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A student gives final touches to a cake model of Chhatrapati Shivaj Maharaj during the 49th annual cake show 2023, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

#### **ED** raid

■ New Delhi: The **Enforcement Directorate** on Thursday said it conducted searches in Punjab on the premises of the people who were allegedly involved in a gold smuggling racket being run from across the India Myanmar border. The raids were carried out at seven locations in Patiala on December 12 against the accused identified by the agency as Lucky Satija, Surinder Kumar, Manjodh Singh Cheema, among others, the ED said in a statement

#### Rescue

■ Gangtok: The Indian Army has rescued 1,217 tourists stranded in high-altitude areas in eastern Sikkim due to snowfall and inclement weather, officials said on Thursday. The rescue mission was conducted by the Trishakti Corps of the army, and the tourists were moved to safer areas and provided with shelter, warm clothing, medical aid and hot meals, they said.

## Lifer

■ Jaina: A court in Maharashtra's Jaina has sentenced six persons, including four women, to life imprisonment for killing a 35-year-old pregnant woman over a property dispute in 2020. District and sessions court judge V M Mohite passed the order on Wednesday. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1,000 on each convict. The victim, Heena Khan, was six months pregnant when she was murdered in Kazi Pura locality of Jalna city.

## Acquit

■ Idukki: A court in Kerala on Thursday acquitted a man accused of raping and killing a six-vear-old girl. who was his neighbour, at Churukkulam estate in this high range district two years ago. The Fast Track Special Court acquitted the accused -- Arjun -- due to lack of conclusive evidence against him, a lawyer associated with the case said.

#### **Booked**

Muzaffarpur: Bihar Police have booked a circle officer (CO) in Muzaffarpur district and his two subordinates for allegedly raping a 22-year-old woman. The FIR has been registered on the direction of a district court in Bihar's Muzaffarpur. Talking to reporters, Sudhir Ojha, prosecution lawyer said, "A case has been registered against all three accused at Kanti police station on the direction of the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate

(Muzaffarpur).



# **More than 18 lakh families** to get approval: CM

#### For housing construction in the state

Raipur, Dec 14:

The first meeting of the newly-constituted Cabinet was chaired today by Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhavan). At the meeting, an important decision was taken for the homeless families in rural areas of the state. Cabinet has decided to release required funds and provide immediate approval for construction of houses for 18 lakh 12 thousand 743 families in the state. Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma were present in the meeting. Furthermore, Cabinet has decided that the remaining eligible fam-



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai chairs a cabinet meeeting, at Mahanadi Bhawan in Nava Raipur, Thursday.

ilies (6,99,439) in the permanent waiting list under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (rural) and the eligible families in the Awas Plus list (8,19,999) will also be given approval for housing. Cabinet has decided to expedite the ongoing construction of 2,46,215 houses under the scheme.

Under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas Yojana, prompt approval will be given for construction of 17,65,653 houses and other 47,090 houses for a total of 18,12,743 eligible families in the state and the funds required for the construction will also be sanc-

### 'Cong govt financially weakened state'

The CM alleged that the previous Congress government failed to implement the scheme in the state depriving these families of pucca houses. Sai claimed that the previous Congress government has financially weakened the state and promised that his government would "cent per cent" fulfil his party's poll nromises in the next five years. The CM reiterated that on December 25, the birth anniversary of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpaye, bonus against paddy procurement for two years which was pending during the previous BJP government (2013-2018) will be given to farmers (who had then sold their paddy).

## **Mistaken identity**

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

The Lok Sabha has withdrawn the suspension of DMK MP S R Parthiban after the government told Speaker Om Birla that it was a case of mistaken identity as the member was not present in the House when others disrupted its proceedings. Now, the total number of MPs suspended for the remainder of the Winter Session of Parliament stands at 14 -- 13 from the Lok Sabha and one from the Rajya Sabha.



## BSF jawan killed in blast triggered by Naxalites

Kanker, Dec 14:

A jawan of the Border Security Force was killed in a blast triggered by Naxalites in Kanker district on Thursday, the second such death in two days, the police said.

The incident occurred near Sadaktola village under Partapur police station limits when a joint team of the BSF and district police force was out patrolling, a senior police official said. BSF

#### **About the incident...**

The incident occurred near Sadaktola village under Partapur police station limits when a joint team of the BSF and district police force was out patrolling, BSF head constable Akhilesh Rai (45) sustained injuries in an explosion triggered by Naxalites, he said. He was administered preliminary treatment and referred to Pakhaniur for further medical care but he succumbed to the injuries.

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juries in an explosion triggered by Naxalites, he said. He was administered preliminary treatment and referred to Pakhanjur for further medical care but he succumbed to the injuries, the official said.

Rai was a native of Uttar Pradesh, he said.

A search operation by a joint team of BSF, District Reserve Guard and district police force is underway in the area, he added.

reaching Parliament, is still

under detention. The med-

ical examinations of all the

four arrested -- Sagar

Sharma (26), Manoranjan D

(34), Amol Shinde (25) and

Neelam Devi (37) -- were con-

ducted midnight by a team

of doctors from Ram

Manohar Lohia Hospital.

**PARL SECURITY BREACH** 

Four accused charged under stringent anti-terror law

## 14 LS MPs, Derek O'Brien suspended from Parl

#### For disrupting proceedings

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Fourteen opposition MPs from different parties were suspended from the Lok Sabha for the remaining period of Winter Session on Thursday for disrupting House proceedings.

Amid demands from the opposition for a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the security breach in Lok Sabha, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved two resolutions on separate occasions for the suspension of the MPs. Before their sus-

#### **Suspended Derek O'Brien referred** to privileges panel

Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Derek O'Brien was suspended from the Rajya Sabha on Thursday for the remainder of the winter session of Parliament and the matter referred to the privileges committee as he did not leave the House even after repeated directions from Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. The House, which witnessed disruptions throughout the day over demands from the opposition members for a discussion on a security breach in Parliament and the issue involving O'Brien, was adjourned for the day ahead of the scheduled time. The chair has directed the Rajya Sabha's Committee of Privileges to examine and investigate the conduct of O'Brien, and submit its report within three months.

pension, the MPs moved into the Well of the House raising slogans with demand of a statement from the government on the security Wednesday

The House witnessed the first adjournment during the question hour

**DAREDEVIL ACT** 

Indian Army personnel show their skill during the full dress rehearsal for 'Military Tattoo' show ahead

of the 'Vijay Diwas' celebrations, at RCTC ground in Kolkata, Thursday.

when it was adjourned till 2 pm amid opposition's up-

At 2 pm. Joshi read a statement on behalf of the government and said the internal security in Parliament comes under the purview of

## Hunt on to nab key man

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Four persons arrested in connection with the security breach in Parliament have been charged under anti-terror law UAPA besides sections of Indian Penal Code, even as raids are being conducted at several places to nab Lalit Jha, suspected to be the key conspirator, police sources said on Thursday.

punishable Offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act are nonbailable. An official said the security agencies have not found connections with any terror group so far. The sources said the role of two

Aerodrome

license for

**Ayodhya airport** 

## 'Accused sent to police custody for 7 days'

A Delhi court on Thursday sent the four accused arrested for the shocking breach of security at the new Parliament building to the city police's custody for seven days for interrogation. The accused- Manoranjan D. Sagar Sharma, Amol Shinde and Neelam Devi- were produced before Special Judge for NIA cases Hardeep Kaur by the city police, who sought their custodial interrogation for 15 days. They have been charged under



anti-terror law UAPA besides various sections of Indian Penal Code. The court, however, remanded them in police custody for 7 days.

foolproof plan. Vishal

A case was registered under UAPA sections 16 (punishment for terrorist act) and 18 (punishment for

more persons has also surfaced during investigation, adding all the accused did everything as part of their

Sharma alias Vickey, in whose house the accused stayed in Gurugram before

conspiracy, etc.) and IPC sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 452 (trespass), 153 (wantonly giving provocation, with intent to cause riot), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) at the Parliament Street police station, police

## Naxalite carrying Rs 14 lakh reward killed

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Aviation regulator DGCA on Thursday issued the aerodrome

license for the upcoming Ayodhya The airport has been developed at a cost of around Rs 350 crore by

the Airports Authority of India (AAI). On Thursday, AAI said the airport has been granted an aerodrome license in public use catego rv for all weather conditions. The airport has 2,200m long runway with complete Aeronautical Ground Lights (AGLs) infrastructure and is supported by DVOR & Instrument Landing System (ILS) which allows the aerodrome to accommodate flights at night and during low visibility/RVR 550m," AAI said in a series of posts on social media platform X.

#### in encounte with police

Balaghat, Dec 14 (PTI):

A hardcore Naxalite carrying a joint reward of Rs 14 lakh across three states was killed in an encounter with personnel of an elite combat unit of the Madhya Pradesh police in Balaghat district on Thursday, a senior police officer said.

The rebel, Madkam Hidma alias Chaitu, was in his early 30s and originally hailed from Mirtur in Bijapur district of adjoining Chhattisgarh, he said. Acting on a tip-off, per-

sonnel of the state police's Hawk Force gunned down

Hidma in an exchange of fire in the Khamkodadar forest area under Gadhi police station limits of Balaghat district, said the officer. The slain Naxalite was involved in multiple attacks on security forces in insurgency-affected areas, he said. Hidma was carrying a joint reward of Rs 14 lakh on his head across Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra Chhattisgarh, said a statement issued by state police headquarters in Bhopal.

The Naxalite was a close associate of Rajesh alias Dama, a Special Zonal Committee Member (SZCM) active in the Gondia-Rajnandgaon-Balaghat

(GRB) division (spread across Maharashtra, MP and Chhattisgarh), it said. Hidma's brother, identi

fied as Seetu Madkam, is also a Naxalite and functions as a 'deputy commander' of a Maoist platoon, said the statement.

So far in 2023, three major actions were taken against Naxalites in Madhya Pradesh in which four hardcore rebels, including two women, were eliminated, it added.

A reward of Rs 14 lakh each was announced for information leading to their capture by Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra Chhattisgarh governments, the statement added.

#### **IMPORTANT FINDINGS**

## **Excavation in Haryana reveals** remains of 3 occupational phases ongoing exercise.

### ■ Of Saraswati-Indus civilisation

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

The excavation at Kunal in Haryana's Fatehabad

district has revealed the remains of "three successive occupational phases of the pre, early and mature Saraswati-Indus civilisation" which had a large expanse, the Centre informed Parliament on

Thursday. Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy, in a written response to a query in Rajya Sabha, also said the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducts archaeological excavations "regularly" in different parts of the country as an

He was asked whether excavations are still going on at the Indus Valley Civilisation sites and the latest findings derived from the diggings. The excavation at

Kunal, District Fatehabad, by the Department of Archaeology Museums, Government of Haryana carried out in collaboration with the National Museum, New Delhi, and the Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi, has revealed the remains of three successive occupational phases of the pre, early and mature Saraswati -Indus civilisation which had a large expanse," the minister said.

#### HC allows mosque survey 'Interests on moon not over yet, now target is to bring rocks from surface' at Krishna Janmabhoomi Prayagraj, Dec 14 (PTI): The order on the Krishna Janmabhoomi-

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Buoyed by the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission, ISRO chief S Somanath on Thursday said the interest on the moon is not over yet and that the space agency is now eyeing to bring some rocks from its surface.

Delivering a lecture at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC) here under the Rashtrapati Bhavan Vimarsh Shrinkhala', he shared details of a "sample return mission" to bring back rocks from the moon.

'On the moon, our interests are not yet over. I assure Rashtrapati Ji, that we will bring some moon rocks

ourselves," Somanath said.



He said it is not going to be an easy mission. "If you want to go to the moon and come back and land and recover everything then you need much more technology than what we actually have to land it," he said.

The Allahabad High Court on Thursday allowed a court-monitored survey of the Shahi Idgah premises adjoining the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple, an important milestone in the templedispute mosque

Mathura. The court agreed to the appointment of an advocate commissioner to oversee the survey of the mosque, which the petitioners claim holds signs suggesting that it was a Hindu temple once. Justice Mayank Kumar

Jain said the modalities of

the survey will be dis-

cussed at the next hearing

on December 18.

Shahi Idgah issue is the second temple-mosque dispute in which the high court has given its nod to a survey over the past months. Archeological Survey of India (ASI) recently com-

pleted a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque next to Varanasi's Kashi Vishwanath temple, but has sought more time from a local court to submit its report.

According to advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, the application submitted to the high court in the Mathura case said a lotusshaped pillar characteristic of Hindu temples exists on the mosque premises,

deity 'Sheshnag' is also present there. It was also submitted that Hindu religious sym-

Justice Jain had reserved the order on the Hindu side's petition seeking a survey of the Shahi Idgah premises. The petition was filed on behalf of the deity Bhagwan Sri Krishna Virajman and seven others through advocates Shankar Jain, Vishnu Shankar Jain, Prabhash Pandey and

# and an image of Hindu

bols and engravings are visible at the base of the pillar. In May, the high court transferred to itself all cases related to the Mathura dispute. November 16,

Devki Nandan.

# **Joint Unions to stage protest on Dec 16**

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: A meeting of the joint trade unions of Bhilai was held at the INTUC office the other day. It was decided that a demonstration will be staged at Equipment Square on December 16 (Saturday) to prominently raise the issues of wage revision including 39 months arrears, night shift allowance, house rent allowance, increase in bonus amount, abolition of gratuity ceiling and wage revision of contract workers.

Office bearers of INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AICCTU LOIEMU, Ispat Shramik Manch and Steel Workers Union attended the meeting. The union leaders said that in view of the arbitrary and dictatorial atti-



tude of the SAIL management, the employees will have to struggle to achieve their rights.

As the election code of conduct was enforced in Bhilai due to the assembly elections, the unions

were not able to stage protests. As the model election code has concluded, the joint union will now take strict steps

against the management. The labour movement will start with a demonand contract labourers.

stration at Equipment Square on December 16. The joint trade unions will stage a demonstration from 8:00 hrs to 9:00 hrs to press the demands related to BSP employees

## Notorious thieves apprehended with Rs 8.25 lakh booty

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: With the arrest of four notorious thieves including two women, police claimed to have solved six cases of thefts. Stolen booty worth Rs 8.25 lakh was recovered from their possession. The accused were arrested by a joint team of ACCU and Bhilai Nagar PS. Bhilai Bhatti PS and Smriti Nagar Chowki.

Considering the rising cases of thefts, SSP Ram Gopal Garg had directed to trace the accused and recover the stolen booty. Under the supervision of ASP (City) Abhishek Jha, ASP (Cyber) Anurag Jha and CSP (Bhilai) VD TRipathi, a joint team of ACCU and various police stations was constituted. The joint team led by Inspector Naresh Patel, Inspector Santosh Mishra,



Inspector Manoj Prajapati, Inspector Vipin Rangari and Sub Inspector Naveen Rajput conducted investigations. CCTV footage of the places near the crime scene was examined. Some suspects moving on a Honda Activa were seen in the footage. Police tried to trace the suspects and activated the network of informers. With sustained efforts, police managed to arrest the suspects Anees and

Bobby from Sector 6.

During sustained interrogation, they confessed to committing thefts at Khamharia, Sector 2, Sector 4, Sector 6 and at the residence of Dr Mohanty in Sector 9. Two women were also involved in these crimes. The accused shared the stolen jewellery amongst them. Police recovered gold jewellery worth Rs 7.68 lakh, silver jewellery worth Rs 57,600, two mobile

phones and a scooter (used in the crime) from their possession. The accused Muhammad Anees (36) son of Muhammad Iliyas, a resident of JP Nagar, Camp-2; Gurjeet alias Bobby (26) son of Narendra Singh a resident of Jawahar Nagar and two women were arrested and produced before the court.

ASI Purna Bahadur, Head Constable Chandra Shekhar Banjir, Constable Anup Sharma, Panne Lal, Santosh Gupta, Shahbaz Khan, Shiv Mishra, Shamim Khan, Vikrant from ACCU, ASI Lekhpal Sahu, Constable Chandra Prakash, Dhananjay Verma from Bhilai Nagar; Head Constable Purushottam Sahu, Kishore Pal from Bhilai Bhatti and ASI Raman from Smriti Nagar Chowki played a vital role in arresting the accused.

## State Junior girls handball team departs for Varanasi

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: The 46th Junior Girls National Handball Championship is being organised by the Uttar Pradesh Handball Association under the aus-Handball Association India in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) from December 16 to December 20, 2023. A 20member team of junior category Chhattisgarh state participating in the said competition departed for Varanasi on Thursday.

Prior to departing for the aforesaid tournament, the Junior Girls Handball team attended a 15-day special training camp organised at Handball Complex, Sector-4, from November 29 to December 13, 2023. The camp concluded Thursday morning in the presence of chief guest BD Babu, President of BSP Handball Club.



Handball Club Secretary Abdul Rahim Chhattisgarh Handball Association Secretary Sameer Khan. The guests present extended their best wishes to all the players participating in the national competition for their excellent performthe above mentioned championship.

Chhattisgarh Handball Association Chairman Chandrakar, President Dharmendra Yadav, Executive President Arun Singhania, Senior Vice President Abhimanyu Mishra, Vice President of ance and getting medals in Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and Treasurer Indian Federation Bashir Ahmed Khan, other office bearers of Chhattisgarh Handball Association and various sportspersons extended their best wishes to the

The names of the players

in the above competition are as follows:- Šhrishti Rana (Kanker District), Chhaya Netam (Kanker District), Monica Dugga (Kanker District), Madiha (Kabirdham Ahmed District), Priyanka Barve (Kabirdham District), Kanak Mani (Kabirdham District). Shrishti Mishra (Mahasamund District), Rameshwari Yadav (Mahasamund District), . Anshu Patel (Raipur District), Rani Kumar Nishad (Raipur District), Pooja Chandrakar (Raipur District), Kanchan Kashyap (Bilaspur District), Megha Tiwari (Bilaspur District), Disha Bose (Durg District), Simran (Durg District), Bhavana Sahu (Durg District), Mamta Dhiwar (Raipur District), Supriya Verma (Durg District), Team Coach Rajesh Kumar Sarkar (Durg District), Manager Hempushpa (Raipur

## **DAVP IPS celebrates** Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2023

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 celebrated the Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2023 as per the guidelines of The Ministry of Education, Govt of India to mark the birth anniversary of MahakaviSubramania Bharti on December 11, 2023.

The main aim was to cele brate the beauty of language diversity and to experience the feeling of oneness in that diversity. Bhartiya languages are the primary vehicles of Bhartiya culture, arts, music, thoughts and the bonds of unity and harmony of people of Bharat.

Such kinds of celebration in a festive fervour and vigour really boosts up the students and helps in filling their minds with a sense of pride for their age old tradition, culture and heritage.

The school had organised a

in one's own mother tongue participated in poster makin a big canvas kept at the ening, speeches, song renditrance of the school. Parents, tions, conversation in their teachers, students, staff, visiown languages tors everyone registered

themselves as a part of this unique activity by writing their names in the canvas in their own language. This concept was meant to be a campaign in favour of one's mother tongue and was titled as ' My Signature/ Name In My Mother Tongue.

Multifaceted and multi lingual cultural programmes were framed for both teachAn inspirational video also

was shared with the students to make them aware and more MahakaviSubramania Bharti. All together it was an amalgamation of 10 different languages like Hindi, English , Urdu , Malayalam , Bangla, Punjabi , Chhattisgarhi Marathi, Rajasthani and Marwadi. A total of 170 students were a part of this

## St Thomas College organises guest lecture

## On 'Empower & Educate: Tackling Sexual Harassment'

Central Chronicle News

Dec StThomas College organised a guest lecture on the tneme Empowerand Educate: Tackling Sexual Harassment" to create awareness and sensitize thestudents and staff on the issue. In today's world, these issues are consideredseriously, and educational institutions have a major role to play in makingpeople aware of the repercussions of such incidents.

The Convener of the Committee Prevention of Sexual Harassment, DrShabnam Khan, welcomed the gathering and urged the students to work forequality and the development of



the nation as a whole. James

Mathew, Principal charge, emphasized the importance of creatinga safe and respectful environment for everyone in the college. The resourceperson of the session was Manal Naseem, Legal Legal, Bangalore, who shared her expertise on the topic and highlighted

variousaspects of sexual harassment - its causes, effects, legal provisions, redressalmechanisms.

She also shared some live case studies and best practices from different institutions and organisations to prevent and stop sexual harassment.She empowered the participants to speak up and report any incidents of sexualharassment without fear or hesitation. The students actively participated in thesession.

Dr Sheeja Varkey Co-Convener of (CPOSH) conducted the programme, andDr Aparna Ghosh, Head, in charge of the PG Department Economics, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr Chanda

Verma and Dr Reema

Dewanganwerealso present.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: District Administration is going to take action against those who play DJ sound systems at a higher volume tnan the permissible limits. The District Collector has issued instructions in this regard.

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a review meeting of the Revenue Department on Thursday. During this meeting, the Collector asked the officials to take strict action against DJ sound systems playing at loud volume. He asked to ban the DJ sound systems which produce sound more than the prescribed

Action will be taken if the standards set for sound are violated on the occa-

Vendor Development Cum Product Exhibition Programme inaugurated



Administration to crack down on noise pollution

sion of any wedding or other festival. Collector instructed all the SDMs to get the speakers of the DJ causing noise pollution checked with a noise meter. If someone uses a DJ for his personal use, then he should play it within the prescribed standards only. If someone uses a DJ, then its limit should not be more than 75

decibels

The Collector asked the revenue officers to update the resolved and unresolved cases of demarcation in the software on priority. He asked the officers to discharge their responsibilities properly, who were delaying in resolving the departmental cases bevond the time limit.

Collector instructed his

subordinates to issue notices to the Patwaris who are negligent in revenue related work. Regarding the pending cases of demarcation, he instructed them to dispose of the cases at the earliest. In the meeting, he reviewed all the pending cases related to undisputed land transfer, division, demarcation, revenue collection, layout division, diversion and land acquisition. He asked to quickly resolve the cases pending in the court for 6 months to 1 year.

Additional Collectors Arvind Ekka and Yogita Dewangan. Collector Praveen Verma, SDM Mukesh Raote, Vipul Gupta, Jageshwar Kaushal, Mahesh Gupta and additional tehsildars were present in the

#### **SN Gupta takes** charge as CVO, SAIL

Bhilai. Dec 14: SN Gupta, ITS

(1992 Batch)

has assumed

Chief

Viqilance

Officer (CVO)

charge



**SN Gupta** 

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Gupta has an extensive experience of about 30 vears in various technical and capacity building functions. Having entered the Indian Telecom Service (ITS) in the 1992 batch, he has spent over 23 years specializing in Exchange Installation, Field Operations, Mobile Operations, and Personnel & Training. Shri Gupta served as Director at the Central Vigilance Commission for five years, contributing to enhancement of vigilance mechanisms within the government. Additionally, he has spent two years as the Chief Vigilance Officer at the Sports Authority of India, where he played a key role in ensuring transparency and integrity in sports governance.

#### Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 14: A two-day Vendor Development cum Product Exhibition Programme was inaugurated at SAIL-BSP, jointly organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) -Development

Facilitation Office, Raipur, in collaboration with SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. The event is a CPSE Level Development Programme combined with a Product Exhibition for MSME Units.

AK Chakraborty, ED (Materials Management), inaugurated the exhibition and ceremonially lit the lamp in the presence of Harish Saxsena, CGM, District Trade Industries Centre (DTIC)-Durg, and Rajeev S, Joint Director & HOO (MSME-DFO) & CGM (MM) Tapan Kumar.

Several Senior Officials from BSP graced the occasion, including Susmita Dey, CGM (Marketing), Tarun Kanrar, CGM (CO&CCD), SK Ghosal, CGM (SMS-2), MK Goyal, CGM (MM&WRM), HK Pathak, CGM (OHP), KC Misra, CGM (CC-W), SK Dey, GM I/c (Inspection & Stores), S Chakraborty, GM I/c (Pur-Cons &BRG), Vikas Kulkarni, GM I/c (Pur Mech), UR Kango, GM I/c (PUR- Rolls, R&RM), Ayan Kumar Misra, GM (Purchase), MK Kulkarni, GM I/c (CC-NW) Preeti Bhatnagar GM(Pur-Medical) and Manohar Sharma, DGM (VDC).

The exhibition saw participation from representatives of prestigious PSUs and Nationalized Banks, including BSP, BSNL, NMDC, PNB, SBI,



RBI, MSME Technology Centre, Durg Export Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC), Small Industries Development Bank of

India (SIDBI) and CIPET.

Durga Prasad from Laghu Udyog Bharti, Pramod Gharde, Rajni Gharde, and RK Bele from DICCI, Sanju Netam from Nida Nagari Sihawa, as well as Ratan Das Gupta from **BSP** Ancillary Association and other renowned industrialists were also part of the event

As the Chief Guest, AK Chakraborty underscored the substantial business

prospects available for MSEs and vendors at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in his address. He emphasized the imperative of supporting the growth of MSEs, thereby contributing to the overall development of the country. Shri Chakraborty expressed his satisfaction that BSP conducts 33% of its business volume with MSEs, surpassing the governrecommended ment's threshold of Additionally, he advocated for the utilization of technology to meet the requirements of BSP's modernization units.

The exhibition aims to provide a platform for MSMEs and CPSEs to network and facilitate the development of industrial relations. Technical sessions and panel discussions on topics such as the Registration process on

Portal, GeM Procurement Policy-2012, Procurement Process, Policy Government, NSIC, KVIC, Enterprise Registration, MSME Policy, etc., will be conducted during the two days. Harish Saxsena, CGM,

(DTIC-Durg), shared valuable insights on the exhibition theme, while Rajeev S, Joint Director & HoO (MSME-DFO), delivered the Welcome Address. Umesh Prasad, Asst Director, (MSME-DFO Raipur), served as the program's compere, and Arvind Tiwari, Director, (MSME-DFO, Raipur), proposed the Vote Thanks. Damodar Behera, Asst Director, (MSME-DFO, Raipur), conducted the events under the inaugural program.

**CHANGE FOR BETTER** 

#### CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

# IT conducts raids against 50 establishments

Comprising Cold Storage directors; grains- pulses traders and brokers

#### Cross-checking sales-purchases and stocks

Raipur, Dec 14: Income Tax's investigation Chhattisgarh conducted raids on 50 establishments in capital city here on Thursday. The team conducted raids against Director of Cold Storage, grain merchants and in the offices, factory and residential premises of the brokers associated with traders of pulses and grains merchants.

IT's biggest team started the raids at 1:00 pm in capital city and the raids were conducted against KK Agro & Ventures Pvt. Ltd., Samta Colony Shopping Aarcade, Samta Colony Raipur; Suraj Pulses Ganjpara; Balaji Cold Storage; Rajeshwari Cold Storage; Maa Sharda Cold Storage: Manavi Cold Storage; M/s Rajiv Kumar & Brothers Ganjpara, Raipur.

The team has started the investigations on sales and purchase records of these

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 14: After the

defeat in the assembly elec-

tions, Congress has taken

major action against two

leaders who continuously

made statements against

the state party organiza-

tion. The party has expelled

Jaiswal and Brihaspat

Singh for six years. Both

the leaders have made base-

less allegations against

state in-charge Kumari

Selja, said the party in its

expulsion order. Brihaspat

Singh had held state in-

charge Kumari Selja and

former MLAs

Cong expels former MLAs Vinay

Jaiswal and Brihaspat Singh for 6 years

offices in Bhanpuri, Siltara, Gondwana. Bhaisthan and started the valuation of sales and purchase from the computers in their offices.

Raids on 20 residential

In the 50 establishments of businessman and traders

former Deputy Chief Minister TS Singhdeo re-

sponsible for the defeat in

the assembly elections. He

had demanded the All India

Congress Committee and

Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi to remove Selja

soon. He alleged that Selja

was busy getting pho-

tographed like a heroine.

Vinay Jaiswal had accused

state co-incharge Chandan

Yadav of taking Rs 7 lakh

in lieu of ticket. The party

had issued notices to both

the leaders. When satisfac-

tory answers were not re-

ceived, the party expelled

both of them for six years.

where the IT conducted raids, includes a total of 20 residential premises. The thirty premises include factories, cold storage unit, pulses mill, and offices. This action was taken Bhaisthan, Ganjpara, Bhanpuri, Siltara, Gondwara, Farishta Complex, Shankar

Nagar, Devendra Nagar. Apart



from taking back-up of the computer records in the offices, the IT team is all set to get the stock valuated in Cold Storage; Factory; Pulses Mills. Getting the valuation of the jewelleries found in the raids in residential premises, it will be tallied with the books of

Special focus on business without paper works:

The IT team is mainly focusing upon the business and dealings done with lose paper works in the grains- pulses and Cold Storage. The computers in the offices of the brokers and middle-men are also being cross-checked. Team would also get the valuation of the product prepared with lose papers and the stock that of the raw materials used.

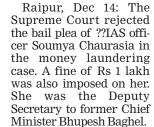
Team of 300 officials raided: In this raid by investigation wing of IT, the IT sleuths belong to Chhattisgarh, MP and from Maharashtra as well. For help to the IT team, CISF jawans were also provided. The officials reached the capital city a day before. So far there is no official statement about the documents found during the raid and it is expected that seeing the large number of units raided in Cold Storage, Factories, pulses mills and to check their stocks, this raid is expected to continue for three-

## SC rejects Soumya's bail plea, imposes a fine of Rs 1 lakh

Differently able children enjoy an outing along with colleagues in a garden for a

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change in daily routine.



Soumya Chaurasia is in jail under Coal Scam and Money Laundering Act. Chaurasia was arrested by ED on December 2, 2022. After this, she was suspended on 15 December.

Earlier Bilaspur High Court had rejected the bail Chaurasia, arrested in the coal levy case. ED had arrested Suryakant Tiwari, coal washery operator Sunil Agrawal, IAS Sameer Bishnoi, IAS Ranu Sahu, Saumya Chaurasia and others on different



worth around Rs 500 crore. Movable and immovable properties were acquired from the money received from this levy, many of which are also benami. Hearing into Ranu

Sahu's bail now on Jan 8 Meanwhile the bail petition of suspended IAS Ranu Sahu was scheduled to take place in High Court, but it remained incomplete today and now the next hearing into her bail pe-

Jan 8. It is notable here that last year in October, ED has aided the house and offices of many officers and businessmen on charges that an organized group in the state is charging Rs 25 per tonne in coal trans-

portation. If the ED's documents are to be believed then the government officials through a well-planned policy issued orders in this regard on 15 July 2020 and after which the

## **Mahant Ramsundar Das resigns from Congress party**

Decision taken after the crushing defeat in assembly elections

Raipur, Dec 14:

Congress Mahant Ramsundar Das has resigned from the party. Saddened by the crushing defeat in assembly election againstg Brijmohan Agarwal from Raipur South, he has resigned from the party. He has mentioned this

in a letter addressed to Bastar MP and State President Deepak Baij. Taking responsibility for the defeat, he has resigned. His resignation



has not been officially accepted yet.

It is notable that Mahant Ram Sundar Das became MLA for the first time by winning the

in Chhattisgarh in the year 2003. In 2008, he won the election from Jaijaipur. He had to face defeat on the same seat in 2013. When Bhupesh Baghel's government was formed in 2018, he was made the chairman the Gau Seva Commission. He was the Chairman Sanskrit Board in the year 2001-2003. At the same time, he has also been a member of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education.

elections from Pamgarh

# tition will take place on Dr. Mahant likely to be appointed Leader of Opposition

Raipur, Dec 14:

Almost a consensus has been reached on the name of Leader of Opposition in the important meeting of Chhattisgarh Congress newly elected MLAs. According to Congress sources, former Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant name is under consideration for leader of opposition. After the defeat in the assembly elections, Treasurer Ajay Maken and state in-charge Kumari Selja held a dereview with tailed Congress MLAs Congress headquarters Bhawan Wednesday. Former Chief

■ In the State **Assembly** 

Announcement to be made in Delhi

Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Deputy Chief Minister TS Singhdeo and other leaders were present in the meeting.

Opinions were taken from the MLAs in the meeting to elect the Leader of Opposition and Deputy Leader Opposition. There has been no official announcement in this regard. During discussion with the media, Maken said that all the newly elected



MLAs together agreed that the decision of the high command will be accepted. National President Mallikarjun Kharge will take the decision on Leader of Opposition. We have talked to all the MLAs separately, one by

one. The complete report will be sent to the high command. According to sources, everyone in the meeting unanimously agreed on the name of Dr. Charandas Mahant for the Leader of Opposition. Apart from the Leader of the Opposition, a tribal face can be brought forward for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, former Deputy Chief Minister TS Singhdeo along with leaders like Ravindra Choubey, Tamradhwaj Sahu, Shiv Dahria, Jai Singh Agarwal, Anila Bhedia attended the meeting of the newly elected MLAs.

> **RDA** generates revenue of

**Rs 27 crore through** 

sale of plots

Raipur, Dec 14: Raipur Development Authority

amount of Rs 27.09 crore

through 14 Tender

against the sale of

Commercial Plots as well as LIG flats situated

at Kaushalya Mata

Vihar (Kamal Vihar)

and Indraprasth Phase

With the above suc-

(RDA)received

Residential

#### **SPORTS ROUND-UP**

## CTTA announces team for National TT tournament

**Central Chronicle News** 

Raipur, Dec 14: Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) on Thursday announced the team for the 85th Senior National and Inter State Table Tennis tournament to be held at Panchkula from December 16 to 22. Providing the above information, the CTTA Vice President Vinay Baiswade said that Arindum Debnath from Raipur has been appointed Captain whereas Pawan Das from Durg, Sagar Ghatge and Ramji Kumar from Raipur and K Sai Prashant from Bilaspur are in the Senior Men' team whereas Pranay Chouhan, Andrew T Williams, Rajiv Sahu, M Raviraj, Vishal Decate, Lokesh Jangade and Aman Verma are the additional entries for the National tourna-



ment. Similarly, Ananya Dubey form Bilaspur has been nominated Captain of Women' team whereas Surabhi Harsh Sahu. Sushmita Shome, R Devanshi, Sharma are additional entries. Team on Thursday left for the championship. Supriya Shome and Ashish Shome from Bilaspur are the Managers of the team whereas PN Majumdar from Raipur has been official Umpire for the tournament.

cessful tender, the RDA Administration has been able to generate revenue of nearly Rs 88 crore through the sale of residential and commercial plots after the RDA was allowed to reduce the size of the plots by the state government.

Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the RDA Chief Executive Officer Dharmesh Kumar Sahu said that RDA invites Tenders on Wednesdays of every month against the available properties on the basis of the offset price.

## Heart artery opened through angioplasty with the help of Impella in ACI plasty is done insertion of a

Students performed variety of songs, dance etc to mark the Annual Function at Pragati College here on Thursday.

First case of highly complex angioplasty with Impella pump in Chhattisgarh

240 patients treated with this method across India so far

Central Chronicle News Raipur, Dec 14: A 50-year-

old patient who suffered heart failure got a new lease of life after undergo-Dr. (ACI), Ambedkar Institute (ACI), Bhimrao

ing angioplasty with the help of Impella at Advanced Cardiac Institute Bhimrao Memorial Hospital, Raipur. Dr. Smit Srivastava, Head of the Department of Cardiology at the Advanced Cardiac Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, and his team have repaired the heart artery, which was almost 100 percent blocked due to heart attack, with a mechanical circulatory support system device, Impella. According to Dr Smit Srivastava, Impella is the world's smallest heart pump which works to he-



modynamically stabilize the vital organs of the body (heart, lungs, kidneys, liver and brain) while opening the blocked heart arteries, thus improving the patient's health. Angioplasty can be done successfully with the help of Impella. Three lakh patients across the world have been treated with this method and 240 patients across India have been treated with this method. ACI is the first government institution in the state where treatment has been done with this method. According to Dr Smit Srivastava, a 50-yearold patient was admitted to medicine department of

the hospital. The patient's

EF was very low and the pumping capacity of the heart was also very low. Dr Srivastava saw that heart failure had occurred due to blockage of the artery, so opening the artery could be beneficial. When seen, the artery on the right side was fine and the main artery on the left side was 100 percent. blocked, which is called the left main artery. Due to the heart attack, the problem now was that the heart function was only 15 to 20 percent. Cardiac surgeons said the chances of bypass were quite low in such a case and that a plan was chalked out to treat the patient with another method

in which when the angio-

running. This machine is used to improve blood circulation during angioplasty. Once placed in the heart, the Impella turns on the heart pump, which draws blood from the left ventricle and releases it into the aorta. This active 'unloading' of the left ventricle increases blood flow to the brain and other vital organs and protects the kidnevs from serious injury while comforting the patients' heart. The team of doctors who performed the procedure included Cardiology Department Head Dr Smit Srivastava along with Resident Dr Balwinder Singh, Dr Anmol Agrawal and Dr Prateek Gupta, Cardiac Anesthetist Dr Tanya ??Senior Chauda. Technician IP Verma, Jitendra, Khem Singh, Neelima, Nisha and nursing staff included Hemlata Dewangan, Budheshwar Sahu, Digendra.

small device like a sub-

mersible pump called Impella inside the heart, so

that while working on the

arteries, the heart will keep

#### **National Lok Adalat on 16th Dec**

Raipur, Dec 14: National Lok Adalat will be organized on 16th December at 10:30 am in the District Court/Family Court premises. It will be inaugurated in New Court Building Room No. 210 under the chairmanship of District and Sessions Judge/Chairman District Legal Services Authority.

#### and Payal Hanshapuri are in the team. Apart from them, Anchal Bareth, Kajal and Sharmishtha Placement camp on Dec 15 at Govt ITI Saddu

Raipur, Dec 14: Placement camp is being organized at Government Industrial Training Institute Saddu, Vidhan Sabha Road Raipur on 15th December from 9 am. Private sector employers Tata Motors Sanand Gujarat, Gangesh International Tower Work Puducherry Chennai, Crystal Polywork Pvt. Ltd. Urla Raipur, MNC Varna Goa, Voltas AC Raipur, Tata Lords AC Raipur,

Kalpataru Power Transmission Khorpa Raipur, Raiat Equipment Bhanpuri Raipur and Shree Industries Bhanpuri Raipur will be present on the said date in the placement camp. The Principal of **Government Industrial Training** Institute Saddu said that the objective of the camp is to encourage local employment. ITI passed candidates can partici-

pate in the camp.

# Audit is indispensable to Financial monitoring: Prof. Chakrawal



Bilaspur, Dec 14:

A one-day workshop was organized at Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) at 11.30 am on December 13, 2023 under the joint aegis of the Internal Audit Section of the University and the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, and Office of the Chief Accountant General (Audit), Chhattisgarh, Raipur. The topic of the workshop 'Government Accounting, Auditing Accountability'.

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said in that audit is the indispensable touchstone for testing the financial health of institutions. Through audit. we get real information about the financial health of the accounts, according to which we can plan for the future. He said that every bit of government funds should be used for social upliftment. We should try to economize on government funds and make maximum good use of the amount to be spent. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal discussed the opportunities available to the youth in government accounting, auditing and other fields about which the workshop would fur-

workshop organized by Internal Audit **Section of CU** 

Vandana was presented by Tarang Band. Program coordinator and internal audit officer of the univer-Prof. Bhuvana Venkatraman delivered the welcome address. Director of Internal Quality and Assurance Cell, Prof. P.K. Bajpayee expressed his views. The guests present on the stage were honored by presenting shawls, shreephal, and mementos. At the end of the program, the Registrar, Prof. Manish Shrivastava presented the vote of thanks and the event was conducted by Dr. Garima Tiwari, Assistant Professor of Forestry Department. Deans of various schools of the university, heads of departments, teachers, officers, along with officers of Indian Audit and Accounts Department, Office of the Chief Accountant General (Audit), Chhattisgarh Raipur and students were

# Young visionary from Amity Int'l School earns Nat'l Recognition

In a triumph of creative

Puluvarthi, a student from Amity International School Raipur, has emerged victorious on the national stage, securing the esteemed second prize in the National Level Painting Competition. The competition, organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Power, served as a canvas for Khyatisree's vibrant imagination and commitment to a sustainable future.Recognizing her outstanding talent and dedication, the honorable President personally felicitated Khyatisree at Vigyan Bhawan, lauding her for envisioning a greener and more sustainable world through her artistry.

Khyatisree's exceptional artistic prowess garnered attention for its profound portrayal of a sustainable tomorrow. Her artwork, a brilliant interpretation of the competition's theme, "One Earth, One Family, One Future:

Nation of Energy-Saving People," resonated deeply with judges and audiences alike. Behind this remarkable achievement stands not Khyatisree's creative brilliance but also the pivotal roles played by her parents and her school. The school's Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, provided invaluable nurturing environment at International School Raipur that not only encourages creative expression but also cultivates and celebrates talent. This supportive atmosphere empowered Khyatisree to manifest

artistry. Her parent's constant encouragement and belief in her talent provided a steadfast pillar of support throughout her artistic journey. Their unending support propelled her to explore her artistic potential to its fullest, fostering her passion for creativity and sustainability. Additionally, Khyatisree had the guidance of her art teacher, Indrajit Bouri, from International Raipur. His mentorship was instrumental in nurturing Khyatisree's artistic finesse and aiding her in translating her vision onto the canvas. Amidst

and national—Khyatisree emerged as one of the three students selected to represent her state at the national level. Her artwork stood as a testament to the harmonious coexis tence between humanity and the environment, reflecting the profound commitment of today's youth towards sustainable liv Khyatisree Puluvarthi's

artistic journey stands as a testament to the transformative potential of the vouth when empowered and supported, shining brightly as a harbinger of a sustainable tomorrow.

Amity International School Raipur's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a culture of creativity Khyatisree with an enabling environment, offering unwavering support that propelled her towards this remarkable achievement. Their dedication to fostering an environment where talent thrives serves as an embodiment of the school's commitment to shaping

# **CAIT officials meet held: Amar Parwani**

Chief guest of the pro-

General

Chhattisgarh

gram, Yashwant Kumar,

Raipur said that through

this workshop, awareness

about government ac-

counting and audit system

will be spread among

teachers, researchers and

students. He said that the

among the youth the abili-

ty of analysis and evalua-

tion in the context of pub-

Before this, the guests lit

the ceremonial lamp and

offered flowers before the

oil paintings of Maa

Saraswati and Saint Guru

Ghasidas ji. The guests

were welcomed with

lic policy making.

Accountant

(Audit)

**Regarding preparation** of the regional meeting, get together

Raipur, Dec 14: National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), the country's largest trade organisation, Amar Parwani, Chairman Magelal Malu, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary, Bharat Jain and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal said that today a meeting of CAIT officials was held in the state office



preparation for the regional assembly and get together of CAIT. National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAT) Mr. Amar Parwani and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi said that today a meeting of CAIT officials was held in the state office of CAIT regarding the preparation for the region-

CAIT and youth team officials, officials from all district units and all trade organizations will participate in the regional meeting and get together. In the regional assembly, it was agreed on the reorganization of all the district units of the state and formation

business issues including expansion of the organization will also be discussed. A camp will be organized to create Gumashta for small traders. A workshop will be organized on Prime Minister Mudra Loan Camp will be organized. State level GST workshop

Instagram and Facebook aim to digitally train local merchants with hyperlocal digital training to unlock growth opportunities for businesses to drive digitization efforts to the last merchant. A trade fair will be organized by CAIT in the coming time.

CAIT and youth team officials were mainly present in the meeting includes Jitendra Parmanand Jain, Surinder Singh, Bharat Jain, Avneet Singh, Amar Dhingani, Vijay Patel, Preetpal Singh Bagga, Mahesh Khilosia. Naresh Patni, Nagendra Kumar Tiwari, Deepak Vidhani, Parvinder Singh, Sushil Lalwani, Ameet

## Gold and silver prices fell, gold became cheaper by Rs 2,150

Silver down by Rs 5,000

Raipur, Dec 14: Due to the tional market, there has been a tremendous fall in the prices of gold and silver. On the very first day of December, gold had reached its highest ever level of Rs 65,350 per ten grams. After ten days, gold became cheaper by Rs 2,150 in Raipur bullion market and stood at Rs 63,050 per ten grams (standard). Similarly, silver has also fallen by Rs 5,000 to Rs 73,000 per kg. Bullion experts said that a similar trend will be seen in both the precious metals in the coming days. As the prices



en, footfall to bullion showrooms have started increasing. Traders said that consumers were waiting for the fall in prices. Along with the traditional collection of jewelry, new fashionable jewelry is also

mand for gold loan has also increased a lot. Attractive offers are being given by banks as well as gold loan giving institutions. This year, in the last 11 months. gold loans worth Rs 300 crore have been distrib-

## Car companies to hike price from next month BS&G leave for adventure camp in Pachmarhi

If you are thinking of buying the car of your dreams then this is the best time to purchase the car as car companies is going to hike the price from next month January. Car companies have extended the discounts given during the festive season December Discounts ranging from Rs

60 thousand to Rs 2 lakh are being given on selected models.

Kailash Khemani, Secretary of Raipur Automobile Dealers Association (RADA) said that consumers should take advantage of the offers of companies. Being the last month of the year, offers are being given.



There will be an increase in prices in January next

Year end offers are being given by most of the companies including Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Hyundai Cars, Mahindra & Mahindra, Kia Motors, Honda Cars. Companies are sending messages about their offers to consumers, representatives of companies are also giving information about the offer by calling. Two-wheeler companies are providing vehicles at the lowest down payment and interest rates. This year, during the festive season, there was tremendous sale of bikes, cars as well as goods vehi-

October 15 to November 15, more than 40,000 twowheelers and more than six thousand cars were sold in the state. Commercial vehicles were also purchased extensively. Year end offers are being given by car compa-December. Companies said that the offers given at the end of the year are being made more attractive than the festive season. Attractive finance offers are also being given by car and two-wheeler companies. Consumers can buy twowheeler and four-wheeler on finance ranging from 85 to 90 percent. Some companies are even providing 100 percent finance on se-

A dedicated group of Bharat Scouts and Guides from Chhattisgarh's District Union-Raipur School Education Department set off on an exciting journey, thanks to a generous financial grant from the Government of Chhattisgarh. The camp will be held in Pachmarhi, where they will engage in the State Level **Environmental** Personality Development and Disaster Management (Adventure Activity) from December 13 to 17. Under the guidance of esteemed leaders, including State Chief Commissioner Vinod Sevenlal Chandrakar, State Secretary Kailash Kumar District Commissioner Dr. Suresh Shukla, and District President G Swami, as well as District



Upadhyay Gayatri Singh Thakur, the group assembled at the railway station to extend their blessings and best wishes to the young Scout and Guide participants. With the leadership of District Education Officer Himanshu Bharatiya, a total of 17 participants, including Scouts, Guides, Rovers, and Rangers, embarked on their journey to Pachmarhi to take part in this prestigious event hosted by Swami Atmanand

The participants, comprising Chhavi Sahu, Hari Singh Thakur, Bhupendra Sahu from B.P. Pujari School, Mahima Sahu, Dharini Sahu, and Arundhati School Arang, Diyashu Dewangan, Tanu Dhivar, Khushi Sahu, Jiya Rani Pal, Jyoti Yadav, Sameer Jagde,

Aditya Kumar, Vasu Yadav from Sahu, Heena Sahu, and incharge Pavas Kumar Patel from Swami Atmanand School Kharora, Rimjhim Wani, and Arundhati Devi SAGES Arang and others are poised to gain valuable skills during the

The departure ceremony was attended by several notable individuals, including District Secretary Mrityunjay Shukla, Akhilesh Amde (Life Member), B.V.S. Rajkumar, M. Srinivasa Rao, District Organization Commissioner Balak Das Raut, District Training Commissioner Guide Shahina Parveen, and Nisha Naiyar. Guiders Naman Sahu and Dilip Patel were also present to congratulate and support the enthusiastic partici-

## Inter-district trailer vehicle theft gang busted

Korha. Dec 14: Taking joint action of Korba Police and Cyber Team. they exposed the inter-district trailer vehicle theft gang and detained 6 people under section 379, 120 (B), 201, 34, 411, 413 of Indian Penal Code. He has been sent to jail after taking action under 25 Arms Act.

Let it be known that on 6th December 23, Moh. Mansoor Ansari lodged a report that between 9.30 pm on 3rd December 2023 and 06.00 am on 4th December 2023, some unknown person stole its old trailer from the roadside in front of TP Nagar Mahindra Showroom. Vehicle number CG12S1305 with engine number 11E63136622 and chassis number MAT 44721283E13371 has been stolen. On the report of Mohammad Mansoor Ansari, the police registered crime number 545/2023 section 379 IPC and started investigation.

Outpost CSEB and Cyber Cell team Korba closely observed the incident spot and searched the CCTV cameras installed in the sur-



rounding area. After the suspects were found, with the help of the Cyber Cell team, the suspected accused were identified, who were the main accused Bholesh Pal. father Jagdish Prasad. Caste Gadhariya age 25 years resident Hospital Road Darrakhancha police station Hardibazar Korba and his associates Vinod Kumar Aditya S/o Shivkumar Caste Kahra age 35 vears R/o Kaharapara Baloda police station Baloda district Janjgir-Champa, Sandeep Kumar Rai S/o Tulsi Rai Caste Satnami age 28 years R/o Bazarpara Baloda Police station Baloda, district Janjgir-Champa and Kirti Kumar Sharma alias Yash, S/o Vijay Kumar

Sharma, age 28 years, R/o Khisora

police station Baloda, district . Janjgir-Champa, ward no. 52 Ashoknagar police station, Sarkanda district, Bilaspur, after being detained and interrogated strictly, trailer number CG 12 S 1837 was recovered from TP Nagar Korba on 22 February 23 and trailer number CG 12 S 1305 was recovered from Syahimuri, Darri on 3 December 23. Trailer number 13 was recovered from 23 February 23. Trailer number CG 22 AC 6619 and trailer number CG 12 S 6013 were stolen from Deepka in front of ACB Coal Vasari on 26 November

23 and told to be sold near Ghazi

Khan and Rasid Khan alias Babu,

resident of Sarora Basti. Urla dis-

trict Raipur. On the basis of which

Two buyers also in police custody

the vehicle buyer is Ghazi Khan, S/o Sabir Khan, age 44 years, R/o Nayapara Phool Chowk, ward no. 49 Police station Golbazar district Raipur and Rasid Khan alias Babu S/o Mohammad Khan, age 51 years, R/o Ghazinagar Birgaon ward no. 30 Raipur police station Urla district Raipur, when caught and interrogated, admitted to purchasing 4 trailer vehicles from the accused and all the trailer vehicles were cut into small pieces. Tell him to cut it up and sell it to another scrap dealer he knows.

On the basis of evidence in the case, a total of 7 pieces of mobile phones, 1 piece of country-made pistol, cash amount of Rs. 50000, 2 pieces of motor cycle, 1 piece of Bolero vehicle and some parts of the vehicle of complainant Mansoor Ansari were recovered and seized from the accused and the accused were arrested. The crime is being presented in the

Honorable Korba Court on iudicial remand on 14 December 2023 under sections 379, 120 (B), 201, 34, 411, 413 and 25 Arms Act. Besides, police station Darri and Deepka district Korba have been informed to take legal action and the address of one other accused who bought the vehicle is being ascertained, who will soon be arrested in the case and sent behind the bars. In the said action, outpost in-charge CSEB subinspector Nivin Patel, assistant sub-inspector Chhedilal Jatwar, constable head Sudhanshu Sharma, Uday Singh constable Devnarayan Kurre, Vinod Tiwari, Gopiram Divya, Purushottam Mukherjee, Suraj Khare, Lakhanlal Ratre and assistant sub-inspector from Cyber Cell Korba team, Aiav Sonwani, head constable Gunaram Rajesh Chandrashekhar Pandey, constable Damon Ogre, Virkeshwar Singh, Prashant Singh, Ritesh Sharma, Alok Toppo, Ravi Chaubey, Ramu

Kurmi, lady constable Renu Toppo

have played a commendable role.

## Thousands of 'Matri Shakti' attended the CM's oath-taking ceremony

Raipur, Dec 14: In a remarkable display of solidarity, thousands of 'Matri Shakti' attended the oathtaking ceremony at Science College ground, donning masks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These enthusiastic women expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Mr. Modi, citing the Nari Shakti Vandana Adhinivam passed in Parliament as a pivotal step towards women's empowerment.

Sangeeta Pansari expressed gratitude by wearing a Modi ji mask, citing the Mahatari Vandana Yojana, which provides Rs 12,000 annually to married women. She highlighted Modi's concern for women's health, address-

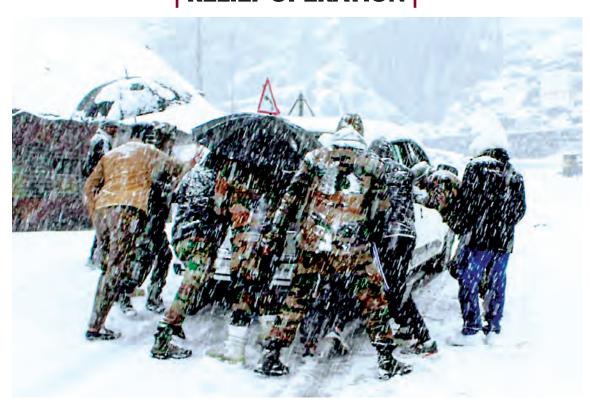


ing issues like exposure to smoke during cooking. She shared that she has come from Surguja and women of Surguja are celebrating the appointment of Mr. Vishnu Deo Sai as Chief Minister.

Neeru Mistry, who led a team of 27 women from the Sitapur assembly constituency, highlighted that Prime Minister Mr. Modi underlined the women's

pivotal role in enhancing Chhattisgarh's beauty. She applauded the annual support provided to women as personal savings for minor expenses. Santoshi Pawle appreciated Modi's subsidy scheme provided for the gas cylinders, relieving families of a significant budgetary burden. He always worked for the wellbeing and empowerment of women, she added.

## **RELIEF OPERATION**



Indian Army personnel conduct a rescue and relief operation for tourists stranded in high-altitude areas due to snowfall and inclement weather, in East Sikkim, Thursday.

# 'Rural uptake of sanitary pads rises to 45 %'

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Over 35 crore Jan Suvidha Aushadhi Sanitary Pads have been sold through the Pradhan Janaushadhi Pariyojana centres across the country in the last three years with the rural uptake increasing from 11-12 per cent to 45 per cent, Union Health Mansukh Mandaviya said on Thursday. Overall, the uptake of sanitary pads has climbed to 55 per cent, Mandaviya said.

Briefing the media on achievements of the government on the front of development of women and children in the last nine years, he asserted there has been a radical change in the role and status of women in the country under the Modi government.

He said the prime minis-

pillars of women security, women empowerment, prosperity of women, equal participation for women, respect to women, providing facilities to women and women health to ensure that the women of New India are truly empowered.

Listing the initiatives taken for the welfare of women, he said it was the Modi government which launched the Bachao, Beti Padhao" campaign that aimed to improve the education among girls as well as the efficiency of welfare service intended for them.

For the security of women, the one nation one helpline was launched and one-stop centre initiative was also started. While 733 one stop centres have been been approved, 703 are operational in the country

These provide integrat-



Mansukh Mandaviva

to women affected by violence and in distress, both in private and public spaces, through a range of services including police facilitation, medical aid, legal aid and counselling, psychological support and temporary shelter in an integrated manner under one roof.

Speaking about the law against triple talaq, Mandaviya said it was an important step for Muslim women to get freedom from the age-old tradition.

they will no longer have to face this type of divorce and will be able to make full use of their rights. It is a social and legal reform that promotes women empowerment and provides them support in the society. With this type of change, women will feel more independent and will get the freedom to take their own decisions," he said.

Under the leadership of the prime minister, the government implemented various skill development schemes especially for women.

"We launched the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, which provides financial assistance to pregnant and lactating mothers, thereby improving the health and nutrition of the mother and child as well as compensation for wage loss,

### **CBI** searches properties linked to 2 retired CISF officers

In coal pilferage case

Kolkata, Dec 14 (PTI): The CBI on Thursday conducted searches at multiple places across West Bengal, including at properties linked to two retired CISF officers, in connection with its investigation into the coal pilferage case, officials said. Besides state capital Kolkata, the searches were being conducted in 12 places, including Asansol, Durgapur, Kulti and Malda, they said. Initial investigations have revealed that these two retired CISF officers monetarily benefited from the coal pilferage scam, they added. The investigators were searching the houses of one retired CISF officer in Bhabanipur in Kolkata and Durgapur in Paschim Bardhaman, besides the residence of another former personnel in

## Korba triumphs in CSPC Chess Ch'ship

**Mukesh Sonkar and Nutan Thakur winners in Men and women category** 

Raipur, Dec 14:

In an exhilarating showdown at the inter-regional chess competition hosted by the Chhattisgarh State Power Company(CSPC), Korba West emerged victorious in the women's category, while Atal Bihari Thermal Power Station, Madwa, dominated the men's category. Mukesh Sonkar from

Madwa and Nutan Thakur from Korba claimed the individual titles, with Rajesh Gopal Gupta from Durg and Meena Kurre from Raipur securing the runner-up positions. The outstanding players have also been selected to represent their region at the national level.

The Central Sports and Council Chhattisgarh State Power Companies orchestrated chess tournament, concluding at Danganiya headquarters. In the men's collective awards, the Atal Bihari Thermal Power Station team from Madwa took top honours, featuring Mukesh Sonkar, Manoj Thakur,

Durg's team emerged as runners-up, with Rajesh Gopal Gupta, Manish Thakur, Yashwant Chandrakar, and Rajesh

Rupesh Dewangan, and

Lokesh Yadav.

tion. In the women's category, Hasdev Thermal Power Station Korba clinched victory, Thakur Nutan Manjula Sahu at the helm. Raipur Central secured the runner-up position, led by Juvena Gomes and Bharti

Ramakrishna, Director of Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company, graced the closners and runners-up and emphasized how sports events enhance creativity and rejuvenate office work-

Manothiya, the Executive Director presiding, fosters positivity. During the event, M.S. Chauhan, the General Secretary and Executive Director of Sports and Arts Council, announced the names of male and female players chosen to represent their region at the National Chess Competition.

The occasion also featured the presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards to three distinguished sports contribu-Superintending Engineer RK Banchhor, Sarathi Karkare from Korba, and Manager Arun Kumar Dewangan, who were honored with shawls and Shreephal.

# Nearly 1,300 ME Madrassas changed to ME schools

#### In Assam

Guwahati, Dec 14 (PTI):

Nearly 1,300 Middle English (ME) Madrassas have been converted into general ME schools across Assam with immediate effect, according to a state government order. The order issued by

Elementary Education Senapati on Wednesday said 1,281 Upper Primary ME Madrassas across the state under Directorate Elementary Education shall be known as "M E School" with immediate

Earlier in April 2021, all the 610 state-run madrassas under the Madrassa

Upper Primary, High and Higher Secondary schools with no change of status, pay, allowances and service conditions of the teaching and non-teaching staff. When

contacted.

Senapati told PTI that classes were regularly going on in these nearly 1.300 Madrassa ME schools and only their nomenclature have been "slightly changed" as per a government instruction. "There are students,

teachers and other staff in the Madrassas. Classes were going on in these years and the same will continue without any change," she added.

Asked if theology was also being taught till now before the order was issued, Senapati declined to

The list, which is avail-

5G could interfere with

able with PTI, mentioned all the madrassas and Anandapur ME Madrassa in Bajali will be known as Anandapur ME School, Charakpara Madrassa in Barpeta has become Charakpara ME School and likewise.

In December 2020, The Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialisation) Act, 1995 and The Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialisation Services of Employees and Re-Organisation Madrassa Educational Institutions) Act, 2018 were repealed.

This move of the first BJP-led Assam government paved the way for all state-funded Madrassas to

# Barenboim, Awwad to be conferred with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad have been announced as this year's winner of Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace. Disarmament Development for their efforts towards a non-violent resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

While Barenboim is an Argentine-born distinguished classical pianist and conductor, Awwad is an eminent Palestinian peace activist who has been working tirelessly with the people of Palestine and Israel for a peaceful resolution of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, a statement issued by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust said.

"The international jury of the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace. Disarmament and Development chaired by former chief justice T S



**Daniel Barenboim** 

Thakur is pleased to announce the award of the prize for 2023 to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad two crusaders of peace who have dedicated their lives to promoting amity among the Israeli and Palestinian people through non-violent tools of music, dialogue and peoples' participation," the statement said.

Barenboim is renowned for performing with and directing some of the leading orchestras in the



#### world. Apart from his musical achievements, he is also known for his relentless endeavour in using music to foster harmony

in West Asia. His friendship and partnership with Palestinian literary scholar Edward Said shaped his vision of a peaceful resolution of Israel-Palestinian conflict through respect, discourse and dialogue.

Public that I, RAJESH PRASAD

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**Ali Abu Awwad** 

Having understood music and its beauty in overcoming discord and division. Barenboim established the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra and the Barenboim-Said Akademie alongside Said to bring together youth from Israel, Palestine, and other Arab and North-African countries in spaces of unity and understanding.

# aircraft's radio signals: Govt

government on Thursday said it has not conducted any study to assess the effects of the 5G network on airline services in the country but the 5G Cband spectrum has the likelihood of interfering with the current radio altimeters installed on the aircraft. Aviation regulator DGCA reviewed studies/actions undertaken

by various countries during the launch of 5G on the potential interference of 5G Cband signals on radio altimeters installed on the aircraft and risk involved in air travel. Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh informed the Lok Sabha that a review of such by the Directorate General of

Civil Aviation (DGCA) has service providers (TSPs) manufacture hood of interference in the functioning of the planes' radio altimeters due to 5G signals.

In a written reply, Singh said the 5G C-band spectrum has the likelihood of interfering with the current radio altimeters installed on the aircraft. "In order to minimise the interference, manufacturers of radio altimeters are working on developing modified radio altimeters." he said.

He also said that the world over, mitigation measures have been adopted, and similar mitigation measures have been mandated in India and accordingly, telecommunication certain measures while placing 5G towers in the vicinity of airports. The steps include estab-

lishing safety and buffer zones in the vicinity of airports, restricting power levels of C-Band 5G transmissions around the airports, and tilting 5G base stations to an extent such that the 5G emissions do not interfere with radio altimeters. To a query on whether the government has conducted any study to assess the effects of the 5G network on airline services in the country, the minister replied in the negative.

"India is neither the state of design nor the state of

equipment operating in the country. Therefore, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) does not have the design details

of the aircraft/ equipment and is not in a position to conduct any studies on the potential effect of 5G signals on safe aircraft operations," Singh said. However, he said, the DGCA has reviewed the studies/ actions undertaken by various countries

during the launch of 5G on the potential interference of 5G C-band signals on radio altimeters installed on the aircraft and the risk involved in air travel.

#### NAME CHANGE This is to inform the General

First session of 16th MP assembly from Dec 18 **New MLAs to** take oath

Bhopal, Dec 14 (PTI):

The first session of the newly-elected Madhya Pradesh assembly will begin here from December 18 during which MLAs who won in the November 17 polls will take oath, an official said on Thursday.

The four-day-long session of the 16th assembly, during which newly-elected members will take oath and other necessary business of the house will be transacted, will end on December 21, the official

Earlier in the day, Governor Mangubhai Patel appointed Gopal Bhargava, the senior-most MLA of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as the pro-tem speaker to administer the oath of office to the new legislators and conduct business of the house dur-

Patel administered the oath of office to Bhargava at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan here in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and others.

**GUPTA** resident of House No. 82. Purana Machhali Market. Ganesh Chowk, Power House, Camp - 2, Bhilai, Teh. & Distt. Durg (C.G) PIN - 490001 have changed my old name RAJESH PRASAD S/O LATE LALLAN PRASAD GUPTA, So in future I shall be recognised by my new name RAJESH PRASAD GUPTA S/O LATE LALLAN PRASAD GUPTA in all government and ing the short session. other documents.

> RAJESH PRASAD GUPTA House No. 82, Purana Machhali Market, Ganesh Chowk, Power House, Camp - 2, Bhilai, Teh. & Distt. Durg (C.G) PIN - 490001

## आम सूचना

र्वसाधारण को एतद् द्वारा सृचित किया जाता है वि मुवक्किल मारतीय स्टेट बैंक आरएसीपीसी गाख ्रिक सम्भव वेहरा निवासी मकान नं 402/2 टाइप-0: पूरेन्द्रनाथ वेहरा निवासी मकान नं 402/2 टाइप-0: पूर्वार-एस कालोमी, संयपुर द्वारा विक्रता जे हेमल: श्री ए.की. नारायण निवासी मकान न 750/1 

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यदि श्री सीताकाना बेहेरा द्वारा उक्त सम्पत्ति को हा विकाल बैंक के पड़ा में बंधक रखकर ऋण लेने में किसी व त साहकार, व्यक्ति, वित्तीय संस्था एवं शासन आदि व सी प्रकार की उजर या दावा हो शो ऐसे उजर व दावे व ों प्रणोर की उजर या दावा हो तो ऐसे उजर व दाने के आम सुकना के प्रकाशन के 7 (सात) दिनों के अंदो होजी साहय के साथ हमारे या तमारे मुविकाल के समर्थ होजी साहय के साथ हमारे या तमारे मुविकाल के समर्थ हाजीय के अच्छा आदेवन पत्र को उजन पूर्व मुक्ति कर अन्याध बाद हमार होजा की प्रमाणित प्रतिक्रित के अमार दूर रचीवार किय सकता है। उजत सम्मित के अमार दूर रचीवार किय सकता है। उजत सम्मित के अमार दूर रचीवार किय पर पत्र के किये गए उजर या दाने अमान व अफी होंगे जे ए के किये गए उजर या दाने अमान व अफी होंगे जे ए मुविकाल के कर पर एवं उजत सस्तादित ऋणी अकाल बेहेग पर बंधनाता है। तो सुखना जाने। इर (इ.ग.)

#### शपथ पत्र

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# NSS Women's Unit seven-day residential camp concludes

Service Scheme (NSS) Government Vivekananda Post Graduate College, Manendragarh concluded here on a dignified note. District Magistrate and Narendra Kumar Dugga, Mithlesh Manager inaugurated in the camp, under the coordination and guidance of Program Officer and

As per the youth theme and action plan for de-addiction and good nutrition, the program was conducted in a residential seven-day camp among the women, men and children of the entire Khongapani.

Principal Dr. Sarojbala

were taken out every day, public awareness campaigns were given to the through District Chief Officer of various departments as per the local need regarding drug eradication, good nutrition, cleanliness, environmental promotion and employment respec-

Inspirational cultural programs and street plays were also organized to remove drug abuse, usury, child marriage, purdah system and superstition. To create public awareness about solar energy, a natural source of energy demonstration of solar cooker and lecture and information about other devices running on solar energy were given and for

information about their legal rights, a legal literacy camp was organized at the camp site on Human Rights Day. The health camp was

organized with the cour-Saubhagyasharan Singh, Block Medical Officer, Manendragarh, Central Hospital Amakherwa Manendragarh and Dr. Kamlesh Ram. Prafulla Kumar Singh, Dr. Sumit Mishra speeches on the above topics and awareness about vaccination and pulse polio. Besides, health check-up was done and free medicines were distributed as per the doctor's instructions by pharmacist Arvind Kumar

were distributed to all the camper girl students from Sunita Sahu, President, Taluka Legal Services Committee Manendragarh Additional District and Sessions Manendragarh District-MCB. Principals of all the Shivkumar schools, Chaudhary, Javed Akhtar Usmani, social worker, Amjad Ali Ansari, B Vinod Manager West J.K.D. At the end of the program, the principal of the college and the camp coordinator, program officer Dr. Vishnoi thanked all the officers and em-

ployees of Vivekananda

College and Girls College

present in the camp for

their participation in en-

Photocopy located in the

bus stand, saw the woman

and after discussing with

her, immediately called

paralegal volunteer Golu

Sahu. The paralegal vol-

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after talking to the said

woman for a long time, she

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couraging the students.

## Anjali, Bhumika gets selected

**■ For National Volleyball** competition

Kharora, Dec 14:



Bhumika of Class 10th of Century Cement School, Baikunth have . National Volleyball competition to be held in Tamil Nadu (TN). Both the girls will take part in the competition to be held in TN from

## Police proving to be utter failure

■ In putting check on increasing theft incidents in region

Khairagarh, Dec 14:

District Police has proved to be utter failure in putting a check on the increasing number of theft incidents taking place in the region. The number of thefts in the last 15 days have gone up. It is notable that in broad day-light theft in Ataria, the thieves took away a bike. As per information from police, Takathpur Verma, R/o Achouli, S/o Late Khomlal Verma filed a report that on Dec 2 he went to purchase vegetables along with his brother on bike No. CG 04 CQ 4289 to Ataria. He was purchasing vegetables after parking the bike at Bazar Chowk and when he returned after 15 minutes he found the bike missing. Premlal inspect-

not find the bike. The police filed a report under section 379 against the unknown and started the search for the accused.

Thieves strike rich in Piparia:

Īt is just 3 kms away from Thana in Gram Piparia the thieves strike rich and ran way with gold and silver jewelleries and Gaindsingh Nishad S/o Dashru Nishad (33) filed a report in thana last on Dec 4 that some unknown persons entered his house in the night and ran away with one gold 'patti', gold 'phulli', 3 pieces of silver 'parpatti', 3 number silver 'bichia', and cash of Rs 30000. Police filed a report under section 380 and 454 of IPC against unknown.

Gas cylinder stolen from Anganbadi centre: Some unknown per-

sons ran away with a gas cylinder in Anganbadi

It was on the night of Dec 8 the Anganbadi workers and assistants completed their work and left for home. In the morning when they came back they found the front lock broken and on entering inside, found the gas cylinder missing. A case was filed in 'Jalbandha Chowki' and based upon which a case was filed under section 380 and 457

In the same way a cash of Rs 42000 and 26 'tola' silver 'par-patti' worth Rs house in Gram Kulikasa and a bike was stolen from country liquor shop in Chuikhadan and a computer, two photocopy machines and microphone, cooler, fans, gas cylinder, table cloth and others from Salhevara School in Chuikhadan block and till date the police has failed to fine any clue or nab the accused

# Special 'swachchata campaign' till Dec 16

■ In all urban, rural areas under **Swachata Abhiyan** 

Bijapur, Dec 14:

Under the 'Swachch Abhiyan' Bharat Bijapur district, de-sanitation programmes were organised in both urban and here that under the special 'Swachta prog', 'special de-sanitation campaign' will be launched in the district from Dec 16 and under this special initiative is being taken to create awareness about sanitation among general public. In this 'Swachchata Abhiyan', the public representatives, citizens, villagers and officers and emplovees from all departments are actively taking



public is being asked to ensure cleanliness in their house and nearby surrounding; in the roads, keep public places neat & clean; control the diseases caused to lack of sanitation and take step towards healthy and 'swachch' future and were informed about importance of de-

grammes are being organised to create awareness related to use of toilets on daily basis.

'Swachata Abhiyan' is being oragnised in all the urban and rural bodies and in this people from all sections of the society are actively taking part and ensuring



**Paralegal volunteer reunites** 

told that she is a resident of Khadbania and her granddaughter had come to her in-laws' house in village Kumhi, whose name is Sushila. Sahu reached village Kumhi and thereafter the women was handed over to her family

## One day workshop for effective implementation of VBSY

Organized by **Agriculture Department** 

ed nearby place, but did

Korba, Dec 14:

For the effective implementation of the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) under the guidance of Collector Saurabh Kumar, and under the chairmanship of Deputy Director Agriculture, Ajay Kumar Anant, a one day workshop was organised. In this program, awareness vehicle will tour in urban bodies and gram panchayats to create public awareness, in which all the schemes of the government and the beneficiaries benefited from them will be discussed.

Similarly, under "Meri Kahani Meri Jubani", 5 beneficiaries from each Gram Panchayat will be identified and a script will be prepared to narrate the

ciaries about the benefits of the scheme and the information will be entered in the online portal. During the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra program, Agriculture Department has set a tar-

get of providing 100 per-

cent benefit to all the farm-

ers of the village through

the important schemes of

the government. Those farmers who are till now deprived of the benefits of the scheme will be registered on the spot for the scheme at the program venue.In the work-

District Level Nodal Officer to run the work of Agriculture Department. In the workshop, in the presence of Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officers of both the sub-divisions and senior agricultural development officers of the five development blocks, important schemes of the department - KCC, PM Kisan Yojana, Organic Farming Mission, Soil Health Card Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, were regis-

prepared by the District

Officer by appointing a

# Girl students imparted training on self defence

of School Deepak Gupta

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their girl children and

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The girl students of Government High School, Ghiwara, Sankul Kendra Ghiwara are being imparted training for Karate under 'Rani Laxmibai Atmaraksha Yojana' for self-defence. Karate trainer Kunti Pal informed that in this training girls are being taught about different techniques of Karate and this include attack from behind and how to handle it; also about badtouch and good-touch and others. Principal in-charge

**School, Ghiwara** training in Karate, their concern has lowered a bit.

Sankul co-ordinator Kailash Baghel informed under 'Sankul Kendra', this training in Karate is being imparted in all the Middle Schools of Ghiwara, Sirri, and Bardih. The inspection of this Karate training was done by Sankul in-charge Principal Deepak Gupta and Sankul Co-ordinator Kailash Baghel.

At Govt High

To make this self-defence training successful in Govt High School Ghiwara, lecturer Prabhakar Navak, Neelkamal Saitode, CP Didhi. Kavita Kurre. Tejeshwari Kashyap gave their valuable contribu'Swachhta Shramdaan' program conducted



Bijapur, Dec 14:

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, a cleanliness labor program was organized on a large scale in which Collector ajendra Katara, Superintendent of Police Anjaneva Varshnev along with officers and employees of the district and police administration, social workers and distinguished

citizens voluntarily donat-

With the joint efforts of all the departments including DRG, Police Force. Forest Department, Sports Academy, Women and Development Department, Municipality, Education Department, the message of cleanliness was given by volunteering at the district, district and

Postal workers launch signature campaign regarding demands



Dongargaon, Dec 14:

All the postal workers of rural post offices across the country are sitting on an indefinite strike regarding their demands and all the post offices in rural areas have been locked and all the work of the postal department has come to a standstill. In this protest, a signature cam-

the rural postal workers of sub-post Dongargaon to make the government and officials accept their demands.

In this protest, post office workers of Dongargaon sub-post office Bhairav Pratap, Taleshwar Markande, Tularam Radheshyam Thakur, Sahu, Deendayal Sahu, Puneshwar Markande, Omprakash Bhuarya, Bhoj

Kumar, Hemuram. Tekendra Dewangan, Manish, Syed Rafi, Prashant Sahu. Dhruvaram Kothari. Vansh Mandavi, Prabhat. Postal workers like Rawat Treta Kumar, Preeti Chandrakar, Kashish Mahant, Divya Dhruv, Chandraprabha Markande, Dhaneshwari Rajak, Domendra Sori etc.

## Collector inspects school for visual and hearing impaired

Bilaspur, Dec 14:

District Collector Avnish Sharan conducted a surprise inspection of the Government Higher Secondary School for the Visually and Hearing Impaired located at Tifra, here where approximately 200 visually and hearing impaired children with special abilities study through Braille script and sign language. The Collector took the children along and inspected the study room and hostel and keeping in mind the facilities of the children, instructions were given to the management to improve



all the arrangements of the school.

It is noteworthy that a delegation of children of this special school had reached the district office yesterday and met the Collector and invited him to visit the school and inspect the existing facilities of the school. The Collector sat alone with the children and listened to

all their problems and gave several approvals on the spot, assuring them that they would be resolved soon.

After inspection, the Collector approved the construction of the school's boundary wall and dining table and chairs for the children to have convenient meals under the DMF item. He also expressed displeas-

ure over the library being closed for a long time and gave instructions to open it regularly asked to provide musical equipment to enhance the artistic talent of the children. He directed to run buses on time improve the quality of food and hold regular parent-teacher meetings.

The Collector has asked the SDM and Tehsildars to visit the school every fortnight and inspect the arrangements regularly. On this occasion, SDM Subhash Singh Raj, Tehsildar Atul Vaishnav, Joint Director Social Welfare Shraddha Mathew were also present.

#### Rajim, Dec 14:

The 31st National Children's Science Congress state level competition organized was Chhattisgarh Science and Technology Council, Raipur in the Pharmacy Department of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, in which child scientists of SAGES Rajim School presented their research project work.

Giving the above information, guide teacher lecturer Samiksha Gaikwad said that every year these programs are organized across the country by the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India with the aim of discovering scientific talents and germinating scientific consciousness among children and taking



them forward in the direction of logical thinking, this program is being organized every year in the state through Chhattisgarh Science Technology Council under the direc-

tion of State Coordinator Dr. JK Roy. In this sequence, the program was inaugurated by the chief guest Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla, and the

child scientists visited the laboratories of various departments established in the university like Life Biochemistry, Science. Biotechnology, Microbiology etc, and by discussing with expert professors, obtained information about new research techniques related to

On the better performance of child scientists, District Education Officer R.K. Nishad, DMC K.S. Nayak, District Coordinator Science IP Sahu, District Nodal Science Gyanendra Sharma, School Principal Sanjay Kumar Ekka, Sagar Sharma NCC Officer, Cluster Coordinator Subhash Sharma Pt. Kamal Sonkar, PTI Shikha Mahadik, Neeta Yadav, Narayanlal Sahu, Jitendra Sahu, Puneshwar Sahu etc. have given best wishes.



# There will be no peace in Ukraine until goals are achieved: Putin

President Vladimir Putin vowed Thursday that there would be no peace in Ukraine until his goals are achieved and said those objectives remain unchanged at a year-end news conference that offers the leader an opportunity to reinforce his grip on power.

Giving rare detail on what Moscow calls its special military operation, Putin dismissed the need for a second wave of mobilization of reservists to fight in Ukraine a move that proved deeply unpopular in the past. He said there are some 617,000 Russian soldiers currently there, including around 244,000 troops who were called up to fight alongside



tary forces. The Russian president, who has held power for nearly 24 years and announced recently he is running for reelection, was greeted with applause as he arrived in the hall in central Moscow.

Putin did not hold his traditional press conference last year after his military failed to take Kyiv and as the Ukrainian

ritory in the east and south of the country.

But with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy now forced to plead for more US aid, a stalling counteroffensive and reports of fracturing Western support for Ukraine, the Russian president has decided to face the media once more though the broadcast remains heavily choreospectacle than scrutiny. This year, ordinary citi-

zens have the chance to phone in questions along with those asked by journalists, and Russians have been submitting queries for Putin for two weeks. It is the first time the Russian leader, who has heavily limited his interaction with foreign media, will potentially face multiquestions from Western journalists since the fighting in Ukraine began. The press conference opened with questions about the conflict in Ukraine and highlighted concerns some Russians have about fears of another wave of mobilization. In September 2022 Putin ordered a partial military call-up as he tried to boost his forces in Ukraine,

## FIELD OF LIGHT



A person takes photos in the public art installation "Field of Light," at the Freedom Plaza near United Nations headquarters, in New York.

## **Hindu Americans to light diyas at home** to celebrate Ram Mandir inauguration

Washington, Dec 14 (PTI):

Hindu Americans are planning to light five diyas in their homes next month to celebrate the inauguration of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

The community has planned a series of events to mark the occasion, including holding car rallies in various cities, live screening of the grand inauguration ceremony, community gathering and watch parties.

"It's a dream come true for all of us. Never in our life did we think that we would be able to see this day. That moment has arrived. It's time to celebrate (the inauguration of) Ram Mandir in Ayodhya," eminent community leader from

Chicago Bharat Barai told PTI.

Dr Barai, who is among those invited by the temple authorities to attend the inauguration ceremony on January 22. said a large number of Hindu Americans had partici-Janmabhoomi movement.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America (VHPA), which is taking the lead in celebrations here, has launched a website https://rammandir2024.org to facilitate participation of

individuals in these celebra-All registered temples will receive prasad from the actual ceremony in India, Amitabh

Mittal of the VHPA told PTI.

more than 1,000 temples and

## are joining Ukrainian ranks to fight Putin's troops Kyiv, Dec 14 (AP): When

Russia's invasion of Ukraine ignited into war. back in Moscow, a young Russian who now goes by the name of Karabas was plunged into despair. Shocked by images of what happening Ukrainians in Russian-occupied areas, he decided to act against Russia, his home and country.

Karabas said he knew that what he was doing was drastic. He packed his bags and decided to find a way to get to Ukraine to join the ranks of Kyiv's troops fighting Russian forces. It took him almost a year to

make it happen. Today, he is part of the Siberian Battalion, a unit made up of Russians who have joined Ukrainian military ranks to fight against their homeland, hoping someday to help oust Russian President Vladimir Putin. Its members hail mostly from ethnic minorities from Russia's far east.

"I was disillusioned with my own people," recounted Karabas, who like other fighters in the battalion spoke to The Associated Press on condition that only his military call sign be used. "That is why I wanted to come here ... and

fight for a free Ukraine," he added. When Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, Karabas said he was dismayed by how most Russians he knew either blindly supported Putin or were indifferent to the war.Sometimes, Karabas said his grief felt so overwhelming, he would break down and cry. Unlike other volunteer units in Ukraine that have Russian nationals such as the Freedom of Russia Legion and the Russian Volunteer Corps the Siberian Battalion is officially part of the regular

## Dismayed by Moscow's war, Russian volunteers Jain community in US calls for 'Digital Detox Day'

Washington, Dec 14 (PTI): To encourage individuals to limit digital device usage, the small Jain community in the United States Wednesday announced a nationwide digital detox movement which would culminate in an annual Digital Detox Day. "Let's log out to log in. The goal is not to eliminate digital usage entirely but to encourage individuals to spend time on self-care and activities they love." Indian American community leader and a member of the presidential commission on Asian Americans Ajay Jain Bhutoria said. The movement is about "reclaiming our time from the digital realm and rediscovering the beauty of life

beyond screens and connecting with one another with more human touch, human conversation, making healthier relationships, connecting with nature, space, and being more human,' he said. Bhutoria said the concept is rooted in the teachings of the 11th Jain Guru Acharva Mahashraman and Muni Jagrit. It seeks to redefine the digital landscape by encouraging individuals to embrace small vows towards limiting digital device usage. Bhutoria said he and other Jain community leaders in the US have engaged in extensive discussions with key figures, including governors, members of Congress, local

#### **Danish police arrest** several people suspected of planning terror attacks

Copenhagen, Dec 14 (AP): Danish police made several arrests Thursday, saying they carried out the operation "on suspicion of preparation for a terrorist

The arrests were made in "a coordinated action" in several locations in Denmark early Thursday.

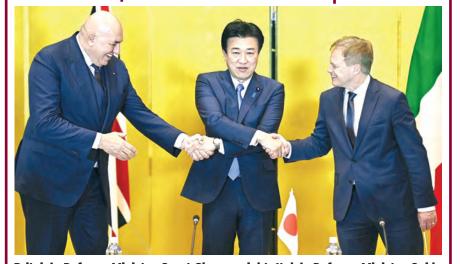
No other details were given. The Copenhagen police and Denmark's domestic intelligence service were to give a press conference later.

The terror threat level in Denmark current is at level four, the second high

Earlier this month, the European Union's home affairs commissioner, Ylva Johansson, warned that Europe faces a "huge risk of terrorist attacks' over the Christmas holiday period due to the fallout from the war between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

In July 2022, a gunman at a shopping mall in Copenhagen killed three people and injured seven. The man, who believed the victims were zombies, was sentenced in July to detention in a secure medical facility. He had been charged with murder and attempted murder in the rampage at the huge Field's shopping centre on outskirts

## TRILATERAL MEETING



Britain's Defense Minister Grant Shapps, right, Italy's Defense Minister Guido Crosetto, left, and Japanese Defense Minister Minoru Kihara, center, shake hands prior a trilateral meeting at the defense ministry Thursday, Dec. 14.

## Inclusion of African Union in G20 under India's initiative should inspire UN: Amb Kamboj

United Nations, Dec 14 (PTI):

India's initiative to include the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 under its presidency is a significant step in reform that should inspire the "much older" United Nations to make the Security Council contemporary, New Delhi's envoy to the UN has said.

Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Ambassador Kamboj told the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) meeting on Security Council Reforms on Wednesday



Pakistan extends deadline

that upon India's initiative, the African Union became a permanent member of the G20 at the New Delhi Summit in September this year.

The inclusion of the African Union in the G20 ensured that an "important and valuable voice from the Global South is added to an influential in-

ing.
"This significant step in reform should inspire

stitution of global gover-

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the United Nations, a much older organisation, to also make the Security Council contemporary. Broad representation is, after all, a prerequisite for both effectiveness and credibility," Kamboj said.

She underlined that it was india's firm conviction that with Africa's full participation in the G20, the grouping would truly be a more representative and relevant institution.

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CORRIGENDAM NO. 2

The Following corrigendam has been issue to Notice inviting Tender No NIT No. 03/SAC/2023-24, Pendra Road, Dated 26.09.2023 System Tender No. 148457 (1st Call) Whose G. No. 05791 Dated 29.09.203 And Notice inviting Tender No. NIT No. 04/SAC/2023-24, Pendra Road, Dated 26.09.2023 System Tender No.: 148459 (1st Call) Whose G. No. 05815 Dated 29.09.2023 following amendments are made

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All other terms and condition of NIT will remain unchanged.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES DIVISION PENDRAROAD (C.G.)

## **UN Security Council caught in 'concerning** state of paralysis': UNGA President Francis

The UN Security Council is caught in a "concerning state of paralysis" and aims to serve the predominance of Global North UNGA countries. President Dennis Francis has said, underlining the need for representation and equitable participation of developing nations in decision-making in a reformed Council.

United Nations, Dec 14 (PTD:

Underlining that "reform is our collective task and responsibility", Francis said that as the President of the 78th session of the General Assembly, he believes that "we need a Council" that is more balanced, representative, responsive, democratic and transparent. As conflicts "seem to be spreading across the globe, the Security Council whose primary responsibility is to maintain international peace and security, however, seems caught in a concerning state of paraly-

sis," Francis said.
"With its unsatisfactory discharge of its crucial mandate, the Council is perceived as falling short of its mandate, consequently, compromising the credibility of the entire UN itself." he said. Francis was addressing a special event titled Shifting the Balance: Perspectives on United Nations Security

Council Reform from Global South Think Tanks hosted at the UN headquarters Permanent Mission of India to the UN and The Research Observer Foundation (ORF). India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj said that the existing structure of the Security Council is an "anachronism" failing to adapt to the seismic shifts in international relations

"As we stand in the third decade of the 21st century, it is evident that the Council's current form is no longer reflecting the global landscape it aims to serve. The predominance of Global North countries in its permanent membership overlooks the rich and varied tapestry of our world today, especially the voices and perspectives of regions such as Latin America, Africa, the Small Island States and large

#### for Afghan refugees in transit to Western countries Islamabad, Dec 14 (PTI): Foreign Minister Jalia Amidst mounting international pressure, Pakistan has extended the deadline

for the repatriation of Afghan nationals without proper documents and waiting to relocate to Western countries till February 29.

The development comes Representative

Abbas Jillani. 'The decision to extend

the deadline December 31 to February 29, 2024, was taken to en courage Afghan nationals to obtain legal documents or finalise evacuation arrangements in a third country as soon as possi ble," the Dawn newspaper quoted the caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi as say

a week after US Special Afghanistan Thomas West visited Pakistan and met with Pakistan's caretaker

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## **New Criminal Law Bills**

#### **Legislative Progress and Public Debate**

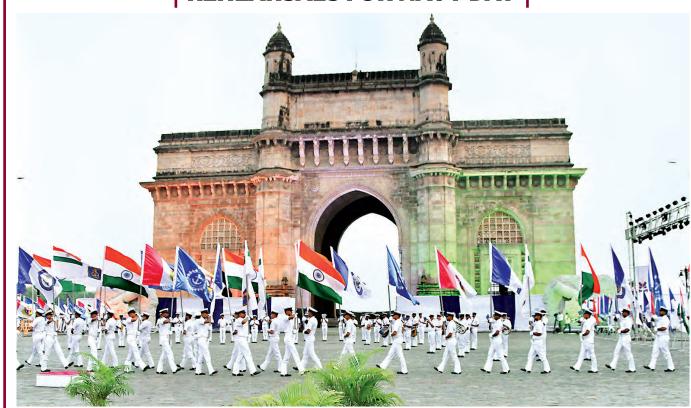
n the realm of legislative reform, the progress of the three redrafted criminal law Bills cannot be understated. Initially tabled in August, these Bills have now been imbued with the recommendations put forth by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs. These significant amendments represent a substantial shift in India's criminal jurisprudence. Among these, the Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita Bill stands out, as it seeks to replace the archaic Indian Penal Code, a relic of colonial rule. One of the most striking features of this new legislation is the expansion of the definition of a terrorist act. Under Section 113, the proposed law encompasses acts that endanger not only the security of the nation but also its economic stability. Specifically, it includes activities that inflict harm on the monetary stability of India, be it through the production, smuggling, or circulation of counterfeit currency, coins, or any other material. By broadening the scope of the law, the government aims to encompass offenses against the State within its jurisdiction. Simultaneously, the Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita are poised to replace the Indian Evidence Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure, respectively. These Bills are currently under discussion in the Lok Sabha, with voting anticipated in the coming days. The government has steadfastly maintained that there is no undue haste in passing these Bills and has dismissed any notions of referring them to another panel. However, it is incumbent upon us to recognize the significance of these reforms and to engage in a meaningful public discourse about them. A comprehensive understanding of these Bills is essential to ensure that they do not inadvertently grant excessive powers to the government. It is worth noting that the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act has already encountered controversy due to allegations of misuse and overreach. The proposals contained within these Bills, such as community service as punishment for minor offenses and mandatory videography during select stages of investigations, indeed hold merit. Yet, they also warrant a thorough examination and debate regarding their implications, advantages, and drawbacks. In the spirit of transparency and accountability, it is crucial for legislators to openly discuss the contours of these Bills. An informed and rational debate on these proposed changes will not only serve the public interest but also reinforce the principles of democracy. It will provide an opportunity to address concerns and dispel any apprehensions that the new laws could represent a significant augmentation of governmental authority. Ultimately, the passage of these criminal law Bills should not be a hurried endeavour. Instead, it should be a meticulously scrutinized process, one that upholds the values of justice, equity, and constitutional rights. The potential impact of these legislative changes on the nation's legal landscape and the lives of its citizens demands nothing less than a thorough and considered examination.

# Alarming Surge in **Depression and Suicide**

Dr Ganapathi Bhat n our modern society, the disquieting surge in individuals grappling with anxiety and depression has evolved into a matter of grave concern. Of particular distress is the alarming uptick in the rate of depression, an issue inherently linked with anxiety and, tragically, suicide. The statistics confronting us are chilling, revealing a grim reality: someone somewhere in the world commits suicide every forty seconds. More harrowing still is the fact that suicide ranks as the second most common cause of death among individuals aged 15 to 29. In the year 2021 alone, nearly 1,50,000 people chose to end their lives - a profoundly shocking and despairing number. Disturbingly, India shoulders a significant portion of this global burden, accounting for nearly 26 percent of all suicide deaths. Shockingly, approximately five crore Indians are battling depression, with a staggering thirty-six percent of the population exhibiting symptoms of depression at any given point in time. The roots of this crisis are manifold, encompassing undue stress, an ambitious lifestyle, significant life changes, and the relentless pressure from families and peers all potent triggers of depressive tendencies. It is noteworthy that, in some individuals, no discernible causative tactors can be identified as precursors to depression and suicide. As of September 2019, India's suicide rate stood at 16.5 per 100,000 population. It is sobering to recognize that India and China collectively account for a staggering 40 percent of the world's suicide mortality. The statistics presented by India's National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which relies heavily on community reporting, likely fall short of reflecting the full extent of this issue in a societv where mental health care remains stigmatized. Studies conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru consistently indicate a higher prevalence of mental health issues in urban centers. Intriguingly, depression and suicide have been linked to several non-communicable diseases. NIMHANS's second National Mental Health Survey, which drew data from 12 states across India, revealed that nearly one in twenty individuals currently experiences depression, while one in forty has a history of depression. Certain studies have unearthed regional and religious variations in suicide-related deaths, although higher suicide rates in some states may simply reflect more robust case reporting. Notably, the burden of suicide falls disproportionately on unemployed males and individuals categorized as 'educated' literates - a seemingly paradoxical revelation that underscores the complexity of the issue. Historically, the Indian government's allocation of funds to tackle depression has been woefully inadequate. However, the National Mental Health Programme, under the purview of the central government, appears to be moving in the right direction with increased funding and a focus on prioritizing mental health. One promising initiative under this program is the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), operating across 738 districts in India, This program empowers school teachers to educate their students about mental health issues, an approach that leverages the immense influence teachers hold over their students. Despite these efforts, the gravity of the situation becomes apparent when we consider the shortage of key professionals in the field. Psychologists, psychiatrists, and psychiatric social workers - essential players in the identification and management of depression - remain in short supply in India. The Mental Health Care Act of 2017 was heralded as a groundbreaking step forward, offering provisions like insurance coverage for mentally ill patients and the decriminalization of suicide attempts. Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which previously criminalized attempted suicide, was expected to become a relic of the past, thanks to Section 115 of the Mental Health Act. This section explicitly outlined that the term "stress" must be ruled out before treating a suicide survivor as a criminal. Regrettably, the reality on the ground suggests that the police continue to interrogate and harass individuals who have survived suicide attempts. In confronting this mounting crisis of depression and suicide, we must prioritize not just awareness and funding but also a transformation in societal attitudes toward mental health. A comprehensive national approach, encompassing not only increased resources but also systemic changes, is imperative to address this alarming surge in depression and suicide. The stakes could not be higher - it is a matter of life and death.

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## **REHEARSALS FOR NAVY DAY**



Indian Navy personnel during rehearsals for Navy Day celebrations at the Gateway of India, in Mumbai, Wednesday, Dec. 13.

## India's urban infrastructure agenda: Setting a global benchmark

#### **SOLOMON AROKIARAJ & AMAN GARG**



c ities are like economic power-houses, generating about 80% of the world's GDP. India is no different, with places like Mumbai and Delhi alone generating GDP more than that some of the countries. To keep our cities thriving and improving, we need to build new infrastructure and upgrade the existing one. The number of people living in cities in India is supposed to reach 600 million by 2036. This humongous growth provides an opportunity as well as poses a challenge to improve service delivery and quality of life for millions of citizens.

Therefore, we need to dedicate significant resources towards building future-ready urban infrastructure. Recognising this, the Indian G20 Presidency chose the theme of "Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient" and the New Delhi leaders declaration endorsed a set of 'Principles on Financing Cities of Tomorrow', to promote a shared understanding amongst both developed and developing countries to shape a sustainable infrastructure investment ecosystem within the

Since there are constraints on the capacity of the governments to finance urban infrastructure, the need to channelise private capital has become very critical. Accordingly, G20 under the Indian Presidency has endorsed some very relevant and high-quality reports to guide the cities for financing sustainable, resilient and inclusive urban infrastructure. The strategy includes urban planning reforms, augmenting own source revenues, maximising investment efficiency, improving creditworthiness of cites, use of innovative financing instruments

tutional preparedness.

Many Indian cities have showcased that innovative revenue generation and financing options are a possibility. Rewa Municipal Corporation (RMC) in Madhya Pradesh spends an average of INR 350 crores per year on infrastructure. Out of this amount, only 34% is generated through own source revenue of the municipality and the rest is

such as green, social and sustainable

bonds targeting a pipeline of investible

projects, enabling regulatory environ-

ment, use of facilitating tools like GIS

and capacity augmentation and insti-

funded by the central and state governments through variouas schemes and grants. However, even with this low own revenue contibution to infrastructure, leveraging strategic urban planning based on re-densification of urban landscape, RMC has recently implemented a successful urban infrastructure projects through the PPP route - New Rewa Bus Stand. In this project, a barren area of 3.5 acres was converted into a thriving bus stand with commercial complex which has led to premium of Rs 10.5 crores and an annual lease rental of Rs 35 lakhs.

Similarly, other cities in India have also been able to successfully leverage innovative revenue models for improving urban infrastructure like the Industrial water supply from treated waste water project implemented by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) which has enabled the GVMC to earn approximately Rs 30 crores per year as additional revenue from the sale of treated wastewater in strategic collaboration with the private sector for industrial consumption.

In order to channelize funding for the project, GVMC had to demonstrate consistent revenue collection and service delivery benchmarks which helped in enhancing its creditworthiness for achieving a credit rating of AA. Likewise, the city of Surat had also created a new revenue stream Rs 140 crores in FY 2022 by selling treated wastewater for industrial reuse. As a pioneer in tapping sustainable finance. Ghaziabad has become the first ULB to issue India's first municipal green bonds worth Rs 150 crores. All these examples show that using better urban planning and innovative financing models, even smaller cities can attract private investors for developing

infrastructure and improving the lives of their citizens.

While the G20 outcome documents have a lot of relevance and can serve as a guide for our cities to develop a high-quality infrastructure, India's experiences have also contributed immensely to the global infrastructure agenda.

The lessons learnt from the implementation of the Atal Mission for Urban Reiuvenation and Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission, Housing for All (PMAY), Metro rail projects, Transit-Oriented Development, the Integrated **Control and Command Centres under** the Smart City Mission, Municipal Bonds issuances by various cities and India's National Urban Policy Framework (NUPF) formulated in 2018 have enriched the discourse enormously and guided the Group as to how a shared vision for cities across sectors can be developed to accommodate the aspirations of cities of different sizes and at different stages of

Going forward, to leverage other means for mobilising sustainable finance, it is imperative that Indian cities augment their institutional capacity, adopt a digitised accounting system, have a pipeline of investible projects, improve their creditworthiness and revenue collection efficiency to create a conducive environment to attract private capital towards urban infrastructure projects. This transition would be crucial in bridging the infrastructure deficit and accelerating the pace of urban infrastructure develop-

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## LETTERS

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## Swadeshi Sentiment is Important

The Swadeshi sentiment, driven by the "Vocal for Local" spirit, has gained momentum as people enthusiastically embrace indigenous products. This movement, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's call, fosters economic decentralization rooted in local resources and self-reliant villages. Its essence lies in the synergy between producers, workers, and consumers due to local production and consumption. Gandhi's advocacy for handicrafts and cottage industries aligns with his vision of Gram Swaraj, where village-based enterprises thrive. If every citizen recognizes that supporting indigenous products not only benefits local companies but also boosts national employment, our nation can swiftly progress towards self-reliance and economic strength. N Ashraf, Mumbai

### Catastrophe Situation in Schools

A comprehensive report on menstrual hygiene management in India was released by NGO Sulabh International on Monday found that girls are "fearful" of using school toilets during menstruation owing to lack of water, soap, sanitation and missing doors. However, if all toilets are more menstrual hygiene management friendly and safe in terms of sanitary dignity and security to change and dispose of menstrual hygiene products, then women and girls can achieve more robust participation in education employment. Schools should be provided with separate toilets for girls with running water through tap connection

## and proper storage tanks. Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai Stop Hiking Price

Traders are trying to take advantage of delay in autumnal harvest to intensify the price of onions. The government's intervention helped reduce the price. The prices might have crossed ?100 per kg, had the government not intervented on time after the farmers protested in Maharashtra. But government should close the door of trying to increase the price of anything which will be fruitful for the farmers and other people too.

Sulliya Muhammad, Mumbai

### Injustice with Woman

A woman from the Hosa Vantmuri village in Belagavi taluk was allegedly assaulted and paraded naked, and tied to an electricity pole for her son eloping with a girl who was to get engaged on Monday. The incident comes as a shocker as the entire government machinery is present for the winter session of the state legislature being held at

Suvarna Vidhan Soudha. **TKR.Noori, Mumbai** 

## Sardar Patel & first Prime Ministership - I



Er. Prabhat Kishore

he world has seen a large number of great men, who had reserved their name & fame in the history through their merit and work, but met rare persons, who has changed not only history but geography of a country without shedding a drop of blood. Born on 31ST October' 1975, in a poor Kisan family of Patelad (Gujarat) Vallabh Bhai Patel was the such uncommon person who did the impossible task of integrating 560 princely states to Indian union. A constructive engineer in politics, a recognized umpire in disputes and an organizer of victories in campaigns, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel is all this but something more.

Although, Patel is much credited for his particular work of preventing fragmentation and Balkanization of

India, but a large number of decisive facts have been brushed under the carpet in the Indian history. As Machiavelli wrote - "History is written by the victors". The history of independent India was written and overseen by that faction of the Congress party which emerged victorious in the leadership tussle on the eve of independence with the partisan support of none other than the all-powerful and universally venerable Mahatma Gandhi. The history taught by the Congress governments in the independent country totally concealed the happening of debarring Patel from Congress leadership. Congress Presidency: On 2nd

September 1946, Nehru was invited to form the Interim Government and to be its Vice President (defacto Prime Minister) by the then Viceroy, Lord Wavell, manifestly because he (Nehru) happened to be the Congress President at that time. He got this post in 1946 mainly through Mahatma Gandhi's intervention in his favour, for none of the provinces has proposed his name. As per constitution of the Congress, its President was elected on the majoriof Provincial Congress Committee's recommendations. Despite Gandhiji's open statement for Nehru on 20th April 1946, twelve out of fifteen provincial Congress committees recommended Patel's name and three abstained from nomination process. Obviously, the overwhelming majority in favour of Sardar Patel, was a challenge to Mahatma Gandhi as well.

According to Kripalani (the then general secretary of Congress), "Gandhi expressed his deep concern over the proposal of the provinces, because transfer of power was certain as hinted by the British Prime Minister in London on 16th February 1946 and he (Gandhi) wanted to see Nehru as the Prime Minister at any cost. Then Kripalani obtained fifteen signatures of some working committee members and a few local AICC members of Delhi (who were not the legitimate body to nominate the Party President) as per Gandhi's instruction and duly proposed Nehru's name. It must be noteworthy that the last date for receiving recommendations from the provincial Congress committees (29th April' 1946) had already expired ".

It's not that Gandhi was not aware of the immorality of this exercise to overlook the overwhelming support for Patel. He had fully realized that what he was trying to bring about was wrong and totally unfair. In fact, he tried to make Nehru understand the reality. A shell-shocked Nehru was defiant and made it clear that he will not play second fiddle to anybody and he may even leave the party. Gandhi knew that Nehru could go upto any extent for power, whereas Patel could sacrifice without any hesitation. Patel also not get struck on the issue as he was aware that any break up in the party would send

wrong signal at such a crucial juncture. The Congressmen were not happy with Gandhi's choice; but then for the sake of unity and in reverence to Gandhi, they endorsed it. Disappointed Rajendra Prasad remarked that Gandhi had once again sacrificed his "trusted lieutenant" in favour of the "glamorous Nehru".

Thus, setting aside all rules and regulations, Nehru was elected (selected!) the Congress President. A few days later on 16th May' 1946, a 3-member "Cabinet Mission" arrived in India, which suggested the formation of an Interim Government at the centre and to constitute Constitution Assembly.

In Kripalani's words, who was instrumental in proposing Jawahar's name, "It was certain that if Jawahar's name had not been proposed illegally, then Sardar would have been elected as the Congress President. In that event. Patel (and not Nehru) would have been invited to head the Interim Government (on 2nd September 1946) and to be the first defacto Prime Minister." It is reasonable to think that as head of the Interim Government Patel (who always demonstrated his edge over Nehru in party control and management) would have further consolidated his position as the unchallenged leader of the party and as dejure Prime Minister when independence came on 15TH August 1947. Due to Gandhi's restiveness Patel, despite having overwhelming support,

"missed the Bus ".

From the defacto position, dejure Prime Ministership for Nehru was not a very difficult move. As Gandhi was still alive in 1947 and his opt-repeated declaration about Nehru being his 'political heir' was well known; hence Nehru was unanimously elected the leader of Congress Parliamentary Party; and, as such, he became the first PM of Independent India.

The incident of 1946 was not the first time that Patel was debarred from the leadership. Earlier on several occasions Nehru superseded him through Gandhi's intervention. In 1929, for Congress presidency, ten provincial recommendations were for Gandhi, five for Patel and three for Nehru. After Gandhi's refusal, the natural chance was for Patel. But Gandhi intervened for Nehru and he (Nehru) ultimately became the Congress President.

In 1931, Patel was elected the President of the Congress in Karachi session. Again in 1937, his name was considered for Congress Presidentship; but knowing Gandhi's wish, he himself suggested the reelection of Nehru. As chairman of party election committee, Patel show his credibility in provincial elections held in 1937 and 1946, when Congress got a majority it most of the provinces.

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### **BRIEF**

## **FDI recipient**



Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant on Thursday said that the state attracted Rs 28,868 crore of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last three months. As per the data on FDI released by the Union government, the state has re gained its position as recipient of the highest FDI in the country, he said during a discussion in the legislative council here.

#### **Hostile stance**

■ Kottayam (Ker): Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday lashed out at the BJP-ruled central government, accusing it of adopting a 'hostile approach' towards the rubber cultivation sector. Speaking at the Nava Kerala Sadas, a state government outreach programme in Kuravilangad near here, Vijayan expressed dissatisfaction with the Centre's reluctance to support Kerala's demand for a fair support price for rubber. "The central government is showing a hostile attitude towards rubber cultivation. Whenever the support price of rubber was demanded to be increased seasonal-

## **Leading destination**

ly, it did not take a fa-

vorable stand,' Vijayan said.



■ New Delhi: India has unique advantages like raw material availability, a huge labour pool and wellestablished textile industry to become a leading destination for global textile and apparel value chain, Union Minister Darshana Vikram Jardosh said on Thursday.

# WPI inflation spikes to 8-month high of 0.26 pc in Nov on costlier veggies, onion

Wholesale price-based inflation rose to an eight-month high of 0.26 per cent in November, driven by a sharp jump in food prices, especially onion and vegetables. The WPI inflation was in the negative or deflationary zone for the past seven months since April and was at (-)0.52 per cent in October. The last positive WPI inflation was recorded in March at 1.41 per cent. "Positive rate of inflation in November 2023 is primarily due to increase in prices of food articles, minerals, machinery & equipment, computer, electronics & optical products, motor vehicles, other transport equipment and other manufacturing etc,"

INFLATION and WPI Base 2011-12=100 Inflation Rate WPI(Prov) ост -0.52% ост 152.1 Manufactured-0.64

the Commerce Industry Ministry said in a statement. Food inflation spiked to 8.18 per cent in November, from 2.53 per

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in onion zoomed 101.24 per cent in November, from 62.60 per cent in the previous month. The government last

week banned exports of this kitchen staple till March next year in a bid to increase domestic availability and contain prices, which skyrocketed to Rs 80/kg in the retail market. It expects prices to cool to Rs 40/kg by January. Inflation in vegetables was 10.44 per cent, as against (-)21.04 per cent in October. In paddy and fruits, inflation was 10.44 per cent and 8.37 per cent respectively. Inflation in potato remained low at (-)27.22 per cent in November. During the month, inflation in manufactured products stood at (-)0.64 per cent, cent and non-food articles (-)3.20 per cent. Barclays Research said the magnitude of increase in wholesale food prices was more than in retail food prices, indicating wholesalers did not pass through the entire price rise to consumers, which may be reflected in elevated retail food prices in December, unless supply (particularly of vegetables) increases.

The RBI in its monetary policy review last week had said that there would be an uptick in the inflation data for November and December due to pressure on food prices. "Going ahead, the inflation outlook would be considerably influenced by uncertain food prices. High-frequency food price indica-

prices of key vegetables, which may push CPI inflation higher in the near RBI Governor term, Shaktikanta Das had said. Retail or consumer pricebased inflation rose at its fastest pace in three months at 5.55 per cent in November, driven by a spike in food prices, data released earlier this week showed. The RBI had projected retail inflation to average 5.4 per cent this fis-The Development Bank (ADB) in its December outlook released on Wednesday said India's inflation forecasts for 2023 and 2024 are in line with recent data and are still within expectations. It forecast retail inflation at 5.5 per cent for

## ADB ups India's growth projection to 6.7 pc for FY24

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has raised India's growth forecast to 6.7 per cent for the current financial year from its earlier projection of 6.3 per cent on account of higherthan-expected quarter numbers.

The second quarter of FY24 saw higher-than-expected GDP growth of 7.6 per cent, causing growth in the first half (April-September) to expand by a strong 7.7 per cent, according to the Asian Development Outlook December 2023 released on Wednesday. Economic data also indicate that the industrial sector in particular, including manufacturing, mining, construction, and utilities, grew by double digits, it said. "For FY24 as a whole, agriculture is expected to grow slightly slower than expected, but

set by industry's much stronger-than-expected growth, hence the upward revision," it said. On the demand side, it said, higher growth in fixed investment driven by increased capital spending by the central government and state governments will compensate for lower growth in private consumption expenditure and weaker-thanexpected exports.

Last week, the Reserve Bank too increased its growth estimate for FY24 to 7 per cent from its earlier projection of 6.5 per cent. The September Development Outlook had projected a GDP growth of 6.3 per cent for FY24. For the next financial year, FY25, the Manila-based multilateral funding agency has kept its growth forecast unchanged at 6.7 per

## Volvo Car India to increase prices up to 2 pc from January



New Delhi, Dec 14:

Volvo Car India on Thursday said it will increase prices up to 2 per cent from January 1, 2024 The decision to raise

prices is on account of rising input costs and volatile foreign exchange rates, the automaker said in a statement.

The decision to adjust prices is in response to

evolving market dynamics, forex exchange rate fluctuations, and rising input costs," Volvo Car India MD Jyoti Malhotra

The price hike aims to maintain a crucial balance, ensuring the continued delivery of high standards and the best driving experiences and reaffirming Volvo's commitment to uncompromised quality and safety, Malhotra added. Volvo established its presence in India in 2007 and currently markets products through 24 dealer-

# India-US relationship has moved in a positive direction says USISPF chief

Washington, Dec 14:





cal QUAD perspective. "I think in every aspect we (India-US relationship) have moved in a positive direction. You look at trade, which has gone up. You signed a lot of agreements with the US, especially in defence and space. We have agreed to repair the ships in our ports," Aghi said on Wednesday. "When you look at it from the geopolitical QUAD perspective, there's more alignment between the two countries," Aghi told PTI in an interview. "What I see is that 2023 is a year of highlights between two countries. More important is that both countries have settled down; there is a sense of maturity, there is a

more of those. We also have

sense of deep understand ing of each other's differences, and there's a way to manage the differences and also respect each other's position from that perspec-

"I believe that the relationship there seems to keep on going up and up as time goes by," Aghi said, giving his sense of the India-US relationship in the year 2023. A key player in India's relationship with the US for more than a decade now, Aghi said both countries have agreed that the rela-

## FM meets delegation of MSMEs impacted by Cyclone Michaung

Minister

New Delhi, Dec 14:

Finance

Nirmala Sitharaman met a delegation of the industry body Ambattur Industrial Estate Manufacturing Association (AIEMA) over the losses suffered by their members due to Cyclone Michaung recently. The recent cy clone impacted the coastal part of Southern India, including Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. During the meeting, officials of the Department of Financial Services were also present. In this regard, Public-Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) have been instructed to deploy more surveyors immediately,

the finance ministry said



in a post on X. Further, a special camp would be organised on site from December 20, 2023, onward for smoother and easier processing of claims, it said. "The Union Finance Minister assured the delegation the Government would take all necessary steps to ensure speedy disbursal of eligible insurance claims," it said.

## **Net new women EPFO subscribers** addition rises to 28.69 lakh in FY23

New Delhi, Dec 14:

Retirement fund body

EPFO recorded a net new

women subscribers addition of 28,69,688 in FY23 against 15,93,614 in 2019-20, showing a rise in employment through the pandemic, Parliament was informed on Thursday. The net addition in Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) subscriptions is an indicator of the extent of job creation/formalisation of the job market and the coverage of social security benefits to the organised/ sector semi-organised workforce, said Minister of State for Labour & **Employment Rameshwar** Teli in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha. Teli explained that the EPFO data covers the low-paid workers in medium and

large establishments of formal sector. According to the reply, the net addition in women EPFO subscribers increased from 15,93,614 in 2019-20 to 28,69,688 in 2022-23. The net women EPFO subscribers addition was 13.98.080 in 2020-21 and 26,18,728 in 2021-22.

Teli also informed the House that the estimated female unemployment rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in the country declined to 2.9 per cent in 2022-23 from 4.2 per cent in 2019-20, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).

It was 3.5 in 2020-21 and 3.3 in 2021-22. The data indicates that the labour force indicators in 2022-23 for women are better than the pre-Covid period, the minister told the House.

Teli said the estimated female worker population ratio (WPR) increased to 35.6 per cent during 2022-23 from 28.7 per cent in 2019-20, which shows that female employment in the country has an increasing trend.

Employment generation, coupled with improving employability, is the priority of the gov-ernment, Teli said, adding that the government has taken various steps to increase employability in the country, including women's participation in the labour force and quality of their employment. A number of protective provisions have been incorporated in the labour laws for equal opportunity and congenial work environment for women workers.

## Agriculture to play important role in India's development trajectory: Niti Aayog VC

New Delhi, Dec 14:

Agriculture will play a central role in India's development trajectory as strong

rural demand supports manufacturing and eco-Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery said. According to an official statement, the Aayog and the

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) signed a Statement of Intent (SoI), aiming to fortify policy and programme frameworks contributing to India's development objectives. "In India's development trajectory, agriculture will play a central role", the statement said,

quoting Bery. Bery said increasing productivity of agriculture, coupled with a shift towards natural and

soil-friendly practices, is crucial. 'Strong rural de mand supports manufacturing and economic revival and is critical for India's transformation over the next 25 years," he said.

Speaking at the event, Niti Aayog member

#### Ramesh Chand said the SoI will lead to collaborative work between the government think tank and IFPRI that can generate new insights into the role of agriculture in shaping economic development in India and other emerging

## India's e-retail market estimated to cross USD 160 billion by 2028

New Delhi, Dec 14:

E-retail in India is expected to surge past USD 160 billion (over Rs 13 lakh crore) mark by 2028, a report released by Bain & Company in collaboration with Flipkart said on Wednesday. The E-retail market is expected to be around USD 57 USD 60 billion (Rs 4.75 lakh crore to 5 lakh crore) in 2023, with an annual shopper base of around 240 million representing an annual addition of USD 8 12 billion since 2020. "Long-term fundamentals of India's e-retail industry, including affordable data, improved logistics and fintech infrastructure and strong digital consumer ecosystems remain intact," Bain's Innovation & Design Capability Area, Partner and Global Leader, Arpan Sheth said in a statement. "The market is expected to rebound to 23 25 per cent growth levels, surging be-

yond USD 160 billion by 2028," the statement said. The e-retail market is poised to grow in the coming years, with online spending currently only 5 6 per cent of total retail spending in India compared to the US where it is 23 24 per cent and 35 per cent in China, indicating massive headroom for growth. According to the report, the majority of India's retail spend (94 95 per cent) continues to be offline, with general trade accounting for 87 per cent of the overall retail spend. "As GDP per capita continues to increase, especially beyond USD 4,000, it is expected to drive a sharp rise in online spending, as spend per shopper on discretionary products increases," the report said.

At present per capita income is around USD 2,600 in the country. The report estimates that over 60 per cent internet users are not shopping online.



Tennis player Rohan Bopanna and actor Gul Panag during an event organised to reveal the official Tata Mumbai Marathon's merchandise products, in Mumbai, Wednesday, Dec. 13.

## **Auto component** maker Happy Forgings to launch Rs 1,008 crore IPO on Dec 19

New Delhi, Dec 14:

Auto components maker Happy Forgings Ltd on Thursday fixed a price band of Rs 808 to 850 per share for its Rs 1,008 crore-Initial Public Offering (IPO). The maiden public issue will open for subscription from December 19 21, and the anchor book will be opened for a day on December 18. The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 400 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 71.6 lakh shares by a promoter and a selling shareholder. Paritosh Kumar Garg (HUF) and India Business Excellence Fund III are the selling shareholders in the OFS. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be utilised towards the purchase of equipment, plants, and machinery, the payment of debt and a portion of the funds will also be used for general corporate purposes.

## **Adani Group to make** additional investment of Rs 8,700 crore in Bihar

Patna, Dec 14:

The Adani Group on Thursday said it would make an additional investment of Rs 8,700 crore in Bihar in various sectors, including cement manufacturing, logistics and the agro-industry. The group is already present in Bihar, where it has invested Rs 850 crore, said Pranav Adani, Director, Adani Enterprises. He was speaking at the Bihar Business Connect-2023, a two-day global investors summit that concluded on Thursday. "Our group has decided to invest Rs 8,700 crore in additional sectors in Bihar. This will create direct or indirect employment for approximately 10,000 people in the state," Adani said. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar released the Bihar Logistics Policy 2023 and a coffee table book (of the state in-



the summit on Thursday. Kumar, however, did not address the gathering at the event. "Bihar is now an attrac-

tive investment destination in the country. We are currently present in logistics, gas distribution, and agrologistics, with an investment of Rs 850 crore, generating direct or indirect employment for 3,000 individuals. Now, we aim to increase our investment around 10fold," Adani said.

# **Korba empowers Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** through special cleanliness drive

#### **Urban and Rural areas witness intensive cleanup efforts under 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign**

Korba, Dec 14: In a concerted effort to promote cleanliness and hygiene, a special cleanliness program is underway in both urban and rural areas of Korba district as part of the "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign, aligned with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Under the guidance of Collector Saurabh Kumar, this initiative seeks to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness among the public while emphasizing the benefits of a pristine environment.

part of "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign, dedicated cleanliness programs are being executed in the rural areas, including Municipal Corporation, Municipality, and Nagar Panchayat zones within the district. Cleanliness



bus terminals, various wards, and other locations throughout the district.

Today, the drive encomthe Mudapar Weekly Market, Itwari Weekly Market, Pauni Pasari Market, Pradhanmantree Awavas Panchmukhi Kshetra.

Helipad, Sports Ground, Old Bus Stand area, Subhash Chowk, Nehru Nagar, and other urban

Local businesses and residents have been urged to refrain from indiscriminate waste disposal and instead maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. Safai Mitras in residential

areas have encouraged the separation of wet and dry waste for efficient disposal. Additionally, the general public has been educated about the significance of cleanliness in disease prevention and fostering a healthier, cleaner future.

Rural areas have also seen significant participation in the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, with cleanliness campaigns conducted in various Gram Panchayats, including Makhurpani, Barpali, Bendarkona, Kukricholi, and more.

In a bid to engage the youth and promote hygiene awareness, students from Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School, NCDC, participated in a tour of the community toilet located at Subhash Chowk under the Clean Toilet Campaign.

They were acquainted with the facilities available in community and public toilets and actively graded them. The students were encouraged to spread awareness about maintaining clean surroundings and emphasized the importance of personal responsibility in ensuring clean homes, roads, and

# DAVPS Bacheli Yoga team qualifies for DAV National Yoga competition

#### ■ To be held in Gaiiaba in UP

Central Chronicle News

Bacheli, Dec 14: The tenhearts DAVPS, Bacheli selected for National Sports Competition. On behalf of Zone 3 Bastar in DAV State Level Sports Competition, these blooming buds participated in which students from different zones of entire Chhattisgarh participated, which was held at Kusmunda on De 11 and 12.

Under 14 category, the gold medal winning team in Yogasana competition were Tarun Sahu, Praveen MayankSahu Abhishek Nag, while the gold medal winning team in Yogasana competition in age group 19 were Mohit Karmakar, Ankit Sharma,

AnkushNayak Bhavi Delhiwar and in the field of Yoga. Singh. The winning team

will now participate in the National Competition which will be held in Gajiaba, Uttar Pradesh. There is an atmosphere of happiness in the school and in entire Bacheli due to this big victory. For the first time, a team from Bastar region is

national level competition

The Principal, Chetna Sharma along with her team encouraged the students and their proud parents. She boosted up the moraleof the shining stars for the national level preparation too. She even appreciated and expressed her gratitude to the NMDO management for their kind-

## Two SECR staff to receive 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award'

Will be honored by the minister in a function organized at Bharat Mandapam, New **Delhi today** 

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur/Raipur, Dec 14: Two dedicated employees of South East Central Railway have been selected to receive the prestigious 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award' for their outstanding contributions to the railway service. The recipients, Senior Section Engineer Amitabh Chaudhary and Railway Protection Force jawan Pramod Kumar, will be honoured by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav during a ceremony at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on December 15.

South East Central Railway



**Pramod Kumar** 

cellence in railway operations, Transportation Shield' for outstanding transportation management. Additionally, the railway zone has secured the coveted 'Rolling Stock Shield' for superior rolling stock management, surpassing all other rail-

Alok Kumar, General



**Amitabh Choudhary** 

Railway, along with key department heads, will accept the rolling stock shield on behalf of the railway in the upcoming ceremony.

Pramod Kumar, a constable in the Railway Protection Force stationed at Gondia, displayed remarkable courage in two life-saving incidents. He swiftly rescued passengers in

venting potential accidents and demonstrating unwavering dedication to his duty.

Amitabh Choudhary, a Senior Section Engineer based at PP Yard Bhilai, completed complex tasks efficiently, contributing to safe railway operations. His work on twin pipes in approximately 2500 wagons before the deadline showcased his commitment to excellence.

Railway's achievements in maintaining a record 8572 wagons and ensuring the upkeep of LHB and other passenger coaches have earned them accolades in the field of rolling stock management. Their remarkable efforts in traffic transportation have also earned them the Traffic Transportation Shield, highlighting their dedication to providing efficient rail

# Collector urges speedy implementation of 'JJM'

#### Review meeting emphasizes timely tap water access for all

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Dec Collector Avnish Sharan took stock of the Public Engineering Department's progress and urged the acceleration of work under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in a department-wise review meeting here today. He stressed the need for completing the mission on time while maintaining high-quality standards and emphasized that ongoing projects should continue without interruption.

Collector issued strict instructions, warning against any negligence in the execution of the Jal Jeevan Mission. During the meeting held in the



lined that the Jal Jeevan Mission, a significant initiative of the Government of India, aims to ensure that tap water is accessible in every household. To gauge the mission's

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progress, Sharan directed department officials to verify whether completed taps were effectively sup-

Kishore Sharma's 'Chehre' artwork draws acclaim

scored that meticulous planning and effective implementation were crucial for achieving substantial progress. He urged the swift initiation of pending projects by expediting the tendering

Engineer UK Rathiya pro-

that the goal was to provide tap connections to a total of 2,46,673 rural families. Currently, 1,63,153 families have received tap connections, achieving 66.14 percent of the target. The mission aims to provide tap connections to 668 villages in the district, with 100 percent completion in 22 villages and over 90 percent progress in 121 villages

mission's status, stating

The Collector also stressed the importance of conducting training programs for plumbers and operators under the Nal Jal Mitra initiative. The meeting was attended by partment, SDO, and tech-

# 'Expecting accelerated development in district'

**Anticipation grows for** statewide progress under Chief Minister Sai's leadership

Dhamtari, Dec 14: Chhattisgarh witnessed a historic moment as Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai was coronated as the first tribal Chief Minister of the state. Former MLA of the Dhamtari assembly constituency. Raniana Sahu, extended her heartfelt congratulations to Chief Minister Sai and expressed optimism for the development of the region and the entire state.

In her congratulatory message, Sahu acknowledged the tireless efforts of the Bharatiya Janata Party workers, attributing their dedication as the driving force behind the



RanjanaSahu

party's victory and the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state. She described Chief Minister Sai as a leader with simplicity, humility, experience, and a genuine concern for the people of the state.

Sahu also extended her congratulations to Deputy Chief Ministers of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma. She believes that under the leadership of Minister Sai, Chhattisgarh will carve its unique identity and witness development across all sections of society.

Highlighting key initiatives, Sahu noted that on December 25th, as per the Bharatiya Janata Party's announcement, the government will embark on housing projects for 18 lakh impoverished families, provide a two-year bonus to farmers, and undertake various essential tasks. Furthermore, she anticipates an upswing in development activities in Dhamtari district and throughout the state, as Chief Minister Sai's leadership gains momentum.

## **At International Modern Art Exhibition in Goa** Central Chronicle News

Khairagrh, Dec 14: The International Modern Art Exhibition and a Seminar on Art in Education were recently held in Vagator, Goa, from December 6th to 10th. The event saw participation from renowned and marked artists Chhattisgarh's presence through the internationally acclaimed sculptor Kishore Sharma, hailing Bhandarpur

Khairagarh. Kishore Sharma's artwork titled 'Chehre' garnered attention and praise during the exhibition. Saniav Halmarkar. Chairman of the Institute of Menezes Braganza, Government of Goa, inaugurated the program alongside artists Sadashiv Parab and Nitin Korgaonkar. Halmarkar



Sharma's creation as a profound representation of human emotion, reflecting the multifaceted nature of humanity

The exhibition, known as 'Hanging Talk,' was sponsored International Art Family Delhi-Kolkata and featured a diverse range of artistic expressions, including sculpture, painting, printmaking, and photography.

Art was displayed with different titles by the artists which included Shaumin Kar's Melody, Roy Pinky's Aayoni, Satyajit Chandra's Under The Earth, Biplab Dutta's Relaxation, Joydeep Bhattacharya's Identity Crisis, Najma Akhtar's

Fight Naibhore, Palash Night of the Nervous, Solitude by Pooja Roy, Village Life by Mohammed Comer. Untitled by Debjani Dey, Life by Dulal Sarkar, Life by Bimal Beene, Purple Heron Photography by Fouad Kidwai, Strecious Universe by Moushumi Malik, Dr.

Tea Garden by Govinda Roy, Sparsh by S Zafar, Smriti by Rajeeb Sikdar, Portrait of Rakhi Sarkar Perspective by Dr. Pragati Singh, Flight by Saba Nagvi, Landscape by Dr. Khokon Raut and Indus Valley by Manisha Dixit along with several international artists, contributed their remarkable artworks to the exhibition.

During the seminar on art in education, Kishore Sharma emphasized the role of art in enriching life and described it as a form of yoga. Sadashiv Parab and Nitin Korgaonkar also expressed their views on the importance of including art as a mandatory subject in education, underscoring its holistic significance in personal de-

## Union workers attend swearing-in of CM Vishnu Deo Sai

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Dec 14: In a significant show of support, union workers and prominent BJP youth leaders from Dongargaon made their way to Raipur to participate in the swearing-in ceremony Chhattisgarh's inaugural tribal Chief Minister, Vishnu Deo Sai.

The delegation included District Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Secretary Anant Tiwari, Social Media In-charge Naveen Sahu, Satyam Blood Group Convener Chitragana Sahu, General Secretary BJYM Kumarda



with Kheduram Nishad, Parmeshwar Taram, Chhabilal Yaday, Dinaram Sahu, Gaidlal Nishad, Hridayram Chandravanshi, Ramdev

Chandravanshi, Mohanlal

Raju Sahu, and Jageshwar Sahu.

Speaking about the occasion, Anant Tiwari expressed his views, saying, 'The five-year reign of fear and misgovernance in Chhattisgarh has come to an end.'

The attendees were brimming with hope, as the oath-taking ceremony of Vishnu Deo Sai signaled a new dawn for Chhattisgarh. They believed that under the leadership of the "double engine government," the state was poised to chart a course toward progress and prosperity.

District BJYM leader Naveen Sahu also shared his thoughts, stating, "Under Sai's guidance, families in Chhattisgarh will soon realize their dream of having their own homes.

# Railway Schools: A hub of academic and holistic excellence

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Dec 14: Bilaspur boasts two Railway Higher Secondary Schools in Chhattisgarh along with an additional high school in Shahdol, collectively educating 3548 students. The remarkable combination of high-level academics and comprehensive development in extracurricular activities has led to a remarkable phenomenon: zero vacancies in any class of these Railway Schools. The ever-increasing demand for admission has left waiting lists unfulfilled.

Parents in Bilaspur priori-

Railway Schools for their children, drawn by state-ofthe-art facilities, including classrooms, washrooms, drinking water, CCTV surveillance, sports equipment, computer labs, air-conditioned laboratories, libraries, smart classrooms, and pro-Railway Higher Secondary

School No. 01 has achieved ISO certification, a Gold Certificate from IGBC, Fit India recognition from the Government of India, and a Blue rating for Health and Hygiene from CBSE, making it Bilaspur's only 5-star rated school. The school excels in tize securing a spot in board results and employs a

grading system recommended by CBSE. The excellence extends beyond academics. A 10th class student, Dhananjay Nayak, serves as vice-captain Chhattisgarh Cricket Under 16. Teacher vacancies, if any, are swiftly filled by contract teachers. The school offers special-

ized instructors for drawing, music, dance, yoga, and more. Railway School students consistently rank among the top ten in CBSE class 10th and 12th board results. Besides academics, the school hosts various activities throughout the year, enabling students to excel in football, cricket, and national-level competitions, including the CBSE Sports and Science Exhibition. Active participation in social and charitable organizations like Interact Eco Club, NSS, Red Cross Society, HelpAge India, Cancer Aid Society, NCC, Scouts & Guides, etc., adds to the school's renown. Railway School has garnered numerous awards regionally, nationally, and internationally. The achievements of both

students and faculty at Railway Schools exemplify their status as educational institutions of unparalleled excellence, fostering holistic development.

Batters give India opening-day honours

Navi Mumbai, Dec 14 (PTI):

Debutants Shubha (69)Jemimah Rodrigues (68) made fine half-centuries as India's ultra-aggressive approach with the bat took them to a massive 410 for 7 at stumps on Day 1 of their one-off women's Test against England here on Thursday.

This marked India's return to Test cricket after nearly two years and their first red-ball game on home soil in nine years. India's ultra-aggressive approach saw them scoring at an impressive rate of nearly five runs per over on a batting-friendly

Debutants Shubha Satheesh and Jemimah Rodrigues showcased their mettle, both crafting exquisite half-centuries. Shubha, 24, exhibited remarkable footwork and a keen understanding of line and length, scoring 69 runs off 76 balls, adorned with 13 boundaries. Jemimah, too, demonstrated her class, hitting 11 fours during her 99-ball stay. While Shubha and Jemimah set the stage for India's dominance with a



the third wicket, they fell short of individual milestones. Shubha departed at 69, while Jemimah was

The Indian team appeared poised to rewrite records as they made notable contributions with Captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Yastika Bhatia put on 116 runs for the fifth wicket, forming the second-highest partnership for India Harmanpreet's fluent 49 and Yastika's brisk 66 were instrumental in consolidating India's position. India were far from done as Deepti Sharma (60) and Sneh Rana (30) joined forces to pile more misery on England on a hot and humid day, adding 92 runs for the seventh

India's Deepti Sharma with teammate Sneh Rana celebrates after scoring a half-century during the first day of a one-off test cricket match between ndia Women and England Women, at DY Patil

wicket, which took the hosts past the 400-run mark.

England, who bowled 94 out of a possible 100 overs, opportunities were few and far between. Luck also did not favour them, with a few edges flying past their fielders while both the DRS calls too went waste.

Indian openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma made confident starts but perished inside the first 10 overs after putting on 25 runs.

Mandhana (17 off 12 balls, 3x4s) punished the fuller deliveries as India were quick off the blocks, but Lauren's ploy to pull back her length resulted in the Indian opener chopping one on to her leg stump.

Shafali remained rooted to the leg stump, which meant the early movement from Kate Cross (1/64) troubled her around the off-stump. Having being beaten a few times, Shafali (19 off 30 balls, 4x4s) could do little when a Kate Cross delivery nipped away off the surface to send the Indian batter's off-stump

## Warner launches his farewell **Test series with dominant ton**

Perth, Dec 14 (AP):

David Warner hit a scintillating century in his farewell Test series as Australia reached 346 for five against Pakistan's inexperienced bowlers on the opening day Thursday of the three-match series. Warner's commanding 164 off 211 balls his first test century in a year vindicated captain Pat Cummins' decision to bat first on a hard bouncy pitch.

Warner, at the age of 37, will be retiring after the last test in his hometown of Sydney. During his innings, he hit 16 fours and four sixes, making Pakistan's bowlers toil throughout the day.

Despite Pakistan missing a specialist spinner, their debutant fast bowlers Jamal Aamer and Khurram Shahzad put up a commendable effort. However, they missed crucial opportunities to dismiss Warner, with Shahzad dropping a catch and Sarfaraz Ahmed missing a

stumping chance. Pakistan found success in the final session, taking three wickets. Shahzad dismissed Steven Smith. Travis Head, and eventually Warner, who had been going for aggressive shots

had faced criticism for his recent Test performances, responded with a fantastic display of batting. He and Usman Khawaja formed a formidable partnership in the first session, scoring 117 runs without losing a wicket.Warner completed his

Shreyas Iyer returns to

KKŘ captaincy, Rana named his deputy

**David Warner** 

half-century off just 41 balls and reached his sixth Test century against Pakistan off 125 balls. He celebrated with his trademark leap. Khawaja's contribution came to an end when Shaheen Shah Afridi got his outside edge after lunch.

## Shami races against time India lose to Germany 1-4 in semifinal to be fit for SA Tests

old's availability was sub-

iected to his recovery after

the treatment. In that con-

text, PTI understands that

Shami might not board the

flight to South Africa along

with other members of the

Test squad such as captain

Rohit Sharma, senior bat-

ter Virat Kohli, fellow

pacer Jasprit Bumrah and

They are scheduled to fly

out to Johannesburg on

Friday. Shami is likely to

continue his recuperation

at home, and the pacer

could make a return dur-

ing the Test series at home

against England starting

Hyderabad. If a replace-

ment is indeed required for

Shami, then the selectors

under Ajit Agarkar have

the option of drafting in a bowler from the India 'A'

squad which is currently

Perth, Dec 14 (PTI):

Australia all-rounder

Cameron Green has re-

vealed he was born with an

irreversible chronic kidney

disease, which at one stage

put his life expectancy at 12

The lanky all-rounder,

who is a vital part of the

Australia cricket team, said

that the disease has no

symptoms and is irre-

I was born that I had chronic

kidney disease, basically,

there's no symptoms, it was

iust picked up through ultra

sounds," Green told Channel

7. "Chronic kidney disease is

basically a progressive dis-

ease of your kidney's health

function. Unfortunately,

"My parents got told when

versible.

January 25 at



Bengaluru, Dec 14 (PTI):

Mohammed Shami, who is iniury, is racing against time to be fit for the Test series against South Africa, starting at Centurion on

December 26.

India defeat Nepal by 7 wickets to clinch Women's Bilateral Series for Blind

Mumbai, Dec 14 (PTI):

Sushma Patel scored a breezy 37-ball 45 as India defeated Nepal by seven wickets to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in five-match T20 Women's Bilateral Cricket Series for the Blind here on Thursday.

Put in to bat, Nepal scored 165 for six in 20 overs with skipper Binta Pun scoring 69 and sharing a 101-run stand with Mankeshi Chaudhary at the Police Gvmkhana Cricket Ground.

However, following her departure, India bounced back with a flurry of wickets as Nepal lost four batters in the last four overs.

Sushma, who was adjudged 'Player of the Match', Ravanni, Basanti Hansda and Simu Das all scored as India chased down the target in the 19th over for the loss of three wickets. The last match of the series will be played on Friday. India had won the first two T20s before Nepal came back in the third game on Wednesday.

#### of FIH junior men's hockey World Cup Though Shami was included in the Test squad Kuala Lumpur, Dec 14 (PTI): that was announced on November 30, the 33-year-

Penalty corner woes continued to haunt India as they failed to convert even once from 12 shots to lose 1-4 to a clinical Germany in the semifinal of junior men's hockey World Cup here on Thursday.

champions Six-time Germany, on the other hand, earned just two penalty corners in the whole match but scored on both the occasions.

The Indian team will need a lot of soul-searching as it was inexplicable not to score even once from a dozen penalty corners in such a crucial stage of the showpiece.

The Indians had produced a spectacular display of grit and character prevail over the ranked Netherlands, fourth in the world, in the quarterfinal on Tuesday in their 4-3 win, but penal-



ty corner conversion let them down on Thursday.

Ben Hasbach struck a brace with goals in the eighth (field goal) and 30th minute (penalty corner) to give Germany a 2-1 lead at half-time. Sudeep Chirmako (11th) scored the solitary goal for India

with a field effort. The mighty Germans then consolidated their lead with a clinical penalty corner conversion by Glander Paul (41st), while Florian Sperling's 58th

Potchefstroom, Dec 14 (PTI):

Unbeaten fifties from

opener Yaseen Valli and

Jean du Plessis helped

South Africa A' earn a

draw against India A' on

the fourth and final day

of the first Unofficial

South Africa 'A' made

152 for 2 in 42 overs in

their second innings be-

fore both the sides

ished their first innings

Earlier, India 'A' fin-

The home side were in

a bit of bother when they

were reduced to 48 for 2 in

the 12th over as opener

Cameron Dean Shekleton

and one down batter

Rubin Herman returned

to the hut without con-

However, SA found

their fight through Valli

(72 not out, 137 balls, 8x4)

and Du Plessis (50 not

out, 82 balls, 5x4) as they

negated the rest of the 30

overs without much fuss.

ably against Indian pac-

ers, especially Prasidh

Krishna who had taken a

fifer in the first innings,

They played comfort-

tributing much.

agreed to shake hands.

at 417 all out.

Test' here on Thursday.

minute field strike completed the formalities.

Last edition runners-up Germany will face the winner of the other semifinal between France and Spain in the summit clash. India will play for the bronze medal on Saturday.

The first quarter was an evenly contested one with Chirmako cancelling out

Hasbach's goal.

After a midfield lapse,
Hasbach took control of the ball to score from the rebound

Germany the lead.

Chirmako equalised for India with a splendid shot as the German goalkeeper came forward to narrow the angle but the Indian kept him at bay to slot it home from the edge of the circle. That goal was, however, the only bright spot for the Indian team.

India could have got the upper hand had they converted at least one of the four PCs they earned. But it was not to be.

The second quarter was even worse as the Uttam Singh-led side wasted all the six PCs they earned in quick succession. India paid the price as Germany scored from a PC taken by Hasbach.

Paul scored from another penalty corner in the third quarter to give Germany iead. Sperling then settled the issue two minutes from final hooter when he struck from a rebound.

## Super Cup to adhere to AFC's 6 overseas players' rule

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

The Kalinga Super Cup will follow the AFC's six foreign players rule, the India Football Federation announced on Thursday.

The 16 participating teams can register up to six foreign players in the starting line-up with one from Asia.

This is in accordance with the AFC club competitions regulations.

This decision has been taken in view of the fact that winners of the Kalinga Super Cup will qualify for the AFC Champions League 2 2024-25," the AIFF stated.

The Indian Super League follows a 3+1 rule -three non-Asian and one Asian player in the starting XI, even as the top-tier league allows to register six foreign players.

The 12 ISL clubs have gained direct entry, while the I-League franchises will play the qualifiers to determine the remaining four teams. The teams are divided into four groups with the top-four making the semi-finals. The tournament will take place across two venues in

Odisha from January 9-28. Tournament draw is

the helm as captain Shreyas made a comeback Indian middle-order batin the Asia Cup in ter Shrevas Iver will lead September and returned to

form in the home series

against Australia with an

86-ball hundred in Mohali. In the recently-concluded World Cup, he batted in the key No. 4 slot, scoring 530 runs from 11 innings with two centuries and three fifties at an average of 66.25. The way he has worked hard to recover from his injury and the form he has

displayed is a testament to

## **Shoaib Bashir mistakenly** ignored McCullum's England selection call for India tour

London, Dec 14 (PTI):

Kolkata, Dec 14 (PTI):

Kolkata Knight Riders in

the IPL 2024, the manage-

Thursday. The 29-year-old

had missed the entire IPL

2023 season because of a

back injury that required

surgery in London in April,

forcing KKR to give cap-

Making the announcement, KKR CEO Venky

Mysore said: "We are de-

lighted that he's back and at

taincy to Nitish Rana.

announced on

A few days ago, when young England off-spinner Shoaib Bashir saw a missed call from a New Zealand dialling code number, he ignored it thinking it could be from "anyone random".

All of six first class matches old, Bashir couldn't even imagine in his wildest dream that the number belonged to former New Zealand skipper Brendon McCullum and the England red-ball coach was calling him to give him some exciting news.

"I was like Who is this? It could be anyone random'," Bashir told 'The Telegraph'.

Bashir's inclusion in the 16-member Test squad for the tour of India on Monday came as a surprise to everyone including the off-spinner himself. It wasn't until McCullum reached out to him on WhatsApp that Bashir responded.

"I didn't think it was someone winding me up, and I didn't think much of it until it hit me. Then I was like, Wow, it's Baz'.

"Honestly, I can't put it into words now, and it's been two or three days. It's



just so special. I'm delighted to have an opportunity it is crazy, crazy news," he said. England will play five Tests in India as part of their ICC World Test Championships cycle starting in Hyderabad on January 25.

Looking forward to a gruelling sojourn to the subcontinent, Bashir is ready with his bag full of tricks. Apart from that, England will bank on his six foot four inch-tall frame and vast hands to help him generate bounce and bowl with control.

"I've got the off-spinner, the undercutter, a sidespinner and an arm ball. And I am working on a Carrom ball, too. So, I've got a few, and I think they would work quite nicely in

#### playing in South Africa. Cameron Green reveals he is Valli, Du Plessis make fifties suffering from irreversible as South Africa 'A' manage chronic kidney disease draw against India 'A' mine don't filter the blood as

well as other kidneys."

The 24-year-old revealed that his kidney function is currently at about 60 per cent, which is stage two, with stage five needing transplant or dialysis.

"Fortunately, I'm stage two, but if you don't look after them enough, it easily goes back down. Kidneys can't get better. It's irreversible. So any way you can find to slow the progression, you basically try and do."

The condition was detected when Green's mother Tarcy had her 19-week pregnancy scan.

"At the time it was unchartered territory as such, the prognosis wasn't great. There were life expectancy issues that he might not expect to live past 12 years of age," said Green's father, Gary. The fast-bowling allrounder, who has featured in 24 Tests, 23 ODIs and eight T20Is since making his Australia debut in 2020, said the disease also affects his cricketing career as he is more susceptible to cramps.

"I have got to keep my salt and my protein quite low, which isn't ideal as a cricketer but around games I can pick that protein intake back up because I spend so much of it out on the ground.

## **Brief Scores**

all out in 98.1 overs and 152 for 2 in 42 overs (Yaseen Valli 72 not out, Jean Du Plessis 50 not out) drew with India A': 417 all out in 86.5 overs (Pradosh Ranjan Paul 163, Shardul Thakur 76, Sarfaraz Khan 68; Evan Jones 4/100, Siya Plaatjie 3/65).

nings lead of 98 runs. For South Africa,

The second unofficial Test will begin at Benoni on December 26.

South Africa A': 319

including a hat-trick. Earlier in the day, India resumed their first innings from 377 for six with Shardul Thakur batting on 70. But, he could add only six more runs to his overnight score, before giving a catch to Valli off pacer Evan Jones. Saurabh Kumar made 22 to take India past the 400run mark as the visitors ended their first innings at 417 all out for an in-

Jones took four wickets while fellow pacer Siya Plaatjie grabbed three.

slated on Monday.

# K'taka hospital sealed, 4 employees detained

After female foetus found in dustbin

Bengaluru, Dec 14 (PTI):

nurses who have also been

A private hospital in Bengaluru Rural district was sealed and four of its employees were detained after a female foetus was found inside a dustbin of its premises, police said on someone else's."

Following the incident The health officials in the hospital located at alerted police and sealed Thirumalashettyhalli in the hospital, he said. Hoskote taluk, a case has State been registered by the police against the doctor who is also its owner. Those detained included females

named in the FIR, they A team of health officials visited the hospital as part of their routine indence was found along spection on Wednesday with no proper records and found the female foemaintained of scanning. tus to their utter shock, a The hospital has been senior police officer said. sealed," he told PTI. "Based on the statement

they also found a woman and complaint received by lying in the operation theatre and suspected that the foetus thrown in the dustbin belonged to her. However, the officer said, "The enquiry is on and we are yet to verify if the disposed foetus was hers or

Health Commissioner Randeep D said it is the first case

booked for female foeticide through illegal abortion in Karnataka. "The health officials team followed leads and undertook an inspection where disposed foetus evi-

a case under Prohibition Selection Act, Medical Termination Pregnancy Act and sections 312 (causing miscarriage), 314 (death caused by act done with intent to cause miscarriage) and 315 (act done with intent to prevent child being born alive or to cause it to die

the health officials con-

cerned, we have registered

The hospital owner has been absconding since the incident and teams have been formed to trace him, he added.

after birth) of the Indian

Penal Code against the

owner and staff of the pri-

vate hospital", a senior po-

lice officer said.

Earlier this month, the Karnataka Health department had asked district and seal unauthorised medical facilities and those run by 'fake doctors' after police busted a sex determination and female foeticide racket Karnataka.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the scandal uncovin Bengaluru, Mandya and Mysuru districts. The Karnataka Government has transferred investigation into such illegal activities to the Criminal Investigation Department of the State Police.

Health The State Commissioner recently issued a circular directing district health officials to inspect all medical facilities including clinics and diagnostic laboratories and seal them if they are found to be 'unauthorised'

## **SAD FOUNDATION DAY**



SAD MP Harsmirat Kaur Badal along with other leaders offers prayers during a 'Bhog' ceremony (final prayer) of Sri Akhand Path of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy book) on the occassion of 103rd foundation day of the SAD, at

## **Bodies of 64 victims of Manipur** ethnic violence handed over to kin

Imphal, Dec 14 (PTI):

A total of 64 bodies of victims from the Kuki and Meitei communities, lying in morgues of Manipur since ethnic clashes broke out in the state in May, were handed over to their family members under tight security, officials said here on Thursday.

The bodies of 60 members of the Kuki community, which were kept in the JNIMS and RIMS hospitals here, were airlifted amid tight security arrangements put in place by the Manipur Police and the Army's Assam Rifles

Four bodies of Meiteis that were lying at a also brought to Imphal and handed over to their next of kin for the last rites, the officials said.

The Supreme Court formed a committee in August of three former high court judges --Justices Gita Mittal, Shalini Joshi and Asha Menon -- to look into the investigation, relief, remedial measures, compensation and rehabilitation in violence-stricken Manipur. Subsequently, on the

committee's report, the apex court issued directives for the burial or cremation of those killed in the ethnic violence in the northeastern state, including the 88 people who were

dominated by tribals, were not claimed by their family members, by December 11. "Either the relatives of the deceased can accept the bodies and perform the last rites at any of the nine burial sites identified by the Manipur government or the state can go ahead and do the same in accordance with municipal laws," the court had ordered.

> Twenty-four more bodies, believed to be of Kukis, were at the Churachandpur morgue. The tribals had refused to bury those until the bodies from Imphal

'We are expecting that these bodies would also be claimed and the last rites performed," an official

## Very easy to hurl allegations: CJI

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI):

"It is very easy to fling allegations and letters," an anguished Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said on Thursday while clarifying that the bail plea of AAP leader Satyendar Kumar Jain in a money laundering case was listed before a bench headed by Justice Bela M Trivedi as Justice A S Bopanna was unavailable due to illness.

Justice Chandrachud made the remark in the context of an unsavoury row that has erupted in the top court after two senior members of the Bar-Dushyant Dave and Prashant Bhushan-wrote separate letters to him voicing their angst over "certain happenings" in

benches other than those that were supposed to hear them. Earlier in the day, the CJI refused to allow the prayer made by senior Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Jain, to adjourn the hearing of the former Delhi minister's petition by a bench headed by Justice Trivedi, saying the judge concerned will take the decision. "It is very easy to fling allegations and letters. There is a communication from the office of Justice (A S) Bopanna. Due to medical reasons, he did not resume duties after Diwali. He (Justice Bopanna) stated that all matters which were heard by him should not be kept

as part-heard.
"Therefore this matter (bail plea of Jain) was assigned to Justice Trivedi who had last heard the matter. The reason why Justice Trivedi has to hear the matter is because there is an application for an extension of interim bail. I thought I would clarifv it." the CJI said. Justice Chandrachud

expressed surprise and said it was strange on the part of a member of the bar to say that "I want this particular judge". General Solicitor Tushar Mehta, who was

room, said the only way to deal with such "malicious" letters is to ignore them and not "dignify" them with a response. In the afternoon, the CJI

there inside the court-

referred to certain past orders of the bench comprising Justices A S Bopanna Justice Bopanna who wanted Jain's case to be not treated as a part-heard matter. "The matter was de part heard' on the instructions of Justice AS Bopanna. I am saying that any member of the Bar saying this particular judge should hear my case and no other judge...this cannot be so. Justice Bopanna had to proceed on medical leave...," he said. In the forenoon, Singhvi said the proposed hearing on Jain's plea by the Justice Trivedi-led bench be deferred.

the point that it was

Singhvi said a bench of Justice Bopanna and Justice Trivedi had heard substantial arguments in the case and now the matter is listed before the bench of which Justice

## **SC** extends interim bail granted to AAP leader **Satyendar Jain**

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Thursday extended till January 8 the interim bail granted to former Delhi minister Satvendar Kumar Jain in a money laundering case. The apex court is seized

of a petition filed by Jain challenging the April 6 order of the Delhi High Court dismissing his bail application in the case being probed by the **Enforcement Directorate** (ED). A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and SC Sharma granted the relief to Jain after noting that he fractured his leg on December 9. "Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we are inclined to extend interim order," the bench said. Additional Solicitor General SV Raju opposed the prayer claiming he was not cooperating in the investigation.

Jain, who had moved the top court for bail, is currently on interim bail on health grounds.

The top court had on May 26 granted the former Delhi minister interim bail on medical grounds for six weeks and it is being extended from time to time.

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### Jamakkalam to Sholapith: A centre to promote age-old craftsmanship, 'karigars' of India New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI): era military garrison into Bengal region -- and sev-

West Bengal native Gaurav Malakar is an eighth-generation traditional artisan who is car rving forward the legacy of 'sholapith', an age-old delicate craftsmanship he was handed down by his forefathers that needs patience as well as finesse. Artistic handcrafted ob-

iects fashioned out of stems of 'shola' plant have been traditionally used in ritual adornment during Durga Puja, weddings and auspicious occasions. Malakar, who hails

from South Dinajpur district, laments that due to presence of artificial decorative wares in the market, price of handcrafted 'sholapith' items at times goes up, leading to less number of buyers.



Gauray Malakar, a craftsman from West Bengal who practices the traditional 'sholapith' craftsmanship, shows one of his products, at the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design in New Delhi.

Now, to empower India's indigenous craftsmen and promote their traditional arts and craftsmanship, the Union

culture ministry has set up the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD) which was formally launched by Prime



The 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design', housed in a British-era barrack in the Red Fort complex premises,

Minister Narendra Modi on December 8 during the opening of the India Art. Architecture and Design Biennale. Housed in a two-storey barrack 'L1' built in the 1860s inside the 17th century Red Fort complex, the project has transformed the Britishan aesthetic cultural

Centre for Design has been created under Project Aatman with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) as its nodal agency.

The colonial-era barrack, located near Delhi Gate of the Mugal-era monument, has been conserved and adaptively reused for this project that paves the way for a 'sustainable cultural economy derived from the indigenous crafts of India by empowering the artisan communities with new designs and innovations". Malakar -- title used by traditional garland ('mala') makers in

eral other craftsmen, men and women, drawn from Aatmanirbhar Bharat different parts of the country have been assembled in Delhi, and currently showcasing their traditional craftsmanship to visitors at the ABCD. Rooms which once were

residences of military

personnel are now show-

casing some of India's finest arts and crafts, such as Jamakkalam carpet weaving and Pulicat Palm Leaf work of Tamil Nadu, traditional board games such Chaturanga, Jaipur rugs, black pottery of Mnaipur, Tangaliya weaving of Gujarat, Himalayan dyeing Indigo Uttarakhand, papiermache of Kashmir and glass work of Firzobad.



# SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY PREPARATIONS



Preparations underway for the swearing-in ceremony of Rajasthan Chief Minister-designate Bhajan Lal Sharma, in Jaipur, Thursday.

## 'Research and innovation will create robust health research ecosystem'

New Delhi, Dec 14 (PTI): Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday said "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan" research and innovation will create a robust health research ecosystem and will be twin engines to drive our global competitiveness.

Mandaviya, who inaugurated five new facilities at the Indian Council of Medical Research - National Institute of Malaria Research (ICMR-NIMR) here, said Anusandhan" is a very important principle in the endeavour towards making India selfreliant.

The facilities include a test research laboratory, an innovation complex, a conference hall complex and a 300-seat Auditorium.

Mandaviya said this inauguration is "indicative of the focus of the government on research and innovation in every field of health".

"Over the last four decades, these centres have conducted important research in many areas, including emerging and re-emerging viral Infections, diarrheal disorders, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hypertension, diabetes, AMR surveillance, zoonotic diseases and other health problems," said the health minister.

"These are not just buildings but temples of health that the country needs today to make its health ecosystem selfreliant," he added.

India's health sector complete-

ly and make it self-reliant".

Mandaviya said "the government is working to develop

Highlighting the importance of "Jai Anusandhan", the health minister said that it would have taken months for India to get the vaccine during the time of Covid.

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