot about my game playing in Indian conditions, it really tests you as a cricketer, vour skill level and how you do with the noise and the heat," Knight told reporters ahead of



England's training session here on Tuesday.

"It is a really good place to accelerate development, to see how our young players cope with it. We have got a T20 World Cup in Bangladesh later on in the year (2024) so this tour is going to be valuable in terms of having similar conditions." The T20 World Cup is scheduled to be hosted by Bangladesh between September and October in

A lot of members of the England's T20I squad arrived in India two days before the start of the series which will be played at the Wankhede Stadium on Dec 6.9 and 10.

attraction in Kolkata 25K run on Dec 17

Kolkata, Dec 05 (PTI):

10,000m silver medallist Daniel Simiyu Ebenyo of Kenya and Ethiopian 10K world record holder Yalemzerf Yehualaw will be the star attractions in the men's and women's sections respectively in the Tata Steel Kolkata 25K run on December 17.

Championships, before easily winning the Delhi Half Marathon in

October.

Novak Djokovic

finishes at No. 1 in

the ATP rankings

Ashwini-Tanisha climb four spots to world No. 28

New Deini, Dec 05 (PTI)

Indian women's doubles pair, Ashwini Ponnappa Tanisha Crasto, jumped four places to reach world number 28 in the latest BWF rankings.

Ashwini, 36, and her 20year-old partner Tanisha, who started playing together only in January this year, finished runners-up at the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament in Lucknow on Sunday.

The duo earlier won the Nates International Challenge and Abu Dhabi Masters Super 100.

Priyanshu Rajawat, who had reached the semi-fi-

Australian Open champion and runner-up to Coco

Gauff at the U.S. Open.

Gauff finished at No. 3, followed by Elena Rybakina at No. 4 and

Jessica Pegula at No. 5.

Djokovic eclipsed his

own mark for the oldest

player to top the ATP at

the end of a season; he

His eight year-end No.

was 34 in 2021.



nals in men's singles, also gained a place to break into the top-30.

All other Indian singles players stayed static with HS Prannoy (8) remaining the top ranked shuttler from the country, followed by PV SIndhu (12),

Lakshva Sen (17) and Kidambi Srikanth (24).

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty occupied the world number 2 spot, while Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand stayed at 19th

WFI election date to be announced after December 8

The notification to hold Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections could be issued on or after December 8, the date set for inclusion of any changes in the electoral college published earlier this

The Supreme Court recently set aside the stay imposed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, paving the way for the process to elect the new WFI governing

An IOA-constituted adhoc panel, led by Wushu Association of India chief Bhupender Singh Bajwa, is currently managing the dayto-day activities of the WFI after the sports ministry susSingh over allegations of sexual harassment levelled by top Indian grapplers. Several wrestlers, includ-

ing Olympic medallists

Bajrang Punia and Sakshi

Malik, sat in protest at the

Jantar Mantar here for more

than two months to protest

I didn't remove Kohli from captaincy: Ganguly

Kolkata, Dec 05:

Sourav Ganguly says he did not remove Virat Kohli from the team captaincy. Kohli's decision to step down from T20I captaincy post the 2021 World Cup was followed by his surprising relinquishment of ODI and Test captaincy within a short span. In contrast to Kohli's as-

sertion that he wished to continue ODI and Test captaincy, Ganguly, who was the BCCI president at the time, clarified that Kohli was urged to continue leading in T20Is to avoid having two different captains in white-ball cricket. 'I didn't remove Virat from captaincy,' Ganguly clarified on Unlimited Dadagiri Season 10. 'He wasn't inter-



ested in leading in T20Is. After he made that decision, I told him if you're not interested in leading in T20Is, it's better if you step down from entire white-ball cricket. Let there be a white-ball captain and a red-ball captain.

I pushed Rohit Sharma a bit to take up the captaincy role because he wasnt interested in leading in all three formats of the game, Ganguly revealed.

Novak Djokovic earned

London, Dec 05 (AP):

the year-end No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for the eighth time on Monday, adding to a record he already held.

Djokovic won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments the Australian Open in January, French Open in June and U.S. Open in September to raise his career total to a men's-record 24 and was the runner-up at the other, Wimbledon. He went 56-7 this season while leading the tour with seven titles, including at the ATP Finals last month.

The 36-year-old from Serbia regained the top ranking from Carlos Alcaraz, who edged him in a five-set final at the All England Club in July. Alcaraz finished 2023 at

No. 2 after the two men

swapped No. 1 back-andforth repeatedly this year.

Iga Swiatek claimed the WTA's year-end No. 1 ranking for the second consecutive year by win-

ning the WTA Finals last month. Swiatek, who won her fourth career major championship at the French Open, overtook Aryna Sabalenka, the

1s put him two ahead of previous record-holder Pete Sampras, who did it six times. Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal each finished at No. 1 five times. as did Jimmy Connors. Daniil Medvedev closed

2023 at No. 3, followed by Jannik Sinner at a careerbest No. 4, Andrey Rublev at No. 5, Stefanos Tsitsipas at No. 6, Alexander Zverev at No. 7, Holger Rune at No. 8, Hubert Hurkacz at No. 9 and Taylor Fritz at No. 10.

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI):

the stalled

pended the federation headed by Brij Bhushan Sharan

alleged sexual harassment of female grapplers by Brij Bhushan. The election process, which was set in motion in July, has been delaved because of court cases. This has further led to the suspension of the WFI by the international federation United World Wrestling, for failing to conduct fresh polls in the time stipulated by them. Indian wrestlers continue to participate in international competitions under the UWW flag because of the suspension of the national

Some things are best left unsaid: Justice Kaul

On non-listing of pleas on judges' appointment

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

Some things are best left unsaid, Supreme Court judge Sanjay Kishan Kaul said on Tuesday when some lawyers alleged sudden deletion from the cause list of the pleas related to alleged delay by the Centre in acting on the collegium's recommendations on elevation and transfer of high court

The apex court is seized of two petitions, including the one alleging procrastination by the Centre in clearing the names recommended by the collegium.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia had heard the matter on November 20 and posted it



An advocate, representing one of the petitioners, mentioned the issue before the bench and said the pleas were to be listed for hearing today but got deleted from the cause list.

"I have not deleted it," Justice Kaul told the

Later in the day, advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for another petitioner, also raised the issue. "It is strange that it has been deleted," he said, voicing surprise.

Justice Kaul told Bhushan, "Your friend

mentioned (the issue) in ing and choosing" high the morning. I just said one thing, I have not deleted that matter.'

When Bhushan said the court should seek an explanation about it from the

Justice Kaul told him, "I am sure the chief justice is aware of it.'

Bhushan said it was very unusual that the matter got deleted even though there was a judicial order to list it today.

"Some things are best left sometimes unsaid," Justice Kaul told Bhushan, who said the matter was being dealt with by Justice Kaul-led bench for a long time.

"I therefore clarify it is not that I have deleted the matter or I am not willing to take up the matter, both." Justice Kaul said.

While hearing the matter on November 20, the apex court had flagged the issue of the Centre "pickcourt judges recommended for transfer by the collegium, saying it does not send out a good signal.

The appointment of judges through the collegium system, where judges appoint judges of constitutional courts, has often become a hot button issue between Supreme Court and the Centre, with the mechanism drawing criticism from different quarters.

The top court is hearing petitions, including the filed Advocates' Association, Bengaluru, seeking contempt action against the Union Ministry of Law and Justice for allegedly not adhering to the timeline set by the court in a 2021 judgment for clearing the names recommended by the SC collegium for elevation and transfer of high court

VARSITY CONVOCATION



President Droupadi Murmu poses for a group photo during the first convocation of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

'Cyber-related crimes rose by over 50 % in K'taka'

Bengaluru, Dec 05 (PTI)

Cases of cyber crime have jumped more than 50 per cent in Karnataka with the state police registering 12,556 FIRs in 2022 as compared to 8,136 the previous year, making it the state with second highest number of such incidents, the latest report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) showed.

An analysis of the NCRB data shows that among the 28 states, Telangana logged the highest number of cyber crimes with 15,297 cases followed by Karnataka (12.556) and Uttar Pradesh (10,117) last year.

The rate of cyber crime cases in Karnataka stood at 18.6 per lakh population while chargesheeting in such cases was at 21.1, according to the NCRB data.

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

Researchers at the

Indian Institute of Science

Education and Research,

Bhopal have completed the

first-ever genome sequenc-

ing of the Jamun tree, ac-

nomic and evolutionary

basis of the tree's medici-

nal values, the research

S.cumini genome. The re-

search has been published in the journal "Frontiers

"The aim of this re-

search was to gain new

functional and evolution-

ary insights from the

Jamun genome, which

could be responsible for

the wide range of pharma-

cological properties of this

species conferred by the

bioactive compounds that

sequenced the

To understand the ge-

cording to officials.

in Plant Science"

NCRB DATA

Out of the total number of FIRs related to cyber crimes in the state, the maximum offences were registered under the Information Technology (IT) Act, the data showed.

The analysis of the NCRB data showed that offences registered under the IT Act alone accounted for 12,549 FIRs and a majority of them were related to computer offences followed by cheating by personation by using computer resources. The figure also includes crimes related to acts of publishing or transmitting material containing sexually explicit acts in electronic

Motive in 11,025 cases of cyber crime were fraud followed by 379 cases with an intention of extortion, 338 cases with an intention of sexual exploita-

genome sequencing of Jamun tree

act as nutraceutical agents

in modern medicine," said

Department of Biological

properties are widely cele-

Specifically, the fruit seed

extracts of Jamun have

well-known anti-diabetic

properties. It is also highly

Ayurveda to treat a variety

of health ailments such as

arthritis, cardiac prob-

lems, flatulence, asthma,

diarrhoea, and stomach

spasms. The black plum

can be eaten fresh or made

into juice. This is the first

time that the plant has

been examined and decod-

Sharma explained that

the Jamun genome has a

higher number of coding

ed so closely," he added.

recommended

stomach

"Jamun's therapeutic

in India.

discomfort.

Sciences, IISER, Bhopal

Sharma,

Vedanta Aluminium organizes masterclass to boost innovation

Within global extrusion industry

New Delhi, Dec 05:

Aluminium, Vedanta India's largest aluminium producer, has hosted its third technical masterclass, focusing on enhancing innovation and efficiency within the extrusion industry. The session, titled 'The Metallurgy of Extrusion', drew nearly 200 participants globally, including registrations from the USA, UK, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Qatar, UAE, Greece, Portugal, Belgium, and India. Mr. Jonathan Pangborn, a globally acclaimed extrusion expert and Technical Advisor on Billet Extrusion for Vedanta Aluminium, led the masterclass. This is the latest in the company's bouquet of offerings for customers, including new product development, new application development, market

genes resulting from gene

duplication events com-

pared to the other two se-

quenced species from this

genus, which points to-

wards a neopolyploidy

event in the Jamun

genes can allow Jamun to

acquire novel functions. To

fully explain the anti-dia-

betic properties of this

plant, we discovered the

presence of glucosides, an-

other class of metabolites

that prevent the conver-

sion of starch into sugar,

and explain how the plant

possesses anti-diabetic

"Previous clinical as-

sessments have shown that

Jamun has a low glycemic

index and alleviates dia-

betic symptoms such as ex-

cessive urination," he

value," he said.

"This duplication of

species.

development, technical knowledge sharing, and much more. Vedanta Aluminium is

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Maha Guv, CM launch various initiatives of School Education Department



Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais on Tuesday launched various initiatives and incentive schemes of the School Education Department at Raj Bhavan Mumbai. Schemes such as 'Chief Minister My School, A Beautiful School'. 'Goshtincha Shanivar', 'Enjoyable Reading', 'Cleanliness Monitor' etc. were launched on the occasion. Initiatives like Adopt

Mahavachan Schools Utsav, 'My School My Yard', were also launched.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, School Education Minister Deepak Kesarkar, Minister Development Mahajan, Minister of Skill Development Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Principal Secretary School Education Ranjit Singh Commissioner Deol. Suraj Mandhre and others were present. These

school initiatives were

things, according to the

book's publishers Rupa

Mukherjee served as

India's finance minister

and subsequently became

minister for External

Affairs, Defence, Finance

and Commerce. He was

India's 13th president (2012

to 2017). He died on August

31, 2020 at the age of 84. As

the president of the single

largest party Congress to

win the Lok Sabha elec-

tions in 2004, Sonia Gandhi

was tipped to be the prime

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Pranab told daughter Sharmistha after **2004 drama**

New Delhi, Dec 05 (PTI)

"No, she will not make me the PM," was Pranab Mukherjee's cryptic response in a reference to Sonia Gandhi when he was asked by his daughter Sharmistha Mukherjee about his chances of becoming the prime minister

Sharmistha recalls her father's reply after Sonia Gandhi's decision to withdraw from the prime ministerial race in her upcoming book "In Pranab, My Daughter Father: A Remembers".

In the book, the former Congress spokesperson who quit politics in 2021 provides a glimpse into the illustrious life of her fa-



Sharmistha Mukheriee.

ther, where she also says that he did not have any rancour against Sonia Gandhi for not making him the prime minister, and definitely not against the man chosen - Manmohan Singh.

Through her father's diary entries, personal stories narrated to her and own research, Sharmistha uncovers new,

his political life - his unfulfilled ambition of becoming India's prime minister arising out of his inability to emerge as the 'number one person' to earn Sonia Gandhi's trust, the personality cult around the Nehru-Gandhi family and Rahul Gandhi's lack of charisma and political un-

hitherto unknown facets of

support of the coalition partners. (NABH से मान्यता प्राप्त) स्त्री एवं प्रसृति रोग विभाग

Karni Sena chief shot dead at Jaipur home

One assailant killed in exchange of fire

Jaipur, Dec 05 (PTI)

Right-wing group Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena's president Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi was shot dead in the living room of his house here on Tuesday by three armed men, one of whom was also killed in retaliatory firing, police



In this screenshot taken from a CCTV footage, Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena's president Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi being shot dead in the living room of his house, in Jaipur, Tuesday.

One of Gogamedi's sebullet injuries in the excurity guards sustained change of fire with the to his house in the Shyam Nagar area on the pretext of meeting him, they

incident was caught on CCTV. Gogamedi formed Shri

Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena after he was expelled from Sri Rajput Karni Sena in 2015 over differences with its founder Lokendra Singh

Both these outfits had against

assailants, who had gone Deepika Padukone starrer "Padmaavat" in 2018 over alleged distortion of historical facts about the Rajput community. Jaipur

Commissioner George Joseph told reporters, "Three men went to Gogamedi's house and told his security guards that they wanted to meet him. The guards took them inside and the men talked to Gogamedi for 10 minutes before opening





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