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RECORD HOLDER

Raman elected speaker of Chh'garh assembly

Raipur, Dec 19:

Senior BJP MLA and former Chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh was on Tuesday unanimously elected as the speaker of the state legislative assembly.

The first session of the newly-elected assembly began here on Tuesday.

Singh (71) filed his nomination for the speaker's post on Sunday and said his new responsibility will be to take everyone together in the Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha.

The Congress, which ruled Chhattisgarh for last five years, suffered a shock defeat in the assembly polls held last month at the hands of the BJP which bagged 54 out of 90 seats, restricting the grand old party to 35 seats. The Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP) won one segment.

As the assembly session



commenced on Tuesday, pro-tem speaker Ramvihar Netam administered the oath to BJP and Congress legislators and one MLA from the GGP as members of the legislative assembly.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Leader of opposition Charan Das Mahant, Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma, former CMs Raman Singh and Bhupesh Baghel were among the legislators who were administered oath by the pro-tem speaker.

After the swearing-in of legislators, CM Sai moved

a proposal for the election of Singh as the speaker which was seconded by Deputy CM Sao.

LoP Mahant also moved a proposal for the election of Singh as the speaker which was seconded by senior Congress leader and former CM Bhupesh Baghel.

Three more proposals were moved by BJP members in favour of Singh, the seven-term MLA who has won Rajnandgaon seat for four consecutive times - in 2008, 2013, 2018 and 2023.

Singh was elected as the Lok Sabha member once in 1999 and appointed as the Union minister of state for commerce and industries in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.

In the recently concluded state assembly elections, Singh defeated Congress' Girish Dewangan by a margin of 45,084 votes.

115 fresh COVID-19 cases in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 19 (PTI):

As Kerala reported 115 fresh COVID-19 infections in the last 24 hours taking the total active cases of the virus in the state to 1,749, the Health Department on Tuesday said there was no need to be worried. According to data on the Union Health Ministry's website, of the 142 COVID cases reported in the country till 8 am on Tuesday, 115 were from Kerala.

Kerala Health Minister Veena George, in a statement, said there was nothing to be worried about as the state was well prepared to handle the virus infection.

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Elgar Parishad case: HC grants bail to Gautam Navlakha

Stays order for 3 weeks

Mumbai, Dec 19 (PTI):

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted bail to activist Gautam Navlakha, arrested in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case.

A division bench headed by Justice A S Gadkari said Navlakha's plea seeking bail was "allowed".

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) urged the court to stay operation of the order for a period of six weeks so that it could file an appeal in

the Supreme Court. The bench stayed the order for three weeks. Navlakha, who was arrested in August 2018, was in November last year permitted by the Supreme Court to be placed under house arrest. He is residing in Navi Mumbai at present. The high court granted Navlakha bail on a surety of Rs 1 lakh. He is the seventh accused in the case to be granted bail. In April this year, a special court had refused to grant bail to Navlakha, noting that there was prima facie evidence to show that the activist was an active member of banned outfit CPI (Maoist).

'Oppn will remain in opposition with less strength'

In 2024 LS polls

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused the opposition parties of providing "muted and indirect" support to the security breach incident in Parliament and asserted that they will remain in opposition with further reduced numbers in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections because of their conduct.

Addressing what he said was the last BJP parliamentary party meeting this year, Modi pretty much laid out the theme for the ruling alliance's campaign for the 2024 Lok Sabha election as he took a swipe at the INDIA bloc over its meeting on



PM Modi arrives for the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Tuesday. Slamming opposition parties for disrupting Parliament proceedings, Modi said they were giving a "political spin" to the incident in frustration over their losses in the recent assembly polls. Their goal is to throw out his government but the government's goal is to ensure a bright future for India,

he added. "Some People are uniting in their intent to remove the BJP from power while we are patriots working for the betterment of India. They are utilising their strength to remove the government while we are utilising our strength for the betterment of India," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said, quoting the Prime Minister.

Modi asserted that the opposition's conduct in Parliament will ensure their numbers go further down in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls while the BJP boosts its tally. Pointing to some empty rows in the auditorium where all BJP MPs had collected, he said these will be filled up after the 2024 polls.

BRIEF



Students perform 'Mallakhambh' during the Uttarakhand Sports Mahakumbh-2023 at Maharana Pratap Sports College Raipur, in Dehradun, Tuesday.

Arrested

Guwahati: Close on the heels of recent blasts in three major towns of Assam, three suspected ULFA (Independent) linkmen have been arrested from a house in Guwahati, police said on Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided a house in Pandu area of the city late on Monday night and nabbed a person, identified as Ashim Adhikari, who was allegedly involved in the recruitment of cadres for the banned outfit.

Acquit

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Tuesday acquitted two accused, including an entity with links to a US company, in a case related to alleged irregularities in allocation of a coal block in Chhattisgarh, saying the prosecution failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt. Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj granted the relief to AES Chhattisgarh Energy Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of AES Corp.

Only 43 of Oppn's 138 MPs now left in Parliament

New Delhi, Dec 19:

After a string of suspensions in Lok Sabha, the INDIA bloc has lost more than two-thirds of its strength for the duration of the Winter Session and only nine MPs of the principal opposition Congress, including former party presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, are left in the House.

On Tuesday, 49 opposition MPs were suspended for the remaining part of the session for disrupting proceedings, taking the total tally of suspended MPs in Lok Sabha to 95. The INDIA bloc parties had a strength of 138 in Lok Sabha, of which 43 MPs are now left in the House. Congress' floor leader

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Trinamool Congress' floor leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay are among those suspended. So far, 13 of the 22 Trinamool Congress MPs have been suspended.

From the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, which has a strength of 24 members in the House, 16 MPs have been suspended.

Aam Aadmi Party's lone Lok Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Rinku was also suspended.

Among other INDIA bloc parties, three Nationalist Congress Party MPs belonging to the Sharad Pawar faction, including floor leader Supriya Sule, have been suspended out of the four who are supporting the opposition.

NaMo app survey to gauge voters' mood on govt

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

With Lok Sabha polls months away, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'NaMo' app on Tuesday launched a survey to gauge the popular mood on a variety of issues, including people's views about the performance of his government and their local MP.

The 'Jan Man Survey' seeks the people's response on various aspects of governance and leadership and its questions include both central-level development and specifics related to the user's constituency.

BJP sources said this is an innovative survey that

aims to tap into the 'jan man' (the common man's mind) to know what is on citizens' minds through an "interesting and gamified" interface, adding that Modi has always championed the use of technology to reach out to people.

IPL AUCTION

Starc, Cummins are value buys despite hefty price tags



New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI)

Mitchell Starc (bought for Rs 24.75 crore) and Pat Cummins (Rs 20.5 crore) were the biggest buys in the Indian Premier League 2024 auction so far, with both Australians going past the overall record for the costliest buy at an IPL auc-

tion. Starc has not played in the IPL since 2015. Despite that, Kolkata Knight Riders chose to break the bank for him with a winning bid of Rs 24.75 crore. Australia cricket captain Cummins was picked by Sunrisers Hyderabad for a record price of Rs 20.5 crore, before Starc piped him.

Meanwhile, Chennai Super Kings splashed the cash on Daryl Mitchell, buying the New Zealander for Rs 14 crore. India's Harshal Patel was the third costliest pick for Rs 11.75 crore while the breakout star of the recent Cricket World Cup, Rachin Ravindra, was snapped up by CSK for Rs 1.8 crore.

Steven Smith and Rilee Rossouw went unsold as did India's Karun Nair and Manish Pandey. The names of 332 players are to go under the gavel at the Coca Cola Arena in Dubai on Tuesday as the 10 franchises look to strengthen their squads before the upcoming season. (Detailed report in Pg 11)

Nine-year-old girl abducted, raped and murdered

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

A nine-year-old girl was allegedly abducted, raped and then murdered by her 52-year-old landlord, who dumped her body in a canal in outer Delhi's Swaroop Nagar, police said on Tuesday.

The police have launched a search to recover the girl's body.

The victim's family has demanded capital punishment for the accused, who has been arrested. The locals and her family members staged a protest in their locality to demand jus-

'Father demands death for landlord'

The father of the nine-year-old girl, who was allegedly abducted, raped, and murdered in north Delhi's Swaroop Nagar area, has demanded death for the accused. "The accused is our landlord and stays around 500 metres away from our one-room set. He kidnapped my daughter, took her to some unknown location in his car and raped her. Capital punishment is the right action for him," he told PTI over phone. The family members of the girl and several other people held a protest near her house and demanded a strict action against the landlord. Later, when police checked the CCTV footage of the nearby area, they got to know that the girl was lured with a car ride by the family's 52-year-old landlord, who took her to some isolated place raped and murdered her.

According to the investigators, the accused then took

her to an isolated area where he allegedly raped her in his car. To hide his crime, he strangled her and then dumped her body in Munak Canal around 6.30 pm. The accused, who stays in the same locality in

"According to the CCTV footage, we got to know that the girl was kidnapped from near a closed godown. The family members identified the man, who was taking her with him as their landlord," said a police officer.

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Youth trapped in car window, dragged for three kilometres

Two including car driver arrested for attempt to murder

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: Police arrested two persons on charges of attempt to murder after a video went viral on social media. Following a road accident, the accused trapped a youth in their car window and dragged him for about three kilometres.

According to information, the victim is Palash Chandrakar (20) son of Laxmikant Chandrakar, a resident of ward 05, Gayanagar Durg. He lodged a complaint at Durg City Kotwali on December 18 after which the accused were searched and nabbed.

Palash complained that a rashly moving Swift car



(CG 04 NJ 5437) hit his bike near Patel Chowk Durg. When he shouted and asked the car driver to stop, the person sitting on the side seat of the car started abusing and threatening him. Meanwhile, the accused managed to trap Palash's hand in the car window by closing the glass. Palash tried to get him



self free, but failed in his attempt. The car driver again started driving at a high speed and dragged Palash for about three kilometres. Hanging on the window, Palash screamed seeking help from the passersby. A car driver spotted this incident and chased them. Meanwhile, they recorded the video of the entire

incident. The accused car driver brought the vehicle very close to the walls and tried to crush Palash between the vehicle and the wall. From Patel Chowk, the accused took the car towards Nayapara Road via Ganjpara and entered the Amar Heights colony. The accused driver Zahiruddin escaped from

the spot while the second youth Lokesh Markam stayed there. Police reached the spot and arrested Lokesh Markam and seized their car bearing registration number CG 04 NJ 5437.

Later, the accused driver Zahiruddin was also arrested under sections 279, 337, 294, 506, 307 IPC. The accused driver Zahiruddin (32) son of Akimuddin a resident of Village Taralim, Police Station Berla, District Bemetara and Lokesh Markam (20) son of Chhabil Markam, a resident of village Taralim, Police Station Berla, District Bemetara were produced before the Court and sent to jail on judicial remand.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena inspected the under construction flyovers at Dabrapara and Kumhari on National Highway. During the inspection, the Collector took information about the work progress from PWD and NH officials.

To ease the traffic in the city, the Collector directed to complete the bridge construction soon by working round the clock. He asked to pay special attention to safety and quality during bridge construction.

The Collector took information about the construction from the officials engaged in the construction work. The NH officials



informed him that the construction of Dabrapara and Kumhari flyovers would be completed by the first week of March.

During the inspection, Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas, SDM (Bhilai 3) Jageshwar Kaushal, Joint Collector Deepak Nikunj, DSP Satish Thakur and officials of NH and PWD were present.

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DAV IPS students excel in DAV Zonal Sports Meet

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: The students of DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 have made the school proud by registering their names for the DAV Nationals to be held from January 04, 2024 to January 08, 2024.

The talented budding sports champs have not only added gems to the studded crown of the school but also have startled everybody by giving a flashing and sportive performance on the fields during the DAV Zonal Sports Meet after being qualified from the DAV Sports Cluster Meet which was held on December 03-04, 2023.

The team was highly appreciated and felicitated by the Principal of the school Priyanka Shukla



congratulating all the 16 champs who had proved their mettle in the Zonal Meet and also to those special 14 students who have been selected for participating at the DAV Nationals.

In the Under 19 category: in Badminton event- Krishnak, C Varchaswa and Piyush bagged the 1st position. The other students who also qualified for the Nationals are Piyush Kr Sahu, Atanu Nayak and Mandeep Singh Kanjwani

Under 14 category: in Karate, Chetana Lohra bagged the 1st position and Himansh Chhibber stood 2nd and J Adarsh, N Pavani also qualified for the Nationals in the Gymnastics event.

In the Under 17 category: in 100m Praveen Yadav stood 1st, Supriya Singh stood 1st in the shot put event and Harshvardhan stood 1st in the Karate. Ishan Kumar Giri Boxing and Divyanshi Singh in Gymnastics also qualified for the DAV Nationals

Sports Meet 2023 - 24. The DAV National Sports Meet 2023 - 24 where students will be participating will be held in various venues like Panipat, Karnal, New Delhi and Gaziabad. The team had been supported morally and emotionally by the mentors Buddhprada, Arun Kumar and Ajay Kumar who had been a constant source of encouragement and guidance to the champions of DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2.

Employees of Non-works Department felicitated with Shiromani Awards

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: Employees of the Non-works Department of Bhilai Steel Plant were felicitated with 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant. The Award Ceremony was held at Ispat Bhawan on December 16, 2023.

Dharamveer Banchhor, Senior Staff Assistant (F&A), Uttara Kumar Raote, Junior Store Keeper (MM), Purushottam, Senior Technician (TSD), Chamara, OCT and Sarat, Health Inspector and Anjani Kumar Dwivedi, Junior Staff Assistant, (CSR), were awarded 'Karm Shiromani Award' for the month of August 2023 and September 2023.



Present in the programme were, Jitendra Yadav Sapkale, CGM (TA & CSR), Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel), NR Shenoy, GMI/c (Stores) and RK Bhattacharjee, GM (F&A), and other Senior Officials of BSP.

Dignitary Guests appreciated the awardees for their achievements and contributions at the workplace and felicitated them with Mementoes and

Certificates along with Letter of Appreciation and Gift Voucher of Sweets to their respective Spouses.

KK Yadav, GM (TSD-Estate), GMV Padmini Kumar, AGM (TSD), SK Mishra, Sr Mgr (MM-Stores), RKGupta, Sr Mgr (TSD), PLSahu, Sr Mgr (TSD), VKBhondekar, Sr Mgr (TSD), RK Maharana, Sr Mgr (Personnel), Usha Saji, Sr Mgr (Personnel-NW) and

Milind Kumar Bansod, Asst Mgr (TSD-Estate) were also present on this occasion.

The main objective behind awarding the Plant's employees with Shiromani Awards is to acknowledge and honour the sincere efforts and hard-work displayed by them at the workplace by meeting the organizational objectives while adhering to the standard parameters of safety.

Ruffians held for misbehaving with on-duty policeman

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: Police arrested three ruffians on charges of misbehaving and threatening an on-duty police constable. As per the instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg, the teams of various police stations are making sustained efforts to maintain law and order and peace. Police are taking action against the ruffians found disturbing the public peace.

On Monday evening, Bhilai Nagar Police Station received a tip off that some unruly boys were arguing and creating a scene near Manohar Medical Stores in Hospital Sector. On the orders of the police station in-charge, Constable



Basant Kumar Bhoi of Bhilai Nagar Police Station was sent to the spot. Bhoi reached the spot and asked the ruffians not to spoil public peace.

The accused R Sonu and his accomplice R Raja and C Praveen entered into an altercation with the Police Constable and using abusive words, they threatened to kill him. On the basis of a written complaint, FIR

was lodged against the ruffians under section 294, 506, 186, 353, 34 IPC.

The accused R Sonu (24) son of R Anand a resident of Block 03/1, Hospital Sector; R Balraja (26) son of R Anand a resident of Street 23, Sector 07 and C Praveen (34) son of C Dawit a resident of Street 11, Sector 09 were arrested and produced before the Court.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: The Personnel Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant organized the "Aap Bhi Janiye" programme, to make the spouses of departmental employees of Water Management Department (WMD) aware of the various working areas of Bhilai Steel Plant.

AK Joshi, CGM (Utilities) was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Arunava Banerjee, GM (WMD) was also present on this occasion, along with Rajiv Kumar, DGM (WMD), JP Singh GM (WMD), Rizwan Khan, AGM & DSO (M&S) and other Senior Officials and Personnel.

Through the initiatives like "Aap Bhi Janiye" programme, the Personnel Department of Bhilai Steel Plant makes continuous efforts towards establishing affinity among the Plant's employees and their families.

AK Joshi, in his address, said that by organizing this programme, the Personnel Department has given you an opportunity to see your spouses' workplace at the Plant. You all should visit the Plant by adhering safely and ensure from your side that your husband leaves home for stress-free duty so that he can return home safely and stress-free after completing his responsibilities at the Plant. You all should fulfill your responsibility



in making the motto of "Suraksha Ghar ke Ghar Tak" successful, Joshi, said.

Rajiv Kumar, DGM (WMD), also addressed the gathering and spoke on significance of "Aap Bhi Janiye" programme and urged everyone present to adhere safety in all spheres of life.

JP Singh, A Banerjee, and Rizwan Khan from Water Management Department also expressed their insights during the programme.

Chhaya, Kheleshwari Adamen, Amrit Sudhakar, Lalita Bai, Urmila Tiwari, Lalti Bai, Shahnaz Ahmed, Manmati, Jyoti Kannauje,

Lata, were present in the program. Bhavana Sakure, Neelima Tamrakar, Dalia Dhale, Jayanti Sahu, Maan Bai Thakur, Mamta Chandravanshi, Pushpa Yadav, Santoshi Banjare, Anshu Devi, Alpna Lakra, Pooja Kumari visited the Plant and witnessed the functioning of various units.

In making the program successful, Vijay Kumar, Asst Mgr (Personnel), Shyamal Banerjee, Section Officer, Ruhail Singh, ALWO, Neeta Sarvare, and Gurucharan Singh, from the Personnel Department of Mills Zone-3 also contributed for organizing the programme successfully, along with Canteen Services, M&S, and HRD.

Annual Day of Primary Wing celebrated at MGM Secondary Senior School

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: The first day of the 57th annual day celebrations of MGM senior secondary school, sector 6, Jigyasa-2023, centered around the theme "I need to learn" was conducted on December 15 in the school premises with great fervour and gusto.

The Vice Chancellor of Hemchandra Yadav University, Dr Aruna Patla, graced the occasion as the chief guest and the director of Shri Shankaracharya Technical Campus, Dr Pratap B Deshmukh was the guest of honour for the grand occasion.

Alexios Mar Eusebius, Metropolitan of the Calcutta Diocese in his



message congratulated the students and sent his best wishes for their future endeavours. The occasion was also graced by Fr Jacob Thomas, Vice President of school, Fr Shinu Cherian, Assistant Vicar, KC Mathew, Correspondent of the school, Roy George, MGO cathedral secretary, Dissiny

Varghese, treasurer, school and church managing committee members and parents. The function was inaugurated by the chief guest Dr Aruna Patla by lighting the traditional lamp, with the guest of honour and all the other dignitaries. The students welcomed the guests with a melodious song. The head

girl (2nd shift) Gunjan Gilani presented the welcome speech. The Correspondent, KC Mathew wished the students a bright future.

The principal in charge, Shaji Chacko, highlighted the achievements of students in various fields in the last academic year by presenting the annual

school report. Dr Aruna Patla, the chief guest for the occasion addressed the gathering and appreciated the students for their performances. She stressed that students should utilize the time and understand the importance of time management. The guest of honour Dr PB Deshmukh, in his ad-

dress gave a message to students to never fear failure and said that it is the duty of parents and teachers to instill confidence in the students.

The mementos were presented to the chief guest and guest of honour. The cultural extravaganza Jigyasa 2023 on the theme "I need to learn" com-

menced with a dance drama "jai jawan jai kisan" which was performed to express gratitude towards the farmers and the jawans.

The retro dance and the Christmas dance by the tiny tots, the western dance, the folk dances of various states, the sufi dance, the fusion dance were appreciated by all. The group songs enthralled the audience. But the dance "Salaam Kalam" - a tribute to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and a semi-classical performance by students of classes 6 and 7 won the hearts of the august gathering. The extravagant event concluded with the vote of thanks by head boy (2nd shift) Rohit Chandwani followed by the national anthem.

OBITUARY

Kunda Jawade



Bhilai: Kailash Nagar Kurud Housing Board resident Kunda Jawade left for heavenly abode at the age of 83 years on Tuesday. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. She was the mother of Rajesh Jawade, Virendra Jawade, Surendra Jawade and Journalist Abhay Jawade.

Israel strikes south Gaza and raids a hospital in the north

Rafah (Gaza Strip), Dec 19 (AP):

Israeli forces raided one of the last functioning hospitals in Gaza's north and bombarded the south with airstrikes that killed at least 28 Palestinians, pressing ahead with their offensive Tuesday with renewed backing from the United States, despite rising international alarm.

The air and ground war, launched in response to Israel's Oct. 7 attack into Gaza, has killed nearly 20,000 Palestinians, displaced some 1.9 million, demolished much of northern Gaza and sparked attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets across the region.

Assaults on ships in the Red Sea by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels have led major shipping companies as well as the oil and gas giant BP to suspend trade through the vital wa-



Palestinians watch the destruction after the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip outside a morgue in Rafah, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

terway, prompting the U.S. and its allies to launch a new mission to counter the threat. But after meeting with Israeli officials Monday, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said he was "not here to dictate timelines or terms." His remarks signaled that the U.S. would

continue shielding Israel from growing international calls for a cease-fire as the United Nations Security Council was set to hold another vote Tuesday, and would keep providing vital military aid for one of the 21st century's deadliest military campaigns.

A strike on a home in Rafah where displaced people were sheltering killed at least 25 people, including a 2-year-old boy and his newborn sister, and another strike killed at least three people, according to Associated Press journalists who saw the bodies arrive at two local hospitals early Tuesday.

Rafah, which is in the southern part of Gaza where Israel has told Palestinians to seek shelter, has been repeatedly bombed in recent days, as Israel has struck what it says are militant targets across the territory, often killing large numbers of civilians. The military said Tuesday that it had killed a prominent Hamas financier in an airstrike on Rafah, without specifying when it occurred or if others were killed or wounded.

EARTHQUAKE



In this photo provided by Wang Xi, students gather outdoor after evacuating from their dormitories at the Lanzhou University Yuzhong campus in Lanzhou in northwestern China's Gansu province Tuesday, Dec. 19, after an earthquake hit the area. At least 100 were killed in a magnitude 6.2 earthquake in northwestern China, the country's state media reported on Tuesday.

North Korea's Kim threatens 'more offensive actions' against US



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects what it says is an intercontinental ballistic missile being prepared to launch from an undisclosed location in North Korea.

Seoul, Dec 19 (AP):

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatened "more offensive actions" to repel what he called increasing US-led military threats after he supervised the third test of his country's most advanced missile designed to strike the mainland US, state media reported Tuesday.

Kim's statement suggests he is confident in his growing missile arsenal and will likely continue weapons testing activities ahead of next year's presidential election in the United States.

But many observers say North Korea still needs to perform more significant tests to prove it has functioning missiles targeting

the U.S. mainland. After watching Monday's launch of the Hwasong-18 intercontinental ballistic missile, Kim said the test showed how North Korea could respond if the United States were to make "a wrong decision against it," according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim stressed the need to "never overlook all the reckless and irresponsible military threats of the enemies and to strongly counter them with more offensive actions," KCNA said.

The Hwasong-18 ICBM is a developmental, solid-fueled ICBM that is considered North Korea's most powerful weapon. Its

Militants kill 10 people in Uganda's western district

Kampala (Uganda), Dec 19 (AP): At least 10 people have been killed by militants with ties to the Islamic State group during an attack in Uganda's western district of Kamwenge, the East African nation's military said Tuesday.

The Allied Democratic Forces militants attacked the village early Tuesday morning, said the Uganda People's Defence Forces spokesperson Brig. Gen. Felix Kulayigye, without

providing further details. It's the latest in a series of attacks this year blamed on the ADF, a group established in the early 1990s by Ugandan Muslims who said they were sidelined by the policies of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, in power since 1986. The ADF militants who attacked Kamwenge district had crossed from the neighboring Congo last month and were being hunted by the military, Brig.

2 soldiers killed as militants attack paramilitary troops in Pakistan

Peshawar, Dec 19 (PTI):

Militants attacked a team of paramilitary Frontier Corps in restive northwest Pakistan on Tuesday, killing two soldiers in an uptick in violence against security forces in the country.

The militants fired at the Bomb Disposal Unit of the Frontier Corps from the nearby mountains in the Upper Bara area of Tirah Vally Khyber tribal district of

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Two soldiers were injured in the firing and later succumbed to their wounds at a hospital. Later, the forces cordoned off the entire area and launched a massive search operation to arrest the fleeing culprits. No arrest has been made so far. The terrorists have repeatedly attacked the security and military installations in Pakistan. The attack comes three days after five law enforcement officials were

killed in militant attacks on a regional police headquarters and a checkpoint in the same province.

On December 12, at least 23 soldiers were killed and more than 30 others injured after militants belonging to the Tehreek-i-Jihad Pakistan (TJP), a newly formed militant group that is an affiliate of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), stormed a compound used by the military in Dera Ismail Khan.

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S.O. 3639(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening two lane with paved shoulder/four laving etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH130CD in the stretch of land from Km. 62.35 to Km. 78.08 (Office of the Sub Divisional Officer(Rev.) Nagri) in the district of DHAMTARI in the state of CHHATTISGARH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Rev.) & Competent Authority Land Acquisition Nagri in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected person at the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH130CD in the stretch of land from Km. 62.35 to Km. 78.08 in the village(s) namely- Bedavapathra, Taluk-Nagri and in the village(s) namely- Kukarikonha (Forest Village) Taluk-Belargaon (Office of the Sub Divisional Officer(Rev) Nagri) in the district of DHAMTARI in the state of CHHATTISGARH



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Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

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SCHEDULE

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- Dy. Director (Admin.)

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SECR GM inspects railway safety and devp projects



Central Chronicle News

Raipur/Bilaspur, Dec 19: General Manager of South East Central Railway, Alok Kumar, conducted a comprehensive inspection of railway development and safety-related projects within the Raipur Railway Division under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme on December 18. Accompanied by Heads

of Departments, Divisional Railway Manager Sanjeev Kumar, and officers and supervisors from Headquarters and the Division, Kumar personally inspected Shivnath Bridge 462 (UP) on Dagori-Nipaniya railway section. Curve No. 11 between Nipaniya - Bhatapara and Minor Bridge 456 and observed all the parameters including girder, track.

Level crossing gate number 380 underwent detailed scrutiny, covering elements like height gauge, road surface, gate boom, and security. Discussions with the gatekeeper highlighted safety measures.

Kumar engaged with local public representatives, addressing concerns and gathering insights into passenger facilities and safety measures.

During this extensive inspection, Kumar interacted with the working DTM-05 gang team to gather insights into safety protocols, equipment availability, and track maintenance. He further inspected Bhatapara station, railway protection facilities, and even engaged in tree plantation to promote environmental conservation.

The inspection continued at Ambuja Cement Siding and MRLB Siding, where security measures were evaluated. A speed trial was conducted between Bhatapara-Hathbandh station to ensure optimal railway operations. Moving forward, the General Manager examined passenger facilities, railway colonies, children's gardens, staff quarters, and booking offices at Siliyari Railway Station. He also met with local public representatives to better understand their concerns. Concluding the safety inspection, Kumar instructed officers to prioritize ongoing construction projects, emphasizing passenger facilities, and operational enhancements to meet future demands while maintaining the highest standards of safety and security.

Villagers welcome Akshat Kalash with joyous celebrations



Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Dec 19: The nation eagerly anticipates a momentous event set to take place on Monday, January 22, 2024, coinciding with Paush Shukla Dwadashi in Vikram Samvat 2080. The grand occasion will witness the installation of the revered idol of Lord Shri Ram in the ground-floor sanctum sanctorum of the new temple under construction at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya. The significance of this

event is underscored by the esteemed presence of the nation's honorable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The ceremony promises to fill Ayodhya, and indeed the entire nation, with an unparalleled sense of joy and devotion. In diligent preparation for the Pran Pratishtha ceremony, the distribution of Akshat Kalash and invitations commenced today, reaching Mandal centers throughout the region. This auspicious endeavour was complemented by the soul-stirring bhajan-kirtan performance

of the Mandal Committee, resonating with spiritual fervour. The arrival of Akshat Kalash was met with an extraordinary welcome by the villagers, and on the 24th of December, these sacred items will be presented to the village committee Ram devotees. Kharora subdivision union leader Sitaram Yadav, Nagar Panchayat President Anil Soni, and various prominent figures joined the festivities, heralding the imminent celebration of Lord Shri Ram's divine presence.

Police launch operation against scrap dealers

Issue stern warning not to buy stolen goods



Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Dec 19: Taking a strong stance against the sale of stolen goods in junk shops, the Dongargaon police have initiated a comprehensive campaign to curb this rampant issue.

With a focus on continuous action to bring the

culprits to justice, a dedicated police team has been formed under the guidance of senior officers, led by police station in-charge Upendra Kumar Shah.

As part of this campaign, the police are swiftly tracking down the addresses of individuals involved in theft-related

cases. To bolster these efforts, local old vehicle vendors and scrap dealers have been advised not to purchase any items without proper receipts and information.

Shopkeepers are encouraged to report any suspicious activity immediately to the Dongargaon police station.

- Ramakrishna Mission empowers tribal youth through sports
- Swami Gautamanand Maharaj's vision comes to life

Central Chronicle News

Narayanpur, Dec 19: A momentous occasion unfolded in Narayanpur as the newly constructed FIFA-standard artificial turf football ground at Ramakrishna Mission Ashram was inaugurated on December 15.

The blessing of Shrimat Swami Gautamanand Maharaj and in the presence of Kedar Kashyap, MLA of Narayanpur Assembly Constituency, marked the commencement of a new era for sports enthusiasts.

Grand inauguration of FIFA-standard football ground in Narayanpur



Swami Gautamanand Maharaj, who initiated football at the Ashram in 1990, has seen the sport flourish over the years, creating a distinct identity not only in Chhattisgarh but across India. Now, after 33 years, the very ground he pioneered is being inaugu-

rated by his own disciples. In addition to the football field, a running track is also under construction. Approximately Rs 4.5 crore is being spent on making this entire project.

The ashram management has sent applications to Khelo India many times

for this and also requested the Chhattisgarh government but could not get any support. But seeing the bright future of the children in football, the Ashram itself started building this field by seeking alms from donors.

The Ashram's goal is

clear to provide a platform for tribal youth to showcase their sporting prowess and pursue careers in sports. The Ramakrishna Mission Ashram has a proud track record, with their football teams being Chhattisgarh champions for five consecutive years in various age categories. Their senior team even competed in the I-League Second Division.

At the age of 95, Swami Gautamanand Maharaj, the General Vice-President of Samagra Ramakrishna Sangha and President of Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, continues to exude enthusiasm for sports. The Ashram extends a warm invitation to the people of Narayanpur, inviting them to join in celebrating this milestone that promises to empower local youth through the world of sports.

District police cracks down on reckless road stunts

- Modified motorcycles with ear-splitting noise under scrutiny

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 19: In a commendable effort to enhance road safety and ensure smooth traffic flow, District Superintendent of Police Ankita Sharma has launched a proactive campaign targeting reckless road stunts in the district. With continuous vigilance and strict enforcement of traffic regulations, this initiative aims to create a safer environment for all.

Under the directives of Superintendent of Police Ankita Sharma, action was recently taken against



a 22-year-old motorcyclist, Vijay Kumar, residing in village Kaleva, police station Ghumka, district Rajnandgaon, for riding a

modified motorcycle equipped with a thunderous silencer reminiscent of firecrackers. He was fined Rs 5000 and

the offending silencer was replaced with the original manufacturer's version, in accordance with section 180 A (4) of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Superintendent Ankita Sharma urges the public to assist in this drive by reporting vehicles engaged in reckless stunts or fitted with disturbingly loud horns and modified silencers. Residents can discreetly provide vehicle registration numbers or photographs to the control room at Khairagarh mobile number 9479247401, and their identities will be kept confidential. This collective effort ensures safer roads for all, fostering a sense of responsibility within the community.

Closing half electricity bill scheme is a violation of people's rights: Chandrakar

- 45 lakh families fear loss of vital benefit

Mahasamund, Dec 19: A statement by Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma regarding the discontinuation of the half-electricity bill scheme for domestic connections in the state has stirred up debate and raised concerns about the welfare of Chhattisgarh's citizens. The scheme, which has been providing relief to over 45 lakh families during the Congress rule, is now under threat, prompting former Parliamentary Secretary and MLA, Vinod Sevenlal Chandrakar, to voice his objections.

Chandrakar emphasizes that the half-electricity bill scheme is not merely a handout but a fundamental right of the people. Chhattisgarh plays a significant role in electricity production, with a substantial contribution to the nation's energy needs. However, the state has borne the brunt of deforestation, road deterioration due to coal transportation, environmental damage, and air pollution associated with coal production.

Chandrakar underscores that the people of Chhattisgarh have a rightful claim to the electricity generated from the coal mine within their borders. Recognizing these factors,



Vinod Chandrakar

former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel implemented the half-electricity bill scheme, directly benefiting a large section of the state's population. Under this initiative, consumers using up to 400 units of electricity were relieved of

the financial burden. The contemplation of discontinuing this scheme by the BJP government raises concerns about its stance on welfare programs initiated by the Congress. Chandrakar suggests that the BJP government, perceived as pro-industrialists, may be inclined to discontinue schemes that directly benefit the people of Chhattisgarh. He highlights the positive impact of the previous government's initiatives on the state's development and pledges the Congress Party's commitment to advocating for the rights and interests of the underprivileged, labourers, and farmers.

Akshat Kalash bestowed upon five neighborhood leaders

- Kar Sevaks honoured

Arang, Dec 19: The fervour among Ram devotees continues to grow as they prepare for the consecration ceremony of Shri Ram Lala in Ayodhya. As part of the invitations for the Pran Pratishtha program at Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya, the sacred Kalash, brought all the way from Ayodhya, was distributed to different neighborhoods of Arang city on Sunday.

A special Kalash distribution event took place at the Baba Bageshwar Nath temple, where the city's ded-



icated Kar Sevaks were honoured by receiving Shripal fruit offerings.

Rajesh Sahu, the head of the public awareness cam-

campaign in the city and volunteers presented Shripal to Kar Sevaks Ganesh Sahu, Shekhar Sahu Prakash Sonkar, Sanat Sahu,

Ramadhur Jalakshatri, and the late Kar Sevaks Dhannu Tamboli, Gopi Krishna Sahu and Kailash Thakur also paid tribute.

The heads and in-charges of all five neighborhoods of Arang Nagar, along with local residents and Ram devotees, gathered at the Bageshwar temple. They carried the sacred Kalash on their heads while singing bhajans and placed it in the nearby temples.

The Akshat of Bageshwar Basti is now housed in Bageshwar Nath Mahadev Temple, the Ramnagar Basti's Akshat

resides in Brahmin Para Temple, Sheetal Basti's Akshat finds its place in Ram Janaki Temple, Baihar Basti's Akshat is safeguarded in Suman Colony Shiv Temple, and Deendayal Basti's Akshat is preserved in Durga Temple.

Tejram Jalakshatri shared that these Akshat offerings will be distributed by colony heads to ward heads and in-charges on December 24th. Starting from January 1, 2024, all Ram devotees will embark on a door-to-door invitation campaign, spreading the spirit of unity and devotion among the people.

Central Chronicle News

Mungelli, Dec 19: With a change in government, residents of Mungelli District eagerly await action against illegal activities, much like the efforts seen in other districts. Notably, a network of unauthorized Chakhna centers, operating in proximity to liquor shops, had been causing concerns. These centers, which had been operating without proper authorization, led to disputes, fights, and daily waste accumulation, causing distress among nearby residents.

The neglect extended to the district's roads, where potholes remained unattended. Potholes

marred the route from the main roads to the District Hospital, including the Lormi bypass. While neighboring districts like Raipur and Bilaspur saw swift changes in the wake of the new government, the residents of Mungelli wonder when they will witness improvements, especially on just two gated roads. Questions linger about the changes the new government will bring, the extent of joint actions by the administration, excise, and police departments against illegal activities, and the fate of stalled projects. Concerns persist about the deteriorating and debris-strewn roads. Drivers navigate treacherous potholes, with a risk

of accidents due to the road's condition. Citizens have reported the deteriorating road to the district administration and requested repairs, but no action has been taken thus far.

The main routes in the city resemble a patchwork of potholes, making it challenging to distinguish them from the road itself. Roads leading to the District Hospital from Ramgarh via Daupara and from Raipur to District Hospital via Budhwari vegetable market have deteriorated significantly. Frustrated by the situation, concerned citizens have met with the Collector to highlight the urgent need for road repair.

