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#### Elgar Parishad case: HC grants bail to Gautam Navlakha

the Supreme Court. The bench

arrested in August 2018, was in

November last year permitted

placed under house arrest. He

is residing in Navi Mumbai at

present. The high court grant-

ed Navlakha bail on a surety of

granted bail. In April this year,

a special court had refused to

grant bail to Navlakha, noting

that there was prima facie evi-

dence to show that the activist

now left in Parliament

was an active member of

New Delhi, Dec 19:

After a string of suspen-

sions 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 op-

position Congress, including

former party presidents

Sonia Gandhi and Rahul

Gandhi, are left in the House.

MPs were suspended for the

remaining part of the ses-

sion for disrupting proceed-

ings, 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

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-

On Tuesday, 49 opposition

banned outfit CPI (Manist).

Rs 1 lakh. He is the seventh

accused in the case to be

by the Supreme Court to be

stayed the order for three

weeks. Navlakha, who was

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#### 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

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

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 tipoff, 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.

# Raman elected speaker

Raipur, Dec 19

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

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 Vidhan Chhattisgarh Sabha.

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)

As the assembly session

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' Dewangan by a margin of

#### 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.



# 'Oppn will remain in opposition with less strength'

#### ■ In 2024 LS polls

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Prime 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 con-

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



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, ment 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

he added. "Some People

are uniting in their intent

to remove the BJP from

power while we are patri-

ots working for the better-

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.

# of Chh'garh assembly

commenced on Tuesday,

Ramvichar Netam admin-

istered the oath to BJP

and Congress legislators

and one MLA from the

GGP as members of the

Deo Sai, Leader of opposi-

tion Charan Das Mahant.

Deputy Chief Ministers

Bhupesh Baghel were

among the legislators who

were administered oath

legislators, CM Sai moved

After the swearing-in of

by the pro-tem speaker.

Singh

Chief Minister Vishnu

legislative assembly.

Arun Sao and

Sharma, former

Raman

speaker

CMs

and

pro-tem

legislative assembly.

The Congress, which

won one segment.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

and Trinamool Congress'

Bandyopadhyay are among

those suspended. So far, 13 of

the 22 Trinammol Congress

the

Munnetra Kazhagam, which

has a strength of 24 mem-

bers in the House, 16 MPs

Lok Sabha MP Sushil Kumar

Rinku was also suspended.

Aam Aadmi Party's lone

Among other INDIA bloc

parties, three Nationalist

Congress Party MPs belong-

ing to the Sharad Pawar fac-

tion, including floor leader

Supriya Sule, have been sus-

pended out of the four who

are supporting the opposi-

**IPL AUCTION** 

Starc, Cummins are value

buys despite hefty price tags

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, be-

have been suspended.

Dravida

MPs have been suspended.

From

leader

## Only 43 of Oppn's 138 MPs 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 con-

BJP sources said this is an innovative survey that

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

Ravindra, was snapped up

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 franchis-

es look to strengthen their

squads before the upcom-

(Detailed report in Pg 11)

Steven Smith and Rilee

by CSK for Rs 1.8 crore.

Rachin

World Cup,

aims to tap into the 'ian 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 technolo-

gy to reach out to people.



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# Nine-year-old girl abducted, raped and murdered

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

**HORRIFYING TRUTH** 

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

lice said on Tuesday. The police have launched a search to recover the girl's

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.

tice. The accused had allegedly lured the girl on the pretext of giving her a car ride on December 12 while she was playing outside her residence, police said. 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 Nangli Puna village in a separate house a few metres away, returned to his house around 7.30 pm. The victim's family had been staying at the rented accommodation for nearly a year.

After the girl went missing on December 12, the police were informed and they began scanning the CCTV footage of the area and they developed a suspicion regarding the accused.

"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 kilo-

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 accused were searched and nabbed.

Palash complained that a rashly moving Swift car

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 19: The stu-

dents of DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 have made

the school proud by regis-

tering their names for the

DAV Nationals to be held

from January 04, 2024 to

The talented budding

sports champs have not

only added gems to the

studded crown of the

school but also have star-

tled everybody by giving a

flashing and sportive per-

formance on the fields

during the DAV Zonal

Sports Meet after being

qualified from the DAV

Sports Cluster Meet which

was held on December 03-

The team was highly ap-

preciated and felicitated

by the Principal of the

January 08, 2024.



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.

congratulating all the 16

champs who had proved

their mettle in the Zonal

Meet and also to those spe-

cial 14 students who have

been selected for partici-

pating at the DAV

In the Under 19 catego-

ry: in Badminton event-

Krishnak, C Varchaswa

and Piyush bagged the 1st

position. The other stu-

dents who also qualified

for the Nationals are

Piyush Kr Sahu , Atanu

Nayak and Mandeep

Nationals.

DAV IPS students excel in

**DAV Zonal Sports Meet** 



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 record-

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

In the Under 17 catego-

ry: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

Gymnastics event.

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

Sports Meet 2023 - 24.

various venues

the

Buddhiprada

Sports Meet 2023 - 24

where students will be par-

ticipating will be held in

Panipat , Karnal , New

Delhi and Gaziabad. The

team had been supported

morally and emotionally

Kumar and Ajay Kumar

who had been a constant

source of encouragement

and guidance to the cham-

pions of DAV Ispat Public

DAV National

like

mentors

Arun

the spot while the second vouth 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 driv-

er 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 Chhabilal Markam, a resident of village Taralim, Police Station Berla,

# **Dabrapara** and Kumhari flyovers to be completed by March

Bhilai, Dec 19: Collector Pushpendra 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 infor-

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

Corporation Commissio ner Rohit Vyas, SDM (Bhilai 3) Jageshwar Kaushal, Joint Collector Deepak Nikunj, DSP Satish Thakur and officials of NH and PWD were

#### mation about the con-District Bemetra were produced before the struction from the officials March. engaged in the construc-During the inspection, Court and sent to jail on tion work. The NH offi-**Employees of Non-works Department** felicitated with Shiromani Awards

Bhilai, Dec 19: Employees 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,

Dharamveer Banchhor, Senior Staff Assistant (F&A), Uttara Kumar Raote, Junior Store Keeper (MM), Purushottam, Senior Technician Chamaru, 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



Present in the programme were, Jitendra Yadav Sapkale, CGM (TA & CSR), Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel), NR Shenoy, GM I/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

**Spouses of WMD employees visit Plant** 

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-RKGupta, Sr Stores). Mgr(TSD), PLSahu, Sr Mgr(TSD), VKBhondekar, Mgr(TSD), Maharana, Mgr(Personnel), Usha Saji,

Sr Mgr(Personnel-NW)and

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

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

# **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

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

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 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. Joshi, (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 Senioor 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 vour 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,

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 Management Department also pressed their insights during the programme.

Chhay KheleshwariAdamen, 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, Chandravanshi, Pushpa Yadav, Santoshi Banjare, Anshu Devi, Alpana Lakra, Pooja Kumari visited the Plant and witnessed the functioning of various

In making the program successful, Vijay Kumar, 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&HS, 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. Jigvasa-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 Hemchand Yadav university, DrArunaPatla, graced the occasion asthe chief guest and the director of Shankaracharya Technical Campus, DrPratapB Deshmukh was the guest of honour for the

grand occasion. Alexios Mar Eusebius, Metropolitan of the Calcutta Diocese in his



messagecongratulated the students and sent his best wishes for their future endeavours. The occasion was also graced by FrJacob Thomas, Vice President of school, FrShinu Cherian, Assistant Vicar KCMathew, Correspon-dent ofthe school, RoyGeorge,MGO cathedral

Dissiny

secretary,

schooland church managing committee members and parents. The function was inaugurated by the chief guest DrArunaPalta by lightening the traditionallamp, with the guest of honour and all the other dignitaries. The students welcomed theguests with a melodious song. The head girl(2nd shift)Gunjan Gilani presented the wel-Correspondent, Mathew wished the students a bright future.

The principal in charge, Shaji Chacko, highlighted the achievements of students invarious fields in the last academic year by presenting the annual school report. DrArunaPatla, the chief guest for the occasion addressed the gathering and appreciated the students for their performances. She stressed that students should utilize the time andunderstand the impor-

DrPBDeshmukh, in his ad-

dress gave a message to students to neverfear failure and said that it is the duty of parents and teachers to instill confidence in thestu-

dents. Themementos were presented to the chief guest and guest of honour. The tance of time management. cultural extravaganza The guest of honour Jigyasa 2023 on the theme

"I need to learn" com-

"iai iawan iai kissan" which was performed to express gratitudetowards thefarmers and the jawans. The retro dance and the

menced with adance drama

Christmas dance by the tiny tots, thewestern dance, the folk dances of various states, the sufi dance, the fusion dance wereappreciated by all. The group songs enthralled the audience. But the dance "SalaamKalam"- a tribute to Dr APJAbdulKalam 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 (2 nd 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 RamnagarMuktidham. She was the mother of Rajesh Jawade. Virendra Jawade. Surendra Jawade and Journalist Jawade.

# **Wait for Cabinet expansion** not long enough: CM

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 19: Amidst speculation over the expansion of State Cabinet, the State Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday said that the wait for the inclusion of new Ministers in his cabinet would not be long enough.

Party insiders said that the cabinet expansion of Vishnu Deo Sai government is likely later this

It is notable that the insession augural Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly would continue for next two days. Sai has already held discussion with the central leadership on the issue of ex-



pansion of his cabinet. Party leaders said that the central leadership would approve the list of Ministers who would soon be administered oath as Cabinet Members  $in\,BJP\,government.$ 

Sai has already made it clear that both senior as well as young MLAs would be included in his team. Senior Legislators

Agrawal, Ramvichar Netam, Kedar Kashyap, Ajay Chandrakar Dayaldas Baghel are among front runners among old faces whereas bureaucrat-turned politician OP Chaudhary form Raigarh, Lakhanlal Dewangan from Korba, Khuswant Guru from Aarang (SC) constituency and Kiran Deo from Jagdalpur are among those as new faces who might find berth in Sai cabinet.

However, the current trend of coming up with surprise package could not be ignored as the BJP central leadership is opt-





The railway crossing mid-way from Shankar nagar to Kachan is facing traffic congestion daily and there are no sign of proposed over-bridge to be constructed here.

#### **Baghel appointed as member in National Alliance Committee of Cong**

**Comprises of five** members including **Ashok Gehlot** 

Raipur, Dec 19: Prior to the Lok Sabha polls 2024, the Congress has formed National Alliance Committee on Tuesday and it comprises of five members. This committee has been formed for holding meetings and discussions with the other parties in the national alliance with I.N.D.I.A.

In this new committee of Congress, both former CM of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel ex-CM and Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot are the members along with former Union Minister Salman Khurshid, party's general secy. Mohan Prakash have



their supporters in the

party and to the Opposition

political parties as well.

# bility. The party's senior leader Mukul Vasnik has Even though Congress has lost the Assembly elections

# **Business Advisory Committee constituted**



Raipur, Dec 19: Newly-ap-Speaker of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr Raman Singh on Tuesday announced the Business Advisory Committee for the year 2023-24 exercising his rights for conducting the proceedings of House.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy CMs Vijay Arun Sao and Sharma, senior MLA Brijmohan Agrawal from the ruling party whereas Leader of Opposition Dr Charan Das Mahant, Bhupesh Baghel, Kawashi Lakhma and Lakheshwar Baghel from the Congress party are the nominees. MLAChandrakar is the special invitee of the above committee which would be headed by Speaker.

**Presiding Officers nominated** 

Raipur: Senior MLAs Vikram Usendi, Dharmjeet Singh, Lakheshwar Baghel and Daleshwar Sahu have nominated as Presiding Officers absence of Speaker during proceedings Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. Pro-tem Speaker Ramvichar Netam made the above announcement at the outset of the inaugural

# Collector instructs to intensify anti-encroachment drive

**Action to continue** against illegal 'Chakhna' Centres

Raipur, Dec 19: Anti-encroachment drive is being carried out in urban and rural areas of Raipur district. In an important meeting held today in the Collectorate Hall regarding law and order, Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure instructed to intensify the anti-encroachment drive and directed the revenue officers to remove all encroachments. He also instructed to keep a constant eye on the land after removal of encroachment to avoid attempt of encroachment again. The Collector directed the Municipal Corporation officials to take strict action against 'Chakhna Centers' being operated illegally. He

also directed the officers to on the road. The Collector also take action against vehicles parked illegally outside the dhabas and hotels running on the roadsides within the city and along the National Highway. The Collector also said that apart from the vehicles, action should also be taken against all such dhaba and hotel operators who cause blockage in the traffic system. The Collector instructed the officers to inform the public

representatives of the con-

cerned area about the action to

remove encroachment. He also

asked to take action against

shopkeepers who keep goods

(a Full Professor at the

directed that such shopkeepers should be warned once and action should be taken to confiscate the goods a second He stressed on the systematic operation of autos and

rickshaws running in the city. Senior Superintendent of Prashant Agrawal, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mayank

Chaturvedi and Additional Collectors BB Panchbhai and BC Sahu, ADM NR Sahu, police officers, all sub-divisional revenue officers and district level officers of other departments

#### **CS** discusses ongoing paddy procurement Instructs to make

preparations for **Good Governance** Day, distribution of outstanding paddy bonus to farmers

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 19: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain today held a high level meeting of officials at the CHIPS office in the capital Raipur on the instructions of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. The meeting was organized to give necessary guidelines to the officials of the concerned department and the district collectors regarding the preparations for payment of the outstanding paddy bonus amount to the farmers in fulfillment of the

Prime of guarantee Minister Narendra Modi.

The Chief Secretary took information from the officials regarding the ongoing paddy procurement at support price in the state and gave necessary directions. The Chief Secretary directed the officers to make necessary preparations for the Good Governance Day celebrations to be organized on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 25th December. He also instructed the officials to make preparations for the distribution of outstanding paddy bonus amount of two years in compliance with the manifesto.

The Chief Secretary instructed all the district collectors of the state to ensure necessary preparations in this regard. He also directed to benefit the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana by running a special campaign. On this occasion, Additional Secretary Subrat Sahoo and all departmental secretaries and senior offi-

the venue for registration

# **Int'nl conference on Information** systems and security concludes

Raipur, Dec 19: The 19th International Conference on Information Systems Security concluded on Tuesday during which C Sivakumar, Regional Executive Director of NTPC, Naya Raipur was the chief guest of the cer-

C Sivakumar illuminated the critical importance of cybersecurity, highlighting the vast potential of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and the imperative need for its security. Sivakumar also underscored the significance of collaboration between academia and industry as a crucial factor in addressing complex challenges in these domains. He articulated, "Security is a journey, not



a destination, and peace of mind is the ultimate reward." R. Sarangapani emphasizes the importance of security across various domains. Dr. Debashis Sanyal further delved into the discourse by emphasising the importance of security within the realm of Smart IoT architecture.

The conference gathered leading experts, re-

searchers, and professionals to delve into the critical aspects of information and systems security. The highlight of the conference was the insightful invited talks delivered by industry and academic experts. The invited talk delivered by Thomas Silkjaer (XRP Ledger Foundation, Denmark) focused on "Follow the

Money" and Mauro Conti

University of Padua in Italy and TU Delft in the Netherlands) on " & covert Stories: Threats **Evolution in Traditional** Modern Technologies". A keynote session by Nishanth Chandran (Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research, India) focused on "How to Train and Use AI Models on Sensitive without Compromising Privacy?" Sanjam Garg (Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley) on "hinTS: Threshold Signatures with Silent Setup", along with the PhD forum lightning talks, Tutorials, Demonstrations and Poster Presentations.

#### Says benefits of **Viksit Bharat** Sankalp Yatra must

reach maximum beneficiaries

Raipur, Dec 19: All the development blocks and urban bodies have started organizing camps during the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the dis-Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure viewed activities of the camps conducted so far today in the weekly time limit meeting. He instructed to set targets and prepare a time-bound action plan to provide maximum benefits of the government schemes to the beneficiaries. Collector gave instructions to resolve the applications, demands and complaints received in



Speed up Implementation of govt schemes: Collector

the camps as soon as pos-Additional Collectors BB Panchbhai and BC Sahu, ADM NR Sahu along with sub-divisional revenue officers and district level officers of other departments were also present.

The Collector directed that the camps should be organized during the Sankalp Yatra for public participation activities. formation of committees at Gram Panchayat and urban body level, invitation to local beneficiaries, preparation of cultural programs, mobilization of

self-help groups, village organizations, organizing sessions on agricultural activities, rewarding the winning participants in the competition and sharing experiences by the successful beneficiaries of the schemes. The Collector also gave instructions to ensure necessary arrangements to provide information about various public welfare schemes of the government to the common citizens at the venue of the camp. Apart from this, he also asked to make arrangements at

for domestic gas cylinders under Ujjwala scheme, making smart cards under Ayushman Bharat scheme and filling applications for eligible beneficiaries to benefit from other schemes of the government. Dr Bhure also instructed the District Food Officer to distribute cooking gas to the eligible beneficiaries scheme. He also asked to conduct testing for diseases like TB, sickle cell, BP, sugar etc. at the camp. The Collector gave instructions to make credit cards of farmers, prepare the Pradhan Mantri Sammannidhi Kisan case, as well as select the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana and Mudra Yojana.

# **WELCOME** विधायक दल की

All the newly elected MLAs of Congress were welcomed at party's HO in Rajiv Bhavan for the MLAs meet and during this Dr Charandas Mahant was felicitated on being appointed as Leader of Opposition in VS.

#### Woman nabbed with 90 quarter bottles of country liquor

Raipur, Dec 19: A woman was nabbed with 90 quarter bottles of country liquor worth Rs 2800 and other goods worth Rs 12,700 from railway track near Serikhedi, near the capital city. The Mandir Hasoud police got tip from

an informer that a woman is selling liquor illegally near the Serikhedi railway tracks.

The anti-crime and cyber unit and Mandir Hasoud police jointly raided the venue and nabbed the woman and on conducting

search in the bag, she was found with 90 quarter bottles of country liquor. On asking about valid documents she failed to produce any. The accused is named Rani Manhare, R/o Serikhedi, ward No 07.

# **Poster launch of Bharti Verma's film** 'Darling Pyaar Jhukta Nahi-2' held

Raipur, Dec 19: After the immense success of "Darling Pyaar Jhukta Nahi", Director and Producer, Bharti Verma is coming up with "Darling Pyaar Jhukta Nahi 2" under the banner of her production house Golden Dream Production. The poster launch of this film was held at Lokayan Hall located at Rajbandha Maidan on Tuesday. During this, the entire unit including the film's producer and director Bharti Verma, actor Amlesh Nagesh and actress Diksha Jaiswal were present. Addressing the scribes here, Bharti Verma informed that the shooting of the film will start from December 21 in Shivrinarayan. She said that as the audience loved her first film, they will love this one too because the flavour is the same. The difference is that there will be two heroes and two heroines. Regarding the songs, Bharti Verma said that the songs of the film are amazing, which will touch the hearts of the audience.

Amlesh Nagesh said, this is

the second time that I am work-

ing with Bharti Madam. I was

Darling Pyaar Jhukta Nahi- 1, in which I was the lead actor. I am glad to have got the opportunity to work with such a big banner. Actress Deeksha Jaiswal said, my mother had prayed that I

must be the part of Bharti Madam's film. Earlier I was the second lead in this film, but madam gave me the chance of lead actress in the film. This film will prove to be a milestone in my career.

The writer of the film is V. Madhu. DOP Siddharth Singh, Associate Director Sohail Shaikh, Chief Assistant Director Vikas R Pandey, Assistant Director Ashish Jha, Yuvraj Mohbia. Art Director - Benedict Francis,



Soni, Anurag Sharma, Shraddha

Mandal and Kanchan Joshi.

Apart from Amlesh-Diksha. the other artists include Shalini Vishwakarma, Reshma Jain, Soumya Beauhar, Aman Sagar, Anuj Baghel, Dadu Sahu, Vinayak Raineesh Jhanji, Aggarwal, Divya Nagdev, Lucky Rangshahi, Subrata, Deepti Mahant, Pinku Sahu, Poonam Patel, Ashish Jha., Tekram, Rohit Srivastava, Sunny, Raj Pradhan and Lata Rahi.

#### Ch'garh govt will work for development, good governance: Sao



**Participates in Guru Ghasidas Jayanti** program in Lalpur and Amartapu Dham

Raipur, Dec 19: Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao participated in the Guru Ghasidas Jayanti program organized at Lalpur and Motimpur-Amartapu Dham of Mungeli district late in the evening on 18th December. He offered prayers at Baba Guru Ghasidas Temple and Jaitkham. He also prayed for the happiness and prosperity of the people of the state. Congratulating and wishing the people of the state on Guru Ghasidas

messages of Guru Ghasidas. According to Sao truth is the ornament of man. Baba Guru Ghasidas ji gave the message of equality, compassion, love, truth and nonviolence, he said adding that everyone has to make his life successful by following the path of truth shown by Babaji. While addressing the people, Sao said that our government will work for the development and good governance of villages and cities. The slogan "Chhattisgarhia Sable Badiya" will echo across India, he said. Local public representatives and villagers were present in large numbers in both the programmes

Javanti, Sao underlined

# CM Sai allocates Rs 10 lakh annually for Amartapu Dham Mela

**CM addresses Sant** Shiromani Baba Guru **Ghasidas Jayanti** celebration via phone

Dy. CM Vijay Sharma participates in the event as CM's representative

Miungeli, Dec 19: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai addressed the Guru Parv Mela event organized on the occasion of the 267th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji at Amartapu Motimapur, Dham. Mungeli through a phone call and extended his greetings to the people of the state. Although unable to attend the event in person, he conveyed his deep regret and announced a significant annual contribution of Rs. 10 lakh for



the profound significance of the occasion, shedding light on the life and teachings of Sant Shiromani Baba Guru Ghasidas. Emphasizing the values of righteousness and harmony, the Chief Minister resonated the importance of following the path set by the revered spiritual leader.

Since 1996, there has been an annual Guru Parv Mela in Amartapu Dham, Motimapur, celebrating Guru Ghasidas Jayanti. Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Sharma attended the event on behalf of Chief

He praised Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji and wished for prosperity and peace in the state under his blessings . Deputy Minister Mr. Sharma said that Chief Minister Sai couldn't

make it this time but as-

sured he'd be present next

Speaking over the phone, Sharma conveyed the Chief Minister's message through a loudspeaker and announced a contribution of Rs. 10 lakh for the fair starting next year. MLA Mr. Punnulal Mohle, event coordinators and

Barle were present in the

Mungeli MLA Punnual Mohle started his address by Jaykara of Baba Guru

He greeted the representatives, committee officials, devotees, saints, and leaders present in the program. Mohle said that Sant Shiromani Guru Ghasidas Ji hailed from holy land Giraudpuri. Baba Guru Ghasidas practiced rigorous meditation in the Chhatta Hills and spread the message of truth, nonviolence, and social harmony to the people.

# **Cong launches 'Donate** for Desh' campaign

**Under its crowdfunding** campaign

Raipur, Dec 19: The Congress party in order to generate funds, launched 'Crowdfunding Campaign' under the banner

'Donate for Desh National President Mallikariun Kharge launched the same from New Delhi on

State President Deepak Baij said that it is on completion of 138 yrs of Congress party, it has made a request to people for donations in the multiples of 138 (i:e Rs 138, 1380, 13,800...), so that Congress party can do better work for Bharat. Congress has formed to channel for this online crowdfunding. For this a dedicated online portal www.donateinc.in and official website of INC www.inc.in are included.

PCC State President informed that this initiative is

Swaraj fund' in 1920-21 and its objective is to strengthen the party in common resource distribution and making India prosperous with full of opportunities.

PCC Chief Baii said that this campaign

will be online till the foundation day of INC i:e Dec 28 and after this it will be started ground-level. Under this the party volunteers

would go door-to-door and visiting at least 10 houses in every booth as target, would ensure minimum donation of Rs 138. PCC Chief Baij said that the office bearers, elected representatives, district presidents, state presidents and INC office bearers will be motivated to contribute minimum of Rs 1380 towards the party funds. Those who wants to donate and extend financial assistance should be citizen of India and should be above 18 yrs. The donors will be distributed donation certifi-

**IIM holds five-day training programme** 

# **Fake candidate caught** appearing exam

Raipur, Dec 19: A fake candidate named Deepak Kumar, was caught appearing in the recruitment examination at Maharishi Vidva Mandir Tatibandh in Raipur on Sunday. The recruitment examination was conducted by the Central **Board of Secondary Education** (CBSE) for the posts of Junior Secretariat Assistant and Hostel Warden for Eklavya Model Schools across the country. Deepak Kumar, resident of Hisar who passed Class 12th examination was allegedly appearing in examination on behalf of one Sunil Kumar, a graduate candidate. Kumar is said to be absconding. Deepak was appearing in the

exam for Rs 2 lakh. According to CSP Mayank **Guriar recruitment examination** was conducted in Maharshi Vidya Mandir Tatibandh on Sunday, for the posts of Junior Secretariat Assistant and Hostel Warden for Eklavya Model Schools. A candidate named Sunil Kumar, a resident of Hisar, Haryana, also got the center. Sunil had to appear in the second shift examination. Before appearing in the examination, biometric registration of

Sunil, who had come to appear for the exam, also got himself registered.

The registration data of all the candidates was sent to the Delhi headquarters of the examination agency. After this everyone started appearing exams in the hall. At around 4.30 pm, an employee of the examination agency from Delhi told those on duty in the school that Sunil's biometrics were not matching. After this, Sunil's biometric registration was done again and when the biometric mark of the application form was checked, it turned out to be different. Candidate revealed that he was not Sunil but Deepak Kumar and he was appearing in examination on behalf of Sunil During police interrogation, Deepak told that a deal was made for Rs 2 lakh to pass the preliminary examination. More money would have been available for further examination. Deepak described himself as an air gun shooting player. He needed money for a rifle for shooting training. Therefore, he came to Raipur to appear in the examination in place of other candidate. He reached Raipur by train on 16th December to

# Navroop gave five exams, became a commercial pilot

After 200 hours of flying training

In childhood, she said that I would fly a plane, today she is a pilot

Raipur, Dec 19: I remember one day at the age of three I told my parents - I will become a pilot. Since then I used to dream the same thing and today this dream came true. Navroop Kaur Mangat of the city has become a professional commercial pilot. She has also joined a private airways. Navroop has returned to Raipur after joining. Navroop said that I studied

#### Navroop's dedication is something everyone can learn

Navroop's Ravindra Kaur Singh, Navroop's dedication is something everyone can learn from her. Navroop left no stone unturned to fulfill her childhood dream. Dada Hoshiar Singh said that Navroop has not only fulfilled his dream, she has also fulfilled the dream of the entire family.



10 hours a day to become a commercial pilot. She gave 5 exams, completed 200 hours of flying training and now I am qualified as a pilot. My result came only on September 15th and 1 The contract was signed in October and was followed by 2 months of intense training. Now I have officially become a commercial

Depression was such that she would sit outside the airport for hours.

My childhood dream had to be fulfilled, there was no one to guide me. In such a situation, in the year 2018, I met Captain Sahil Khurana in Delhi. After passing the preliminary exam, I started my flying journey from Maharashtra Academy in 2019. When I returned home in 2020, a 21-day lockdown was imposed just two days later. I got a severe shock. Because I had got the license but did not get the job. In such a situation, the entire industry was closed due to lockdown. In no time, Covid pushed me back. The depression was such that I used to sit outside the airport for hours. But it is said that if you persist in pursuing your dreams even in difficult times,

#### joined only after a month. definitely get success.

There is no option B, always consider option A as your goal. Use social media, but with time management. Consistency is necessary for the goal. Exercise is important to remain physically and mentally fit. Self routine and care are necessary for

#### Navroop's message for youth

self growth, she said.

# **UTS mobile App revolutionizes** ticket booking experience

Say goodbye to queues with digital ticketing

Bilaspur, Dec 19: The Railway Administration is ushering in a new era of hassle-free ticket booking with the UTS Mobile App. Passengers can now bid adieu to long queues and enjoy the convenience of booking unreserved tickets from the comfort of their homes.

The UTS Ticketing Mobile App, available for download on smartphones, empowers passengers to effortlessly book unreserved tickets for their desired trains, eliminating the need to endure long lines at stations. This user-friendly app caters to passengers' needs by allowing ticket bookings for any station, making it a game-changer for rail travel.

To sweeten the deal, the Railway Administration offers an additional bonus of up to 3 percent when passengers recharge their R-Wallets for ticket pay-



the UTS Mobile App not only a time-saving solution but also a cost-effective one.

Under the guidance of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Vikas Kumar Kashyap, the Railway Administration has launched a special campaign to promote the Mobile App. Dedicated teams of supervisors and employees are spreading awareness about the app's benefits. Help-desks have been set up at major stations, including Bilaspur, to provide passengers with detailed information and assistance regarding the

app.
With the UTS Mobile

App gaining popularity among railway passengers, it is becoming the preferred choice for booking train tickets without the need to stand in long queues. The app has witnessed a significant surge in rail ticket sales, thanks to its userfriendly interface and the added incentive of bonus savings when recharging the R-Wallet.

The UTS Mobile App is transforming the way passengers book tickets, making rail travel more convenient, efficient, and economical. Don't miss out on this digital revolution—download the app today and enjoy a seamless ticket booking expe-



On Building Core

Raipur, Dec 19: Indian

Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur) conducted a program on **Building Core Leadership** Competencies for participants from different organizations. This five-day training program was conducted on its campus in Naya Raipur. The program was inaugurated by Programme Directors Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Director of IIM Raipur, Dr. Prem Bogzi, and Prof Ritu Gupta, Chairperson of ELDC. Prof. Kamal Jain and Smt. Nidhi Sharma are other prominent faculties teaching in this MDP.

'Leadership Skills'

An educational Institution

makes a participant experience learning from emotive, cognitive, and co-native dimensions. This program aims to develop the skills required for a responsible leader, striving to drive change toward sustainability and social well-being. It intends to foster the growth of core leadership competencies by providing participants

? Cultivate awareness of individuals' purpose and values, confronting challenges and dilemmas in aligning their actions with these values

? Deepen one's knowledge of different types of changes and relevant leadcompetencies ership ? Strengthen the ability to co-create a desired future for the society as a whole

? Map insights and

track their progress in strengthening their leadership capabilities This program centers

learnings enabling one to

on establishing an environment for learning that revolves around fundamental key competencies and values, specifically -Self-Awareness and Self-Control, People First, Leading Others, and

gram will heavily rely on Andragogical tools, emphasizing interactive and participatory learning methods rather than traditional one-sided lectures conducted in closed classrooms. In small group activities and individual exercises, one can familiarize themselves with the leadership concepts that are key to ensuring success in their future career path. This program is a testament to our commitment to nurturing leadership talent across industries and supporting nation-building.

The pedagogy

prised leadership facilita-

tion using German Theme

Centered Interaction tech-

niques. Therefore, the pro-

The skills and knowledge gained during this program will empower our participants to excel in their roles and contribute significantly to

# 'A Glimpse Into Magnificent 60 Years of Medical College Raipur'

Dr. Arvind Neral

which was established on September 09, 1963 with one Dean, two teachers, three rooms and sixty chairs at one corner of Avurvedic College Campus, has grown as a well organised reputed Medical Educational Institute in last 60 years. On it's inaugural function, first dean of this Pt. J. N. M. Medical College, Raipur, Late Dr. N. P. Banavari rightly said -"One day this region will be proud of this Medical Institute." Today, this is a premier medical centre for approximately three crore people of Chhattisgarh, especially for low socio-economic class and is a prestigious Medical Educational Institute of high repute for meritorious students of this region.

Initially, the foundation stone of its own building was to be laid down on 16" April 1965 in Pt. Ravishankar University Campus, but later on the site was transferred to the present Jail Road site and foundation stone was laid by the then Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Pandit Dwarika Prasad Mishra on the same day. By the order of M.P. Govt., 92 acre land area was transferred Department of Jail to Medical education for construction of college building, hospital, hostels and

staff quarters. Chief

Minister of M.P. Pandit

Shyamacharan Shukla in-

augurated the newly con-



structed college building on September 30, 1976 and MBBS admission capacity was increased from 60 to

As hospital building was not ready, medical college was attached to Dau Kalyan Singh Hospital for practical and clinical teaching of medical students. When Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Momorial Hospital came into existence in 1996, it substantially increased medical care and training facilities. In this very campus, an impressive Atal Bihari Bajpai Auditorium of 1200 spectators capacity has been constructed, which is one of the best auditorium of Chhattisgarh state

In its initial days, this medical college was affililike ated to Dr. Harisingh Gaud University Sagar. In 1965, Pandit Shukla Shankar University came into existence, its affiliation was transferred to it. Presently it is under Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhay Ayush & Health Sciences University, Raipur since 2008. MBBS intake capacity increased gradually-earlier it was 60 at the beginning of this institution, later on in-

creased to 100 in year 1976

and presently it is 150+30



since 2009. From this academic year 2023-24 MBBS intake will be 200+30 E.W.S. quota . Post-graduate Medical courses -MD/MS in various clinical, para clinical and non clinical subjects have been started from 1970.

P.G. seats are 150, which itself is concrete evidence of its high academic status. This college is also running unique, job oriented courses M.Sc

Presently, total number of

Medical Biotechnology. BASLP and B.Sc./M.Sc. in renal science. Various para-medical courses and

regularly organised different refresher training courses for medical officers are other significant curricular activities of institution. Experienced and senior teaching Faculty of this college also contribute substantially in teaching

of all basic medical sub-

iects

Dental.

Physiotherapy Nursing college students .Recently three superspeciality courses M.Ch have been started and efforts are in pipeline to open broad-speciality and superspeciality courses in few more subjects. Institution is also trying hard to have separate de-

partments of Geriatric medin Transfusion

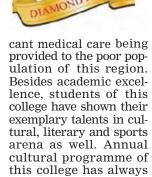
Hematology with P.G. cours-Stepping on

medicine and

developmental ladder,

medical college hospital Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital is making continuous progress and today it is the largest and most modern wellequipped hospital Chhattisgarh State.

With 24 departments, it is providing 1274 indoor patient beds and on an average 2100 patients attend OPD per day. These figures themselves are the best indicators showing signifi-



been subject of attention

Till date, nearly 6000

in the city.

doctors graduated from this institution and are giving their significant contribution in medical care services, teaching and research in various part of the state, nation and globe as a whole. Most important contribution is in form of peripheral medical facilities being provided in rural. remote and tribal areas of the state. Nearly 50 to 70% doctors in these areas are product of this institution, who are continuously giving their medical care to make people of Chhattisgarh healthy and hearty.

(Dr. Arvind Neral) Professor & H.O.D. Department of **Pathology** Pt. J.N.M. Medical College, Raipur (C.G.) New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI)

Preliminary observations from the surveillance data of various hospitals suggest that there is an increase in respiratory illness cases during periods when air quality worsens, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviva said on Tuesday. The National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health of the National Centre for Disease Control has initiated surveillance on acute respiratory illnesses through sentinel surveillance sites, established in nearly 80 hospitals across 18 states.

This surveillance meant to observe the trends of acute respiratory illnesses reported from sentinel hospitals of cities in relation to the respective air

**Teenage** pregnancies have come down in

**Assam: Himanta** Guwahati, Dec 19 (PTI): Assam Chief

Sarma

Tuesday claimed that

teenage pregnancies in

the state have come down drastically to

40,012 this year from the

previous year's 1,05942

following action taken

against child marriage.

'Our relentless pursuit

against child marriage

and teenage pregnancy

is yielding positive re-

sults', the chief minister

posted in 'X'. 'Registered

teenage pregnancies in

the state has come down

drastically from 1,05,942

in 2022-23 to 40,012 in

2023-24. We won't rest

until we bring this fig-

ure to zero', he said.

Himanta



Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

quality levels, Mandaviya said in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. "Preliminary observations from such data suggest that there is an increase in respiratory illness cases during periods when air quality worsens," he said. The ARI digital sur-

veillance data was started in August 2023 through Integrated Information portal. Mandaviva said. That Air pollution is one of the major contributing factors for respiratory ailments and associated diseases is common knowledge. There is no doubt that health of human body, including the respiratory system are additionally impacted by number of other factors which include food, occupation, medical co-morbidity, immunity and heredity, etc., of the individ-

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The association between air pollution and obstructive lung disease is well established," Mandaviya said responding to a question. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and Institute of Health Matrix Evaluation (IHME) had conducted a study titled "The impact of air pollution on deaths, disease burden and life expectancy across

#### TRAIN DERAILMENT



A derailed goods train near Shyam Nagar Chandari railway station, in Kanpur, Tuesday.

# Develop a strong sense of empathy: **Arunachal Guv to students**

Itanagar, Dec 19 (PTI):

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K T Parnaik (Retd) on Tuesday advised the students to be highly creative, socially aware, and develop a strong sense of empathy.

Gracing the 10th convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) at Jote, near here, the governor asked the students to create a new work culture that would adhere to values, ethics and morals, in a world that is besieged with several conflicts and con-

He asked the graduating students to come back to the institute as alumni as and when possible and

give back whatever they can, knowledge sharing lectures, donations, mentoring, and opportunities for placement of students.

Terming convocation as an essential day in the lives of graduating students and a significant landmark in their life's journey, Parnaik congratulated the students and said that they have earned their degrees and awards through hard work and dedication to maintain high standards.

"Learning is a continuous process and the students must apply their learning to contribute to the progress of our country and in the process, make an excellent career for themselves and their



Lt Gen K T Parnaik (Retd)

families," he emphasised. He reminded the graduating students that they are the leaders of tomorrow and they would be setting the standards that would enable India to become a fully developed and responsible country. Reminding the students of Viksit Bharat@2047, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Parnaik appealed to them to contribute innovative ideas for the progress of the nation in the Amrit Referring to National

Education Policy 2020, the governor said that policy is to instil among the learners a deep-rooted pride in being Indian, not only in thought but also in spirit, intellect and deeds, as well as to develop knowledge, skills, values and disposition that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development and global well-being, thereby reflecting a truly global

# Authorities decide against Mullaperiyar Dam opening due to reduced inflow

Idukki (Ker), Dec 19 (PTI):

Considering the reduced inflow of water into the reservoir, the authorities decided on Tuesday not to open the Mullaperiyar dam. which had experienced heavy rainfall in its catchment area the previ-

The decision came a day after Tamil Nadu authorities, responsible for managing the over 125year-old dam, announced the intention to open its shutters to release excess water through the spillway.

On Tuesday, the Idukki

firmed that the shutters of the Mullaperivar dam would remain closed, citing a decrease in water inflow to the reservoir after rains in the catchment area subsided.

Officials stated that the current water level was at 138.75 ft, and due to the reduced inflow, there was no need to raise the shutters to release excess water.

The southern region of Tamil Nadu and the Periyar Tiger Reserve experienced heavy rainfall for three days until Monday, leading into the Mullaperiyar dam.

District authorities had received warnings from the Cumbum Water Resources Department office regarding the rising water level. The dam's maximum storage limit is 142 ft.

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

Public that I, P. PRAVALLIKA D/O

P. V. SWAMI (Father) &

P. NEERAJA (Mother) resident of 12A St. 10, Sector-5, Bhilai (C.G.) have changed my old name P. PRAVALLIKA D/O PONURU VENKATA SWAMY (Father) & P. NEERAJA (Mother), So in future I shall be recognised by my new name PONNURU PRAVALIKA D/O PONURU VENKATA SWAMY

PONNURU PRAVALIKA D/O PONURU VENKATA SWAMY (Father) P. NEERAJA (Mother)

(Father) & P. NEERAJA (Mother) in all government and other

documents.

12A St. 10.

# Will intensify anti-terror ops in Kashmir if required: IG CRPF cluding association with

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around, is what we aspire



Shashi Tharoor

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Just minutes before his suspension from Lok Sabha, MP Congress Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday predicted such an action and said that for the first time in his parliamentary career of nearly 15 years, he too entered the well of the House holding a placard calling for a discussion on the recent se-

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

Place: Raipur

Badge of honour to be defenestrated by unfair

He said it is a badge of honour to be "defenestrated" by an unfair process. As many as 49 Lok Sabha MPs were suspended from the House for disrupting proceedings on Tuesday, a day after 78 opposition members were suspended from Parliament. The MPs suspended on Tuesday include National Conference's Faroog Abdullah, Congress leaders Tharoor, Manish Tewari and Karti Chidambaram and Samajwadi Party MP Dimple Yadav. In a post on X minutes before his suspension, Tharoor said, "For the first time in my parliamentary career of nearly 15 years, I too entered the well of the House holding a placard calling for a discussion on the recent security breach.'

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

APPENDIX IV

[See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Possession Notice (for Immovable Property) Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housin

Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers con

ferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement

Rules, 2002 had issued a demand notice dated 09-10-2023 calling upon the borrow

ers Anil Patel, Arti Patel, mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 21,68,569/

(Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Only)

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrow

ers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the prop-

erty described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her unde

Section 13(4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of Rs. 21,68,569/- (Rupees Twenty

One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine Only) and interest there

on. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the

Description Of The Immovable Property

within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Rules, 2002 on this 18th day of December of the year, 2023.

Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.



**Ajay Kumar Yadav** 

Srinagar, Dec 19 (PTI):

Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Tuesday said the current situation in Kashmir Valley is peaceful and if need be, anti-terror operations. In an exclusive interview with PTI video, Yadav said the overall situation for and which we are is under control.

"The current situation in Srinagar and Kashmir is excellent and in the coming times, it is going to improve further," Yadav said. However, he quickly added that his force will intensify the anti-terror operations in the Valley if required.

"But as of now, the situation is very peaceful. We hope that the situation remains the same in the time to come," Yadav said. The IG CRPF said "all the strategies that are required to be adopted, in-

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doing right now". Replying to a question

on the presence of CRPF's women personnel in the

Name and address

Valley, Yadav said that the women force is engaged in airport security duties besides participating in the cordon search operation with the teams. "We have the women personnel deployed in the Valley. They are at the airport, they're

Description of Properties & Name

with the cordon search operation teams, they're given all the opportunities and the platforms to work.

They are doing service for the nation, for the force and they're providing excellent support to us," he said.

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Sector-5, Bhilai (C.G.)

#### केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 📣

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E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

E-Auction Date: 05.01.2024

#### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property nortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 05.01.2024 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

of the Borrower & Guarantors	of Property Owner	Possession Dt. Out Standing Amt.	EMD Amt. Bid Increment Amt.	Account No. & IFSC Code
artner-1. Mr. Suresh hichalani S/o Mr Idandas 2. Land Kh No. 405/3, after mutation Kh. No chi hichalani, Nihichalani hawan ward no 10, Opposite asant Rice Mill, Tilda, aipur, C.G. 2. Mr. Vijay larger Nihichalani S/o Mr.			₹ 16,83,000/-	Mr. Ritesh Kumar Kawale (Mo. 9326911967) GE Road, Raipur Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0002555 Email:
	Boundaries of the Property- East- Plot No. 80,	23.10.2023	1 ₹ 1,68,300/-	
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			2 ₹ 9,72,100/-	
	Land of Smt. Lata Burad & Smt Namrata Jain, North-Land of Anil Dubey Kh No. 405/1, South-Sellers Balance Land Kh. No. 405/3.		₹ 10,000/-	cb2555@ canarabank.com

partment, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, C.G., Guarantor-1. Mrs Kanchan Nihichalani W/o Mr. Suresh Nihichalani, Flat No 101 Block-B, Empressia partment, New Rajendra Nagar, 2. Mrs Sandhya Nihichalani w/o Mr Vijay Kumar Nihichalani, Flat No 103, Blacck-A, Empressia Apartment, New Rajendra

M/s. Freshica Multitrade & 1. All the part and parcel of residential flat at first floor Infra Pvt. Itd., Shop No. 30 flat no. 101, The Empressia, Kh. No. 409/3, 409/11, Ground Floor, Magneto Mall, 409/26, Ph. No. 114, Tikrapara Raipur in the name of NH 6, Labhandi, Raipur Mrs. Kanchan Nihichalani. Area: 750 Soft. C.G.), Director cum Bounded: On the South-Flat 102, On the North

Guarantor - 1) Mr. Suresh Passage, On the West-Flat 104, On the East-Nihichalani, Flat No. 101, Block-B, Empressia Apartment, Behind Maharana Pratap College, New Mrs. Kanchan Nihichalani, Area: 750 SqFt.

Bounded: On the South-Flat 102, On the North-Flat No. 104, On the East-Flat 103, On the East-Flat 104, On the East-Flat 105, On the East-Flat 105, On the East-Flat 105, On the East-Flat 104, On the East-Flat 105, On the East-Flat 104, On the East-Flat 104,

11.07.2023 ₹ 63,44,209.77/as on 31.04.223 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.

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₹ 27,72,000/-Mr. Ritesh Kawale ₹ 2,77,200/-₹ 10,000/-₹ 27,72,000/-₹ 2,77,200/-₹ 10,000/-

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Maharana Pratap Collége, New Rajendra Nagar, Amildih, Ravi Gram, Brindavangarh, Raipur (C.G.). Mortgagor cum Guarantor - 1) Mrs. Kanchan Nihichalani W/o Shri Suresh Nihichalani, Flat No. 101, Block – B, Empressia Apartment, Behind Maharana Pratap College, New Rajendra Nagar, Amlidih Ravi Gram, Brindavangarh, Raipur (C.G.); 2) Mrs. Sandhya Nihichalani W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar Nihichalani, Flat No. 103, Block + A, Empressia Apartment, Behind Maharana Pratap College, New Rajendra Nagar, Amlidih, Ravi Gram, Brindavangarh, Raipur (C.G.).

Terms and Conditions: A. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. B. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer Date on 04.01.2024 at 10.30am. C EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer of above mentioned branches respectively OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of of above mentioned branches respectively on or before 04.01.2024, 5:00 pm. D. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. E. For further details contact Branch Manager of respective branches OR Authorised Officer OR the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd., Help Line E-mail ID ::- eauction@ccsl.co.in. or www.canarabank.com.

Date: 19.12.2023, Place: Raipur (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

#### Mathpuraina, P.H.No. 105/61, N.R.M. Raipur-01, Chandrashekhar Azad Ward No. 52 Date: 18.12.2023 **Authorised Office**

"Near Rawatpura Colony Sai Mandir", Tehsil And District Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013 Admeasuring 680 Sq. Ft. I.E. 63.19 Sq. Mtrs., And Bounded As:- East: House Of Sharda Devi Israni West: Land Of Pawar Ji North: Road South: Land Of Simran City

All That Piece And Part Of House Built On One Residential Converted Land, Part Of Old Khasra No. 295/29 And New Khasra No. 295/204, Situated At Walke Mauza

Date: 20.12,2023, Place: Raipur

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Raipur Name of PROPERTY ON DEMAND/ **DEMAND NOTICE** POSSESSION NOTICE All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot no. 16.12.2023 | Rs. 2054267.00 | Hntt. & other charges LIG 686, Sector IV. Deen DayalAwas Yojna, having area 899.75 sqft., Shaddu, Raipur (C.G.) 492001. Bounded: North by: Road, East by: LIG/687, South by: Private land, West by: LIG/685 All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khasra 15.12.2023 +intt. & other charges Mr. Alok Kumar Mitra

APPENDIX-(IV) RULE 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Under Rule No. 8 (1) of Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the LIC Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitization & Reconstructions Assets.

Reconstruction of Assets and Enforcement of Security act 2002 and exercise of power conferred Under Section 13 (12) read with rule (9) of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002. Issued a Demand Notice from LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Raipur within 60 days from the date of receipt at the said notice as mentioned below the borrower having failed to repay the amount notice is here by given to borrower and the

public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described.

Herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said Rule's for property given below.

The borrower and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and act and active the above the said Rule's the above the said Rule's for property given below.

property consisting of Khasra 15.12.2023 | +init. a ones charges to 1605/89, having area 2400 sqft., Ph no.14/19, Mouza gram Kurud, Ward no. 16, Kaliash Nagar, Tehsil Durg. (C.G.) 490026. Bounded: North by: Plot of Rajkumar, South by: Plot of osh Singh, East by: Road, West by: Boundaries of M.P. Christian College

Mr. Parmanand All that part and parcel of the Hariprasad Banspal and Ms. Savitri Banspal Loan Account No-120600011101 All that part and parcel of the Hariprasad Banspal and property consisting of Khasra 15.12.2023 +intt. 8 other charges no. 225/31, having area 1097, Mouza Amildih, Ph. no. 00069, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ward no. 46, R.N.M. Rajpur (C.G.) 492001. Bounded: North by: Plot of Konika Das, South by: Plot of Dr. Hota, East by: Road West by: Plot of the Mala by: Road. West by: Plot of Dr. Hota STATUTORY NOTICE: The borrower / guarantor here by notice do pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice falling which the aforesaid property will be auctioned and balance if any will recovered with interest and cost from you.

# Villagers in large number take part in VBSY

Today the yatra reached Gumalwada, Tiriya, Karmari, Chokar, Bhadisgaon, **Dimrapal, Gadda and Taragaon** 

Jagdalpur, Dec 19:

Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is being run with the aim of taking the Central Government schemes to the masses and communicating with the beneficiaries benefited from these schemes. This yatra was organized on Dec 17 in Gumalwada and Tiriya of Jagdalpur block, Karmari and Chokar of Bastar development block, Bhadisgaon and Dimrapal

block under the district. During this period, public representatives of the area including Panchayat officials, officers and employees of the district administration and a large number of villagers participated in the Vikas Bharat

of Tokapal block and

Gadda and Taragaon of

Lohandiguda development

Sankalp Yatra. The people participating in the yatra took an oath to fulfill the resolve of a self-reliant and developed India as per the call of the Prime Minister. All the people present on this occasion said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to convey the message of developed India to the masses.

In the program, the Prime Minister's message, information about the schemes and a movie related to the schemes were displayed through IEC mobile van to reach the flagship schemes of the Central Government to the people. In the program, departmental officers participated in Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Deendayal Anyodaya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan



Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi Yojana, Kisan Credit Card Scheme, Har Ghar Jal-Jal Jeevan Mission, Swamitva Yojana, Jan-Dhan Yojana, Gave detailed information

about Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jvoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana etc. to the general public. Apart from this, pamphlets, booklets etc. related to the schemes were distributed. Along with this, applications for avail-ing the benefits of the schemes and distribution of benefits were also done. Information regarding natural farming and soil health card was also given.

During this period, stalls for Kisan Credit Card supply, Ujjwala scheme, Aadhaar card updation, Ayushman Bharat card etc. were set up to provide benefits to the eligible persons and their application forms were reimbursed.

During this period, stalls for Kisan Credit Card sup-Ujjwala scheme, Aadhaar card updation, Ayushman Bharat card etc. were set up and application forms were completed to provide benefits to the eligible persons. In the health camp, the health of the villagers was checked and treated and they were provided free medicines. Screening for anemia and cataract was also done in the health camp.

# **Voting in DAA elections** will be held on Dec 20



Jagdalpur, Dec 19:

Voting in the District Advocates Association (DAA) elections is to be held on December 20. The nomination process for this has been completed. Arun Kumar Das, Sapan Kumar Dewangan and Rakesh Das have filed nomination for Sangh President.

nominations Three have been filed for Senior Vice President and two for Junior Vice President. Whereas the election process for Librarian, Sports Secretary, Joint Secretary and Executive Member has also been completed. The results will be declared after voting and counting of votes on December 20. The total number of voters in the Advocates Association elections is more than 365.

According to the infor-

mation received from the election officer of District Advocates Association, Arun Kumar Das, Sapan Dewangan, Rakesh Das are in the fray for the post of President. Azim Mohammed, Nitendra Kaushik, Pawan Kumar Rajput are contesting for the post of Senior Vice President, Helina Giridharan, Sukanti Patle for the post of Junior Vice President, Likheshwar Joshi, Ajay Srivastava are contesting for the post of Secretary. Similarly, for the post of Joint Secretary, only one name

was Santosh Choudhary for the post of Treasurer, Deenbandhu Rath and Nirmal Kumar Soni, for the post of Cultural and Sports Secretary, only one name was Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal, for the post of Librarian, Vijay Prakash Das and Manbodh Ram

Nomination has been filed. Whereas for the post of Executive Member (Reserved Women), only one name has been filed Sangeeta Brij Fernandes and for the post of Executive Member, Devvrit Saha, Poonam Soni, Rishi Tiwari, Shravan Kumar Shukla, Mausam Lunawat have filed nomi-

#### Youth meets watery grave while catching fish

Khairagarh, Dec 19:

A youth met watery grave when he went to catch fish in a pond in the city. The news is that of Udit Dheemar, S/o Late Jageshwar Dheemar (36), R/o Dharampura ward. He went to catch fish along with his friends to a pond on Sunday and when he was catching fish he all of sudden started feeling dizzy and started drowning. Before his friends could save him from drowning, he had

The news about youth from village meeting watery grave spread in the entire village and people had gathered in large number. During this his colleagues took out the victim's body and then he



Hospital Khairagarh, where the doctors declared him dead. On hearing about this news the police reached the site and sent body for postmortem and after which it was handed over to the family members. The incident came as a big blow to the family members and this has led to sad atmos-

### 'Break the silence, stop child sexual abuse' Bijapur, Dec 19:

For effective implementation of child protection system under Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign by the Women and Development Department in the district, schools, ashrams and the students of Pota cabins are being given information about child rights and protection system to the school teachers and children, which includes Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act Juvenile Justice Board and Child Protection Act. of Committee. The objective of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign is to in-



Adolescent Empowerment; Measures

presenting street plays on

tions related to nutrition and hygiene of adolescent

Information was given on updated migration register, linking of school dropout boys and girls to Panchayat level and legal process of adoption, Adoption Rules 2017, Child Labor Act, information was given to the children by discussing 'good touch and bad touch'. And it was also discussed with the children about what good touch is and what bad touch is. Whenever such an incident happens, who should we tell first to whom we have the most trust and confidence?

Information can also be given by calling helpline 1098. Also, school teachers have been requested that all such children who are not coming to school regularly, have not been coming for a long time, they have to be monitored regularly, and the parents have to be informed about it. Efforts can be made to make the Gram Panchayat a childfriendly Panchayat by discussing the issue in the Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat level Child Protection Committee meeting to be held at the Gram Panchayat level so that no child should drop-out of school.

In which all the boys

and girls can be connected to the school and the environment of the Gram Panchayat should be such that it is a violence-free environment. In the said sensitization program, Mrs. Sheela Bhardwaj, Women Protection Officer, Rahul Kaushik, District Child Protection Officer, Ms. Lekhika Sahu, District Coordinator

# Students gave captivating presentation of Ch'garh's songs

#### NSS camp concludes with cultural programme

Kareli badi, Dec 19:

The seven-day NSS camp concluded with a cultural program at Rampur Gram Panchayat Parasatti organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government Higher Secondary School, Kundel. In the cultural program, volunteers presented dance, skit and other programs. Everyone appreciated it a lot.

Lecturer Dinesh Kumar Sahu told that a seven-day special camp was organized in Rampur under the leadership of Program Officer Jaiprakash Tande and Toman Lal Sahu,



Parasatti. Every day, the children used to wake up at Brahma Muhurta and motivate the villagers by taking out a morning procession with motivational slogans related to environmental protection and cleanliness, by planting trees and then from 7 to 8 in the morning, the children used to do exercise, yoga and pranayam. They also made villagers aware by raising slogans like

"Yoga will be done, will be done daily". Intellectual discussions were organized by subject experts every day during the interval and the camp successfully concluded with a cultural programme here on Tuesday.

The children gave a captivating presentation Chhattisgarh's culture, Karmageet, Bastriya patriotism and made the villagers laugh a lot by

literacy and environmental protection. Chief guest of the concluding Kusumlata chaired Sarpanch Toman Lai Sahu, special guest Dr. Girish Sahu, Chairman J.P. Magarlod Toshan Sahu Nehru Lal Sahu Manoj Sahu Yashwant Sahu Bhikham Sahu, SchoolPresident M a n a g e m e n t Development Committee Dujbai Ushasahu Sangeeta Toman Lal Sahu said that the tasks which the villagers were lagging behind in doing, were carried out by volunteer students by running a cleanliness drive in the village; teaching them the lessons of cleanliness to the villagers and

by holding rallies for deaddiction. They also inspired the people to stay away from drugs. This is a commendable work.

On this occasion, Program Officer Jaiprakash Tande Assistant Dinesh Kumar Lecturer Khileshwari Banpela, Mamta Sahu, Homendr Kumar Sahu, Devcharan Sahu, Kusumalata Sahu, Toshan Sahu, Nehru Lal Manoj Sahu, Yashwant Sahu, Bhikham Sahu, Tirath Sahu, Jagannath, Santosh Sahu, Parameshwar Sahu, Ritram Dilip Sahu, Kampeshwar Panch Dujbai Usha Sahu, Sangeeta Neelkanth Poonam Sahu and a large number of villagers were present.

#### Camp organized at Gaganpalli **Gram Panchayat under VBSY** were administered oath to Panchayat Gaganpali

#### At Errabor, the power center of **Mandal Konta**

Konta/Sukma, Dec 19:

Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is being or-Government of India to increase awareness about major schemes in the remote Vananchal Gram Panchayats of the district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign was launched in the village through Gram Panchayat and government officials. After welcoming the Van, Prime Minister Modi's message was conveyed to all the villagers and general public and all the people build a developed India by

On this occasion mainly Scheduled Caste Morcha State Special invitee member Soyam Muka, BJP Mandal President G.Sai Reddy, Senior BJP Leader Uday Raj Singh, BJP District General Secretary Korsa Sannu, BJP District Minister Semal Naresh Dornapal Former Mandal President Dulal Sah, BJP Dornapal Mandal President Baliram Nayak, BJP Mandal General Secretary Pulli Golu, BJP Mahila Morcha District Vice President P. Krishna Kumari, BJP Mandal Treasurer P. Ganesh, BJP leader Arun Gupta, Gram

Sarpanch Semal Bojji, senior BJP leader Tati Deva, BJYM District Vice President Amitesh Singh BJYM Mandal General Secretary Abhishek Chaturvedi, BJP Mahila Morcha Mandal General Secretary Sunita, Mahila Morcha Mandal Treasurer Asha Halder, BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha Mandal President Satish, Scheduled Caste Morcha Mandal President Nupon Nagaraju, BJP workers Soyam Subba, Salvam Joga and Gram Panchayat Gaganpali. Little children and all the citizens of Gaganpali were present in

# Collector holds weekly review meeting

Instructions were given to pay salaries to the teachers on regular basis

Bijapur, Dec 19:

Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara took a review meeting of the weekly deadline in the Collectorate meeting hall of the district headquarters. Taking information about the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), the Collector directed to organize regular programs in all the Gram Panchayats. While reviewing the education department, instructions were given to pay salaries to the teachers on regular basis and also took information about filling the caste certificate forms of



Hospital,

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Taking information

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Gangalur, Bhairamgarh,

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given to run the NRC

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Panchayat of





Instructions were given to feed nutritious vegetables to children by setting up nutrition garden in Anganwadi, POTA cabins and ashrams. Collector asked the Municipal Officer to pay special attention to cleanliness in the city, along with taking strict action against traders selling meat, mutton, fish, chicken on highways and roadsides, as well as to ensure smooth disposal of waste

District and block level officials were briefed on gender based violence

under "Nai Chetna-Gender Campaign 2.0" by PPIA Fellow Divya Negi. As per the instructions of the Collector, a program of 'New Consciousness-Gender Campaign 2.0' will be organized at Mission Mode in the district on Dec 22nd and 23rd. The main objective of

this campaign is to understand the different forms of violence at different stages and contexts of life. The focus is on building convergence to strengthen safe prevention, including encouraging reporting of genderbased violence.

During the meeting, Ranganatha Ramakrishna Ÿ, CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu, SDM Pawan Kumar Premi and all the officers and employees of the district were present.

# Navapara-Rajim, Dec 19:

On occasion of birth ma-

hotsav of Sant Shiromani Acharya Guruwar Shri Vidyasagar ji Maharaj on occasion of 'Sharad Poornima', an all India competition was organised in the name of 'Ek Pati Guruwar ke naam' and in this hundreds of letters, emails and posts were re-

In this competition organised under the aegis of Shri Digamber Jain Sabha Nehru Nagar Bhilai, the participants expressed their dedication and faith towards their 'Guru' and also expressed their heartfelt feelings towards the sacred feet of their 'Gurudev' and

ki baat' upto Him. These letters were sent

wants to pass on their 'maan



Tahni Jain Pahadiya emerges

with full of decorating and making it all look beautiful. In this competition, letters from Chhattisgarh, MP, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and other places were received.

The convener of the programme, Jain Yuwa Sangh Kshitij Jain, Anekant Jain, Sachin Jain informed that all the letters included very touching and kind words and were full of sentiments. In this the first prize was given to Mrs Vijaylaxmi Jain of Jabalpur (MP) and second to Mrs Neha Jain of Bengaluru (Karnataka) and third prize to Meeta Jain of Bhilai from Chhattisgarh region and to youngest participant Ms Tahni Jain Pahadiya.

It is honour for the region that Ms Tahni is daughter of Saurabh Pahadiya. Tahni in her letter has expressed gratitude towards her 'Guruji' and said that she

had made up her mind earlier to pursue MBBS studies, but with 'Gurudev's blessings, she was asked to do service to 'Sadhus' and commen through Ayurvedic system of medicine and at present she is pursuing her studies in the same from Jabalpur. The winners of this com-

petition were presented awards at the hands of Aayrika Soubhagyamati Mataji Sasangh seated at Shri Pasharvnath Digamber Jain Mandir, Nehru Nagar, Bhilai and she passed on her blessings to all the participants. On this occasion President Jain Samaj Dr RK Doshi, Secretary hundreds of other members of Jain Samaj passed on blessings to the participants and conveners.

# **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 Hamas' Oct. 7 attack into Israel, 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 Iranbacked Houthi rebels have led major shipping companies as well as the oil and gas giant BP to suspend



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 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

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 Rafah, which is in the

southern part of Gaza where Israel has told Palestinians to seek shelter, has been repeatedly bombarded 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

# **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



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

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the U.S. mainland. watching After 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

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

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

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built-in solid propellant makes launches harder for outsiders to detect than liquid-fueled missiles, which must be fueled before liftoffs. But many foreign ex-

perts say North Korea still has some other technological hurdles to master to acquire reliable nucleartipped ICBMs, such as one to protect warheads from the harsh conditions of atmospheric reentry.

### 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

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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

Pakhtunkhwa

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

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

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province. Two soldiers were regional police headquarters injured in the firing and later and a checkpost in the same succumbed to their wounds at a hospital. Later, the forces On December 12, at least 23 cordoned off the entire area and launched a massive search operation to arrest the fleeing culprits. No arrest has been

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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#### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 14th August, 2023

S.O. 3639(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the Nationa 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.

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-

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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 lega practitioner, and may, after bearing 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.

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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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# **Gyanvapi Verdict**

#### **Striking a Delicate Balance**

n a pivotal judgment that has stirred the very core of faith and history, the Allahabad High Court has delivered a resolute stance on the Gyanvapi case. Today, it resoundingly rejected all petitions filed by the mosque committee, challenging the civil suits aimed at reclaiming a temple's rightful place within the precincts of the Gyanvapi mosque. This landmark ruling has not only ignited discussions but has also set the wheels in motion for a transformative chapter in the nation's history. The Gyanvapi mosque, an integral part of Varanasi's rich cultural tapestry, stands in close proximity to the iconic Kashi Vishwanath temple. At the heart of this legal tussle were five petitions-three from the Gyanvapi mosque committee and two from the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board. Three of these petitions posed significant questions regarding the maintainability of a suit filed back in 1991. The 1991 suit. presented before the Varanasi court on behalf of the deity Adi Vishveswar Virajman, sought to regain control of the disputed premises and the right to worship therein. The contentious issue revolved around the Places of Worship Act (Special Provisions) Act of 1991, which explicitly restricted the alteration of religious places' character as it existed on August 15, 1947. The Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Committee and the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board vehemently argued that the suit was not maintainable under this Act. The petitioners of the 1991 suit countered this argument, positing that the Gyanvapi dispute had its roots long before Independence and, therefore, should not be subjected to the restrictions imposed by the Places of Worship Act. In a judicial twist, Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal, after due deliberation, asserted that the 1991 suit was indeed maintainable and not barred by the Places of Religious Worship Act, 1991. This marked a significant turning point in the case, paving the way for a comprehensive reevaluation of the situation. Justice Agarwal's pronouncement did more than simply validate the 1991 suit; it acknowledged the delicate intricacies of a matter that affects two of the country's major communities. The court wisely recognized that the character of the mosque compound could either remain Muslim or transform into a Hindu entity. However, it steadfastly asserted that this decision could not be made in haste and should not be determined at the initial stages of the case. With this insight, the court issued a directive, calling upon the trial court to expedite the resolution of the suit within a reasonable six-month timeframe. The suit pending before the Varanasi court is not merely about legalities; it seeks the restoration of an ancient temple at the disputed site where the mosque currently stands. This argument, put forth passionately by those advocating for the temple's reinstatement, hinges on the belief that the mosque is an integral part of the temple's historical and spiritual heritage. While this verdict marks a significant milestone in the Gyanvapi case, it is essential to reflect on the broader implications it carries. It underscores the importance of striking a balance between faith and history, between the rights of one community and the sentiments of another. The court's decision to expedite the resolution of the suit reflects its commitment to preserving the secular fabric of the nation, upholding the principles of justice, and respecting the deeply held beliefs of its diverse populace. It is a reminder that in a pluralistic society like India, the path to justice often demands careful navigation through the treacherous waters of deeply held beliefs. As the case progresses, it is our hope that it will serve as a beacon of reason and harmony, guiding us towards a resolution that respects the sanctity of both faith and history.

#### **Transparency Poshan Scheme**

#### **Nourishing Our Nation's Future**

Dr Ganapathi Bhat n a nation where millions of underprivileged schoolchildren grapple with the dual challenges of malnutrition and anemia, the "PM POSHAN scheme" has emerged as a beacon of hope. It is a program that seeks to address the pressing issues of hunger and education, offering a lifeline to those in need. Originally conceived as the mid-day meal scheme in 1995, almed at providing one wholesome meal to schoolchild ren, it has since evolved into the POSHAN scheme, encompassing millions of children, including those in pre-primary classes, by 2021. The ambitious initiative, slated to run until 2026, targets nearly 12 crore children attending government and government-aided schools. India stands as one of the few countries committed to providing its schoolgoing children with a nutritious meal each day. The importance of providing morning and midday meals to schoolchildren cannot be overstated. These meals not only ensure better digestion and nutrient absorption but also keep young bodies active throughout the day. The POSHAN scheme aims to go beyond just filling stomachs; it aspires to address the entire nutritional spectrum for schoolchildren. Funded jointly by the Central and state governments, this program goes beyond mere meals by providing essential food grains as well. However, a program as massive as POSHAN is susceptible to inertia and corruption. Past experiences with the midday meal scheme have shown that corruption can be a significant stumbling block when funds traverse from the Central government to the states and onward to the intended beneficiaries. Children's health is jeopardized when substandard food materials are used. Incidents of food adulteration and food poisoning due to rampant corruption and compromised quality have made headlines across the country. In 2019, a shocking incident from an Uttar Pradesh school made national news when students were served roti with salt as a "meal." This prompted a comprehensive overhaul of the midday meal scheme. The Direct Beneficiary Scheme (DBT) of POSHAN aimed to address such issues by directly transferring funds to school accounts, thereby enhancing transparency and accountability. Additionally, it sought to address complaints from cooks and helpers about delayed remuneration. The extent to which the DBT has achieved its objectives remains a matter of concern. Reports of quality compromise, food adulteration, and food poisoning still surface in various parts of the country. Although audits were made mandatory for every school during the transition from the midday meal to POSHAN, the effective implementation of this rule is a point of contention. On a positive note, the decision to appoint a nutritional expert to each school, as part of POSHAN, has been widely applauded. These experts can assess students' weight, height, and body mass index (BMI), providing a comprehensive overview of their health and enabling timely interventions. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted lives, and children bore the brunt of it. For two years, they were confined indoors, and while well-off children may have adapted more easily, those from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds suffered disproportionately. The POSHAN scheme has shown resilience in recovering from the setbacks caused by the pandemic, but there is no room for complacency. It has been well-established that hunger not only affects the body but also hampers cognitive development. Children who receive at least one meal at school exhibit better cognitive abilities. Every child has the right to education and nourishment, regardless of economic constraints. Increased enrollment, reduced dropouts, and improved wellbeing are among the potential benefits of the POSHAN scheme, but its success hinges on transparency in execution.

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#### FLOOD IN THOOTHUKUDI



A flooded locality following rains in Thoothukudi, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

# **Conservation of Heritage Sites in India**





onservation of heritage sites and buildings provides a sense of identity and continuity in a fast-changing world. Heritage sites and buildings represent the past history and culture of a nation. It is important to support the tourism industry. A heritage site is a place that preserves the cultural, social and political history of a place. As per UNESCO rankings, India is ranked 5th globally in the list of countries having the maximum number of World Heritage Sites.

The heritage sites in India are protected by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958, which was amended in 2010. As per this law it protects the Heritage sites, Monuments, Archaeological sites, and Sculptures. As such, the Protection of Heritage sites in India is undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) working under the Ministry of Culture. There are various reasons behind the deterioration of Heritage sites. The 2 main factors for deterioration Natural Causes (Air Pollution. Changing Temperature, Floods, Biological

factors like Fungus, Moss etc., Ground water, salts and minerals, Solar Radiation, and Moisture), and Anthropogenic Causes (Fire, Urbanisation, and Vandalism). As per some reports there are multiple reasons behind the problems faced by India in conservation of its heritage sites. Some of these reasons are -Lacking skilled and adequate manpower to carry out the conservation activities, Lack of importance given to pre-disaster management of heritage sites, Conservation requires Engineers expertise from interdisciplinary perspectives, Private sector is involved only in aesthetic maintenance, important issues are unaddressed due to unavailability of skilled resources, and Lack of Modern and traditional engineering

Broadly speaking, the techniques that can be implemented or used for heritage conserva-Structural tion are Conservation (over time the structure starts weakening due to weakening of foundation pillars, columns, ceilings, growth of vegetation, mostly weeds over the older buildings, and water seepage. In structural conservation technique, reinforcement work is carried out on foundations, repairs are carried out on walls, ceilings and removal of weeds from the buildings), Chemical Preservation (protects the monuments from organic and inorganic gases, and it helps to eliminate moss, algae, lichens), and Awareness Program (organizing seminars, events, workshops across India, and community participation must be encouraged to prevent vandalization).

Protecting cultural heritage is an important responsibility that involves a range of different strategies and actions. Children and young people can contribute to preserving the cultural heritage of their country or state in several ways. They can learn about and participating in traditional activities such as festivals, dances, music concerts, art exhibitions and crafts, document and share their community's history and traditions through storytelling, photography, and other forms of media, preserve local languages and dialects by learning and speaking them, and encouraging others to do the same, join local cultural organizations and groups that work to preserve and promote the area's heritage, support local businesses and artisans who produce traditional goods and products, and also participate in restoration and preservation projects of historical sites, monuments and buildings. Children and young people can conduct research on their country or state's cultural heritage and document it for future generations.

and creating videos or audio recordings. Educating others, particularly their peers, about the+ir cultural heritage through presentations, projects, and other forms of outreach. Children and young people can volunteer at cultural institutions, such as museums, libraries, and historical sites, to assist with preserving and promoting cultural heritage. People can use traditional techniques to create art and crafts, such as pottery, textiles, and jewellery, that preserve their country or state's cultural heritage. They can also teach others, such as their peers or younger children, about their country or state's cultural heritage through activities like storytelling, arts and crafts, and games. Many countries have laws in place to protect cultural heritage. These laws can help to prevent the destruction or theft of cultural artifacts, as well as regulate access to and use of cultural heritage sites. Protecting cultural heritage often requires internationcooperation, particularly when it comes to preventing the illicit trade of cultural artifacts. International organizations such as UNESCO and Interpol work to promote cooperation among countries and to identify and recover stolen or trafficked cultural artifacts.

This can include collecting oral

histories, taking photographs,

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#### **Israel Uncovered Iron-Girded Tunnel**

Israeli forces battling Hamas said they had uncovered an unusually large concrete and iron-girded tunnel, designed to carry carloads of militant fighters from Gaza right up to the border. But Hamas yet did not issue any statement about it. Notwithstanding, the tunnels have been a challenge for Israel's engineers, worried that the networks could conceal hostages held by Hamas. That has slowed an offensive whose steep Palestinian civilian toll has alarmed world

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

#### **Increase Frequency**

Almost the entire Delhi Metro takes the help of Delhi Metro service to go to office every morning. Most of the companies are in Noida, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, West Delhi or Central Delhi. All these routes are mainly served by red, yellow and blue metro lines, but considering the current situation, this service is not sufficient. In simple language, the number of metro frequencies required is not much. Many times the frequency of metro on the Noida line reduces to 5 minutes during peak hours. Delhi Metro must consider increasing the frequency of metro services during peak

N Ashraf, Mumbai

#### Political Exploitation

Karnataka's Chief Minister accuses the BJP of exploiting the assault on a tribal woman in Belagavi for political gains. He questions BJP president J.P. Nadda regarding the conviction of Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Ramdular Gond for raping a nine-year-old girl. This politicization disregards court orders and exhibits insensitivity. Condemnation is warranted for BJP leaders and their national president, J.P. Nadda, who support such behaviour.

MT.Farooqi, Chennai

#### An emotional connection

There is an emotional connection between athletes, their iconic jersey numbers, and the fans. Retiring numbers like MS Dhoni's No 7 and Sachin Tendulkar's No 10 symbolizes the reverence and respect for their legacies. It illustrates how jersey numbers transcend mere identification, becoming symbols of a profound bond between players and supporters, ultimately immortalizing the legends in the world of sports.

Karan Singh, Chennai

# COP 28: India's Influential Role and Global Climate Initiatives





he 28th Conference of Parties (COP 28), hosted in Dubai, **United Arab Emirates from November** 30th to December 12th, 2023, emerged as a global event aimed at catalyzing urgent and transformative climate action worldwide. As a critical gathering for members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to assess progress and outline the next steps, COP 28 centred on boosting a future focused on achieving sustainable development, building climate resilience, and successfully implementing the ambitious Paris Agreement. Specifically, major priorities included significantly reducing emissions before the pivotal 2030 timeline, revolutionizing climate finance flows to vulnerable countries. placing the wellbeing of nature and vulnerable communities at the crux of climate efforts, and supporting equitable clean energy transitions.

India, represented by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi among other delegates, played an extraordinarily influential role in shaping narratives and urging collective action

throughout COP 28. Despite India's constraints as a developing economy, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi showcased the country's bold commitments to addressing climate change through sustainable growth, underscoring the necessity for greater climate finance mechanisms as well as technology transfer and capacity building to empower vulnerable nations to transition toward clean energy systems effectively. This dedicated leadership in the face of immense climate challenges reflected India's determination to contribute constructively to solving the global crisis, representing the interests and needs of lower-income countries facing disproportionate climate impacts.

A major headline emerging from COP 28 was the launch of ALTÉRRA, an unmatched \$250 billion investment vehicle designed to channel unparalleled levels of financing toward companies driving measurable climate progress globally. As one of the largest private multi-billion funds focused directly on climate action and environmental sustainability worldwide. ALTÉRRA represented a groundbreaking commitment to deploying capital necessary to fund innovation, clean tech deployment, resilience infrastructure, regenerative agriculture initiatives and beyond in both developed and developing markets. The fund, managed by founding partners including HSBC, BlackRock, Tata Group and others, stood as a tangible beacon of optimism that collective climate action backed by robust financial firepower can drive systems change.

The conference also strongly emphasized the urgent importance of phasing out fossil fuel reliance conclusively while exponentially scaling the deployment of renewable energy systems to power sustainable development globally. Phasing out coal and other emission-intensive fuels requires planning, active policy shifts, reskilling workforces and targeted funding support, especially for lower-income countries reliant on legacy energy supplies. Hence, COP 28 discussions concentrated heavily on enabling renewable energy projects, infrastructure upgrades, and new technologies like green hydrogen to mitigate emissions notably from carbon-intensive sectors like transport and manufacturing. Hard-to-abate sectors gained particular attention as ripe for innovative zero or low-carbon solutions both through regulatory environments worldwide and funding mechanisms

In terms of key financial outcomes, significant progress materialized around the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance and country pledges to refill critical funds like the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund. Developed countries underscored commitments to maintain or increase levels of public climate financing for developing countries struggling with climate impacts,

adaptation gaps and fund needs unmet by current funding vehicles unable to address intensifying physical as well as economic losses. Multilateral development banks including the IMF and World Bank also stepped up with financing offerings tailored specifically for bankable climate-aligned projects and policy initiatives nationally. Additionally, in a historic milestone, developed countries at COP 28 announced intentions to achieve net zero emissions domestically before 2050, signaling momentum towards urgently needed economy-wide decarbonisation.

Potentially among the most vital breakthroughs was the operationalization of the long-debated Loss and Damage Fund, finally acknowledging devastating climate impacts already locked in for vulnerable nations. India among others responded positively to plans for this mechanism to provide crucial funding and technical assistance toward irreparable losses countries face, from islands sinking below rising seas to drought-stricken communities no longer able to sustain farming livelihoods lost to shifting seasons. The creation of this fund marked a recognition that historical emissions by developed economies have already resulted in existential threats globally, necessitating not just urgent mitigation efforts but also support for those facing the most severe climate injustices. From climate-induced migration crises to infrastructure damage, the mechanism offers some recourse for escalating financial and societal losses particularly affecting poor and marginalized

groups. Overall while much work remains for COP 28 resolutions to materialize into enhanced national climate agendas, tangible collective progress provides reason for cautious optimism. The unique COP 28 moment, urged by India's influential leadership and unprecedented financial commitments like the ALTÉRRA fund's launch, demonstrated global coordination toward equitable decarbonization supporting the most vulnerable nations bearing the burden of a crisis they did little to create. The summit message underscored that climate action guided by principles of sustainability, inclusivity and climate justice is now an unavoidable mainstream priority rather than a niche issue, providing hope that the Paris Agreement's ambitious vision may yet manifest through urgent collaborative transformation worldwide.

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#### **Agri-startups**



culture ministry has provided Rs 106.25 crore to 1,524 agristartups since 2019-20 fiscal, the Parliament was informed on Tuesday. In a written reply to Lok Sabha, agriculture minister Arjun Munda said the "government is committed to promote agri-startups by providing financial and technical support to agri-startups in agriculture and allied sec tors." The ministry is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriva Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agrientrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups

#### **Collector's handbook**

ecosystem in the

country, he said.



■ New Delhi: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched PM Gatishakti district collector's handbook for area development planning at the district level. PM Gati Shakti national master plan initiative was launched in October 2021 for integrated and planned development of critical infrastructure projects to reduce logistics cost.

#### Agriculture share

**New Delhi:** Share of agriculture in India's GDP declined to 15 per cent last fiscal year from 35 per cent in 1990-91 due to rapid growth in the industrial and service sector, the government informed on Tuesday. "The share of agriculture in total Gross Value Added (GVA) of economy has declined from 35% in 1990-91 to 15% in 2022-23. The decline is brought out not by the decline in agricultural GVA but a rapid expansion in industrial and service sector GVA,' Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

# **Valuation rules for GST on** online gaming platforms effective prospectively: FM

New Delhi, Dec 19:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the valuation rules for levying 28 per cent GST on entrylevel bets on online gaming platforms are effective prospectively. "The clarification on that (online gaming) was issued. 28 per cent is the tax and as to who it will apply to and on whom the incidence will fall is clearly explained.

The valuation rules to exclude winnings is prospective. So, I hope there is not confusion on that," Sitharaman said in the Lok Sabha. The minister was replying to a discussion in the House on GST (Second Amendment) Bill, which provides for capping the age limit for president and members of GSTAT. This



Sitharaman before the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

implies that bets placed from the winning amount on online gaming portals will not attract 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) with effect from

August, the GST Council had clarified that 28 per cent GST is applicable on online gaming. Thereafter, amendments to Central GST Act were cleared by Parliament in August to give effect to the decision of the Council.

The effective date for the

amendments was October 1. The amendments provide that GST will be levied on entry-level bets on online gaming platforms and not on what players pay in each game from the winning amount. Giving an example, the minister said if a bet is placed for, say Rs 1,000, and the player wins Rs 300, then if the player again places a bet of Rs 1,300, then GST will not be levied on the winning amount. In September, GST field officers sent notices of over Rs 1.12 lakh crore to a host of online gaming companies for alleged short payment of taxes. Such companies have approached the court and the matter is sub judice.

To a question in the Rajya Sabha on the amount of tax evasion and number of showcause notices issued to online gaming companies, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary had said on December 5, "71 show cause notices involving GST to the tune of Rs 1.12.332 cr have been issued to online gaming companies during financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24 (up to October 2023). "As these notices are pending adjudication, the respective GST demand is not yet determined under the provisions of CGST

# **Unclaimed deposits with banks** rise by 28 pc to Rs 42,270 cr in FY23

New Delhi, Dec 19:

There has been a 28 per cent annual increase in unclaimed deposits with the banks to Rs 42,270 crore as on March 2023, Parliament was informed on Tuesday. As compared to Rs 32,934 crore unclaimed deposits with public and private sector banks in FY22, the amount increased to Rs 42.272 crore at the end of March 2023, an increase of 28 per cent. As much as Rs 36,185 crore unclaimed deposits were with public sector banks while Rs 6.087 crore were with private sector banks at the end of March

Banks send unclaimed deposits of account holders lying in their accounts for 10 or more years to Depositor **Education and Awareness** (DEA) Fund. RBI has taken various steps to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits and return such deposits to claimants, rightful

Finance Bhagwat K Karad said in a written

reply to Rajya Sabha. As per the RBI's direction, banks have been advised to display the list of unclaimed deposits in accounts that are inactive or inoperative for ten years or more on the banks' websites and find the whereabouts of the customers, or legal heirs in case of deceased account holders, in order to return unclaimed deposits to the rightful claimants.

RBI asked banks to formulate board approved policy on classification of unclaimed deposits; and put in place a grievance redressal mechanism for quick resolution of complaints, record keeping, and periodic review of unclaimed deposit accounts, he said. A centralised web Unclaimed Deposits Gateway to Information Access (UDGAM), to search unclaimed deposits across multiple banks, has been set up by RBI, he said. Further, he said, RBI has launched campaign '100 Days 100 Pays' for banks to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in each district within a 100day timeframe, commencing from June 1, 2023 to September 8, 2023. At the end of campaign

major 31 banks (which

comprised of more than 90 per cent of unclaimed deposit balances with the DEA Fund), have refunded Rs 1,432.68 crore in the campaign. Replying to another question, Karad said quoting RBI data. gross non-performing assets (NPAs), including those associated with **Employment Generation** Programme (PMEGP), of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) was Rs 9,33,779 crore (Gross NPA ratio of 9.07 per cent) as on March 31, 2019, Rs 8.96.082 crore (Gross NPA ratio of 8.21 per cent) as on March 31, 2020 and Rs

8,35,051 crore (Gross NPA

ratio of 7.33 per cent) as

December 17, 2023. "The

on March 31, 2021.

# India cannot do away with energy security to meet climate goals: Official

New Delhi, Dec 19:

India cannot do away with energy security only because it has to meet climate goals, a senior official said on Tuesday.

The statement assumes significance due to India's focus on energy transition with ambitious targets of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and net-zero by 2070. India's power demand touched an all-time high of 243.27 GW in September this year. India has installed power generation capacity of about 426 GW, including over 213 GW coal and lignite based. "We cannot do awav with energy security, only because we have to meet the climatic goal," Special Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of

Power, Ashish Upadhyay, said while addressing the inaugural CII South Asia Power Summit. Apart from India, three other countries in the region --Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal -- are participating in the summit. "We have got huge resource of thermal (coal-based) power. Of course with due respect to all those who are talking about climate change protection and net zero emission... we have highest regard for it and are working highly for it. But for us, energy security is also important." He further said this year the country saw peak power demand of (over) 240 GW "and now if we look forward to the future, there is tremendous need for (power genera-

# Telecom bill signals govt support to digital economy: Meta

New Delhi, Dec 19

Amid India's efforts to drive new legislative frameworks for digital and telecom space, Meta India Vice President Sandhya Devanathan on Tuesday said that the company welcomes all progressive regulations balancing user safety and innovation. Devanathan noted that

the rules of Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) are awaited, and added that Meta's stance has been all about how to collaborate and give inputs in these frameworks. ..we welcome all regulations that balance user safety, providing safe internet along with innovation and growing the economy the country,' Devanathan said during a conference announcing



T Koshy, MD & CEO, ONDC and Meta India Vice President Sandhya Devanathan exchange signed documents of an MoU between Meta India & ONDC, in New Delhi, Dec. 19.

help small businesses un- Monday, lock power of digital commerce. Noting that the new Telecom Bill was intro-

Devanathan agreed with the position of industry bodies which said

## Net direct tax collection swells 21 pc to Rs 13.70 lakh cr in FY24

New Delhi, Dec 19:

Net direct tax collections grew by 20.66 per cent to over Rs 13.70 lakh crore in the current fiscal so far, the income tax department said. The net direct tax collection of Rs 13,70,388 crore (as of December 17, 2023 ) includes Corporation Tax (CIT) at Rs 6.95 lakh crore and Personal Income Tax (PIT), including Securities Transaction Tax at Rs 6.73 lakh crore. The net direct tax collections have touched 75 per cent of budget estimates of direct tax mop-up in the current fiscal. In the current fiscal, Rs 18.23 lakh crore is expected to be collected in direct taxes which includes personal income tax and corporate tax. Refunds of over Rs 2.25 lakh crore have also been issued in

provisional figures of Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2023-24 (as of 17.12.2023) show that Net collections are at Rs 13,70,388 crore, compared to Rs. 11,35,754 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding Financial Year (i.e. FY 2022-23), representing an increase of 20.66 per cent," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBdT) said in a statement. The gross collection of over Rs 15.95 lakh crore includes CIT at Rs 7.90 lakh crore and PIT at about Rs 8.03 lakh crore Minor head-wise collection comprises advance tax of Rs 6.25 lakh crore; tax deducted at source of Rs 7.71 lakh crore; self-assessment tax of Rs 1.49 lakh crore; regular assessment tax of Rs 36,651 crore; and tax under other

# Hindi Diwas celebrated at Bank of Maharashtra Shakti Pumps receives 8th patent

Bank of Maharashtra, a leading public sector bank of the country, organized Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm on December 7th, 2023 at Pune. The event was presided over by A. S. Rajeev, Managing Director and CEO, Bank of Maharashtra. Renowned film and TV actress Ms. Aaryaa Sharma graced the occasion as the Chief guest, with the presence of Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director; Rohit Rishi, Executive Director; Amit Srivastava, Chief Vigilance Officer, Bank of Maharashtra along with General Managers of the Head office, executives, officers and employees from all over the country were present in large number at



the event. K. Rajesh Kumar, General Manager welcomed the dignitaries and staff members for the program, highlighting the implementation of Hindi language in the Bank. On this occasion, yearly Compilation of Bank's E-"Mahabank Samvad Sarita" was released by the dignitaries present on the dais. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various Hindi competitions organized at the All India level. Message of Home Minister, Minister of State

for Finance and Governor of RBI received on the occasion of Hindi Diwas were read out during the

program. In his address, A. S. Raieev. MD and CEO emphasized the vital role of Hind and regional languages in delivering quality customer service with personal touch. Rajeev further added that Hindi language is the optimal medium to reach the general public with the bank's schemes. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Aaryaa Sharma commended Hindi

Meena, Deputy CLC (HQ)

tneir significant contribution in the promotion of Hindi language. She said that Hindi is a simple language, which is spoken in across various states of the country and in foreign countries as well. Congratulating Bank of Maharashtra on receiving the "Kirti Award" the highest award for Rajbhasha and praised the work done by the Bank. Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director in his inspiring speech said that the use of Hindi and regional languages is also helpful for our business growth. He said that role of language is very important even in the age of Digitalization and various facilities in technology are now available in Hindi and regional languages.

# for Helical Pump Assembly

Pithampur, Dec 19:

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited, India's leading manufacturer of energy-efficient pumps and motors has received a patent for inventing "Helical Pump Assembly" The Patent Office, Government of India, has awarded Shakti Pumps this patent, fully adhering to the provisions set forth in the Patents Act of 1970. This patent is set to maintain its validity for duration of 20 years, commencing from the date of filing. This is the 8th Patent that the company has

The ground-breaking patented positive displacement pump, revolutionizing solar applications by prom-



ising a remarkable 50% reduction in solar panel requirements for drinking water applications. This innovation not only saves costs but also addresses land space optimization, a crucial challenge in the renewable energy sector. Featuring adaptable operational functions aligned with peak sunlight hours, this pump maximizes efficiency, making it a

versatile solution for remote areas devoid of grid electricity. Its suitability for wildlife sanctuaries and isolated regions underscores its commitment to meeting specialized environmental needs. marking a significant step in sustainable pumping technology.

Shakti Pumps, Chairman, Dinesh Patidar underlines another essential advantage provided by new patented technology: "In our commitment to aiding environmentally sensitive areas like wildlife sanctuaries, our new pump emerges as a solution to a common challenge—maintaining water pumps for the well-being of animals, birds, and various

# 'Railway Goods Shed Workers Manthan 2023' held at Delhi

#### Minimum wages approved for **Railway Goods Shed Workers**

New Delhi, Dec 19:

"Railway Goods Shed Workers Manthan 2023" organized by Indian Railway Goods Shed Workers Union and supported by Skill India, Government of India, DrAmbedkar International Centre, New Delhi. This mega conference "Manthan 2023" was organized at the national level after the long struggle of Indian Railway Warehouse Workers Union got success in demanding all types of benefits. government



John Barla, Minister of Ministry of Ăffairs, Government of India was present giving his best wishes and support to this event. Also present were Member (Finance), Prasar Bharati and former Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) DP Negi, Deputy Welfare Labour Commissioner, Niranjan

from **DGW** Kumar Department of Labour Welfare, Deputy Director General Dr Omkar Sharma, Regional Labour Commissioner (HQ), Om Prakash Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner (HQ), Kumar Amritesh, Labor Enforcement Officer (HQ) Dr. Abdul Kader, Deputy

CLC (New Delhi) Dr. RG

Sushil Kumar and Registrar-NHRC, Brijveer Singh. National President of the Indian Railway Workers Union and member of the State Level Advisory Committee of the Food Ministry of the Government of India, member of the Railway Zone Advisory Committee, member of the Telecom Advisory Committee and well-known social worker Dr Parimal Kanti Mandal, Vice President of the organization, Indushekhar Chakraborty, Central Committee members and labour representatives of Warehouses from various states of India were pres-

most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler compa-Warehouse ny, hosted Pulsarmania: Master's Edition, celebrating the overwhelming response to Pulsarmania, which spanned 100 cities, witnessed participation from over 25K+ attendees, and was attended by over 1L+ spectators.

> Mumbai, the national finale delivered an adrenaline-fueled experience for attendees as they witnessed top-tier riders face off in intense challenges that tested their precision, passion, and mastery of the Pulsar. The elimination-style format added an extra layer of excitement,

Culminating

Mumbai, Dec 19:

Bajaj Auto, the world's



ensuring that only the most skilled riders emerge

victorious. Beyond the adrenalinecharged competitions, the event had an eclectic mix of entertainment, including spellbinding performances by some of India's leading artists, jaw-dropping stunt shows, immersive street culture stations, and exclusive brand collaborations.

The event brought a unique fusion of the motorcycling and lifestyle communities. Pulsarmania - Master's Edition was not just about

immersive experience that showcased the essence of the Pulsar Speaking about the event, Sarang Kanade (President, Motorcycle

the competition; it was an

Business), Bajaj Auto Ltd., said, "Over twenty-one years, we have built a strong following of 'Pulsarmaniacs' across India who love the bike for its irreverent attitude and precision-engineered DNA. The Pulsarmania Master's Edition is not just a competition; it's a holistic celebration of the Pulsar spirit. Pulsamania Master's Edition is the apex of spirited riders embarking on a journey, competing across more than 100 cities.

# 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 Raipur within the Railway Division under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme on December 18.

Departments, Divisional 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 in-



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 fa-

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 environmenwere evaluated. A speed trial was conducted be-Bhatapara-Hathbandh station to ensure optimal railway operations. Moving forward, the

Siding and MRLB Siding,

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

# Villagers welcome Akshat Kalash with joyous celebrations



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 comple-

mented by the soul-stirring

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.

event is underscored by the Committee, resonating esteemed presence of the with spiritual fervour. nation's honorable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The arrival of Akshat The ceremony promises to fill Ayodhya, and indeed the entire nation, with an unparalleled sense of joy and devotion. In diligent

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 Panchavat President Anil Soni, and various prominent figures joined the festivities, heralding the imminent celebration of Lord

# 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 contin-

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 in-

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

# Grand inauguration of FIFA-standard football ground in Narayanpur

- **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 Gautamanand Swami Maharaj and in the presence of Kedar Kashyap, of Narayanpur Assembly Constituency, marked the commencement of a new era for sports enthusiasts



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 inaugurated 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

Chandrakar emphasizes

that the half-electricity bill

scheme is not merely a

handout but a fundamental right of the people. Chhattisgarh plays a signif-

icant role in electricity pro-

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 seek-

ing alms from donors.

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 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

# 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.

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 Parliamentary Secretary

former and MLA, Vinod Sevenlal Chandrakar, to voice his

duction, 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,

# 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-

teers presented Shripal to Kar Sevak Ganesh Sahu, Shekhar Sahu Prakash Sonkar. Sanat Sahu, Ramadhar Jalakshatri, and the late Kar Sevaks Dhannu Tamboli, Gopi Krishna Sahu and Kailash Thakur also paid tribute.

The heads and incharges 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 tem-

Akshat 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.

Jalakshatri Tejram 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.

# People anticipating positive changes under new Govt Central Chronicle News

government, residents of Mungeli 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 accu-

Mungeli, Dec 19: With a change in

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

mulation, causing distress among

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 Mungeli 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 debrisstrewn roads. Drivers navigate

treacherous potholes, with a risk

dition. Citizens have reported the deteriorating road to the district administration and requested repairs, but no action has been taken The main routes in the city re-

of accidents due to the road's con-

semble 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.

# Starc, Cummins most expensive buy in IPL history

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins together commanded a whopping Rs 44.80 crore at the IPL auction as Kolkata Knight Riders and Sunrisers Hyderabad broke their bank to secure the services Australian pacers though the intense bidding had a look of impracticality to it.

So, are they really the hubris buys that often happen in an auction room or the outcome of careful planning to bring two of the finest cricketers of this generation to their ranks?

Let's dive deep into the logic of SRH spending Rs 20.5 crore for Cummins and KKR shelling out Rs 24.75 crore for Starc.

Of course, one can always say the teams might have been swayed by the Aussies' impeccable performance in Indian conditions during the recent ODI World Cup.

But there is more to those two buys than that.

Starc's last IPL stint was for Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2015 and since then the Sydney man has skipped the league for a variety of reasons ranging from concentrating on Test cricket to spending time with his family. But once the



left-arm pacer decided to participate in the auction, he fitted perfectly into the KKR's plans of finding a fast bowler with pedigree ahead of IPL 2024. The Knight Riders had released Tim Southee, Umesh Yadav, Lockie Ferguson and Shardul Thakur ahead of the auction, making it mandatory for them to draft in a lead

With just 12 slots to fill, including three foreigners, they had a good Rs 32.7 crore in their wallet, helping them to chase their targeted buy with

Starc is a value purchase too despite that hefty price tag around his neck. At 33, he remains a massive threat in white ball formats and can still touch late 140 clicks with ease.

His overall economy of 7.63 in T20Is across 58 matches is quite respectable, and those yorkers and in-dippers are as lethal as ever. For Starc, the nature of the pitch is hardly a concern as his length is fuller.

Hence, the KKR will place high hopes on him to take them back to winning ways after two seasons of mediocrity when they finished seventh on the table. But the same said about be cannot Cummins.

Despite leading Australia to their sixth ODI World Cup title recently, the jury is still out to decide on the right-arm pacer's place in white ball cricket.

while he remains a titan in the traditional format.

His previous stint in the IPL too was not confidence inspiring, seven wickets from five matches with an economy of 10.68 before a hip injury ended his 2022 campaign.

The New South Welshman opted out of IPL 2023 to concentrate on national duties, but Cummins still can give that one grunt spell on his day. Rewind to the Ahmedabad final recently.

But the white ball inconsistency did not stop Sunrisers to bid for Cummins. They needed a good foreign pacer to lead the battery of Umran Malik, T Natarajan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar while coming into the auction room with a purse of Rs 34 crore.

The Sunrisers management also might have taken into consideration Cummins' leadership qualities that has been quite evident this year, carrying Australia to triumph in World Cup and WTC Final.

So, SRH shot down two birds with one shot a premier bowler and a thinking person who can contribute immensely to their leadership group. Can they vindicate the price tag then with a flurry of wickets?

# Mitchell Marsh is back in a big way for Australia



Melbourne, Dec 19 (AP):

Four years after being dropped as a test player for Australia due to a run of poor results, allrounder Mitchell Marsh made a telling return to form with a run-a-ball century against England at Headingly during the Ashes series in July.

His resurgence as a batter and bowler continues.

In the first cricket test against Pakistan in Perth, Marsh scored 90 and 63 not out to be named man of the match in the home side's 360run win inside four days. The 32-year-old Marsh also claimed the crucial wicket of former captain and star batter Babar Azam in the first innings to further highlight his overall value to the team. Marsh was dropped by selec-

run of 11 innings saw him score single figures seven times - including two ducks. His highest score during that streak was 45 runs. Australia captain Pat Cummins says one key difference in the new-look Marsh is his willingness to play to his strengths, rather than try to imitate the batting style of others. "I think he's just got a really clear process at the moment in whatever format it is," Cummins said. "He knows how to score runs, and you know he doesn't really care what it looks like.

"I think in the past you can get caught up in, There's a template of how you're meant to play test cricket or supposed to play test cricket and you've got to have a good forward defense'. I think Mitch has found a really

expected to be back to ac-

tion during the IPL which

What touched Pant was

the love and concern

shown by the fans, which

he felt he realised for the

amazing because whenev-

er we keep on playing

"I think it's been really

starts on March 22.

first time.

# India's Hardik, Savita win accolades in FIH Annual awards



since then.

become one of the pivotal

members of the Indian

great team, they make

your game better and life

easier. I am grateful for

all those who have voted

for me and thankful to

the entire team and

"When you've got a

team in recent years.

Lausanne, Dec 19 (PTI):

Indian men's hockey team midfielder Hardik Singh and women's side Savita Tuesday won the FIH layer of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year (women) awards respec-

The awards were declared following a vote by an expert panel, National Associations -- represented by their respective national teams' captains and coaches, fans and

With 114 caps to his name, Hardik is the next big thing in Indian hockey. He rightly showcased that, when he became a

As for Savita, this is her third consecutive FIH Women's Goalkeeper

of the Year award, having won the recognition in 2021 and 2022. The Indian custodian has been in prolific form throughout 2023. Starting

me reach this stage," said the current India vice-

from the Test matches in Australia Hangzhou Asian Games, Savita has been on top of her game. The 33-year-old helped

bronze-medal win at the India emerge as the 2020 Olympics and his champions of the Asian performance have gone from strength to strength Champions Trophy held in October in India. She This is Hardik's second will be looking to help big award this year as he India qualify for the was also conferred the Paris Olympics with a Hockey India Balbir top three finish at the upcoming FIH Hockey Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year 2022. Olympic Qualifier in With his flamboyance Ranchi in January next in the midfield, he has

> "Thankful to all my teammates and support staff who have helped me grow as an individual. This award will motivate me to work harder and get more success for our country. Lastly, thankful to all those who voted for

# Gambhir alongside KKR: Eoin Morgan



Bengaluru, Dec 19 (PTI):

Former Kolkata Knight Riders captain Eoin Morgan believed that the combination of mentor Gautam Gambhir and captain Shreyas Iver could help the team to resurrect its fortunes in the IPL 2024. The Knight Riders, who finished seventh in 2023 and 2022, have brought back two-time title winning captain Gambhir as their mentor ahead of the next edition.

Iver had missed the whole of last IPL owing to an injury as Nitish Rana led the side.

"I think Shreyas missed last year, and obviously, Nitish Rana came in and did what he could on such short notice. You know, under high pressure circumstances and getting to know the new coach and trying to make things work proved very chal-

"But bringing Gambhir back in who is a notorious winner. Having played alongside him and under him as captain, Gambhir knows how to get it done," said Morgan, IPL expert with JIO Cinema, during an interaction.

"Gambhir along with Shreyas will be mentoring KKR in every facet and given the record that he's had in the Knight Rider shirt, I think, it will make a positive impact."

Morgan, who had led England to an ODI World Cup victory in 2019, said Australian left-arm pacer Mitchell Starc will be a hot property in the auction on

Morgan opined that Starc could trigger a bidaing war between the Knight Riders and Gujarat Titans.

"I think Mitchell Starc alongside Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, probably, Gerald Coetzee as overseas bowlers will be the most sought after. KKR and GT need good pacers

#### Still on recovery, will need a few Shreyas can transform months to be 100% fit: Rishabh Pant Bengaluru. However, he is



Dubai, Dec 19 (PTI):

The supremely gifted Rishabh Pant says he will need a few more months to get back to playing competitive cricket as he appreciated the love and support he received during his long rehabilitation pe-

Pant had met with a hor rifying car accident last year and missed the entire 2023 after undergoing a knee surgery.

"(I am feeling) much better (than) what I was doing a few months ago. So like. (I am) still on recovery towards 100 per cent (fitness). But hopefully in a

few months time, I'll be able to do it," an optimistic Pant said in a video posted by the Delhi Capitals on its instagram page.

The Delhi Capitals skipper, who will be present at the mini auction alongside Team Director Sourav Ganguly and head coach Ricky Ponting here on Tuesday, had a close shave after his car hit a divider on National Highway towards Roorkee and caught fire in a terrifying accident in December last year. The 26-year-old suffered multiple injuries and is currently under going rehab at the National Cricket Academy

cricket, we feel no one loves us because there is always pressure in so many things. But actually yes, it's a hard time.

"But I got to know at least people love us. They respect us and the kind of appreciation and the kind of concern I would say people have shown over a period of time because of

"I think it was heartfelt, like crazy for me because it means a lot as an individual." Pant said the love and affection shown by people has helped him make a guicker recovery

my injury," Pant said.

"When you are going through a very rough time or something like that happens to you. It's not only physical, it's like mentally also and if your supporters and the people support you or show you love, it means a lot and it's it really helps in recovering.'

## Pakistan names new-look T20I team for series in **New Zealand next month**

Karachi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Pakistan on Tuesday named a new-look 17member squad under captain Shaheen Shah Afridi for the five-match T20 International away series against New Zealand, beginning January 12.

The selectors named uncapped wicketkeeperbatter Haseebullah, pace all-rounder Abbas Afridi and mystery spinner Abrar Ahmed for the first time in the T20 squad.

Test captain Shan Masood was not included in the team contrary to speculation in some quarters. Three wicket keeperbatters were named in the squad. Last month, the Pakistan Cricket Board had announced Shaheen Shah Afridi as their new T20I captain -- with Shan Masood as Test captain -shortly after Babar Azam stepped down from captaincy in all three formats. The selectors also batters

Sahabzada Farhan and Azam Khan after seasoned all-rounder Shadab Khan was ruled out of the New Zealand series with an ankle injury that he picked up during the re-National Championship Karachi.

The 27-year-old Farhan last played for Pakistan in a T20I match in late 2018 while Azam's last appearance was in 2023 against Afghanistan in Sharjah.

Pakistan last played a T20I series in April against New Zealand and two players from that squad -- all-rounder Faheem Ashraf and wicketkeeper-batter Muhammad Haris - were dropped for the New Zealand series

Chief Selector Wahab Riaz, while announcing the squad, said that fast bowler Haris Rauf had also been included in the touring side after he excused himself from the Test series in Australia.

# Australia Women's to draw lessons from India-England one-off Test: Tahlia McGrath

Mumbai, Dec 19 (PTI):

Australia Women will take in lessons from last week's one-off Test between India and England while getting ready for the unknown' during their sole Test starting here on Thursday, said vice-captain Tahlia McGrath Tuesday.

The Aussies will begin their all-format series against India with a fourday one-off Test from December 21 to 24 followed by three ODIs and as many T20Is. Australia have had a few training sessions here at the Wankhede Stadium including a trial match last Sunday, with the conditions and behaviour of the surface being a special area of focus.

"We were able to catch bits and pieces (of India's match against England). A lot of it was (about having) big training days for us, but certainly kept an eye on that game and how it panned out," McGrath told the media after Australia's training session. learnt a lot from that, see-



ing how both teams attacked the game, seeing how they played the conditions," she said. "While we

are not entirely sure how these conditions are going to play, we have got a lot of plans in place. We feel like we are really well-prepared

going into the game." McGrath said both India and Australia have phenomenal' bowling attacks, which will force the batters to be at the top of their game. India had bundled out England for 136 and 131 during their match.

Test match cricket is all about taking 20 wickets and they were able to do that. For us, it is about trying to combat that," she said. "The biggest key about batting in India is (a) you have got to be reallv clear on the plan. Before you go out there, you got to know how you're going to play the conditions." "And (b), you've got to stick to your strengths individually as a batter. That is going to look differently for all our batters, how we approach that," she said.

We have got some really crafty spinners, net bowlers came and bowled at us and that has been a fantastic challenge and while the Indians have a phenomenal bowling attack, so do we,' McGrath said.

### Shadab likely to be ruled out of New Zealand T20 series



Senior Pakistan allrounder Shadab Khan is unlikely to make the cut for the upcoming T20I series in New Zealand in January as he is yet to fully recover from his ankle injury.

Shadab, however, is expected to continue his rehabilitation while being a part of the squad and will travel to New Zealand.

According to PCB sources, there were discussions to rest former captain Babar Azam and Muhammad Rizwan for the five-match series but the national selection committee changed its

"Chief selector Wahab Riaz and his colleagues have held discussions online with the team director Muhammad Hafeez and new captain Shaheen Shah Afridi in the last two days," the PCB source

Test captain, Shan Masood is expected to be named in the T20 squad that plays in New Zealand from January 12 with fast bowler Haris Rauf also in line to make it despite refusing to play the Tests in Australia. Rauf is instead playing in the Big Bash in Australia.

The PCB source also informed that the selectors are against any kind of experimentation with T20 World Cup being played in six months' time.

'The consensus is to start building the World Cup squad from now with no real surprises in store. But some players of the recent World Cup will be dropped," he added.

41-year-old Malik had expressed his desire to play T20 cricket for Pakistan but Wahab and Co. feel that it will be a step in backward direcCENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

# NTPC achieves fastest ever 300 BU generation

Reinforcing commitment to **Operational Excellence** 

New Delhi/Raipur, Dec 19:

NTPC Group achieved fastest ever 300 Billion Units (BU) generation on 18th December 2023 in FY 2023-24. This milestone is achieved in just 262 days, which is 18 days early as compared to the last financial year. In FY 2022-23, the company had crossed 300 BU generation on 5th January 2023. On a standalone basis, 256 BU generation has been recorded from NTPC stations in FY

This accomplishment reinforces NTPC's commitment to delivering reliable and affordable power to the Nation

While NTPC has an installed capacity of approx. 74 GW, over 18 GW capacity including 5 GW Renewables is under construction. The company is committed to achieve 60 GW of Renewable Energy capacity by 2032.

Along with power generation, NTPC has also ventured into various new business areas including Waste-to-

Energy, Green Hydrogen solutions and participated in the bidding for power distribution of Union Territories.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

A man dressed as Santa Claus sings Christmas carols while visiting houses in a colony as part of Christmas celebrations, in New Delhi.

#### Amid uptick in Covid cases, doctors in **Delhi ask people to exercise caution**

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Amid a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in the country ahead of the festive season, doctors in Delhi have advised people to wear masks, avoid gatherings and maintain a healthy diet. With Christmas and the New Year approaching, doctors at some hospitals in the city also referred to the detection of the first case of the new JN.1 variant of the coronavirus in the country and asked people to exercise extra caution. According to sources in the government, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will on December 20 review the preparedness of health facilities and services in the wake of an upsurge in res-

piratory illness cases, including those of Covid, in some states. India's first JN.1 case was detected in a sample taken from a 79year-old woman in Kerala with mild symptoms on December 8. Earlier, a traveller from Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirapalli district was found to be infected with the JN.1 variant in Singapore.

Kuldeep Kumar Grover head of the critical care and pulmonology department at the CK Birla Hospital, said many patients who suffer from pollution-induced respiratory problems describe their symptoms as being similar to those induced by the Covid infection, including sore throat nasal dripping and blockage.

# Over 6.4 cr calls made under Kilkari scheme HC orders speed trial in 32-yr-old Gyanvapi case to provide information about pregnancy

New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI):

Over 6.4 crore calls to provide information about pregnancy, child birth and child care have been made via interactive voice response (IVR) under the Kilkari scheme till November since April this year, the Parliament was told on Tuesday.

Presenting data in the Union Sabha, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday said that 7.71 crore calls to provide audio messages were made in 2022-23, while 4.75 crore calls were made in 2021-22.

Responding to a question, Mandaviya said that the Kilkari programme is a mobile-based free service launched on January 15, 2016 as a part of the health ministry's Digital India initiative for new and expectant mothers aimed at encouraging them to make healthier choices for their new-born care by providing information about pregnancy, child birth and child care directly to the beneficiaries. It is an audio-based service, and hence, overcomes the literacy challenges of rural India, he added. The messaging begins in the second trimester of pregnancy and continues until the child is one year old. The pregnant mothers' data is fetched from the RCH portal to Kilkari through web service, Mandaviya stated. The programme informs mothers and families about behaviours and practices to be adopted during pregnancy and in-

sages help families to educate, remind and also reinforce the prioritised actions for each week during this period. This action not only saves the lives of pregnant women and children from several risks, but also ensures that the child born is healthy, the minister said. The Kilkari project serves 18 states and Union Territories, namely, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Himachal Haryana,

Jharkhand, Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. "The calls have been helpful to mothers and families in all states due to its uniqueness in nature. The information provided through audio messages are helpful in terms of ante and postnatal care as well as nutrition," Mandaviya stated. The messages were helpful in giving timely information to beneficiaries about the appropriate health care services to be sought. Kilkari complemented the work of ASHAs in mobilising beneficiaries to access health services and reduce the burden on them, the minister said.

Continued Kilkari support to families has led to changes in behaviours and has also improved service utilisation. It also proved useful during the pandemic when it was difficult to hold physical visits and awareness campaigns, Mandaviya stated.

Siliguri (WB), Dec 19 (PTI):

In a remote village

among tea gardens in the

northern part of West

Bengal, an elderly retired

army soldier narrates the

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radio jockey (RJ) Samir

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Savs Places of **Worship Act no bar** 

Prayagraj, Dec 19 (PTI):

The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday dismissed pleas challenging the maintainability of a 1991 suit seeking the "restoration" of a temple where the Gyanvapi mosque now exists in Varanasi, while observing that the "religious character" of a disputed place can only be decided by the

The high court dismissed five connected petitions filed over the years by the mosque management committee and the Uttar Pradesh Central Sunni Waqf Board.

It held that the suit filed before the district court is not barred by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 that

gious character" of a place cannot be changed from what existed on 15 August, In an important obser-

vation, Justice Rohit

Ranjan Agarwal said the

Act did not define the term "religious character" and this can only be determined through evidence in court presented by the opposing parties. 'Either the Gyanvapi compound has a Hindu religious character or a Muslim religious charac-

ter. It can't have dual character at the same time," Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal said. He ordered that the trial in the case which is of "vital national importance" should be conclud-

months. "In the national interest, it is required that the suit must proceed expeditiously and be decided with ut-

Community radio brings out voice of Bengal's remote tea garden villages

ed as soon as possible,

preferably within six

operation of both the contesting parties without resorting to any dilatory tactics," he said, cautioning against any "unnecessary adjournment" in the lower court. The order on the Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vihswanath temple issue follows other significant court rulings on templemosque disputes in Uttar Pradesh over the past months.

most urgency with the co-

The Supreme Court earlier gave its go-ahead for a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises by the Archaeological Survey of India and the high court allowed a survey of the Shahi Idgah mosque that adjoins the Krishna Janmasthan temple in

Hindu litigants say the two mosques were built after the demolition, or partial demolition, of temples and the surveys dence proving this.

The high court took note of the ASI survey conducted at the Gyanvapi masjid, following directions by the trial court which is hearing the petition of a group of women seeking regular access to Hindu deities depicted on the mosque's rear wall.

If required, the lower court may direct ASI for a further survey, the judge

"The dispute raised in the suit is of vital national importance. It is not a suit between the two individual parties. It affects two major communities of the country," he said while calling for a speedy trial.

The case was filed by pe

titioners seeking the right to worship in the Gyanvapi mosque adjoining the Kashi Vishwanath temple. Muslim litigants had challenged the maintainability of the suit, cit-

#### **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**



Artists perform during the centennial celebrations of Hyderabad Public School, in Hyderabad, Tuesday.

# What would caste census achieve, asks RSS leader

Nagpur, Dec 19 (PTI):

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh functionary Shridhar Gadge Tuesday said there should no caste-based census and sought to know what will be achieved by it. Such an exercise may

benefit some people politically as it will provide data about the population of a certain caste, but it is not good socially and in terms of national unity, Gadge, Vidarbha Sanghchalak, told reporters.

Notably, the Congress is in favour of a countrywide caste census.

Ministers and legislators from the ruling BJP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena in Maharashtra visited the memorial of founder K B Hedgewar and its second 'sarsanghchalak' (supremo) M S Golwalkar in Reshimbaug here on

Speaking to a news



**Shridhar Gadge** 

channel on the occasion, Gadge said, "We feel that there should no castebased census, because there is no reason to do it. What will we achieve by doing a caste-based census? It is wrong."

'We have clear a stand that there should be no inequality, enmity or quarrel," he said.

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ent thing, and you can

eradicate caste system. I

To a query, Gadge said the caste-based census has

ciety has progressed, reservation will continue. It is a social system, but it

has no relation with castebased census...because there won't be any obstacle in reservation if caste is not counted," Gadge said. A person mentions it (caste) in a form, but why is there need for a survey,

he said. Earlier, an RSS

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However, reservation

and caste system are dif-

ferent issues, he said,

adding that reservation

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Hence, reservation will

continue till there is com-

plete social progress, be-

cause not all communities

have progressed yet, he

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Pratinidhi Sabha that

until the last person of so-

"The RSS has a clear

passed in the

reservation," he said.

the RSS) programme for (Maharashtra's ruling alliance) leaders was organised on the Hedgewar Smruti Mandir campus.

Addressing the gathering, Gadge spoke about 'Panch Parivartanache', wherein he opined that there should not be castebased inequality. He also spoke about

strengthening the family system in the country, ecological balance and making the country self-re-Meanwhile, reacting to

the RSS leader's statements outside the legislacomplex here, Congress leader and former Maharashtra chief minister Ashok Chavan said it was a "political stand". "A caste-based census

will give a clear picture of the numbers of every community and help distribute social welfare benefits. It will also clear the picture on the reservation situation." he said.

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who work for Radio Salesian 90.8 FM, a community radio station, visit remote hill villages 6,500 feet above sea level in out what is happening in Darjeeling district to meet those remote villages and local Nepali-speaking people and make programmes

on issues affecting them. In a community radio, local people produce and broadcast their own programmes and participate in operating the station.

"From the first week of November this year, our RJs have started moving out to villages every Saturday. We have an ambitious plan to reach out to 40 remote villages," said Father CM Paul, founderdirector of Radio Salesian and vice principal of Salesian College.

not easily accessible by ve-

hicles, compelling the RJs to cover a portion of the journey on foot, Fr Paul told PTI. He said the RJs bring

the issues like transport, water, sanitation, health, education and unemployment faced by the vil-"After talking to the villagers, our KJs try to help

them with their issues and also tell them about government schemes which are likely to mitigate their problems," Fr Paul said. The RJs also try to cre-

ate awareness among the villagers about having names in the voters' list and the importance of voting.

Radio Salesian oper-These villages are often ates from 8 am to 8 pm daily. As mandated by

regulations, 50 per cent or more of the programmes are made in collaboration with the community.

"We have programmes for all categories of people - children, vouths, women, elderly people, farmers, entrepreneurs, success stories," Fr Paul said.

The RJs have become celebrities and their visit to a village turns out to be a festival.

'We visit villages to give a voice to them. They treat us like celebrities and organise feasts for us. Retired Gurkha soldiers of the Indian Army tell us how they fought and other stories of bravery of fellow soldiers," Samir said.

The RJs also encour-

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their talent in singing and sports. The prerecorded programmes of



## CONSTIPATION And Piles

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#### DU students whose degree remains in limbo to get 10 grace marks to pass New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI): university's highest decision

The Delhi University (DU) students, who have failed to clear a single remaining paper and have exhausted all special chances to obtain a degree, will be awarded grace marks to pass, said a senior varsity official on Tuesday. The students will be grant-

ed 10 additional points as grace marks to obtain their degree and will be applicable for only those who have not been able to clear one paper despite availing all their special chances, the official said. "If a student has not been able to complete his/her degree because they flunked in a single paper, the Delhi University will grant 10 additional marks to such students to help them pass the exam and obtain their degree," the official told PTI. The provision will include the students whose degree should have been completed in 202122 and 2022-23 during the COVID-19 outbreak in India, and those who appeared for the centenary chance with a limit of four papers, the official explained. It will also be applicable for the M.Phil students besides those enrolled in the undergraduate (UG) and post-(PG) graduate programmes, as per a proposal document approved by the Executive Council -- the



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