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Devotees stand in a queue for 'Datta Paduka darshan' at Baba Budan Giri shrine, near Chikmagalur, Tuesday.

IEDs recovered

Bijapur: Two pressure improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted by Naxalites on a road have been recovered by security personnel in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Tuesday. With this, the security forces have recovered at least 180 IEDs planted by Naxalites so far this year in the state, they said. "Two IEDs, weighing 5 kg each, were detected on Monday on Palnar-Cherpal villages road when a joint team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and district police's Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) was out for patrolling," a police official said here. The explosives were connected to pressure switches, he added.

Farmers electrocuted

Jaipur: Two farmers died on Tuesday after touching a dew-covered gate that was in contact with a live wire in Rajasthan's Bhiwar district, police said. The incident occurred in Shakargarh area in Jahazpur where Ranjeet Singh and Bhairu Lal, aged 45-50 years, touched a gate made of sticks to enter the farm. There was dew on the gate which was in contact with a live wire. As soon as they touched the gate, they got electrocuted and died on the spot, police said.

Fake gold, currency

Guwahati: Three persons were arrested from Katabari area here on Tuesday for allegedly possessing Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) with a face value of over Rs 2 lakh and counterfeit gold items, officials said. Based on specific information, a Special Task Force of the state police carried out a raid at a rented house in the locality, and apprehended the three persons, who hail from Assam's Lakhimpur district, they said. Counterfeit gold items weighing around 1.69 kg, and 412 FICN of Rs 500 denomination, were seized during the operation, an official release said.

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Arsenic and fluoride in groundwater

NGT issues notices to 24 states, four UTs

water. The green panel observed that the presence of these metals or chemicals are "very serious" and requires "urgent preventive and protective steps".

The panel was hearing a matter in which it had taken suo motu (on its own) cognizance of a media report that highlighted the presence of arsenic and fluoride beyond permissible limits in groundwater in some pockets of various states and Union Territories. The report stated that arsenic was detected in groundwater in parts of 230

districts across 25 states while fluoride was found in some pockets of 469 districts in 27 states, the tribunal noted in a recent order. A bench of Judicial Member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Expert Member A Senthil Vel said the Central Ground Water Authority had submitted a report in which it admitted the presence of arsenic and fluoride in the districts and the states. "It is also admitted that both the chemicals or metals have very serious toxic effects on the human body and health and cause health hazards," the bench

said. It said the Central Ground Water Authority, responsible for regulating groundwater, did not take any independent steps on the grounds that water is a state subject. But its contention had been rejected by a 1997 Supreme Court verdict and a 2022 tribunal order, the bench said. "We are surprised that after such a long time, even today, the CGWA (Central Ground Water Authority) has the audacity of shirking away from its own statutory responsibility and obligations and taking such flimsy grounds which have already been rejected by

the apex court itself," it said. "The issue raised in the present matter with regard to the presence of arsenic and fluoride in groundwater in such a large number of states and districts is very serious and requires urgent preventive and protective steps by all authorities concerned," the tribunal added.

The tribunal made parties or respondents in the matter 28 states and Union Territories along with the Central Ground Water Authority and the Union Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change.

Navy's MiG-29K aircraft suffers tyre burst at Dabolim airport

Panaji, Dec 26 (PTI): A MiG-29 K fighter aircraft of the Indian Navy suffered a tyre burst on the taxiway at the Dabolim airport in Goa on Tuesday afternoon, just before it was to undertake a routine sortie, officials said.

Nobody was injured in the incident.

Due to the tyre burst, the aircraft got stranded on the taxiway, prompting authorities to shut the airport's runway till 4 pm, affecting the services of passenger flights, officials said. The runway operations resumed at around 3:52 pm, with an IndiGO flight landing from Kolkata, said Dabolim airport's director S V T Dhananjaya.

Sources said more than 13 flights were either diverted or rescheduled due to the incident. "When the aircraft was on the taxi-

way ahead of its routine sortie, it suffered a tyre burst. Immediately after that, the fire brigade and other services were pressed into action," a navy spokesperson said, adding that the single-pilot aircraft was towed away from the taxiway.

The official did not specify the time of the incident. The Dabolim airport, located in the South Goa district, is part of the naval base INS Hansa. The facility is used by naval aircraft during certain times of the day.

Earlier in the day, S V T Dhananjaya had said the airport runway would remain shut for operations till 4 pm due to the tyre burst incident.

"The services of 10 flights were affected. Some flights were diverted to the Manohar International Airport at Mopa," the airport director said.

Umesh Pal murder case

Police attach house of accused Guddu Muslim



Police personnel attach the residence of Guddu Muslim, an aide of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed and accused in the Umesh Pal murder case, in Prayagraj, Tuesday.

Prayagraj (UP), Dec 26 (PTI): Police attached the house of slain gangster Atiq Ahmed's aide Guddu Muslim, an absconding accused in the Umesh Pal murder case, in the Chakia area here on Tuesday.

According to ACP (Dhumanganj) Varun Kumar, the house belonging to the accused and the

items kept there were attached by the police.

Earlier too, a police team had gone there, but the house was found sealed by the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA). Today, the house was opened in coordination with the PDA team, he said.

Till now, attachment proceedings have been car-

ried out against four accused while those against two other accused - Shaista Parveen, who is Atiq Ahmed's wife, and Arman - will be undertaken in three-four days, he said.

Guddu Muslim was caught on CCTV footage throwing bombs during the murderous attack on Umesh Pal.

The main witness in the BSP MLA Raju Pal murder case, Umesh Pal was shot dead in broad daylight on February 25, 2023.

Guddu Muslim has been absconding since the incident.

On the complaint of Umesh Pal's wife Jaya Pal, a case was registered in Dhumanganj police station against mafia Atiq Ahmed, his brother Ashraf, Shaista Parveen, Atiq's two sons, Guddu Muslim, Ghulam and nine other associates.

Rumours swirl around JD(U) chief's resignation

Patna, Dec 26 (PTI): Rumours were afloat in Bihar on Tuesday that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's key aide Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan' has told the former he wanted to step down as JD(U) national president.

At the state headquarters of the party here, leaders had a tough time fending off queries of journalists, who also wanted to know whether speculations of a rift between Kumar and Lalan, on account of growing proximity of the latter towards RJD president Lalu Prasad, had a grain of truth.

"You speak of fissures in the JD(U). I say there is not even a scratch," asserted state minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, who had turned up at the party office on his weekly round.

Chaudhary also blamed the rumours surrounding Lalan in the media, saying, "We, in the party, have heard nothing of that sort, but you people give things whatever spin you wish and then drop it when it suits your news cycle".

He evaded a direct reply when asked whether Lalan was likely to make a formal offer of his resignation at the JD(U)'s meeting scheduled in Delhi later this week.

"Please be informed that on December 29, the party's national executive and national council meetings are going to be held. These were long overdue. Also, JD(U) leaders from across the country will sit together and discuss strategy for the Lok Sabha polls due in a few months," said Chaudhary.

His attention was drawn

to a claim of senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi, who as a former deputy CM had known Kumar from close quarters, that the JD(U) supreme leader was growing uneasy with his party chief's closeness with his ally, and fearing a sabotage.

"You will always see Sushil Kumar Modi speaking about JD(U), but never about his own party. This is because in the BJP he has become a nobody. His sense of mortification has caused his imagination to run wild," Chaudhary said.

However, a senior JD(U) leader, requesting anonymity, said that Lalan has, indeed, expressed his desire to give up the top party post, which he has been occupying for more than a couple of years.

Two separate earthquakes hit Ladakh, Kishtwar

Jammu, Dec 26 (PTI): Two earthquakes of mild intensity struck Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir early Tuesday, officials said. There were no immediate reports of any damage due to the tremors, they said. The epicentre of the two quakes were in Ladakh's Leh district and Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, they added. According to the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), an earthquake of 4.5 magnitude occurred at 4.33 am in Ladakh. The depth of the earthquake was five kilometers below the surface of the earth at 34.73 degrees latitude and 77.07 degrees longitude, it said.

The earthquake jolted sleeping residents of both Kargil and Leh districts but police said there was no report of any damage from anywhere.

Indian Navy deploys 3 warships in Arabian Sea

New Delhi, Dec 25 (PTI): The Indian Navy's explosive ordnance disposal team on Monday carried out a detailed inspection of merchant vessel MV Chem Pluto on its arrival at Mumbai harbour, two days after the ship was hit by a drone off India's west coast in the Arabian Sea when it was on its way to New Mangalore port.

In view of spate of attacks on commercial vessels in the Arabian Sea, the Navy deployed P-8I long-range patrol aircraft for surveillance, and warships INS Mormugao, INS Kochi and INS Kolkata in the region to maintain "deterrent presence", officials said. Saturday's drone attack on Liberian-flagged MV Chem Pluto came amid increasing concerns

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PM Modi's YouTube channel subscribers number cross 2 crore

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI): The number of subscribers on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal YouTube channel crossed two crore on Tuesday, with the Indian leader becoming the only world leader to have this distinction and leading his contemporaries by a long distance. Officials noted that the videos posted on Modi's channel have more than 4.5 billion views, far ahead of his global peers.

Former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro is second on the list of subscriber numbers with around 64 lakh — less than a third of Modi's.

In terms of views, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is second to the Indian prime minister with 22.4 crore, a small fraction of Modi's.

US President Joe Biden has 7.89 lakh subscribers while his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan has 3.16 lakh.

'Yoga with Modi', a YouTube channel linked to the prime minister, is also high on the list with more than 73,000 subscribers.

Among other notable Indian leaders, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's channel has more than 35 lakh subscribers, a little over a sixth of Modi's.

The prime minister set up his YouTube channel in 2007 when he was Gujarat chief minister and is considered a pioneer in Indian politics in understanding the potential of social media in public communication and is credited for harnessing it to huge success.

NBW against UK national in case involving fugitive arms dealer Bhandari

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI): A Delhi court has issued an open-ended non-bailable warrant (NBW) against UK national Sumit Chadha in a money laundering case related to fugitive arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari and others. Special Judge Neelofar Abida Perveen passed the order, noting that the presence of Chadha cannot be secured through the ordinary process. Unlike a regular non-bailable warrant, an open-ended NBW has no time limit for its execution. The court passed the order after taking cognizance of a supplementary charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the accused, saying there was sufficient ground for summoning him. "At the request of the Directorate... I am satisfied that the presence of accused Sumit Chadha cannot be secured through the ordinary process. Open-ended

NBW has been prayed for. NBW is ordered against accused Sumit Chadha for his arrest and production before this Court, accordingly," the judge said. The court noted the submission made by the ED that summons were issued to Chadha through diplomatic channels but he refused to receive them. The judge will further hear the matter on January 29. According to ED, represented by Special Public Prosecutors Naveen Kumar Matta and Anil Khatri, besides advocate Mohd Faizan Khan, Sanjay Bhandari had created a web of entities by engaging various individuals based in the UAE and the UK for the purpose of acquiring several properties outside India. "Perusal of the several e-mails exchanged, filed on record, clearly indicates that accused Sumit Chadha was working in tandem and was close confidant of accused Sanjay Bhandari," the ED claimed.

Ram temple complex will be 'atmanirbhar' in its own way. Rai

Ayodhya, Dec 26 (PTI): The under-construction Ram temple complex in Ayodhya will be 'atmanirbhar' in its own way with sewage and water treatment plants, and it will also have facilities to ease the movement of the elderly and the specially-abled, officials said on Tuesday.

Ram temple trust general secretary Champat Rai said this as he shared the landscape plan of the grand complex in a presentation made at the trust's office in Ayodhya.

He also said that 70 per cent of the 70 acres of the upcoming temple complex will be green area.

The complex will be 'atmanirbhar' in its own way as it will have two STPs, one WTP and a dedicated line from power house, he



Under-construction Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple during a media tour organised by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, in Ayodhya, Tuesday.

said. The temple complex will also have a fire brigade post, which will be able to source water from an underground reservoir, he added. The grand temple will have 392 pillars, a 14 feet-wide 'percotat' periphery which will span

732 metre, Rai said, sharing the landscape plan with a group of journalists. The Ram temple complex will have the lift facility and two ramps at entrance to facilitate elderly, specially-abled visitors, he said.

Review plea filed in SC seeking ban on screening children for nursery admission

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI): A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking review of its order refusing to direct the Delhi lieutenant governor to either give assent to or return a 2015 bill which proposed a ban on screening children for nursery admission.

The review petition filed by NGO Social Jurist contended that the plea assumes importance in view of the recent Supreme Court judgments voicing displeasure over the governors of Punjab and Tamil Nadu delaying assent to bills passed and readopted by state legislatures.

The petition referred to the apex court's observation that state governors must act in a manner consistent with the

provisions of Article 200 of the Constitution. Article 200 outlines the process for a bill passed by the legislative assembly of a state to be presented to the governor for assent. The governor may either give consent to the bill, withhold assent or reserve the bill for consideration by the President of India. The governor may also return the bill for the legislature's reconsideration.

The apex court had on October 13 dismissed the NGO's plea, saying it cannot pass a direction to enact a law.

"Can there be a mandamus to enact a law? Can we direct the government to introduce the bill? Supreme Court can't be the panacea for everything," the top court had said.

Bhilai Veterans lift Rakshak Trophy

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 26: The final match of Rakshak Trophy Cricket Tournament was played on 25 December 2023. This tournament was organised under the guidance of Satish S Khandare, IPS, Inspector General, Frontier Headquarters, Border Security Force (Special Operations), Chhattisgarh, Bhilai.

Matches of this tournament were played in Sector 01 cricket ground. Enthusiastic players from 08 teams from various government departments and local organizations participated in this tournament. The final match of the tournament was played between the cricket teams of Bhilai Veteran v/s Ashish Enterprises.

In a thrilling final



match, Bhilai Veteran's cricket team displayed remarkable sportsmanship, strategy and efficiency and emerged victorious. Ashish Enterprises cricket team was the runner-up.

The 03-day tournament showcased extraordinary skills on the field and each match was a testament to the unwavering dedication and

teamwork displayed by the enthusiastic players.

Satish S Khandare, IPS, Inspector General, Frontier Headquarters, Border Security Force (Special Operations), Chhattisgarh, honored the winning team by presenting them a trophy. On this occasion, the Inspector General appreciated the dedication, hard work and

commitment displayed by all the teams.

He highlighted the importance of such events in promoting unity and harmony within the department and the society and expressed gratitude to all the teams, organizers and supporters whose unwavering enthusiasm and support made the event a grand success.

Molestation accused arrested within 24 hours

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Bhilai, Dec 26: Police arrested an accused of eve teasing and molestation within 24-hours of the crime. The victim girl along with her family members had visited Vaishali Nagar Police Station and submitted a written complaint after which an FIR was lodged.

On Tuesday morning around 09:30 hrs, the victim and her family members were at home when the accused Raja Yadav entered their house and tried to grab her hands with the intention of outraging her modesty.

When the family members resisted, the accused threatened to kill them. Police lodged an FIR



under sections 452, 354, 354 (A), 506 IPC.

Under the direction of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ramgopal Garg, Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha and City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Vishwadeepak Tripathi, the team of Vaishali Nagar Police Station led

by Inspector Mamta Ali Sharma searched for the accused. He was arrested within 24 hours of the crime. The accused was brought to Vaishali Nagar police station and interrogated. He confessed to committing the crime. The accused Raja Yadav (20) son of Kalesh Yadav, a resident of Jawahar Nagar, IHSDF Housing Colony,

Vaishali Nagar, was duly arrested and sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Inspector Mamta Ali Sharma (SHO, Vaishali Nagar), ASI Rajesh Mani Singh, Constable Virendra Yadav, Constable Rajesh Sinha, Constable Suresh Yadav, Constable Bhupendra Baghel played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Deputy CM Sharma visits Gurudwara on Veer Bal Diwas



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 26: Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma paid obeisance at Gurudwara located in Station Road Durg on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas. He said that it is a day to feel proud of the bravery and ideals of Mata Gujri, Guru Gobind Singh and four

Sahibzadas, who set an example to save humanity.

December 26 is the day of martyrdom of both the Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Both the heroes attained martyrdom at the age of seven and nine years. Despite pressure from the Mughals, they chose sacrifice. The history of

Sikhs remains glorious with such sacrifices.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma said that the Sahibzadas of the tenth Guru Gobind Singh of the Sikhs did not accept defeat from the Mughals. The two Sahibzadas Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh were entombed alive in the wall when they did



not accept Islam.

Sharma said that the Sahibzadas are the source of inspiration for the entire society as they sacrificed their life willingly for the sake of religion. Their martyrdom is a matter of inspiration for the whole country.

He expressed gratitude towards the Prime Minister Narendra Modi

for remembering the martyrdom of these brave children. MP Vijay Baghel in his address said that they have come together to commemorate all the martyrs, who are in the heart of every Indian.

He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi who remembered all the martyrs. The entire family of Guru Gobind Singh sacrificed for the establishment of Hindu religion.

MLA Gajendra Yadav, Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar, BJP District President Jitendra Verma, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, SSP Ram Gopal Garg, District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan, public representatives, people of Sikh Samaj and others were present.

Employees of BSP's SMS-III felicitated with Shiromani Awards

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 26: Employees of Steel Melting Shop -03 (SMS-III) Department of SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani' awards' under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant, for their exemplary work performance. AB Srinivas, GM (SMS-III) was the Chief Guest in the Award ceremony.

Ashug Amrit Pal, Mgr (SMS-III), was awarded 'Pali Shiromani' Award, while Durvasa Ram Sahu, Vimal Kumar Shukla, Ajay Kujur and Jayshree Kumari were awarded 'Karm Shiromani Award' for their commendable performance at the workplace. Mementos and Certificates were presented



to all the awardees, along with a Letter of Appreciation to their respective Spouses. Chief Guest AB Srinivas appreciated the awardees for their achievements and contributions at the workplace and said that these awards are given not only for outstanding work but also for following Safety guidelines. Srinivas encouraged all the employees of SMS-III to work in future with the same spirit. The Department Heads and other Senior Officials were also present on this occasion,

appreciated the awardees, and encouraged all the employees to work efficiently while following Safety Standards. Chaitram Sahu Compered the Programme. The main objective behind awarding Plant's employees with Karm Shiromani and Pali Shiromani Awards is to acknowledge and honour the sincere efforts and hard work displayed by them at the workplace, by meeting the organizational objectives while adhering to the standard parameters of safety.

Preparations for Quality Mahakumbh of NCQC-2023 in full swing

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 26: DK Shrivastava, a Quality Guru of India and Executive Director of Quality Circle Forum of India, on Tuesday reviewed the preparations for the 37th National Convention on Quality Concepts (NCQC 2023) to be organised from January 04-07, 2024 by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI). It is noteworthy that more than 2200 Quality Concepts teams and 12,000 participants from 650 institutes across the country will participate in this Mahakumbh of Quality Concepts to be organized at Shri Ramdevbaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur under the leadership of DK Shrivastava, ED (QCFI). This year the hosting of NCQC 2023 has been assigned to QCFI, Nagpur Chapter, informed PRO of QCFI Bhilai Chapter Satyawan Nayak in a press communique. In this review meeting,



ED (QCFI) DK Shrivastava, Additional Director (Training and Development) VKB Das, Senior Faculty R Srinivasan from QCFI, headquarters, Secretary of Nagpur Chapter Vivek Shrotri, Council Member Vivek Joshi, Dean of the college Dr Rajeev Khaire, PRO of Bhilai Chapter Satyawan Nayak and Treasurer VK Chaudhary, Abhay Girode, Praveen, Nishan Rao, Sanjay Nathwani and Pankaj Gupta and other members of Nagpur Chapter were present. QCFI Director and Secretary of Bhilai Chapter GP Singh were connect-

ed digitally. Notably, in this grand event, QCFI, Bhilai Chapter has been entrusted with important responsibilities like hall management and food management. After the meeting, the present members of QCFI gave a ground inspection of various preparations to DK Shrivastava. Also, preparations were started by ED (QCFI) DK Shrivastava by offering prayers. Shrivastava interacted with the leaders of various committees and provided necessary guidance so that this Mahakumbh can be organized successfully.

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Bhilai, Dec 26: With the arrest of four notorious thieves, police claimed to have busted an inter-district gang of bike lifters. Six stolen bikes worth approximately Rs 03.30 lakh were recovered from them. It was a joint action of Anti Crime and Cyber Unit Durg and Police Station Utai, Bhilai Nagar, Supela and GRP Durg.

Considering the frequent incidents of vehicle thefts, Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg had instructed to take prompt action in the cases of vehicle theft, arrest the accused and recover the stolen booty. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu, Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime) Dr Anurag Jha, City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Vishwa Deepak Tripathi and Police Sub-Divisional Officer (Patan)

Inter-district gang of bike-lifters nabbed



Devansh Rathore, a joint team was formed under the leadership of ACCU in-charge Inspector Naresh Patel, Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey (SHO, Utai), Inspector Manoj Prajapati (SHO, Bhilai) and Inspector Durgesh Sharma (SHO, Supela).

The team continuously monitored the suspects and a network of informers was activated. Former habitual criminals released from jail were also

checked. Meanwhile, police received a tip off regarding Chetan Dahare, a resident of Utai Hathkhopara. Chetan with his accomplice Ritesh Kumar Kurre alias Bhakka, a resident of Dundera, was looking for a customer to sell a motorcycle vehicle near Utai Khopli. Police team swung into action and Chetan Dahare and Ritesh Kurre were nabbed from Khopli Utai. During sustained interrogation, they confessed to stealing bikes from Joratarai BSP Gate in Utai, Chandulal Chandrakar Hospital in Bhilai, Berozgar Tiraha Sector 06 Bhilai and Durg Railway Station. They had stolen six bikes from different places. Four motorcycles were kept hidden at different places. One bike was sold to Kartik Chopra, a resident of Sector 07 and another bike was sold to Durgesh Chauhan, a resident of

Samoda. Police recovered all the 06 stolen vehicles. Further action is being taken from the concerned police stations.

The accused Chetan Dahare (25) son of Sheetal Dahare, a resident of Utai Hathkhopara; Ritesh Kumar Kurre alias Bhakka (30) son of Banshilal Kurre, a resident of Shanti Nagar, Dundera Durg; Kartik Chopra (33) son of Santilal Chopra, a resident of Sector 07 and Durgesh Chauhan (40) son of Prem Singh Chauhan, a resident of village Samoda, Chowki Jewra Sirsa, were arrested and sent to jail on judicial remand.

ASI Rajesh Pandey, Head Constable Santosh Mishra, Pradeep Singh Rajput, Chandrashekar Banjeer, Constable Jagjit Singh, Narendra Sahare, Sanat Bharti, Komal Rajput, G Ravi, Balmukund Sahu, Chitrasen Sahu, Khurshid Khurram Baksh from ACCU and Head Constable Amar Singh from Supela played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Spectacular celebrations of 91st Shivagiri Theerthadanam at SNGDS Sector -4

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 26: Sree Narayana Guru Dharm Samajam (SNGDS) Sector -4 celebrated the 91st "Shivagiri Theerthadanam" with great reverence at SNGVB auditorium on December 24, 2023. On this occasion, lamp lighting & Guru Daivadashakam was commemorated by SNGDS management, Executive committee members and by all the devotees & followers.

The Chief Guest Brahmarsi Dr TS Vijayan (renowned author, founder of Gurupadam school & winner of many literary awards), VK Babu (President, SNGDS), TU Sunil (Gen Sec, SNGDS), PS Suresh (Treasurer SNGDS) and KN Jaiprakash (Vice President



(SNGDS) were welcomed & other Executive committee members, Patrons SNGVB's Principal E Bharati, Vice Principal Rupesh Choudhary Teaching and Non Teaching staff of Sector 4, Sister branches

(Khurshidar & sector -7) were present to mark the 91st "Shivagiri Theerthadanam" celebrations.

The Chief Guest was felicitated with shreefal & Shawl by the President VK Babu. In his address, the

President briefed the meaning of Theerthadanam & the difference between Shabrimala theerthadanam & Shivgiri Theerthadanam (The spiritual motivation & social motivation).



On this occasion, Maddhu Hasini, a student of SNGVB expressed her views on the stress caused by examination & its management & also exhorted the parents to help & support their children for success in life. The Chief

Guest Dr TS Vijayan, addressing the gathering enlightened the miracles of Sree Narayana Guru & his principles.

The opportunity was taken to honour Sunder Rao, Shatrughan, Reshram with shreefal, Shawl &

cash award for their excellent work in various fields. Anila Rajan, Vandana Shrivastava, Shymon Prakash, E Bharati were also honoured with memento of appreciation award.

The Bhajan Kirtan

women group of the society, essential members of the cultural dance group (boys & girls) of the society, Amit Raj Gopal, Founder of Feel Parmartham, & its members, Lucky, Sandeep, Ajay Choudary, Parul, Ganesh Aman Nayyar, Mayank & Ajay Mandal were honoured with Shreefal & Shawl for their unconditional service to the society, Sumi Rajapan (Electronic Coverage coordinator & renowned journalist) was honoured with shreefal, memento & shawl for her contribution in the field of journalism.

The vote of thanks was presented by KN Jaiprakash and the programme was coordinated Simmi Anil. The programme ended with National Anthem and a banquet.

CM pays tribute to the martyrdom of Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh

• Takes part in the Veer Bal Diwas program at Telibandha Gurudwara in Raipur

Raipur, Dec 26: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai today participated in the program organized at Telibandha Gurudwara (Gurudwara Dhan-Dhan Baba Budha Sahib Ji) of Raipur on Veer Bal Diwas. He circumambulated the Guru Granth Sahib after paying obeisance in the Gurudwara. He remembered the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's family and the martyrdom of his sons and paid homage to him. Sai also participated in 'Kirtan' and 'Ardaas' in Gurudwara. Cabinet Minister Ramvihar Netam, MP Sunil Soni, MLAs Purandar Mishra, Motilal Sahu and Sampat Agrawal also participated in the program. Several office bearers of Gurudwara



Management Committee and members of Sikh Samaj were also present in the program.

Sikh brothers have a major contribution in protecting Hindu religion and achieving independence for the country and their great deeds are recorded in our history, Sai said in his address. Recalling the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzadas- Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Bahadur Singh, he said that at the young age of

December every year as Veer Bal Diwas to remember the martyrdom of Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Bahadur Singh. After the Prime Minister's announcement, the spirit of bravery is awakening among the children along with commemorating the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzadas in schools and public places.

Sai said that he will try to live up to the expectations of the people who entrusted him with important responsibility of Chief Minister and will maintain the dignity of this post. We have moved towards fulfilling Modi's guarantee in the state, he said, adding that in very first Cabinet meeting, it was decided to build 18 lakh Prime Minister Houses for the people of the state. On 25th December, on Good Governance Day, two years outstanding paddy bonus has been paid to the farmers, he added.

six and nine years, these children were imprisoned by the Mughal ruler within the walls. To protect their religion, both of them sacrificed themselves at a very young age, he added.

Sai thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking the initiative of celebrating Veer Bal Diwas every year to commemorate the martyrdom of such brave children. He told that last year on Prakash Parv, the Prime Minister had announced to celebrate 26th

Ayyappa Temple Mandal Puja festival today

Raipur, Dec 26: Mandal Puja festival will be organized at Shree Ayyappa Temple, Ring Road No. 2, Tatibandh, on Wednesday, December 27. Giving the above information in a joint release, Shree Ayyappa Seva Sangham President, Gopal Menon and Secretary Sharad Nair said that like every year, this year too the Mandal Puja festival will be celebrated with great pomp on December 27th. On this day, the sacred eighteen stairs of Shree Ayyappa Temple will be opened for the fasting devotees to climb the holy steps. 'Kettunira' program will be held after the puja at 6.30 am in Lord Mahadev Temple located at Tatibandh Colony. After which at 8.00 o'clock all the devotees along with 'Pallikettu' will leave in a procession for Shree Ayyappa Temple. Large number of devotees will participate in this procession. As part of Mandal



Puja rituals, after Prabhath Pheri at 4.30 am, Nirmalya Darshan (5.35 am), Abhishekam, Ganpati Hom (6.00 am), Usha Puja (6.30 am) will be held. Thereafter, at 8.30 am the devotees will climb the sacred stairs along with Pallikettu and Ghee Abhishekam and 'Madhyana' puja will be held. There will be Deeparadhana (Aarti) and bhajans at 6.30 pm. After Bhogpuja, Prasad distribution and

Annadanam program will conclude at 8.30 pm. It is notable that the main temple of Shanishwar Lord Shree Ayyappa Swamy is situated at Shabarishringa in the state of Kerala, where every year crores of devotees observing strict fast get darshan. On this occasion, Shree Ayyappa Seva Sangham has urged all the devotees to be present and get the benefit of darshan of Lord Shaniwar Shree Ayyappa.

The glorious history of the Sikh community is a source of inspiration: Sai



Raipur, Dec 26: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, on Tuesday, attended a programme organized at Mata Sundari Public School, located at Kachari Chowk, Raipur, to commemorate Veer Bal Diwas. Inaugurating an exhibition dedicated to the memory of Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzaadas Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, the Chief Minister lit a lamp in front of their portraits and paid floral tributes. The event aimed to honour the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's family and the martyrdom of his sons.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai stated that today, it is our good fortune that we have all gathered here to celebrate Veer Bal Diwas. Today is the day of the martyrdom of both the Sahibzaadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who, despite the pressure and torture of the Mughals, did not give up and accepted martyrdom at the ages of just six and nine years.

They were buried alive in a wall, and the history of the Sikh community remains glorious due to such sacrifices.

Sai stated that the Prime Minister of our country, PM Narendra Modi, has played a crucial role in presenting the glorious history of India to the people, and I express my gratitude to him for this. We all take pride in the declaration of today as Veer Bal Diwas to honour the Sahibzaadas not only in our country but also globally. Providing details about Mata Sundari Public School, Chief Minister Shri Sai mentioned that the school is named after Mata Sundari, the mother of Veer Sahibzadas. I extend my best wishes to this institution and express hope that it continues to make progress.

He added that our government is committed to fulfilling every promise made under the 'Modi ki Guarantee'. He mentioned that in line with this commitment, as soon as our government was formed, we

decided to approve houses for 18 lakh eligible families in the state. On Good Governance Day, an amount of more than Rs 3700 crore has been disbursed to over 12 lakh farmers.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for declaring Veer Bal Diwas. He emphasized the need for society to guide school children on drawing inspiration from the fearless sacrifice of the young Sahibzaadas. Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister Shri Sai, he stated that, to participate in the Veer Bal Diwas events, he cancelled other programmes and agreed to participate only in the programmes of Veer Bal Diwas.

Cabinet Minister Brijmohan Agrawal extended warm wishes on Veer Bal Diwas and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it a national event. He stated that Guru Gobind Singh Ji taught his children to be fearless and not to bow down before their enemies. He emphasized that the Sikh community is renowned for its service, dedication, sacrifice, and bravery.

During the programme, the Sikh community honoured the Chief Minister with a kirpan, shawl, and Shriphal. School children contributed to the event by presenting Shabad Kirtan. The ceremony was attended by Cabinet Minister OP Choudhary, MLAs, representatives of the Sikh community, and officials from the School Education Department.

Republic Day preparations begin

• Chief Secretary holds high level meeting of officers

Raipur, Dec 26: Secretary Amitabh Jain held a meeting of high level officials of various departments of the state government at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan to discuss preparations for Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2024 with dignity. DGP Ashok Juneja, Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu and Mrs. Renuji Pillai attended the meeting organized through video conference. The Chief Secretary gave directions to the officials for all the arrangements and preparations regarding the celebration of Republic Day on 26 January. The main function of Republic Day will be held at Police Ground Raipur from 9 am. All necessary guidelines have been given to the officials regarding all the necessary arrangements for the preparations for the event.

Necessary instructions were also given to the officers for the stage, pandal arrangements, meeting arrangements, cultural programs message of Governor and the Chief

Minister, traffic, security, cleanliness and all other arrangements. Principal Secretary of Forest and Home Department, Manoj Kumar Pingua, Secretary of General Administration Department, DD

Singh, Secretary to Governor Amrit Khalkho, Secretary of Energy Department Ankit Anand, Secretary of Food Department Topeshwar Verma and senior officials of other departments were present.

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Shadani Darbar is a powerful spiritual center: CM

CM accorded a grand welcome by Shadani Shiromandal and Sindhi community at Shadani Darbar



Raipur, Dec 26: Shadani Shiromandal and Raipur Sindhi Samaj accorded a grand welcome to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at Shadani Darbar Tirtha today. On the occasion, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that he feels fortunate to have the opportunity to visit this power spiritual center and receive blessings of the revered Guru. Chief Minister said that Shadani Darbar is the center of spiritual power and whoever pays obeisance here with a true heart gets their wishes fulfilled. He added that it is the blessings of Shadani Darbar that an ordinary man like me has got the opportunity to serve the state as Chief Minister. At Shadani Darbar, Shri Sai prayed for strength and determination to live up to the unwavering trust of the people of the state by fulfilling the guarantees made by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the time of elections.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that on 25th December, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was celebrated as Good Governance Day in the state. On this occasion a state-level programme was organized at village Bendri of Abhanpur, where an amount of Rs 3716 crore was transferred to the bank accounts of more than 12 lakh farmers of the state as the outstanding bonus of paddy for past two years. Chief Minister said that on the very next day of taking oath of office, construction of 18 lakh houses for poor was approved in cabinet meeting. With the construction of these houses, people deprived of hous-

ing for last five years will now have roof over their head. Determined to implement Modi Guarantee in the state, we have aligned our actions with our words, keeping our promises before the elections. Upon reaching Shadani Darbar, Chief Minister first paid obeisance at the 'Samadhi' of Saint Sadaram and expressed reverence to Mahadev Saheb of Dhuni at Shadani Darbar as per the rituals. He prayed for happiness, peace and prosperity of the people of the state. Sant Shri Dr. Yudhishtir Lal said that the revered Shadani Darbar Tirth symbolizes Indian culture and civilization. This spiritual

center promotes Sanatani beliefs of communal harmony and peace. On behalf of the community, Shri Lal welcomed Chief Minister on his first visit to this revered place and expressed hope that under his leadership, all the sections of society will flourish. Youth representative of the community, Shri Amit Chimmnani said that they are overjoyed to have Shri Vishnu Deo Sai ji among them in Shadani Darbar. He told that when Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai was only 10 years old, his father passed away and since then he has taken up the responsibility towards his family. Despite the challenging circumstances, Shri Sai continued to learn, serve

and grow from the post of Sarpanch to MLA, MP, and Union Minister. Today, he holds the post of Chief Minister of the state.

As soon as he took oath of office as Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, he did not waste any time and decided to provide permanent housing facility to 18 lakh homeless families at the cabinet meeting. Moreover, an amount of Rs 3716 crore was transferred directly into the accounts of more than 12 lakh 'Annadata' farmers of the state.

Monthly event of 'Chaudas Mela' was organized on Chaturdashi of Shukla Paksha today at Shadani Darbar Tirth, on the occasion of birth anniversary of the founder of the Darbar, Shiv Avtaari Saint Shadaram Sahib. On this occasion, Sant Yudhishtir Lal Ji, head of Shadani Darbar Tirtha, Raipur Rural MLA Mr. Motilal Sahu, Secretary of Shadani Darbar Tirth Mr. Uday Shadani, Dr. Bhisma Shadani, State President of Sindhi Council of India Mr. Lalit Jaisingh, various forums of Sindhi Samaj and a large number people of the community were present.

Students flock to Nalanda Parisar to see the photo exhibition

By PR Dept's week-long exhibition showcases rare photos of former PM Youth enthusiastically capture photos at the selfie point



Raipur, Dec 26: A week-long photo exhibition has been organized at Nalanda Parisar in Raipur by the Public Relations Department, commemorating the cherished memories of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in connection with Chhattisgarh. The event also highlights the public welfare schemes of the Central Government in the state, which is progressing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the exhibition on Monday to mark the occasion of Good Governance Day.

Enthusiastic students, particularly those preparing for competitive exams, are visiting the exhibition in large numbers. Durgesh, an MSc Mathematics graduate from Raipur, shared his enthusiasm, stating that he visits Nalanda Library every day for exam preparation. Upon learning about the photo exhibition, he expressed delight in attending and gaining insights into central government schemes. Pooja, a Mahadev Ghat resident preparing for PSC, commended the exhibition's display of rare photo-

graphs from Atal Ji's tenure as Prime Minister. Rahul Ahirwar, a Madhya Pradesh resident currently preparing for NAT in Raipur, heaped praise on the exhibition, saying it provided valuable information. Ayushi, a Jagdalpur resident living in Raipur and a regular visitor to Nalanda Library, appreciated the detailed explanation of significant decisions made during Vajpayee Ji's time.

Umesh Gupta from Kota, Raipur, with a keen interest in history, found the exhibition informative. Students Praveen Gautam and Purnima Dewangan expressed their intention to inform others about the exhibition to maximize its outreach. Ankit Mishra, Ramanand Sahu, and other youths enthusiastically took pictures at the selfie zone established here. They expressed their appreciation for gaining valuable insights into the various welfare schemes introduced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The week-long exhibition, organized by the

Public Relations Department, showcases notable achievements from Atal Ji's tenure and rare photographs of his visits to Chhattisgarh. It also sheds light on the infrastructure projects initiated by the Central Government in the state under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, contributing to Chhattisgarh's rapid development. The exhibition, featuring public welfare schemes launched by Prime Minister Shri Modi, will remain open for public viewing until December 31. Furthermore, the exhibition provides information about various welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Poshan Abhiyan, Mahila Samarthya Yojana, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, National Health Mission, and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.

Collector took meeting regarding events, functions on occasion of New Year

Raipur, Dec 26: Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure held a meeting of officials regarding the events to be held on the occasion of New Year and the law and order situation of the city on the evening of December 31st. He said that peace should be maintained in the city on New Year's Eve. There should be good traffic system on the major roads of the city. Common citizens should not face any kind of trouble. The event on New Year should be organized within the time period of 12:15 midnight. He has given instructions to take immediate and strict action to keep an eye on the elements creating ruckus. The Collector said that the police department should make strict security arrangements and continuously patrol the identified areas of the city like Telibandha, VIP Road, Naya Raipur etc. Take strict action against those who gather at various streets, drink and drive, more than two passengers on two wheelers, those who drive at high speed and blow their horns. Dr. Bhure said that hotels and



restaurants who organize such events, which are big in nature and involve big artists, they should be given permission on the basis of certain parameters and they should be ensured that there should not be any kind of disturbance or intoxication in their events. And the event should be such that it does not cause inconvenience to the citizens participating there. Collector Dr. Bhure said that especially the hotels and restaurants holding big events will be monitored through CCTV and cameras and immediate action will be taken in case of any disturbance. The Collector said that strict investigation should be done at various suspicious places in the city where drug distribution is found and drug trafficking is being done and action should be taken against such criminal elements. Dr. Bhure

gave instructions to carry out fireworks as per the guidelines of NGT.

Police department officials informed that 20 points have been made in the city where special vigil will be kept and strict checking will be done with breathalyzer. He told that in the meeting it has been said that hotel, restaurant, bar and dhaba operators should be closed within a certain time period. There should be proper arrangement for parking. Liquor should not be consumed outside institutions or inside four-wheelers. Organizers should not issue more passes than their capacity. Also, if intoxicants like hookah, ganja or other intoxicants are found during the program, action will be taken against such operators and their license will also be cancelled. Incharge SPGR Thakur, Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Mayank Chaturvedi, Additional District Magistrate, N.R. Sahu, Traffic Additional SP, Sachindra Choubey and other officers were present in the meeting.

Cleanliness campaign organized



Raipur, Dec 26: On the occasion of Good Governance Day, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the public representatives of the district paid their respects to Atal Ji by offering flowers on his statue and photograph. On this occasion, public representatives remembered his contribution and paid tribute to him. A massive cleanliness campaign was started in the district in which public representatives of the district participated.

Minister and Raipur South MLA Brijmohan Agarwal participated in the Good Governance Day program at

Maharajbandh Pond. He administered oath to everyone there to establish the highest standards of good governance and started the cleanliness campaign. Similarly, MP Mr. Sunil Soni and MLA Mr. Purandhar Mishra participated in Awati Vihar, ATM Chowk in Raipur North. On this occasion, they took an oath to establish the highest standards of good governance. Similarly, Raipur West MLA Rajesh Munat started the cleanliness campaign from the community hall of Hirapur and Dharsiwa Assembly MLA Anuj Sharma inaugurated the campaign at Atal Udyan of Mahavir Nagar.

CM receives invitation to attend Ch'garhi Film Awards ceremony

Smart Cinema Award 2024

Raipur, Dec 26: The organizers of the Chhattisgarhi Film Award ceremony - Smart Cinema Award 2024 paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at the State Guest House Pahuna here today and invited him to attend the Chhattisgarhi Film Awards ceremony to be organized on January 17 at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the capital Raipur. Chief Minister Sai thanked the organizers for the invitation.



This festival is organized every year in the memory of Late Vijay Kumar Pandey, who is called Bhisma Pitamah of Chhattisgarhi films. Its objective is to reward the

talent of Chhattisgarhi films. Artists from across the state participate in this event. Jai Prakash Pandey and Deepak Srivastava were also present on this occasion.

PRSU exams likely to start in first week of March

Raipur, Dec 26: The annual examinations of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University are likely to start from the first week of March. Emphasis is being laid on completing the course before this. Due to delay in supplementary examinations, regular studies have not been conducted in colleges, due to which the number of courses which should have been completed by December has not been completed. Applications for annual examinations have also started.



given to calculate the attendance of students in the academic calendar issued by the Higher Education Department. The attendance of students will be counted from the beginning of studies till November 30.

University officials said that with the start of the new session, colleges have been instructed to follow the academic calendar. Accordingly, classes are being conducted in the college. Attendance will be counted this month. In this, 75 percent attendance in the class of every subject is necessary. Students who have par-

ticipated in NCC, NSS camps, sports, state level competitions will be considered present. Students who have very less attendance will not be eligible for the examination as regular students. There are more than 500 colleges in the state associated with higher education. Of these, there are more than 260 government institutions.

The admission process for UG and PG under the education session 2023-24 started in June. Initially online applications were invited for admission. Due to large number of seats remaining vacant, the admission date was extended. In this, students were given offline admission as per the availability of seats in the colleges. The list of how many students have been given offline admission in colleges has not been updated. The University has written a letter

to the colleges instructing them to update the list. Still, the final list of admission has not been updated by many colleges.

The annual examination of the university will start in March. The application process for the examination has started from December 15. Students can apply till January 5. After this, late fee will have to be paid for applying. Last year, about 1.5 lakh students had applied for the annual examination of the university. In this, the number of people applying as self-study students was more than that of regular students. Experts said that in UG classes, the number of private i.e. self-study students is more in BA as compared to B.Com and B.Sc. Apart from this, most of the private students appear in the PG examinations conducted under the annual examination.

Ayurveda College organises 'Ayurveda Exhibition'

To make people aware about Ayurveda

Raipur, Dec 26: "Ayurveda Exhibition" was organized by Government Ayurveda College, Raipur in Gandhi Udyan. Nature Testing, Panchakarma, Yoga Consultancy, Live Food Carrot Pak, Sprout Chaat, Millets Appe, Ayurveda Herbal Tea, Package Food, Awla Murabba, Arogya Sampurna Laddu, Bajra Laddu, Chyawanprash, Ayurvedic Soap were offered through various stalls in the exhibition. Information about Ayurveda face pack, Ayurveda face cream, Shatavari Ashwagandha cookies, medicinal plants



and counter diets was given. This exhibition, which introduced the specialties of Ayurveda, remained the center of curiosity for the people throughout the day.

Dr. Aradhana Kande, professor of Ayurveda College and coordinator of the exhibition, said that under the new National Health Scheme of the Government

of India, Ayurveda Yojana is a plan to make Ayurveda people-oriented and to implement the motto of Ayurveda in every home every day. Under this, school students are told about the basic information of Ayurveda, its usefulness and benefits. This exhibition has been organized to connect the general public with Ayurveda and inspire them to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Secretary of Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Mr. Prasanna R., Director of AYUSH Department, Ms. Namrata Gandhi, Joint Director of AYUSH Directorate, Dr. Sunil Das, Principal of Ayurveda College, Dr. G.R. Chaturvedi and Superintendent Praveen Kumar Joshi were also present in the exhibition.

Disabled children of DRC win 3 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze medals

Bijapur, Dec 26: The 14th Chhattisgarh State Level Para Athletics Competition was organized in Raipur from Dec 22 to 24 in which the disabled children of Divyang Rehabilitation Center (DRC) (Samarth), Bijapur, performed well and won a total of 9 medals, including 3 gold medals, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals. Ishwar Podiyam, student of Disabled Rehabilitation Center, won 1 gold and 1 bronze medal. Similarly,



Maniram Hapka got 1 gold, 1 bronze, Santosh Telam 2 silver, Deepak Kumar 2 bronze, Simon

1 gold medal. A total of 9 medals were achieved while Mithun and Mohan received

certificates. A total of 213 disabled students from across the state participated in the state level para athletics competition. In which various sports like 100 meter race, tawan throw, shot put and javelin throw etc. were included. Deputy Director Social Welfare Kamlesh Kumar Patel, Suresh Soni, B. was appointed by Collector Rajendra Katara to ensure the safe movement and care of children by involving them in

sports. Basmaiah (caretaker) was given the responsibility to Sandeep Kumar Gupta (coach). While heartily congratulating the victory, Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara honored the disabled children on the occasion of veer Bal Diwas and inspired them to always move forward and congratulated all the staff and teachers taking care of the children including the disabled rehabilitation coaches and the winners. Group photography was done with the players.

8 students of the district selected



Bijapur, Dec 26: State Level Abacus Competition 2023 was organized on Dec 24 at Bastar High School, Jagdalpur from 10 am to 12:00 pm. A total of 723 children from all over Chhattisgarh qualified round to participate in this competition. Examination was given, from

which 427 children were selected for the state level competition. These 427 participants excelled in this unique competition by showcasing their highest potential and knowledge as they attempted to solve 100 questions of different levels in a time limit of 15 minutes.

In this competition, mainly students of Bijapur district have confirmed their place for the National Abacus Competition 2024. In which Anka Kadati (Potakabin, Basaguda), Roshan Venjam (Potakabin, Matwada) Kirti Paspul (KGBV, Bijapur), Sammi Dhurva (Kanya Potakabin, Timmapur) Sachuram Kosam (Potakabin, Matwada), Rajesh Semla (Potakabin, Basaguda), Aanchal Punem (KGBV, Named), Jyoti Paspul (KGBV, Named).

BJYM sets up 'Namo' tea stalls in Himachal to create awareness about Centre's schemes

Shimla/Hamirpur, Dec 26 (PTI):

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha has set up 'Namo' tea stalls in all 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh to create awareness about the Centre's development and welfare schemes, a spokesperson said Tuesday. Forty-two Namo tea stalls were opened on Tuesday. Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur took a sip of tea and chatted with people at a Namo tea stall in Sirmaur district. The BJP's state unit chief Rajeev Bindal had tea at a kiosk in Mandi district, Karan Nanda — the party's media in-charge in Himachal Pradesh — told PTI.

The Shimla unit of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) — the BJP's youth wing — set up a Namo tea stall near the IGMCA taxi stand and at the Ridge ground. Tea was served to about 500 people at the stalls

while the Namo app was downloaded on the phones of more than 300.

This is a unique effort that has given the BJYM an opportunity to connect with the public, its state unit chief Tilak Raj said in a statement. Besides promoting the Centre's schemes, the BJYM will also make people aware of the state's government's "anti-people decisions" that have affected the pockets of commoners. Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Namo tea stalls — named after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the "architect of the present India" — have been set up at Gandhi Chowk in Hamirpur, Indrapal Chowk in Nadaun, main market in Bhoran, and Badsar Bazar and Sujampur Bazar in Hamirpur district, the BJYM said.

The idea is to have "gupshup aur chai (tea and discussion)" over the develop-

ment schemes and initiatives launched for the welfare of the weaker sections, a BJYM spokesperson in Hamirpur said. The tea stalls will play a major role ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, another BJYM office-bearer in the district said and added that the BJP's youth wing will organise several activities at these kiosks.

In the run-up to the 2014 general elections, the BJP had launched "Chai pe Charcha (teatime chats)" outreach programmes in which senior party leaders, including then prime ministerial candidate Modi, held meetings over tea with people at hundreds of locations simultaneously across the country in a bid to increase its

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Schedule of Property (Amount in Rs.)

Item No.	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount 10% of the Reserve Price/ Bid Increment amount	Outstanding amount (secured debt)/ Demand Notice Date/ Possession Notice date
1.	Land and Factory Shed and Building (Factory Shed and Building in dilapidated condition) situated in Industrial Area, P.H. No. 49 Khasra No. 359/50, 359/3, 362/5, 362/6, 359/7, 358, 359/6 total area 36.23 Acre at Village Kumhari, PC No. 45, Tehsil Dhamda, District Durg owned by Himmat Steel Foundry Pvt. Limited which is in two portions separated by roads that is for brevity's sake one portion in factory premises and Officers Quarter having area approximately 25.33 Acre (Part I) and other portion is Staff Quarter with open land, having area approximately 10.90 Acre (Part II), are bounded as under: (a) Portion of factory premises and Officers Quarters, having area approximately 25.33 Acre (say Part I) has boundaries as: East: High School Road West: Others land and Officers' Quarters North: High School and CGEB Office South: GE Road (b) Portion of Staff Quarters and open land, having area approximately 10.90 Acre (say Part II) has boundaries as: East: Gaurav Path Road West: High School Road and Samudayik Bhawan North: Satnam Bhawan & Villagers House South: Others land and Nagar Palika Office and Temple	Rs. 32.00 Cr.	Rs. 3.20 Cr./ Rs. 5.00 Lacs	Rs. 8,68,64,184/- (Rupees Eight Crores Sixty Eight Lacs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four only) as on 23.08.1995 plus further interest @ 23.25% per annum with quarterly rest from 23.08.1995 till realization of the outstanding dues, costs and charges due to Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust - 79/22) - assignee of Central Bank of India Secured Creditor. Demand Notice dated 04.12.2007 Possession Notice dated 03.09.2009.

The prospective bidders have to also bear the below mentioned claims and/or encumbrances as known to PRUDENT TRUST - 79/22.

(i) Sales Tax Dues	Rs. 4,33,99,958.00
(ii) Gratuity payable as per payment of Gratuity Act, 1972	Rs. 1,33,42,562.00
(iii) Employees Provident Fund Dues	Rs. 95,06,300.00
(iv) ESI Corporation liability	Rs. 23,32,000.00
(v) Dues payable to Electricity Board	Rs. 7,15,901.00
(vi) Excise duty/Property tax/Entry tax/Professional tax/Any Income tax dues	Rs. 2,56,55,620.00

*1. The above noted claims and/or encumbrances reflect the stated entities/authorities and amounts as per information gathered by the Authorized Officer, the intending bidder will necessarily be required to carry out its own due diligence to ascertain the exact claims and the precise amounts that may be payable as on the date of the scheduled auction or otherwise to the above entities/authorities.

*2. Also, it may be noted that Mahavar Estate Developers Limited has a purported claim as an alleged assignee of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) which such claims and status are disputed and not admitted by the Secured Creditor. In any event such entitlement cannot exceed the proportion of 28.7% of the ultimate net sale proceeds of the mortgaged/secured assets hereby being put to e-auction/sale. However, in the event of any dispute as to whether any amounts that may be payable to the said Mahavar Estate Developers Limited, any such amounts shall be borne out of the net sale proceeds of the subject property and subject a final adjudication by any competent Tribunal/Court in the event of any dispute relating thereto arises.

The prospective bidders will necessarily be required to bare have also to borne any other claims and/or encumbrances of whatsoever nature which are not known to PRUDENT TRUST - 79/22.

The online bids shall be submitted through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> as per schedule given below:

EMD Remittance	EMD can be remitted in the following ways: i) Deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS A/c No: 519501010036310 Name of Beneficiary: "Prudent Trust-79/22" Name of Bank: Union Bank of India IFSC Code : UBIN0551953 Branch Address: Pitampura, Lu Block, New Delhi-110034 OR ii) Demand Draft/Pay Order in the favor of "Prudent Trust - 79/22" payable at Delhi to be submitted at Prudent ARC Limited, 611, D-Mall, Plot No. A-1, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110 034
Inspection of Property	05.01.2024
Last date for submission of Online application for BID	12.01.2024
Date and time of e-auction	16.01.2024 between 11.00 am to 12.00 noon with auto-extension of five minutes each in the event of bids placed in the last five minutes.
Bid Multiplier	Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lacs only)

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please refer to the Website <http://prudentarc.com/tenders-auctions/> and <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Note: This sale notice is being issued post the mandatory Notice of 30 (Thirty) days to the Borrower/Guarantors of the above loan account under Rule 8 (b) read with proviso thereto and the relevant Rule of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 and provisions of Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, informing them about intention of holding of auction/sale with the advise to the same to redeem the Secured assets if so desired by them, by paying the outstanding dues as mentioned herein above along with interest, cost & expenses prior to the scheduled auction. In case of default in payment, the property shall at the discretion of the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor be sold through any of the modes as prescribed under Rule 8 (5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Nemi Chand Baloitya
Authorized Officer
Prudent ARC Limited
(Prudent Trust - 79/22)

Date: 26.12.2023
Place: Delhi

Central Bank of India

शाखा- टेमरी (छ.ग.) Branch- TEMRI (C.G.)

APPENDIX-IV [RULE - 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002) (54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice date as below mentioned date calling upon the Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on the date mentioned below. The Borrowers/ Guarantors 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 CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA for amount mentioned below with subsequent interest and expenses thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sl No.	Name & Address of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Di. of Demand Notice / Date of Possession Notice	Outstanding Amt. as on the date of demand notice	Description of the Immovable Property
1.	Borrowers- 1. M/s J K Traders, 2. M/s J K Industries, Prop. Mr. Jagdish Mulchand Santani, 3. Mr. Jagdish Mulchand Santani S/o- Mr. Mulchand Santani, Add 117/6 and 124/3 Mauja Uria, Mini Mata Ward, Ward No.11, PH. No.23, RIC & of All. 1- At Uria, Mini Mata Ward No 11 Talsil Abhanpur Dist- Raipur CG Admeasuring Total Area 0.495 Hectare in the RIC and Talsil Abhanpur, Dist- Raipur CG. North: Other's Plot, South: Road, East: Other's Plot, West: Other's Plot. Shankar Nagar Raipur (CG), Add 3:- At Sardar Wallabi Bhai Patel Shop No. B-97 Whole Sale market Dumartara, Raipur	18.10.2023 22.12.2023	Total - Rs. 3,93,17,306/- + Further Interest & Other Charges (For JK INDUSTRIES- Rs. 2,82,84,315/-) (For JK TRADERS- Rs. 1,09,32,991/-)	All the Part and Parcel of Industrial Land Building situated at Khasra No 117/3, 117/6 and 124/3 Mauja Uria, Mini Mata Ward, Ward No.11, PH. No.23, RIC & of All. 1- At Uria, Mini Mata Ward No 11 Talsil Abhanpur Dist- Raipur CG Admeasuring Total Area 0.495 Hectare in the RIC and Talsil Abhanpur, Dist- Raipur CG. North: Other's Plot, South: Road, East: Other's Plot, West: Other's Plot.

Date : 27.12.2023, Place : Temri Authorised Officer, Central Bank Of India

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069

Bhilai Branch : Hall No. 1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace Durg-491001 (CG)

Raipur Branch : 1A & 1B, 2nd Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandari, Raipur-492004 (Chhattisgarh)

Rajnandgaon Branch : Plot No.25/151, First Floor, Soni Complex, In-Front of Kamal Takiz, In Front of Maharashtra Bank, Bharkapara, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh-491441.

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULE 3 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the said Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Guarantor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured assets (immovable property)
1	(Loan Code No. 03000000129 / Bhilai Branch) Shrikant Sharma (Co-Borrower), Varsha Sharma (Co-Borrower) Rakesh Kumar & Dilip Harde (Guarantors)	12-12-2023 ₹ 8,20,377/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, H No 221 Jawahar Nagar Sikola 3rd Section Gop Gnrh Nirman Samiti Near BSNL Telephone Exchange, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 491001
2	(Loan Code No. 00800000552 / Raipur Branch) P Nirmala (Borrower), Padala Naveen Kumar (Co-Borrower) Ratan Balu (Guarantor)	12-12-2023 ₹ 7,65,860/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh No 556 Part Sheet No 15 Plot No 19 3 Sanyasi Para Veershiwaji Ward Nr By Shakti Kirana Khantari, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001
3	(Loan Code No.11200000355/ Rajnandgaon Branch) M Ravi Rao (Borrower), M Adilaxmi & M Kiran (Co-Borrowers)	10-12-2023 ₹ 7,61,993/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Shikshak Nagar Ph No 39 Kh No 474 42 Ward No 13 Sub Plot No 01 Teh Dist Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh - 491441

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Chhattisgarh
Date : 27-12-2023
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Finance Services, (Banking Division), 797-II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur 482001 (M.P.)

Case No.: RC/657/2018 in O.A. No. 40/2018

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA Vs M/s. K.G.N. MANUFACTURER E-Auction No. /2023

Under mentioned properties will be sold by "on line e-auction" through website <https://www.bankerauctions.com> for recovery of a sum of Rs. 24,56,546.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty Six only) payable by you/him in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 40/2018 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 12.00% p.a. with simple interest from 09-01-2018 and costs payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and Time of E-auction : 31-01-2024 Between 12.00 Hours and 13.00 hours

SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE

Open diverted Land admeasuring 45000 sq.ft. out of total land 163288 sq.ft. Bearing Khasra No. 89, P.H. No. 131, situated at Mouza- Uria, Tehsil- Abhanpur, District- Raipur (C.G.), Property in the name of Jubair Alam S/o Mohammad Shakruddin and Sameer Soni S/o Late Shri Ram Krishna Soni.

Upset Price : Rs. 43,98,750.00 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty only).

Conditions of Sale:

- Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankerauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@cindia.com or E-mail ID: support@bankerauctions.com.
- Intending bidders are advised to go through website <https://www.bankerauctions.com> for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids.
- Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy them self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc by their own sources (Govt. Office) also later on DRT will not be responsible for this.
- 10% of the upset price i.e. EMD/Bid price Rs. 4,39,875.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five only) must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account No. 31067074055 in the name of Recovery Officer. E-auction account, DRT Jabalpur with State Bank of India, Ridge Road, Jabalpur (IFSC Code: SBIN007208) and the remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form.
- Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 Hours on 29-01-2024 online.
- A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest.
- Online bidding with commence from the highest bid quoted among the bids and the minimum increase for each bid will be Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only). In case of bid received before closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system.
- The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited.
- In the case of immovable property listed in the schedule below, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his/her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account No. 31067074055 mentioned in SL. no. 4 and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold and amount deposited as EMD will be forfeited.
- The successful bidder shall remit balance 75% of the sale amount along with percentage of 1% of sale amount plus Rs.10/- for each property separately within 15 days of auction, to the Account No. 31067074055 mentioned at SL. no. 4 through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day is a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit will be forfeited the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
- Property will be sold "As is Where is and No Complaint basis".
- The properties can be inspected on 06-01-2024 Between 12.00 hours and 16.00 hours.
- Properties will not be sold below the upset price.
- Recovery Officer have the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason.
- Intending bidders are advised to peruse copies of the title deed available with the Shri Nilesh Mishra, Chief Manager, Mob No. 7064431300 also check the identity and correctness of the property details and encumbrances etc from their own sources also. DRT will not be responsible for correctness etc.
- Details regarding e-auction shall be obtained from M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankerauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@cindia.com or E-mail id: support@bankerauctions.com.
- Further property details if any required shall be obtained from Shri Nilesh Mishra, Chief Manager, Mob No. 7064431300
- The bidders may participate in the e-auction by quoting / bidding from their own offices / places of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by each bidder himself. DRT/ Bank Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, Power failure etc.

Place : Jabalpur (Vaatsalya Kumar)
Date : 15-12-2023 RECOVERY OFFICER

Public Notice

(Property Part of Khasra No. 367/5 & 367/2 Area, 0.283 Hectare, Village-Pankalla, P. H. No.23, R.I.C. - Rajnandgaon, Tehsil and district-Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh)

It is informed to the general public that, My client Primal Capital and Housing Finance Limited Branch- Raipur mortgaged the property bearing Part of Khasra No. 367/5 & 367/2 Area, 0.283 Hectare, Village-Pankalla, P. H. No.23, R.I.C. Rajnandgaon, Tehsil and district-Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh belongs to Friends Shikshan Samiti through president Shri Jinu. P. George S/o Shri P.C. George Kutti. That Friends Shikshan Samiti through president Shri Jinu. P. George purchased the above said property from seller Shri Shikhar Chand S/O Shri Ashok Baid by means of Sale deed duly registered vide Volume No. - 6588 at pages 55 to 59, document No. 4363 dated 05.12.2005. The above said Registered Sale Deed Dated 05.12.2005 are lost from my client. My client lodged a complaint on Police Station Gobazarar on 20.12.2023

Therefore, in relation to the above mentioned transaction - any person, institution, firm, bank, money lender, government and semi-government body etc., who have any obligation, claim or objection, may within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this general notice appear in my office along with the documents and register your written objection. The objection made after the passage of time will be considered invalid and void.

Place- Raipur
Date-24.12.2023

Ashish Kumar Valecha (Advocate)
Office- Office No. F-10- G, First Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.)
Mo. 8109772000, 957564000

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Date-24.12.2023

Ashish Kumar Valecha (Advocate)
Office- Office No. F-10- G, First Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.)
Mo. 8109772000, 957564000

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Government of India, Ministry of Finance
Department of Finance Services, (Banking Division)
797-II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur 482001 (M.P.)
Case No.: RC/255/2018 in O.A. No. 907/2017

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA Versus M/s. SHRI GANPATI SALES E-Auction No. /2023

Under mentioned properties will be sold by "on line e-auction" through website: <https://www.bankerauctions.com> for recovery of a sum of Rs. 3,03,00,715.00 (Rupees Three Crore Three Lakh Seven Hundred Fifteen only) payable by you/him in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 907/2017 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 12.00% p.a. with simple interest from 16-10-2017 and costs payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and Time of E-auction : 31-01-2024 Between 12.00 Hours and 13.00 hours

SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE

- Plant and Machinery of Rice Mill installed on industrial land at Khasra No. 795/2, P.H. No.50, Village Lintara, Tehsil Dhamda, District- Durg (C.G.) in the name of M/s Ganpati Sales.
 - Industrial Land & Shed on Khasra No. 795/2, P.H. No.50, situated at Village Lintara, Tehsil Dhamda, District- Durg (C.G.) Area admeasuring 15069 sq.ft. and Structure Area 9051 sq.ft., property in the name of Shri Amit Sharma S/o Shri Arun Kumar Sharma.
- Upset Price : For, Prop. No.1: Rs.24,11,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Eleven Thousand only); Prop. No.2: Rs.34,38,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand only)

Conditions of Sale:

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- 10% of the upset price i.e. EMD/Bid price For, Prop. No.1: Rs.24,11,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Forty One Thousand only); Prop. No.2: Rs.34,38,000.00 (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred only) must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account No. 31067074055 in the name of Recovery Officer. E-auction account, DRT Jabalpur with STATE BANK OF INDIA, RIDGE ROAD BRANCH, JABALPUR (IFSC Code: SBIN007208) and the remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form.
- Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 Hours on 29-01-2024 online.
- A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest.
- Online bidding will commence from the highest bid quoted among the bids and the minimum increase for each bid will be For, Prop. No.1: Rs.20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand only); For, Prop. No.2: Rs.30,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) in case of bid received before closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system.
- The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited.
- In the case of immovable property listed in the schedule below, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his/her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account No. 31

Bodies of 3 hardcore Maoists found along with weapons

In an encounter between DRG and Bastar Fighters with Naxalites in the jungles between Tumkapal and Dabbakunna under Katakalyan Thana

Dantewada, Dec 26:

In an encounter between Dantewada DRG and Bastar Fighters with Naxalites in the jungles between Tumkapal and Dabbakunna of Katakalyan Thana, three hard-core naxalites with prize money of Rs 5 lakh on their hand and including LOS Commander were killed. These three naxalites killed were involved in more than 30 naxal related crimes and were most wanted. Apart from many districts in Chhattisgarh, they have conducted naxal incidents in Odisha state as well. The DRG team recovered 1 pistol, 1 loaded rifle, BGL Cell, Mainpack set; three bombs and large amount of bomb explosives, naxal



uniform, 'pittu bag', naxal literature; medicines and materials used by the naxalites. It was primarily to conduct some major operations that top naxal commanders were holding talks with 30-40 armed Maoists in Darbha division and in this encounter many naxalites are reported to have got injured. The big cadres of Naxalites are reported to have escaped taking advantage of forest

and hills. A team of jawans under leadership of DSP Naxal operations Rahul Kumar Uikay left for Tumkapal camp. Dantewada DRG and Bastar fighters team got information that some big naxal commanders are holding meeting with 30-40 lased Maoists in Darbha division and planning to make some major attack. During the campaign, it was around 5:30 pm the

naxalites opened heavy firing on the DRG and Bastar Fighters team in the jungles between Tumkapal and Dabbakunna. The police also launched heavy firing and due to which the Naxals managed to escape taking advantage of jungles and hills. After the encounter, while conducting search at the venue of the operations, the police found bodies of 3 Maoists in uniform along with 1 pistol, 1 loaded rifle, BGL, Mainpack Set, 3 bombs and their items like explosives, Naxal uniform, 'Pittu bag', Naxal literature and other materials of day-to-day use by Naxalites. Among the three Maoists killed included Rs 5 lakh prize money Kanger Ghati Araea Committee Peddaras LOS Commander Laxman Kuharami and Rs 5 lakh prize money Darbha div. Kanger Ghati Area Committee member Sooma Madavi and third naxalite could not be identified till the writing of these lines.

RDG College celebrates annual function

Students showcase cultural diversity and artistic excellence



Kharora, Dec 26:

Late Ramprasad Dewangan Government College in Kharora hosted its annual function with grandeur. The event commenced with Principal Dr. DK Verma garlanding the Saraswati statue and lighting incense sticks.

Disha Agarwal, a first-year B.Com student, initiated the program by offering prayers to Lord Ganesh. Students from all classes participated enthusiastically, showcasing their artistic talents and

promoting the rich cultural heritage and unity in diversity of India. They presented various aspects of Chhattisgarh's culture, the tribal culture of Bastar, and South Indian songs.

The cultural program featured group dances, with Deepali and her partner securing the first place for their performance of 'Bastar Mocho Kay Sundar Mati,' followed by Yashoda, Chameli, and their partner presenting 'Chhattisgarhi Barhamasi Geet' for the second place.

In the duet dance category, Anamika and Disha from BSc second year and BA second year respectively claimed the first place, while Urvasi and Madhuri from BA final year stood second with their rendition of 'Mere Dholna Sun.'

Rinki Patel earned the first position in solo dance, with Chetan Dewangan from BA second year securing the second place.

Principal Dr. DK Verma recognized the participants' efforts, honoring them with certificates and

medals. He praised their contributions in making the first annual function of the college a resounding success, encouraging them to continue nurturing their talents for a brighter future.

The event was graced by respected professors RK Sahu, Dr. Balmiki Sahu, Himanshu Dhruv, Rachna Mishra, Anshu Dhruv, Bhagwati Prasad Sahu, Chuleswar Sahu, Mayank Mishra, Dharmendra Baghel, and all members of the college family.

Pickpocket arrested with 29 thousand cash during BJP rally

Jagdalpur, Dec 26:

Amid the BJP rally held at various locations, including Asana, Amaguda Chowk, and Maharana Pratap Murti within the Kotwali police station jurisdiction, reports of cash and purse thefts from attendees' pockets surfaced. In response, the police swiftly apprehended Rahul Agarwal, a resident of Gayanagar Durg, who was found to be involved in these pickpocketing incidents.

Evidence pointed towards the accused, Rahul Agarwal, who was subsequently arrested. The police recovered a cash

amount of Rs 29 thousand, along with the stolen purse, Aadhar and PAN cards, ATM, and a motorcycle in his possession. Following the police proceedings, the accused was sent to judicial remand on Monday.

According to police sources, BJP workers Dilip Jha, Phulsing Sethia, and Shailesh Kumar had attended the party's welcome rally at Asana, Amaguda Chowk, and in front of Maharana Pratap Murti on Sunday night. However, amidst the large crowd at the rally, an unknown individual managed to steal a total of Rs 29 thousand



and a purse from their pockets. Subsequently, separate cases were filed and investigations were launched. Rahul Aggarwal, a resident of Gayanagar Durg, was

identified as the suspect responsible for the pickpocketing incidents and was promptly arrested.

During questioning, the accused admitted to the thefts, revealing that he

had learned about the rally through a newspaper and had traveled from Durg to Bastar on his motorcycle. He confessed to stealing cash, Aadhar, PAN card, and an ATM from a person attending the rally at Asna Chowk. Later, during the reception at Amaguda Chowk, he swiped Rs 2,500 in cash from another individual's pocket. Finally, he admitted to pilfering Rs 24 thousand from the pocket of someone participating in the same rally near Maharana Pratap Chowk, and the police subsequently seized his concealed motorcycle in Amaguda.

Three-day Sadhguru Kabir Satsang in Ghorda from Jan 5

Dongargaon, Dec 26: A three-day Sadguru Kabir Satsang ceremony is set to captivate the village of Ghorda, thanks to the collective efforts of its residents. This religious event, scheduled from January 5th to 7th, promises to be a spiritually enriching experience, with the esteemed presence of Dharmadhikari Saheb from Kabir Prakatyabhumi Lahartara Kashi.

Joining Dharmadhikari Saheb will be a distinguished group of spiritual leaders, including Gautam Das, Sevadas, Dinesh Das,



Saint Tukeshwar Das, Anupam Das, and Ramchandra Das, along with local saints who will grace the occasion.

The event's itinerary includes enlightening sermons and satsang sessions on January 5th and 6th,

scheduled from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. On January 7th, the program will culminate with a final sermon, satsang, Satvik Chowka Aarti, and the distribution of blessed food prasad.

This spiritual gathering has garnered the enthusiastic participation of Kabir Seva Sanstha Ghorda, Amen Mata Mahila Mandali Ghorda, and New Youth Kabir Seva Samiti Ghorda, all of whom eagerly anticipate the religious enrichment and blessings this event will bring.

Congmen from Ch'garh to take part in Nagpur rally: Mandavi

Slogan 'Hai Taiyar Hum' for party's rally on Dec 28

Bijapur, Dec 26:

Addressing a press conference organized by District Congress Committee Bijapur, MLA Vikram Mandavi said that Congress Party is going to organize a massive rally "Hain Taiyar Hum" in Nagpur Maharashtra on Dec 28 to commemorate the Foundation Day of Congress Party. The rally is the beginning of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In this national level rally, lakhs of national leaders, officials and workers from across the country will participate and thousands of



Congress workers from every district of Chhattisgarh will also participate in this rally. This rally in Nagpur will be the sound of change in the politics of the country. He further said that this rally will be the voice of the common man against the rising inflation, unemployment in the country, the failure of the BJP government at the Center in matters of national security, and the at-

tack on the autonomy of constitutional institutions. Vikram Mandavi said that the Congress Party has been fighting for the common people since its inception in 1885 by becoming the voice of the people. The Congress Party fought for the independence of the country. After the independence of the country, Congress has an important contribution in the reconstruction of India. In the

press conference, Vikram Mandavi said that the Congress Party is vocal about public problems, we will remain the voice of the public, "we are ready" for changes in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024.

During this, District Congress Committee President Lulu Rathore, District Panchayat member Neena Rawatiya Udde, Municipality President Benhur Rawatiya, Youth Commission members Praveen Dongre, Alva Madnaiah, Jyoti Kumar, Rajesh Jain, Manoj Avalam, Santosh Gupta, Mahesh Belsaria, Salik Nagvanshi, Ramurthy Yalam and a large number of Congress workers were present at the press conference.

Kiran Dev and Kedar Kashyap receive grand welcome

Jagdalpur, Dec 26:

MLA Kiran Dev, recently appointed as the BJP State President, and Minister Kedar Kashyap, making his first visit to Jagdalpur since assuming office, received an unprecedented and historic welcome by the BJP community in Jagdalpur. The extravagant welcome procession, commencing from village Asana at 11 pm on Sunday night, continued its jubilant march from the revered Maa Danteshwari temple to the BJP office, culminating at 1 am.

Following this spirited welcome, State President Kiran Dev and Minister Kedar Kashyap led a massive rally to the temple of Mata Danteshwari, where they offered their heartfelt prayers. After this spiritually enriching



visit, both leaders joined party workers at the BJP office to express their gratitude for the remarkable welcome.

State President Kiran Dev acknowledged that the BJP's return to power in the state was a testament to the relentless efforts of its dedicated workers. He urged them to replicate their hard work dur-

ing the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, ensuring continued success for the party. Minister Kedar Kashyap reiterated the commitment to swiftly fulfill the promises made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Special arrangements were made to welcome the leaders at Amaguda Chowk in the city. A grand stage was set up, where workers were energized through music and songs. State President Kiran Dev was ceremoniously weighed with laddus on the stage. Earlier, as they arrived at Amaguda, both leaders were welcomed uniquely with showers of flowers using JCB machines. BJP councilors made an impressive welcome at State Bank Chowk, where fireworks and flower showers greeted State President Kiran Dev and Minister Kedar Kashyap. The BJP councilor group on the stage extended their warm welcome, accompanied by a striking rangoli created by women councilors. Both leaders were honored with traditional attire, Madiya Singh, mementos, and grand garlands as a mark of appreciation for their roles in the party.

APS celebrates annual function 'Sarang 2023'

Bemetara, Dec 26:

Allons Public School in Bemetara, Chhattisgarh, celebrated its annual function, 'Sarang 2023,' with great enthusiasm and fervor. The event was marked by a series of performances, speeches, and acknowledgments, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

The festivities commenced with the traditional lighting of a lamp in front of the goddess Saraswati statue. This symbolic act was performed by the Chief Guest, Kamaljeet Arora, along with Chairman Pushkal Arora, Director Sunil Sharma, Director Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal, teachers, and students. A special highlight of

the event was the rendition of the Chhattisgarh State Anthem by the Lata Mangeshkar Club, evoking a sense of regional pride. The dignitaries received a warm welcome with a melodious welcome song presented by a choir group from the Lata Mangeshkar Club, followed by bouquet presentations from the school's youngest members.

In his address, Chairman Kamaljeet Arora extended his best wishes to the students participating in the Annual Function-2023. He emphasized that Allons Public School strives for the holistic development of its students and serves as more than just a physical institution; it is a dynamic community where dreams are nurtured, talents are



honed, and futures are shaped. Dr. Satyajit Hota, the Principal, extended a warm welcome to parents and guardians, highlighting the school's notable achievements. He proudly announced that the school had been adopted by the Ministry of Defence as a Sainik School and was on its way to being recognized by Khelo India. He emphasized the vital role parents play in the school's success and the school's commitment to

fostering values of secularism, integrity, and unity in diversity.

Dr. Hota also revealed the school's plans to enhance its facilities, including a digital library, amphitheater, swimming pool, and horse riding, to elevate it to elite status. He introduced the concept of "PREMI," where each letter represents a core value. 'P' stands for Pleasant Personality with Positive Thinking, 'R' stands for respect, encom-



passing respect for one-self, one's village, state, and country. 'E' stands for engagement, encouraging students to remain engaged in constructive activities and become job creators. 'M' stands for leading a meaningful life. 'I' stands

The annual function was celebrated in two phases. The festivities began on December 23 with the first phase, dedicated to students from Nursery to V. The Natraj

Club presented a captivating series of dances, including performances like "Nacho-Nacho Mai Nikla," "Chhota Bachcha Samajh," "Sara Jamana," and many more. Each class brought its unique energy to the stage, enthraling the audience. Class II students serenaded the gathering with the heartfelt song "Nanhehiananhasadil," while the students of class V wowed everyone with an instrumental demon-

stration of "Tablataalkachhari." Classes IV and V collaborated to put on an enchanting live Orchestra show, courtesy of the Lata Mangeshkar Club.

Anchoring for this phase was skillfully handled by Sakshi Singh from class XI, with Hariom Soni delivering the vote of thanks.

On December 24, the second phase of the annual function unfolded, featuring students from Classes VI to XII. The Lata Mangeshkar Club students mesmerized the audience with a diverse array of songs, including the soul-stirring "Saraswati Vandana." The program also included demonstrations of playing the Violin, Tabla, and Harmonium, showcasing the students' musical prowess. The enchanting notes of the flute filled the air with the rendition of "Ram Siya Ram dhun." The students' display of unity was evident through "A sarvedharmprarthna - har desh me tu" and a lively Gujrati song, "Godilo." The energetic "Bagad bam-bam" song added a touch of fervor to the evening. The Natraj Club students once again delivered captivating dance performances, including the graceful "Durga Ashtami dance," lively "Bihu dance," and captivating solo performances like "Afreem solo dance" and "CG dance."

The second phase's anchoring was masterfully conducted by students Khushi and Aditi Sharma from class XI, with Arun Kumar Pal delivering the vote of thanks.

28,626 candidates file nominations for Feb 8 general elections in Pakistan

Islamabad, Dec 26 (PTI):

As many as 28,626 candidates, including 3,139 women, have filed their nominations to contest the February 8 general elections in Pakistan to the National Assembly and four provincial legislatures, the country's top electoral body said here on Tuesday.

The election will be held for 1,085 general and reserved seats of the national and provincial assemblies.

Of the total 1,085 seats, there are 336 National Assembly (NA) seats — 226 general and 70 reserved for women (60) and non-Muslims (10); and 749 provincial assembly seats — 593 general and 156 reserved for women (132) and minorities (24).

Punjab province has 371 seats, including 297 general, 66 reserved for women and 8 for minorities. Sindh has 168 seats, including 130 general, 29 reserved for women and 9 for minorities.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has 145 seats, including 115 general, 26 reserved for women and 4 for minorities; and Balochistan province has 65 seats, including 51 general, 11 reserved for women and 3 for minorities.

According to the details shared by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), the aspirants include 7,713 candidates, including 471 women, who have filed nominations to contest the upcoming elections on 266 general seats of the National Assembly.

In Punjab, 3,871 candidates, including 277 women, filed nomination papers for 141 NA seats, while 1,681 candidates, including 110 women, submitted nominations for 61 NA seats in Sindh.

At least 1,322 candidates, including 39 women, are contesting for 45 general seats in the National Assembly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) while 631 nominees, including 12 women, filed nomination papers against 16 NA seats in Balochistan. As many as 208 candidates, including 26 women, submitted nominations for three National Assembly seats in the federal capital.

About 459 candidates filed nomination papers against 60 reserved seats for women in the National Assembly, including 195 from Punjab, 118 from Sindh, 97 from KP, and 49 from Balochistan. Also, 150 nominations, including 10 women, filed nominations against 10 reserved seats for non-

First Hindu woman in Pakistan files nomination

Peshawar: Dr Saveera Parkash has become the first woman from the minority Hindu community to run in the provincial elections in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. A doctor by profession, Parkash, 25, on Friday filed her nomination papers for the general seat of PK-25 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Buner district, her father Om Parkash told PTI on Tuesday.



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Dr. Saveera Parkash, the first woman from the minority Hindu community to run in the provincial elections in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Om Parkash said his daughter filed a nomination for the general seat PK-25 constituency of the KPK Assembly from the mountainous Buner district as a Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) candidate.

She has also filed papers for a seat reserved for women in the KPK Assembly.

Parkash filed the papers at the request of the provincial leadership of the party Senator Rubina Khalid.

She will formally get a party ticket during a PPP rally in Buner on Wednesday. "She is a serious candidate and will contest the upcoming elections due for February 8 on a general as well reserved seat," said Om Parkash, a recently retired doctor who had been an active member of the party for the past 35 years.

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Muslims in the National Assembly.

Both women and non-Muslims can also contest on all 266 general seats apart from participating on the 60 and 10 seats reserved for them respectively. When it comes to the provincial assembly, at least 18,546 candidates, including 802 women, submitted their nominations for 593 general seats of the four provincial assemblies. For Punjab

Assembly's 297 general seats, 9,029 candidates have filed nominations, including 437 women. Another 4,265 candidates, including 205 women, filed nominations against 130 general seats of the Sindh Assembly, while 3,464 candidates, including 115 women, filed papers for 115 general seats of the KP Assembly and 1,788 candidates, including 45 women, submitted documents for 45 general seats of the

Balochistan Assembly.

Also, 1,365 candidates are in the run for 132 reserved seats for women in the four provincial legislatures. They include 601 against 66 seats in Punjab, 309 for 29 seats in Sindh, 321 for 26 seats in KP, and 134 against 11 seats in Balochistan. As many as 393 candidates, including 32 women, filed nominations against 24 seats reserved for minorities in provincial assemblies.

S JAISHANKAR IN RUSSIA



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a meeting with leading representatives of the Russian strategic community.

Russian naval ship in Crimea damaged in airstrike by Ukrainian forces

Kyiv, Dec 26 (AP):

A Russian naval ship in Crimea was damaged in an airstrike by Ukrainian forces, Russia's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

The landing ship Novocheboksak was hit at a base in the city of Feodosia by plane-launched guided missiles, the ministry said, adding that two Ukrainian fighter jets were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire during the attack.

Over the past several months, Ukrainian forces have conducted attacks around Crimea, mostly with sea drones.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy credits those attacks with allowing Ukraine to restore navigation in the Black Sea and allowing the export of millions of tons of grain.

The Russia-appointed head of Crimea, Sergei Aksyonov, said one person was killed in the attack.

"The Russian fleet has become smaller," Ukrainian air force Cmdr Mykola Oleschuk said in a mocking message on the Telegram app. He urged Russians to leave Crimea which Russia annexed in 2014 "while it's not too late". The ministry did not

specify the extent to which the Russian ship was damaged, but videos circulating on Ukrainian channels showed a large fire in the port area. Ukrainian authorities claimed the ship was destroyed and said it was likely carrying an ammunition shipment, possibly including drones.

"We saw how powerful were the blast and detonation. It's extremely difficult for a ship to survive something like that," Ukrainian air force spokesperson Yuriy Ihnat said on Radio Liberty.

Ihnat denied that Ukrainian planes were shot down in the attack.

UK PM Rishi Sunak marks Christmas with quirky 'Home Alone' skit

London, Dec 26 (PTI):

Rishi Sunak marked the Christmas holidays with a quirky skit inspired by the 1990s Hollywood film 'Home Alone', posted on social media with the message "Merry Christmas from Downing Street" to highlight the British Prime Minister's humorous side over the festive period.



Cole, the Sun newspaper's political editor.

The 43-year-old British Indian leader can be seen hard at work at his desk at 10 Downing Street when he stops to ask himself: "Am I the only one here?"

On realising he is home alone, he celebrates by bowling a ball against stacked cans of Coca Cola, famously Sunak's favourite drink. He follows that up by eating a plate of spaghetti with maple syrup while watching the 2003 Christmas film 'Elf'.

Downing Street's resident cat, Larry, is there to give him company before the telephone rings in the press office and he tells a certain "Harry" it's a wrong number believed to be a reference to Harry

The short 72-second video, shared on X on Monday, has been likened by some to the 2003 Christmas film 'Love Actually' in which actor Hugh Grant, playing a British Prime Minister, does a funny dance through the empty corridors of 10 Downing Street.

Sunak also shared with the Politico outlet that on Christmas Day he is in charge of cooking the traditional turkey roast dinner after watching fun films with daughters Krishna and Anoushka on Christmas Eve.

"I always brine then cook the turkey. I hate the cooking, but no one else will do it! And watch 'The Snowman' with my daughters on Christmas Eve followed by 'The Holiday' on Christmas Day," he told the news website.

Sunak is married to Akshata Murty, the daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy and author Sudha Murty. The family are spending Christmas in their constituency home in Richmond, North Yorkshire. Ahead of the festive holiday period in the UK, which runs from the weekend until Tuesday, Sunak was seen shopping for boxes of mince pies, sweet Christmas treats, for key workers in Yorkshire.

"On my way home to Yorkshire, I got the opportunity to thank just a few of the amazing people who keep this country going. We're so grateful for all the work that you do this Christmas and always," Sunak posted on X on Christmas Eve on Sunday.

Biden orders strike on Iranian-aligned group

● After 3 US troops injured in drone attack in Iraq

Washington, Dec 26 (AP):

President Joe Biden ordered the US military to carry out retaliatory airstrikes against Iranian-backed militia groups after three US service members were injured in a drone attack in northern Iraq.

National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said one of the US troops suffered critical injuries in the attack that occurred earlier on Monday.

The Iranian-backed militia Kataib Hezbollah and affiliated groups, under an umbrella of Iranian-backed militants, claimed credit for the attack that utilised a one-way attack drone.

Biden, who is spending Christmas at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, was alerted about the attack by White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan

shortly after it occurred on Monday and ordered the Pentagon and his top national security aides to prepare response options to the attack on an air base used by American troops in Erbil.

Sullivan consulted with Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin. Biden's deputy national security adviser, Jon Finer, was with the president at Camp David and convened top aides to review options, according to a US official, who was not authorised to comment publicly and requested anonymity.

Within hours, Biden convened his national security team for a call in which Austin and Gen. CQ Brown, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, briefed Biden on the response options.

Biden opted to target three locations used by Kataib Hezbollah and affiliated groups, the official said.

The US strikes were carried out at about 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday in Iraq, less than 13 hours after the US personnel were attacked.

Palu (Indonesia), Dec 26 (AP):

The death toll following the explosion of a smelting furnace at a Chinese-owned nickel plant on Indonesia's Sulawesi island rose to 18 on Tuesday, as police ordered the plant to stop operations until an investigation into the incident is completed.

The accident, which occurred on Sunday, was the latest in a series of deadly incidents at nickel smelting plants in Indonesia that are part of China's ambitious transnational development program known as the Belt and Road Initiative.

Nickel is a key component in global battery production for electric vehicles.

Four Chinese and nine Indonesian workers died instantly on Sunday when

the furnace exploded while they were repairing it, said Central Sulawesi police chief Agus Nugroho. Three more victims died a day later while being treated at a local hospital.

Two more workers died on Tuesday at the hospital, bringing the total number of fatalities to 18, including eight workers from China, said Deddy Kurniawan, a spokesperson for PT Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park, known as PT IMIP, the parent company of PT Indonesia Tsingshan Stainless Steel, where the accident occurred.

The plant is in the Bahodopi neighbourhood of Morowali regency.

"We have ordered PT Indonesia Tsingshan Stainless Steel to stop its operation until our entire

investigation is completed," said Nugroho, the police chief, adding that authorities had set up a team to determine whether negligence by the company led to the deaths.

The blast was so powerful it demolished the furnace and damaged parts of the side walls of the building, Nugroho said.

PT IMIP said in a statement on Sunday that the furnace was under maintenance and not operating at the time of the accident. However, "residual slag in the furnace" came in contact "with flammable items", causing the furnace walls to collapse and the remaining steel slag to flow out.

Rescuers extinguished the fire and evacuated workers after a nearly four-hour operation, Kurniawan said.

Nepal's capital observes plastic free Christmas: Official

Kathmandu, Dec 26 (PTI):

Nepal's national capital on Monday observed a plastic-free Christmas as the city's authorities banned the use of plastic-made trees and flowers for decoration purposes on the occasion.

Assumption Church located in Bhanimandal of Lalitpur district, the largest church of Nepal, was decorated with a natural tree instead of a plastic one. Similarly, no plastic tree was installed at hotels,

restaurants, department stores and other public places this time.

"The Kathmandu Metropolitan city banned the use of plastic trees and flowers on the occasion of Christmas. Unlike in the past when the festival was observed by erecting Christmas trees made of plastic, this

time no plastic tree was seen in Kathmandu and adjoining cities," said an official.

Meanwhile, a special programme was organised at Nepal Academy hall in Kathmandu on Monday where Christians from Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur gathered and exchanged greetings.

Guesthouse blaze in Romania leaves 5 dead and others missing



In this photo released by the Romanian Emergency Services Prahova (ISU Prahova), a guesthouse is burning in Tohani, Romania, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Bucharest, Dec 26 (AP):

A massive fire at a guesthouse Tuesday morning

in Romania left five people dead, including a child, authorities said.

Emergency interven-

tion teams were deployed to the blaze in the village of Tohani in Prahova county, where 26 people were staying at the guesthouse, according to the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations.

Before the emergency authorities confirmed the deaths of the fourth and fifth victims around noon, search and rescue teams were set up to find five missing persons. It

wasn't immediately clear if the additional two dead had been among those listed as missing.

Authorities said 18 people managed to escape the fire and two of them were being treated for burns. At around at 12:45 pm authorities said the blaze was extinguished and that the search for the missing people was ongoing.

The affected area was

about 1,000 square metres (10,800 square feet). There was no indication as to what caused the blaze.

Photos of the fire shared by emergency authorities showed a near hollowed-out structure engulfed in flames as firefighters worked to put it out.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal : <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tenders are invited for the Following works :-

S. No.	System Tender No./Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	150121 First Call 15.12.2023	STRENGTHENING OF MOVA-VIDHANSABHA 4 LANE ROAD, LENGTH 7.60 KM AT DISTT. RAIPUR (VIDHANSABHA DN. RAIPUR).	1556.66

Last Date of Tender Downloading date 05.01.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office Of Engineer In Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar G-06666/1

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
(TELEPHONE NO. 07752-241232, FAX NOS. 241031, 241040)

Tender Notice

No. 17030/PRO-2023 Bilaspur, Dated 21.12.2023

Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy under the aegis of High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites tender (Full Term) for providing catering services at Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy during the training period and workshops.

Interested Parties may view detailed terms and conditions from the website viz. highcourt.cg.gov.in and submit Physical documents in the receipt section of High Court of Chhattisgarh accordingly.

- Documents Download start date - 01/01/2024
- Last date of submission of Physical documents - 31/01/2024

(ARVIND KUMAR VERMA) REGISTRAR GENERAL G-06678/1

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D. (B&R), VIDHANSABHA DIVISION, RAIPUR (C.G.)

Quat. Call Let No. 6351/SAC/TC/2023-24 Raipur Date 22/12/2023

Expression OF Interest (EOI)

Quotation invited for the preparation of departmental Jhanki on 26 January-2024 at Police Pared Ground, Raipur (C.G.) from the contractors having the experience of similar type of work. Quotation should be reach by registered post/speed to the undersigned office on or before Dt. 05.01.2024 up to 5.00 pm. & shall be opened on date 08.01.2024 at 11.30 am at the office of the undersigned in presence of the participants who will present.

S. N.	Name of Item	Qty.	PAC
I	Preparation of Departmental Jhanki (i/c truck) on 26-january-2024 at Police Pared Ground, Raipur	1 JOB WORK (i/c All Taxes)	10.00 Lacs

- Condition:-**
- The bidder has to produce a sealed envelope which must contain two sealed envelopes for one experience and second for financial offer respectively.
 - In one envelop the bidder has to produce the experience in similar type of work with coloured photograph of the same.
 - In the second envelop the bidder has to produce his financial offer. Financial offer will only be opened of those bidders, who qualifies the above criteria.

Executive Engineer P.W.D. Vidhan Sabha Dn. Raipur (C.G.) G-06675/1

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, PENDRA ROAD DISTT. GOURELLA PENDRA MARWAHI (C.G.)

TENDER CANCELLATION ORDER

Order No. 2665 / SAC/Pendra Road Date: 22/12/2023

Due to unavoidable circumstances the NIT no. 03/SAC/2023-24 Dated 26.09.2023 (System No. 148457) RENOVATION OF CANAL EARTH WORK STRUCTURE WORK AND CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE CHANNEL BETWEEN RD 0 M. RD 3630M. TO MIAN CANAL AND BETWEEN RD 0 M. OF MINOR CANAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. VRB AND 22 NO. CANAL, OUTLET 12NO. CANAL INLET IN MAIN AND MINOR CANAL OF TARAIGN TANK SCHEME is cancelled.

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J&K Civilians Killing

A Call for Accountability

The tragic deaths of three civilians in Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir, have cast a dark shadow over the region. These individuals, initially detained by the Army for questioning regarding a December 21 ambush that claimed the lives of four soldiers, have sparked allegations of custodial torture and misuse of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. The Army's response to this incident, including the initiation of a court of inquiry and the transfer of three officers, reflects the gravity of the situation. Jammu and Kashmir's administration swiftly announced compensation and job opportunities for the families of the deceased. Meanwhile, various political parties in the region-turned-Union Territory have united in demanding an impartial investigation into this unfortunate incident. It's important to acknowledge the backdrop against which these events occurred. The border districts of Rajouri and Poonch have witnessed a concerning surge in terrorist activity. In response, the Army has heightened its counter-terror operations. However, amidst this challenging environment, any deviation from standard operating procedures cannot be tolerated. The custodial interrogation of civilian suspects should have rightfully been carried out by the police, raising legitimate questions about the Army's involvement. These deaths place the Army in a delicate position, coming barely two weeks after the Supreme Court upheld the abrogation of Article 370 and directed the Centre to conduct elections in Jammu & Kashmir by September 2024. Local support is not only essential for creating a conducive atmosphere for the resumption of the electoral process but also for assisting security personnel in their efforts to combat terrorism effectively. Therefore, it is imperative that the inquiry into these alleged custodial deaths proceeds promptly, with a commitment to completing it in a time-bound manner. Accountability must be upheld, and those responsible for any wrongdoing must face the consequences. Taking exemplary action can go a long way in dispelling the fears of the people of J&K and restoring their trust and confidence in the security agencies. In this pivotal moment, where Jammu & Kashmir is at a crossroads of transformation, the need for transparency and accountability cannot be overstated. The rule of law and adherence to established protocols are fundamental to upholding the values and principles upon which our democracy is built. The people of J&K have endured decades of turmoil, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that their journey towards peace, stability, and prosperity remains uninterrupted. Let us not forget that every citizen, regardless of their geographical location or circumstances, deserves justice and dignity. Upholding these principles is not just a legal obligation; it is a moral imperative that defines the character of a nation. The path to reconciliation and progress begins with acknowledging the past, addressing the present, and shaping a future that is rooted in justice and compassion.

Tourist Safety

Secure From Unruly Revellers

GANAPATHI BHAT

Tourism is undeniably a vital contributor to a nation's economy, and India is no exception. Our country welcomes thousands of visitors, both domestic and international, who flock to explore its captivating tourist destinations. Tourism accounts for nearly three percent of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), providing employment opportunities for approximately 25 million people. However, the sanctity and security of our tourist spots have come into question. Ensuring the safety and cleanliness of our tourist destinations is an arduous task, given our nation's diversity. This responsibility extends not only to tourists but also to the local communities who play a crucial role in preserving these places. Sadly, some of our most exquisite tourist centers have fallen from grace and are now merely cash cows for their respective state governments. A successful tourist destination relies on factors such as accessibility, cleanliness, and the assurance of a hassle-free experience. Unfortunately, Goa's story serves as a stark reminder of how tourists' reckless behavior can pose challenges for authorities. The beautiful state, known for its rich traditions and culture, often falls victim to the two 'B's': beaches and booze. Regrettably, a significant number of tourists engage irresponsibly with these attractions, leaving behind a trail of dirt and debris along Goa's pristine shores. Videos of unruly tourists, like one relieving himself from a bus on a popular Goan road, have gone viral, painting a grim picture of the state of affairs. Former Town and Country Planning Minister Vijay Sardesai once referred to domestic tourists as the "scum of the earth," expressing his frustration with their behaviour. While protests followed his remarks, the underlying sentiment was hard to ignore: many tourists display a lack of civic sense, as if the state lacks a resident population. Maintaining cleanliness is often disregarded, and these troublemakers need to face strict consequences for their actions. Signages should be installed at sensitive points, warning miscreants of severe penalties for open alcohol consumption, smoking, spitting, or any public indecency. Furthermore, continuous monitoring of our country's prominent beaches is essential. It's crucial to recognize that thousands of tourists treat these attractions with care and respect. However, there remains a sizable population that disregards decency and decorum, neglects cleanliness, and ignores the importance of preserving a healthy environment. Governments have taken steps to maintain tourist spots, exemplified by Goa's substantial budget allocation for beach upkeep. Yet, it's vital to ensure that rules and regulations are efficiently implemented to instill a sense of responsibility among disruptive travelers. Failure to do so could result in frequent clashes between locals and tourists, tarnishing the reputation of beloved destinations and deterring well-behaved visitors.

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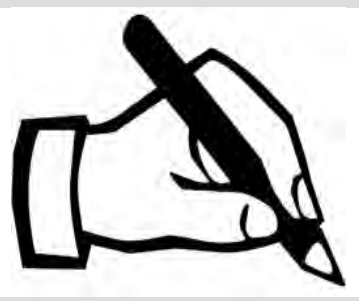


Members of the fishermen community offer prayers to the victims of the 2004 Tsunami on its 19th anniversary, at Marina beach, in Chennai, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

2024: A Pivotal Year in Indian Democracy



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The year 2024 has dawned, heralding the eagerly anticipated Lok Sabha elections in India. In the upcoming summer of 2024, India is poised to host the world's most extensive democratic exercise. Approximately 100 crore Indian citizens are eligible to exercise their fundamental right to vote during the crucial months of April and May. As we approach this monumental event, it is worth reflecting on the seven decades of India's democratic journey, from its first Lok Sabha elections in 1951-1952 to the present day.

A Historical Perspective
When we look back at India's political history, we find that the country has come a long way since its inaugural Lok Sabha elections. In those early days, voting was restricted to Indian nationals aged 21 and above. Electronic voting machines have since replaced traditional paper ballots, and the Lok Sabha, which initially comprised 489 seats, has grown to its current total of 543.

According to a recent letter by EC to political parties, in 1951, India had 17.32 crore registered voters, which rose to 19.37 crore in 1957. In 2019, when the last Lok Sabha elections took place, India had 91.20 crore voters. With India's population currently standing at 142 crore, it's evident that a significant proportion of the populace has registered to

cast their votes.

The Changing Political Landscape

During the initial Lok Sabha elections, the Indian National Congress held a dominant position, with J.W. Nehru at the helm. The political arena featured notable figures such as B.R. Ambedkar, Jayaprakash Narayanan, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, J.B. Kripalani, and A.K. Gopalan as formidable political rivals to Congress. Fast forward to 2024, and we see the Congress-led India pitted against the BJP-led NDA. In 1951, the Bharatiya Jan Sangh (BJS), the precursor to the BJP, was also in the mix. The United Communist Party, known as the CPI, and other national political groups such as the BJS, CPI, and Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party, played significant roles in shaping India's political landscape.

Shifts in the Indian Political System

Several noteworthy transformations have occurred in India's political system since the first Lok Sabha elections. First, regional political parties have gained substantial power and influence, particularly after 1980. Parties like the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) of Tamil Nadu, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Yuvajana Sramika Rytlu Congress Party (YSR Congress), and the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) of Andhra and

Telangana States, among others, have become potent regional forces. Northern Indian states such as Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, and more are home to a multitude of regional political parties, contributing to the diversity of India's political landscape.

Regional Political Parties: A Force to Reckon With

Across India, regional political parties play a pivotal role in governing various states. States like Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Mizoram are prime examples where regional parties hold sway. In several northeastern states, regional parties often collaborate with the BJP in power-sharing arrangements, reflecting the complex dynamics of Indian politics.

The Decline of Socialist Ideology

Another significant transformation has been the waning influence of socialist political parties and their ideologies. In the early years of Indian democracy, socialist parties were active and even the Indian National Congress, under J.W. Nehru's leadership, had a socialist inclination. The Swatantra Party, founded in 1959 by C. Rajagopalachari, emerged as India's first right-wing political party in response to Congress's socialist orientation. Notable socialist political parties active in early Indian politics included the Socialist Party of India, Praja Socialist Party, Samajwadi Party, and more. However, today, only a handful of socialist political groups remain active in Indian politics, with the Samajwadi Party being one of the notable survivors. The decline of socialism gained momentum after 1980, particularly with India's entry into the era of globalization in 1991.

Left Political Parties: A Changing Landscape

The split of the Communist Party of India (CPI) into CPI (M) and CPI in 1964 was a significant factor in the shifting landscape of

left-wing politics in India. Both Communist parties, along with like-minded political groups, continued to wield political influence across various Indian states. States such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Punjab, Assam, Manipur, and more have witnessed the impact of left-wing politics. West Bengal, for instance, was ruled by the CPI(M)-dominated Left Front for seven consecutive terms from 1977 to 2011, with Jyoti Basu serving as Chief Minister for five of those terms. However, in recent years, left parties faced setbacks, failing to secure any seats from West Bengal in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and losing power in Tripura. Currently, Kerala remains the only state governed by the left front, with the CPI(M) at its helm.

Contemporary Election Dynamics

In the contemporary Indian political landscape, development and election-related populist promises are the primary focus during election seasons. Women constitute half of the Indian voter base, prompting political parties to intensify efforts to win their support. A notable trend is the provision of free bus rides for Indian women under various initiatives, illustrating the evolving strategies to engage female voters.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the past 70 years, we witness the incredible transformation of India and its political landscape. These changes are etched in the policies and ideologies of political parties. The 2024 Indian elections, on the horizon, serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of Indian democracy. It is a festival of democracy that embodies India's commitment to its democratic ideals and the power of its citizens' voices in shaping the destiny of the world's largest democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gaza's extreme food insecurity

In the aftermath of the Hamas-Israel conflict, over half a million Gazans face severe food insecurity, surpassing even recent near-famine crises in Afghanistan and Yemen, warns a United Nations report. Gaza's healthcare system is also in ruins, with only 9 of 36 health centers still partially operational. Global pressure, especially from the U.S., compelled Israel to allow limited aid through Egypt. However, just 10% of Gaza's food requirements have been met so far. Urgent international intervention is needed to address this humanitarian catastrophe and ensure food security in Gaza.

Arka Goswami, Bardhaman, West Bengal

Accountability in Custody Deaths

The alleged torture and deaths of three civilians in Jammu's Poonch district have prompted a high-level internal army investigation. Local commanders potentially face action. Compensation and compassionate appointments for the deceased's families have raised questions. Would these measures have been taken without their deaths in army custody? While the Indian Army pledges cooperation with investigations, past cases show few prosecutions for accused soldiers. People in Jammu & Kashmir call for a swift investigation and accountability. In a region long plagued by impunity, they seek justice and hope for a 'Naya Kashmir' as promised by leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Corona JN-1

The Corona epidemic has warned people once again. So far, sixteen deaths have occurred across the country in the last two weeks due to the new variant of Corona, JN-1. This variant cannot be taken lightly. The World Health Organization has instructed to keep an eye on the new variants. People should take this pandemic seriously as responsible citizens. We should take full caution regarding Corona. Right now this can be avoided only by wearing a mask, but if its cases increase rapidly then we will have to take more precautions. Only by the caution and awareness taken by us can we stop the spread of this deadly disease. The government should also become alert now because we have faced its fatal consequences in the past. The government should speed up its efforts now so that its spread can be stopped.

N Mateeni, Mumbai

Self-Respecting Gorkhas

KAJAL CHATTERJEE

"WELCOME TO THE LAND OF GORKHAS" -- a proud slogan written in Yellow Capital font in blue background, painted upon a wall nearby a prominent street junction right beside Darjeeling Railway Station. Perhaps a section of the non-Gorkha communities also reside in the Hills. However that do not deter the community claiming to be "Gorkha" from proudly claiming Darjeeling Hills as their "own land".

However more surprise was in store later on. While roaming along the Hill Cart Road in Chowkbazar area, noticed the signboards of a series of shops (bearing its name and address) ending with the word "GORKHALAND". Yes, it's true that the demand of a separate state of "Gorkhaland" was zealously launched by Subash Ghising way back in early 1980s, which are being carried on by the Bimal Gurungs and others in various point of time, but such a state is

yet to get materialised! Still, despite no Constitutional recognition of "GORKHALAND"; how boldly can the Hill community claim Darjeeling to be part of such a fictitious unborn state and assert it in broad daylight, that too as official registered address.

While the iconic Keventers bear the word "GORKHALAND" upon its glass facade; another icon "Oxford Book & Stationery Co." (located right at the heart of the Darjeeling Mall) display several books hailing "Gorkhaland" and featuring the history revolving around the movement.

In contrast Bengalis are so wary to assert their ethnic identity that they have even gone to the dreadful scandalous extent of distorting Rabindranath Tagore words also. Yes, now "Bangali" word arrives as such a "fatal shock" to this self-denigrating community that they have done the unthinkable by replacing the "Bangalir" (of Bengalis) word from Tagore's cardinal call "Bangalir Ghor Joto Bhai Bon Aek Hoke Hey Bhogoban" (Let

all brothers and sisters of Bengali homes get united, My Lord) with "Banglar" (of Bengal). Unlike the self-asserting proud upright Gorkha community, Bengalis always remain in constant fear to express their ethnic identities right in their own state of origin out of constant apprehension of getting dubbed as "parochial".

What a callous downfall of the Bengalis in contrast to the Gorkhas way up in the top (both in literal geographical terms as well as psychological). No wonder why when the Hill community reside as citizens of a seemingly "sovereign State" ("Land of Gorkhas") with almost full control over the demography land economy jobs in the region with Nepali language and culture calling the shots everywhere; in contrast Bengalis have not only rendered themselves "alien" in their own land of origin long ago in every sector of the state, even the indigenous language Bengali is also gasping for breath thanks to the indifference of the community towards their own

mother tongue.

Just like any proud community, Gorkhas also treat each other as their very own. What a mutual respect and fellow-feeling get displayed everywhere with deluge of greetings of "Daju" (elder brother). It seems all people of the community know each other in personal basis, such is their bonhomie and community affection! So when two vehicles suddenly come face to face at narrow bends of the Hills; far from cursing each other, one of the drivers move the car backward to a wider area and both proceed on their path after exchange of warm greetings and smile.

And I wonder the attitude of the Bengalis, always in the throats of each other, treating members of own community as "Enemy No.1". And also arrive at the realisation that those who do not treat each other as "Bhai Bon" (brothers sisters) will naturally detest the word "Bangalir", resulting in "murder" of Tagore's usage of "Bangalir" word as well.

However, it must also be men-

tioned that despite so proud of their Gorkha identity with clear expression of the desire of a separate state by fragmenting West Bengal; their behavior towards the common Bengalis is impeccable to say the least. The spontaneous smile and gesture of the Gorkhas towards the Bengalis simply touch the heart. How can I forget the honesty of the cab driver who called in his own accord to declare that he has got paid an extra amount of Rs. 1000/-.

He could have taken the unfair advantage of my forgetfulness (paying Rs. 1000/- as advance in a fuel station) and pocketed the money, but he didn't do so! How can I forget the warmth of ever-smiling Mr. Chetri, the proprietor of our homestay. As a Bengali, never can I support the fragmentation of West Bengal; but I will always remain in awe of the self-respect among the Hill people and appreciate the civility humility dignity honesty and warmth of the Gorkhas whom I have experienced from heart-touching distance.

BRIEF

Fruit processing



Shimla: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inaugurated a fruit processing plant built for Rs 100.42 crore at Parala in Theog subdivision of Shimla district. Wine, vinegar and juice will be produced in this plant ensuring that the local growers get fair prices for their produce, he said in a statement issued here adding that this plant will prove to be a milestone in the development of the area and its fruit industry. Addressing the people at the occasion, Sukhu said that this year the disaster caused by heavy rains had wreaked havoc and link roads, especially in the apple belts of the state, were damaged badly.

FDI investments

New Delhi: Indian companies made FDI investments of USD 335 million in Dubai during January-June, Vestian on Tuesday said. The foreign direct investments (FDI) into Dubai from Indian companies stood at USD 541 million in the entire 2022, real estate consultant Vestian said citing data of the Department of Economic Development, Dubai FDI. "Dubai witnessed significant investments (FDI) from Indian investors, amounting to USD 1.6 billion between 2020 and H1 (January-June) 2023. Dubai's strategic location along with tax-friendly policies act as a key incentive for Indian investors and business owners who are looking to expand into new markets," Vestian said in a statement.

Insurance premiums



New Delhi: Fintech startup Fincase, which has been newly established to facilitate financing of insurance premium and loan against financial assets, on Tuesday said it is targeting to fund 10 lakh health insurance buyers by March 2025. Financing of insurance premium allows a customer to spread the cost of annual health policy over regular monthly payments. Fincase, founded by Atul Garg a couple of months ago, has roped in Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to finance insurance premiums. The company said it has roped in Alok Bhatnagar, a digital insurance veteran, to spearhead its operations. Citing industry data, the Delhi-based firm said about 51.4 crore Indians are covered by health insurance.

FM to meet heads of PSBs on Sat

Review progress of implementation of govt schemes

New Delhi, Dec 26:

Finance minister Niramala Sitharaman is scheduled to meet managing directors of public sector banks (PSBs) on Saturday to review the financial performance of lenders. PSU banks have earned a net profit of about Rs 68,500 crore during the first six months of the current financial year.

The meeting is going to take stock of the progress made by banks in achieving targets set for the various government schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Stand-Up India, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), sources said. This is the probably last full review meeting before the presentation of Budget 2024-25 and general elections later next year.

She will also discuss on measures to improve customer service and cyber security, sources said.

The finance minister would also review financial inclusion, credit growth, asset quality, and business growth plan of banks for the next financial year, the sources said, adding non-performing assets (NPAs) and the recovery status would also be discussed.

As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) have been declining during the last three years. It has declined from Rs 8,35,051 crore (GNPA ratio of 7.33 per cent) as on March 31, 2021, to Rs 7,42,397 crore (GNPA ratio of 5.82 per cent) as on March 31, 2022 and further to Rs 5,71,544 crore (GNPA ratio of 3.87 per cent) as on March 31, 2023. Last week, the finance ministry had review



meeting with heads of PSBs and asked them to monitor all cases, especially the top 20 Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code cases as part of the management of their bad assets. During a meeting with managing directors and CEOs of public sector banks (PSBs), Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi asked them to review the top 20 cases monthly for their resolution. The meeting also reviewed the working of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL). Going forward, the finance minister would also review the functioning of banks on various aspects.

NARCL, a government entity, was incorporated in 2021 with a majority stake held by Public Sector Banks and the balance by private banks with Canara Bank being the sponsor bank. It is registered with the Reserve Bank of India as an Asset Reconstruction Company under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Nuvama Wealth expands its footprints

● Q2-FY24 reveals 18% quarter on quarter on growth in new investors leveraging the Nuvama Markets application

Mumbai, Dec 26:

Nuvama Wealth, the personal wealth arm of Nuvama Group, which caters to the financial needs of HNI and Affluent segment has announced opening of a new branch located centrally in Bhillai. Nuvama Wealth addresses the needs of high-net-worth individuals (HNI) and salaried professionals.

Being centrally located at Padma Tower, 2nd floor, 70-A1, Nehru Nagar West, Near KPS Square, Bhilai-490020, enables the company to serve the clientele better as they can directly interact with the branch representatives and their queries can be resolved at the earliest. The branch also helps in tapping a wider segment of cus-

tomers. Currently located at 70 locations, Nuvama Wealth aims to increase its reach to more than 300 locations by 2028. Nuvama Wealth already had developed a hybrid business model which became an integral part of the customer service in the long run.

The hybrid business model helps in providing bespoke services virtually and through dedicated relationship managers. Nuvama Wealth aims to increase the talent pool of Relationship Managers (RMs) by 100% in the next 3 years to cater to the varied needs of its clientele. Commenting on the Announcement, Rahul Jain, President & Head, Nuvama Wealth said, "Our strong presence in Bhilai demonstrates an extension of NWM's strategy to offer customers the benefits of a hybrid ecosystem. We at Nuvama Wealth, have always adapted customer first approach and all our offerings are rooted in the same fundamental.

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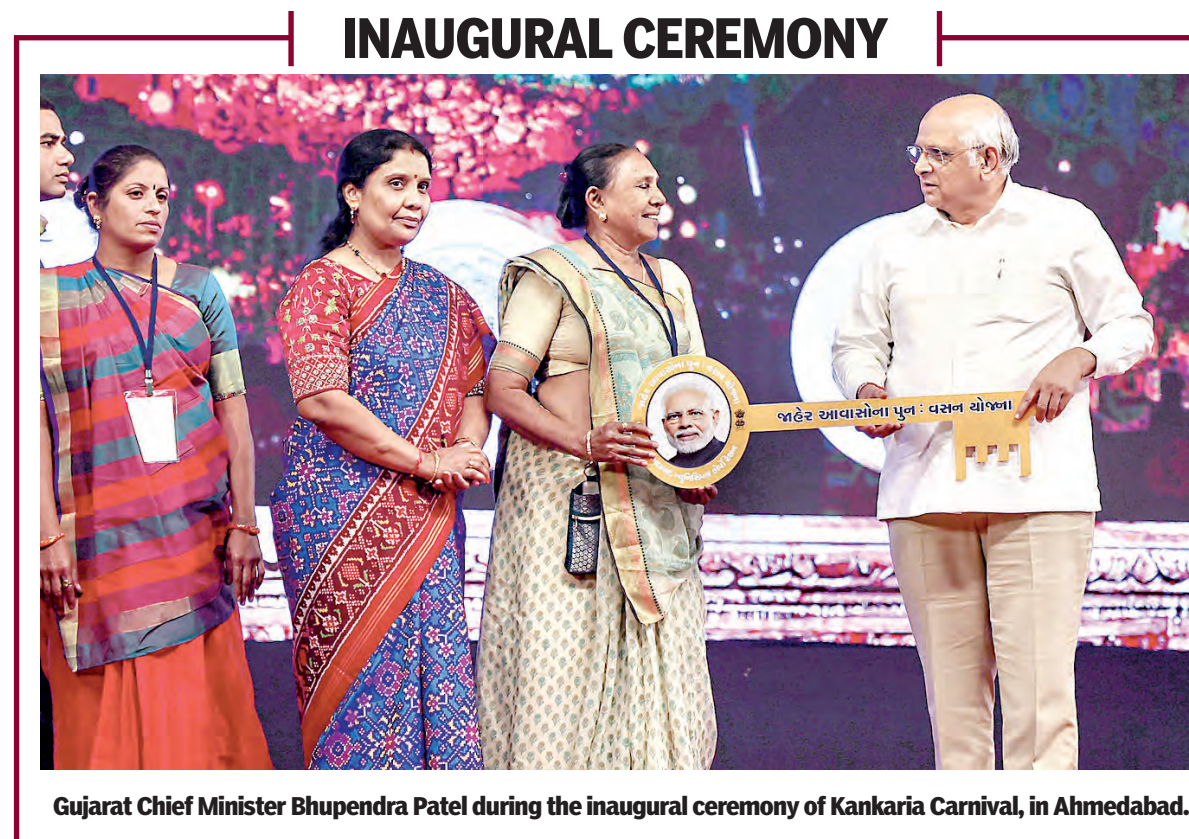
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Govt working on PLI 2.0 for steel sector in 2024

Industry players await steps to curb steel imports

New Delhi, Dec 26:

The government is working on Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme 2.0 as well as looking at ways to ensure adequate raw material supply for the steel sector in 2024, according to Union minister Fagga Singh Kulaste. While a robust economic growth will increase the demand for steel, industry players remain concerned about rising imports and high raw material prices amid geopolitical uncertainties. Production and consumption of steel have shown a strong recovery after the coronavirus pandemic that impacted the sector in 2020-21. During the April-November period this year, the cumulative production of crude steel was 94.01 Million Tonnes (MT), up 14.5 per cent year-on-year. The consumption of finished steel jumped 14 per cent to 86.97 MT on an annual basis during the same period, as per data from the steel ministry. India has set a target of having an installed steel manufacturing capacity of 300 MT by 2030. At present, the country



Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel during the inaugural ceremony of Kankaria Carnival, in Ahmedabad.

PLI schemes attracts over Rs 95K cr investment till Sep

New Delhi, Dec 26: The production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for 14 sectors have attracted over Rs 95,000 crore in investment till September this year, an official statement said on Tuesday. According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, as many as 746 applications have been approved till November 2023 under these schemes. In the Union Budget 2021-22, the government announced an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore for the schemes. The sectors included electronics,

telecommunication, pharma, white goods (AC and LED light components), and textiles. The aim is to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports.

"746 applications have been approved till November 2023. PLI units are established in more than 150 districts (24 states). Over Rs 95,000 crore of investment reported till September, which has led to production/sales of Rs 7.80 lakh crore and employment generation (direct & indirect)

of over 6.4 lakh," the ministry said. It added that incentives worth around Rs 2,900 crore have been disbursed in 2022-23. "There has been a value addition of 20 per cent in mobile manufacturing within a period of 3 years," the statement said. It added that of the USD 101 billion worth of total electronics production in 2022-23, smartphones constituted USD 44 billion, including USD 11.1 billion as exports. "Import substitution of 60 per cent has been achieved in the telecom

sector and India has become almost self-reliant in Antennae, GPON (Gigabit Passive Optical Network) and CPE (Customer Premises Equipment)," the ministry said. There has been a significant reduction in imports of raw materials in the pharma sector also. "Unique intermediate materials and bulk drugs are being manufactured in India including Penicillin-G, and transfer of technology has happened in manufacturing of medical devices such as CT scan,I," it added.

Adani family to invest Rs 9,350 cr in green energy arm



New Delhi, Dec 26:

Billionaire Gautam Adani and his family plan to inject Rs 9,350 crore into the conglomerate's green energy arm to equip it to achieve the 45 GW target by 2030, according to a company filing. The investment of Rs 9,350 crore in Adani Green Energy Ltd "will be used for deleveraging and accelerated capital expenditure," the firm said in the filing. The green energy developer already has a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tie-up of 19.8 GW (out of 20.6 GW locked in capacity balance 800 MW being merchant) and land of over 2,00,000

acres (equivalent to over 40 GW of additional capacity) in resource rich areas. The board of the company, which has a goal of 45 gigawatts (GW) of green energy capacity by 2030, approved a preferential issuance of warrants to the promoters for a quantum of Rs 9,350 crore at a price of Rs 1,480.75 per share. The issuance is subject to the approval of regulatory and statutory authorities as well as the shareholders of the company at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled on January 18, 2024, it said. Earlier, Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) had announced a USD 1.36 billion construction facility by eight leading international banks for 2,167 MW solar power projects in Khavda, Gujarat, the largest solar park in India. In addition, AGEL had announced USD 1.425 billion of equity capital (USD 1.125 billion from preferential issuance by promoters and USD 300 million from TotalEnergies JV), which translates to a capital raising of over USD 3 billion.

Stock markets rally for 3rd day on firm trend in Asian equities

Buying in HDFC Bank



Mumbai, Dec 26:

Stock markets closed with gains on Tuesday, extending the winning run to the third day on the trot after buying in power, utilities, oil and gas and banking shares. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 229.84 points or 0.32 per cent to settle at 71,336.80. During the day, it jumped 364.33

points or 0.51 per cent to 71,471.29. Index heavyweights HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries contributed around 120 points to the rally. The broader Nifty advanced 91.95 points or 0.43 per cent to 21,441.35. Power, utilities, banking, oil and gas and commodities shares attracted buying while IT and tech shares suc-

cumbed to selling.

Among the Sensex firms, NTPC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Wipro, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Tata Steel, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel, Power Grid, Titan and HDFC Bank were the major gainers. Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors and HCL Technologies were the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled with gains while Shanghai ended lower. Markets in Hong Kong were closed. US and European markets were closed on Monday. European markets remained closed on Tuesday for Boxing Day. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.03 per cent to USD 79.09 a barrel.

Equity markets were closed on Monday for Christmas. "Global markets are rallying in anticipation of aggressive US FED rate cuts in 2024.

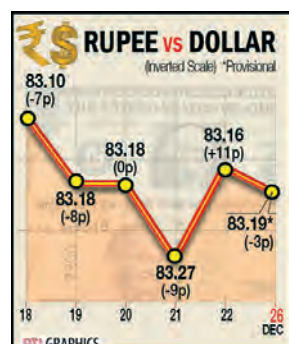
CAD declines sharply to 1 pc of GDP in Jul-Sep quarter

Mumbai, Dec 26: India's current account deficit declined sharply to 1 per cent of the GDP or USD 8.3 billion in the second quarter of this financial year, mainly due to lower merchandise trade deficit and growth in services exports, according to a RBI data released on Tuesday. The current account deficit (CAD) was 3.8 per cent of GDP or USD 30.9 billion in July-September quarter in 2022-23. CAD was USD 9.2 billion or 1.1 per cent of GDP in the first quarter (April-June) of the current financial year 2023-24. "Underlying the lower current account deficit on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis in Q2:2023-24 was the narrowing of merchandise trade deficit to USD 61.0 billion from USD 78.3 billion in Q2:2022-23," said the data on Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the second quarter (July-September) of 2023-24. Services exports grew by 4.2 per cent on a y-o-y basis on the back of rising exports of software, business and travel services, the Reserve Bank said.

Rupee falls 3 paise to settle at 83.19 against US dollar

Mumbai, Dec 26:

The rupee slipped 3 paise to settle at 83.19 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday amid a strong American currency and outflow of foreign funds. A positive equity market sentiment and softer crude oil prices, however, provided a cushion and restricted the fall in the Indian currency, forex traders said. At the inter-bank foreign exchange, the domestic currency opened at 83.17 and traded between a peak of 83.10 and a low level of 83.21 against the greenback during intra-day deals. The local unit settled at 83.19 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 3 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the domestic currency settled at 83.16 against the dollar. Forex markets were closed on Monday on account of Christmas. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said the Indian rupee depreciated



on recovery in the US dollar and FII outflows. However, positive domestic markets and a decline in crude oil prices cushioned the downside. He said the rupee is expected to trade with a slight positive bias amid rising expectations of a reduction in interest rates by the US Federal Reserve. "However, demand for the US dollar from imports and selling pressure from FIIs may cap the upside. Geopolitical tensions in the Red Sea may also weigh on rupee at higher levels. Traders may take cues from house price index data from the US.

USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 82.90 to Rs 83.50," Choudhary added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.02 per cent higher at 101.35 on Tuesday. Global oil price benchmark Brent crude inched up 0.03 per cent to USD 79.09 per barrel. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 229.84 points or 0.32 per cent to settle at 71,336.80. The broader NSE Nifty climbed 91.95 points or 0.43 per cent to 21,441.35. The RBI data released on Friday showed that India's forex reserves jumped USD 9.112 billion to USD 615.971 billion in the week ended December 15 and the quantum of increase was one of the highest for a week. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the equity market on Friday as they offloaded shares worth Rs 2,828.94 crore, according to exchange data.

Agricultural Warehouse in dilapidated state due to neglect

Cold wave blankets Kharora region

● Chilly mornings and fog challenged resilience of people

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Kharora, Dec 26: As the cold wave tightens its grip over the region, residents find themselves waking up to chilly mornings and foggy skies. The relentless cold has brought about a change in the daily routine, with the sun rising later than usual, obscured by the dense fog. Despite the sun's attempts to break through, its warming rays struggle to penetrate the thick mist, leaving the mornings shrouded in a wintry haze. By evening, the clouds disperse, further intensifying the cold. The minimum temperature in the morning has

dipped to a bone-chilling 11 degrees. The continuous drop in temperature has challenged the resilience of the local community, as they grapple with the inconvenience of foggy mornings and the biting cold that follows during the day.



"A proposal to repair the shed and floor of the agricultural warehouse has been submitted. Discussions are underway to potentially transfer ownership to the municipality, pending approval from higher authorities."

- Tarun Dubey, Agriculture Development Officer, Pandariya.

"Incorporating the agricultural warehouse into the community building will bring substantial benefits to city residents, enhancing facilities for a wide range of programs. We are committed to taking necessary initiatives in collaboration with higher officials and public representatives."

- Komal Singh Thakur, Chief Municipal Officer Pandariya

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Pandaria-Nagar, Dec 26: A warehouse shed belonging to the Agriculture Department, near the community building of Pandariya-Nagar, now stands in a state of neglect and disrepair.

Despite its robust structural integrity, this valuable asset has been rendered idle due to the Agriculture Department's

recent construction of a new office and warehouse facilities.

Constructed with promise in 2015, this warehouse saw only brief periods of use before being left vacant, and as a result, its shutters and sheds have begun to deteriorate. Without prompt maintenance and repair efforts, the entire building is at risk of succumbing to the ravages of time and neg-

lect.

The underutilized potential of this facility is a missed opportunity for the community. Notably, it holds the potential to serve as a versatile venue for various functions, including weddings, complementing the city's sole community building, which currently lacks any additional rooms beyond the main hall.

The community and

local authorities have recognized the need to breathe new life into this neglected asset. Plans are being formulated to restore the agricultural warehouse, allowing it to become a valuable resource for citizens seeking a venue for diverse events.

Repairing the roof and floor and implementing a partitioning strategy to create three functional rooms are on the agenda.

Good Governance Day celebrated with cleanliness campaign

SSM conducts Personality Development Workshop

Mahasamund pays homage to Atal Bihari Vajpayee

● Strengthening teachers for a brighter tomorrow

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Mahasamund, Dec 26: The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, celebrated as Good Governance Day, witnessed a heartfelt tribute to the late statesman's legacy. On this auspicious occasion, his photograph was adorned with garlands, and his remarkable contributions were fondly remembered.

A massive cleanliness campaign was launched early in the morning. The campaign, spearheaded by MLA Yogeshwar Raju Sinha, kicked off from Ambedkar Chowk, the dis-



trict headquarters, and extended all the way to the serene Mahamaya Pond. With broom in hand, MLA Yogeshwar Raju Sinha led the charge to ensure cleanliness throughout the city. The event drew participation from various digni-

ties, including former municipality president Pawan Patel, councillors Mahendra Jain, Meena Verma, Hemlata Yadav, Mangesh Taksale, Rajesh Netam, Munna Dewar, Raju Chandrakar, Sandeep Dewan, and

other public representatives. Chief Municipal Officer Tomson Ratre, along with the dedicated teams of the National Urban Livelihood Mission and Mission Clean City, also actively contributed to the cleanliness campaign.

Beyond the city limits, a comprehensive cleanliness drive took place in the Gram Panchayats of the same district. Notably, Atal Chowk received special attention, as local public representatives and villagers gathered to clean and paint the area while adorning Atal Bihari Vajpayee's photograph with garlands.



Kharora, Dec 26: Saraswati Shishu Mandir in Kharora took a proactive step towards nurturing its teaching staff on December 23. Under the capable leadership of Seema Pansari, the school's head, a dynamic personality development workshop was organized, targeting the enhancement of educators' skills and professional growth.

Principal Ashwani Patkar, along with Vallabh Lahoti, Chandra Kumar Dadsena, and the esteemed Acharya family, kindled the lamp,

symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge. Following this, the participants offered their prayers and paid homage to Goddess Saraswati, the epitome of wisdom and learning.

During the workshop, the teachers came together in harmony, singing devotional songs and collectively seeking blessings for their shared journey in education. In the second session, the committee members engaged in

thoughtful discussions encompassing a wide array of topics. These included strategies to maintain a strong presence in the attendance list, addressing subject-specific weaknesses, elevating the performance of 10th and 12th-grade students, fostering holistic child development through effective assessment, discipline, and self-study practices, as well as the implementation of practical and engaging teaching meth-

ods. In the third session, the participants were guided by Ashwani Nishad in the practice of Surya Namaskar; a series of yoga postures known for its physical and mental health benefits. The session aimed to provide teachers with a rejuvenating experience, promoting both physical fitness and emotional well-being.

The fourth and final session, led by Principal Ashwani Patkar, emphasized the profound significance of incorporating play and games into the educational process. This holistic approach highlighted the value of interactive teaching methods, underscoring the pivotal role of teacher personalities in the overall development of students.

Atalji's legacy illuminates Good Governance Day celebrations

Protocol oversight in invitation card mars Good Governance Day program

● Congressmen angry over MLA Yashoda Verma's name not being among the guests

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Arang, Dec 26: In a remarkable event organized by the Office of the Municipal Council, Arang in Ward No. 16, Baihar, the birth anniversary of the revered statesman, Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was celebrated as Good Governance Day, as per government directives. The ceremony kicked off with the radiant illumination of Atalji's statue, accompanied by prayers, archana, and patriotic anthems.

The program's highlights included a thoughtful discourse on Atalji's profound ideologies, adorned with eloquent poetry recitations by Khubchand Sahu and Sushil Jalkshatri. Furthermore, a significant cleanliness drive took place in the Baihar vicinity, emphasizing the significance of a clean environment.

The Chief Municipal Officer (CMO) shared exciting news with the audience about the upcoming Atal Vihar Sammelan, featuring poetry recitals and quiz competitions on December 26, held at the municipal office. Additionally, attendees were informed about the forthcoming "Viksit Sankalp Yatra" scheduled for January 12, 2024, with a camp to be set up at the municipal bus stand.

Distinguished personalities graced the occasion, including Abhishek Raja Tamboli, BJP Mandal President; Chandra Shekhar Chandrakar, President of Ara Municipal Council; Vijay Agrawal, Member of Parliament; Narsingh Sahu, Deputy Chairman; Narendra Lodhi, Council Representative; and other esteemed community members.

Khairagarh, Dec 26: Civic engagement and a fervent commitment to democratic principles took center stage on Good Governance Day in front of the Khairagarh Municipality. An inadvertent protocol oversight in the invitation card for the event led to a spirited protest by Congress members, who gathered in front of the Municipality to voice their concerns.

Good Governance Day, celebrated nationwide in honour of the late Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary, featured various programs across the country. In Khairagarh Municipal

Council, however, the omission of Congress MLA Yashoda Verma's name as a guest raised eyebrows. Additionally, the names of BJP councillor and municipal leader of opposition, Ajay Jain, and MP representative, Rakesh Gupta, were conspicuously absent from the invitation.

The oversight caused a stir in the city, with discussions and debates reverberating about the perceived protocol breach. Notably, the invitation card included former officials alongside current ones, causing consternation within the municipal administration.

Congress councillors, sitting at the municipality's main gate, raised slogans against CMO Pramod Shukla, alleging a deliberate insult to MLA Yashoda Verma. They argued that the municipal administration had failed to adhere to protocol and



had intentionally disregarded the MLA, thereby insulting the local populace.

Inside the municipality auditorium, the program continued as Congress members passionately voiced their concerns. City President Bhikhamchand Chhajed submitted a memorandum to the CMO, warning

against a repeat of such errors. He emphasized that negligence of this nature would not be tolerated by Congress councillors, workers, and public representatives.

Congress leader Manrakhan Dewangan strongly condemned the program, particularly the omission of the MLA's name on

the invitation card. During the protest, Chief Guest Vikrant Singh, along with his colleagues, emerged from the function and engaged with the Congress members. Vikrant acknowledged the concerns, suggesting that an inadvertent mistake had occurred before departing.

Despite Vikrant's assurance, the Congress protest continued, underlining the significance of civic engagement and accountability. MLA Yashoda Verma expressed her disappointment, emphasizing that as an elected representative, the municipal administration should have engaged with her. She saw the omission as a grave insult not only to herself but also to the principles of democracy.

Notably, the Congress party holds power in Khairagarh Municipality, with Congress

councillors occupying key leadership positions. During the Good Governance Day program, Municipality President Shailendra Verma and Vice President Abdul Razzaq Khan did not participate in the protest, promoting dialogue and unity amidst civic celebration concerns.

Present during the protest were Block Congress President Akashdeep Singh, City President Bhikhamchand Chhajed, Municipality Vice President Abdul Razzaq Khan, former Alderman Manrakhan Dewangan, Councillor Shatruhan Dhritalhare, Sumit Tandia, Deepak Dewangan, Purushottam Verma, Suman Dayaram Patel, Dilip Lahare, Dilip Rajput, Radhe Patel, Puran Sarathi, Bharat Chandrakar, Yatendrajit Singh, Sameer Qureshi, Raja Solanki, Nadeem Memon, Rupendra Verma, Dayaram Patel, and other dedicated workers.

Christmas spirit radiates love and unity in Mungeli

CJ conducts thorough inspection of HC Residential Complex

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Mungeli, Dec 26: The Christian community in Mungeli came together with boundless enthusiasm to celebrate the cherished Christmas festival. The church glowed with vibrant lights and festive decorations, setting the stage for a heartwarming celebration. A special prayer gathering held in the church added to the spirit of unity and devotion.

On December 25, the Mungeli church hosted a grand service led by the dedicated church pastor, drawing Christian congregants from the city and its surrounding regions. In his inspirational message, the pastor emphasized the universal



message of Christmas, proclaiming that Lord Jesus' birth signified a gospel of joy for all humanity. According to the Bible, Christmas, known as the "Great Day," teaches the significance of love,

urging individuals to treat every fellow human with the same love they hold for themselves. The pastor stressed that violence could never bring one closer to God, making it imperative to transcend

hostility. In a heartwarming act of generosity, women within the church distributed sarees and warm clothing to impoverished widows, exemplifying the true spirit of Christmas.

Following the uplifting church service, a festive feast awaited all attendees, reinforcing the sense of togetherness and celebration.

As the day progressed, Christmas sports took center stage at the Mission Compound at 3 pm, infusing joy and camaraderie into the festivities. The youth group contributed to the spiritual ambiance by delivering a soul-stirring musical performance during the church service, leaving a lasting impression on all present.

The culmination of the celebration saw the church pastor cutting the Christmas cake on behalf of the entire congregation, symbolizing unity and shared blessings within the community.

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Bilaspur, Dec 26: The esteemed Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court, Ramesh Sinha, conducted a meticulous inspection of the High Court Residential Complex, situated on Ranghi Road, Chakarbhatha, comprising "F" "G" "H" and "I" type colonies, to ensure the quality and safety of buildings under construction and existing structures.

During the inspection, he issued directives for the organized storage of construction materials to prevent any inconveniences to the residents and their families within the colony. He emphasized the importance of constructing the residential buildings with high-quality ma-



terials. Furthermore, Chief Justice Sinha directed the prompt action by responsible officials to address any deficiencies discovered during the inspection. Additionally, he instructed that the existing houses undergo necessary painting, repairs to resolve any structural issues, and other essential maintenance work on an expedited basis. The inspection ex-

tended to various other areas within the High Court Residential Complex, including the Club, Judges' Club, Guest House, and Special Guest House. During the inspection, Chief Justice Sinha was accompanied by V.N.K Shastri (S.D.O. (B&R)), Prashant Mishra (Sub Engineer), N.S. Baghel (S.D.O. (E & M)), and Devendra Yadav (Sub Engineer (E&M)), who received directives to rectify identified deficiencies promptly. Additionally, Chief Justice Sinha was joined by Arvind Kumar Verma, Registrar General, M.V.L.N. Subrahmanyam, Additional Registrar, Phanendra Kumar Biswas, Court Officer, and Ravindra Singh Negi, Protocol Officer, during the course of the inspection.

Rabada rattles India with a fifer, India reach 208 for 8

Centurion, Dec 26 (PTI):

India laboured to 208 for eight when bad light and rain halted the final session's play on the first day of the opening Test against South Africa here on Tuesday. The elemental adversity stopped the play after 59 overs on a day that also saw a delayed toss due to wet patches on the field.

South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada rocked India with a five-wicket haul (5/44) as the visitors hung on for dear life through an unbeaten 70 off 105 balls by KL Rahul.

One of the finest fast bowlers in contemporary cricket, Rabada (5/44 in 17 overs) bowled an absolute peach to dismiss Virat Kohli (38 off 64 balls) with the old ball after having bounced out Indian skipper Rohit Sharma (5) in his first spell.

In between, Shreyas Iyer (31 off 50 balls), who lived dangerously, got a shooter that completely exposed his defence.

Rabada's 14th five-wicket haul in Tests also comprised the scalp of Ravichandran Ashwin, who was completely rocked by extra bounce, and Shardul Thakur (24), who after a gutsy effort was softened by a bouncer and then taken out with a length delivery.

KL Rahul (33 batting)



South Africa's Kagiso Rabada (C) celebrates with South Africa's Dean Elgar (R) after the dismissal of India's Virat Kohli (L).

looked solid but is slowly running out of partners as a first innings score of 250 looks a distant reality now.

Rabada, who was given a break from white ball leg, didn't need time to hit the rhythm as he bowled long spells, got a disconcerting bounce along with late swing that had the Indian batters in complete tangle. The manner in which Kohli was forced into making a mistake was an education for young pacers.

Rabada bowled a couple of incoming deliveries to peg him on the backfoot and then unleashed his lethal weapon. He made a

nearly 31-over-old Kookaburra to move in and kept it on fuller length as Kohli shaped himself to play inside the line of the delivery.

But to his amazement, the ball pitched and deviated late to take the outside edge en route to keeper Kyle Verreynne's hands.

Kohli got a massive reprieve in the first session when he was on four as Tony de Zorzi dropped a dolly at square leg off debutant Nandre Burger (2/39) but he then carried out the repair work with Iyer. At the toss, Temba Bavuma took the expected decision of bowling first

and his bowlers did make best use of the conditions during that first hour.

The steep tennis-ball like bounce was always going to create problems for the star-studded Indian line-up which for the last six months has played only white ball formats.

The compulsive puller that Rohit is, his opposite number Bavuma stationed a long leg like all international skippers deploy across formats.

Having bowled in and around off-stump, Rabada dug one short but the height was just above waist which allowed Rohit to take the bait going for

the pull.

Burger standing at least 10 metres from the long-leg boundary had to just complete the formalities.

Young Jaiswal, all of two Tests, was initially playing close to his body, which allowed any of the away going deliveries to just miss his bat.

He did clip Rabada through mid-wicket and also square cut Burger on the rise for boundaries.

Bowling slightly on the fourth stump channel, the left-arm paceman altered his line and pitched one on fuller length on the off-stump.

The ball held its line and enticed Jaiswal to go for a drive and the nick was accepted by Verreynne behind the stumps.

But the delivery that Burger bowled to dismiss Gill was a classic set-up.

He kept the stylish right-hander quiet with back-of-length deliveries on the middle-leg line, not giving him any room to play on the off-side.

Just like New Zealand left-armed Neil Wagner relentlessly bowls the rib-cage line to right-handers, Burger changed his tactic and kept one right below Gill's arm-pit and the batter didn't have enough reaction time to prevent it from brushing his gloves on its way to the keeper's gloves.

Australia reaches 187-3 after rain-interrupted 1st day



Australia's batsmen Marnus Labuschagne (C) and Steve Smith (L) chats with Pakistan's Barbar Azam (R) as rain delays play on the first day of the second cricket Test match between Australia and Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Melbourne on December 26.

Melbourne, Dec 26 (AP):

Marnus Labuschagne notched a gritty score of 44 not out to guide Australia through a rain-interrupted first day of play in the second test against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

Invited to bat first by Pakistan captain Shan Masood, who won the toss in overcast conditions, Australia reached 187-3 at stumps.

Pakistan squandered a golden opportunity to put Australia on the back foot early, allowing openers David Warner (38 off 83 balls) and Usman Khawaja (42 off 101) to share a 90-run partnership on a pitch offering sideways movement for the seamers.

Warner, in his penultimate test, played a loose shot outside off stump on

38 in the final over before lunch and was caught at slip off the bowling of spinner Agha Salman.

The 37-year-old Warner, who scored 164 in the first test in Perth, was lucky to reach double figures Tuesday. Warner offered a regulation chance on 2 to first slip off the bowling of Shaheen Shah Afridi in the third over, but it was put down by Abdullah Shafique.

Unbeaten on 36 at lunch, Khawaja added six runs to his total before he guided a delivery from Hasan Ali to second slip at 108-2. Khawaja is the leading test run-scorer in 2023 with 1,210 runs at an average of 55.00.

Rain interrupted play 37 minutes before the scheduled tea break, with Australia on 114-2 off 42.4 overs. Play resumed almost three hours later, re-

warding those fans among the first-day crowd of 62,167 at the MCG who had waited patiently for the rain to clear.

Steve Smith was given out LBW on 19 to the bowling of Afridi, but the former skipper successfully reviewed the decision as replays showed the ball was going over the stumps.

On 26, Smith was given not out following a caught-behind appeal from Aamir Jamal, but Pakistan successfully reviewed the decision as replays showed a faint edge.

Smith struck only two boundaries in his 75-ball knock, sharing a patient 46-run partnership with Labuschagne.

Travis Head was unbeaten on nine at stumps to join Labuschagne in the crease when play resumes Wednesday.

I envy today's athletes because I was in wrong era: Anju Bobby George



New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI): India's first ever World Athletics Championship medallist Anju Bobby George says that she competed "in the wrong era", praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's eagerness for promoting and transforming sports in the country.

Speaking at a programme organised at the PM's residence on Christmas, the legendary long jumper said: "As a sportsperson, I was here for almost 25 years and I'm seeing a lot of changes. When I got India's first

global medal 20 years ago, even my department was not ready to give me a promotion.

"But after Neeraj (Chopra) got a medal, I have seen the changes the way we are celebrating... I envy them because I was in the wrong era," Anju said during the event.

Anju, who won a bronze medal in the women's long jump at the 2003 World Championships in Athletics in Paris, spoke about women empowerment and also how the country now also celebrates athletes' accomplishments.

"Women empowerment is not just a word now. Every Indian girl is ready to dream and they know their dreams will come true," she said.

The PM interacted with the Christian community on the occasion of Christmas, and Anju was among the prominent persons who attended the event.

Farooqi, Naveen, Mujeeb face uncertain IPL future

Kabul, Dec 26 (PTI):

Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) is unlikely to offer No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Naveen Ul Haq and Fazalhaq Farooqi for the next two years, putting their participation in the Indian Premier League 2024 season in doubt.

According to a release issued by the ACB, the board has decided to delay the annual contracts for year 2024 for these players having formed a "dedicated committee to thoroughly investigate the matter", after they expressed a desire to be released from their central contracts from January 1.

"The insistence on not signing the central contract for these players was their involvement in commercial leagues, prioritizing their personal interests over playing for Afghanistan, which is regarded as a national responsibility," the ACB said on its website. "By



opting for their release, the Afghanistan Cricket Board has decided to take disciplinary measures against these players," the board added.

Afghanistan are also set to play a three-match T20I series against India with the first game to be played on January 11 in Mohali, second on January 14 in Indore and third on January 17 in Bengaluru.

"In response, the ACB assigned a dedicated committee to thoroughly investigate the matter, develop appropriate recommendations that best serve the ACB's interests and share them with the

ACB's top management," the ACB said.

The board added that Mujeeb, Naveen and Farooqi have also requested to "consider their consent for participation in the national events".

While Mujeeb was roped in by Kolkata Knight Riders for Rs 2 crore during the auction earlier this month for IPL 2024, Naveen was retained by Lucknow Super Giants and Farooqi by Sunrisers Hyderabad.

The ACB further informed that its special committee has made a three-point recommendation.

"Starting from January 1, 2024, the three players shall not be eligible for the central contract for one year. In this case, ACB will consider and decide their participation in events when needed," read the first point.

The ACB said NOCs to these three players will be revoked immediately.

Each of these three players represented Afghanistan in the 50-over World Cup in October-November.

Coca-Cola extends partnership with ICC till 2031

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI): Beverages major Coca-Cola on Tuesday announced extending its partnership with the ICC for another eight years, becoming a brand having the longest association with the cricket body. The Coca-Cola Company and International Cricket Council (ICC) have signed an agreement at the latter's headquarters extending the partnership till end of 2031, said a joint statement. "This eight-year partnership as a Global Partner of the ICC confirmed the col-

laboration as one of the longest-ever associations formed by the ICC with a single brand, spanning a total timeline of 13 years (2019-2031)," said a joint statement. The agreement includes partnership for all men's and women's events including the ICC Cricket World Cups, ICC T20 World Cups, and ICC Champions Trophies through the end of 2031. In 2019, the Atlanta-based beverage major had entered into a four-year partnership with ICC covering major events.

India will need a little bit of luck to win series in South Africa: Rahul Dravid

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI):

India head coach Rahul Dravid on Tuesday said his team would not mind a bit of "luck" going its way as it aims to win a maiden Test series in South Africa and breach its 'final frontier' after 31 years of attempting.

Having first visited South Africa in 1992, India have made seven more tours and won four Tests but are yet to win a series, even though the Asian giants though have won Test series in England, Australia and New Zealand.

"We (have) come close a couple of times and we have played some good cricket here... just a few critical moments we have not been able to, maybe, get over the line, get the 34-40-50 runs that you probably need to be able to... to compete here," Dravid told Star Sports before the start of the opening Test at SuperSport Park.



The team will take a lot of confidence from the manner in which it bowled on the last tour two years ago, when India squandered a 1-0 advantage to lose the three-match rubber.

"Having said that, we looked at a lot of stuff and the way we bowled, I thought we bowled really well in the last series which gives us a lot of confidence that we have the ability to take 20 wickets here with the kind of attack that we have."

Dravid added, "You need a little bit of luck as well in these conditions, there are lot of plays and misses, you want to be the one

playing and missing, and hopefully, the opposition edging those same ones. I think there is a little bit of luck involved.

"But, as long as you do your skills well and make sure that you are putting the ball in the right area, as batting with a certain level of discipline and patience when it is required, looking to capitalise when the ball gets a little bit softer and you are ahead of the game and recognising that you are never 'in' in these kinds of conditions in South Africa..."

"You might feel that you are in when batting on 34-40, but really, if you can convert that into a much more significant score that makes a big difference."

"So little things like that you need to get right against a really good team like South Africa, very strong team in these conditions, who know how to play well here. I hope that, over the course of the next two Test matches, we will be able to do that."

Hockey India names 34 probables for women's national camp

Bengaluru, Dec 26 (PTI):

A core group of 34 players will take part in a senior women's hockey coaching camp starting here on Wednesday, aiming to bolster preparations for the Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi and the Hockey5s World Cup.

The Indian players will be joining the camp after a short break from the trip to Spain after playing against Belgium, Germany, Ireland and the hosts in the 5 Nations Tournament.

The Olympic Qualifiers are set to be played in Ranchi from January 13-19 in which India are placed in Pool B along with New Zealand, Italy and the United States of America.

The Pool A consists of Germany, Japan, Chile and the Czech Republic.

India had produced a dominating performance in the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi and will be returning to their happy hunting ground hoping to continue with their momentum.

"The 5 Nations Tournament served as a good litmus test ahead of the Olympic Qualifiers. We identified areas for improvement, and we will use this festive period to dot all the i's and

cross the t's," said Janneke Schopman.

"The squad is eager to return to Ranchi after their triumph in the Asian Champions Trophy. With the little time left, we will focus on refining our game to ensure we are in the best position physically, tactically, and mentally to secure qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics."

Team India will then proceed to Muscat, Oman, wherein they will take part in the Hockey5s World Cup from January 24-27.

India squad: Goalkeepers: Savita, Rajani Etimaru, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki.

Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Jyoti Chhatrri, Mahima Chaudhary.

Midfielders: Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Ajmima Kujur.

Forwards: Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Mumtaz Khan, Sunelita Toppo, Beauty Dungdung.

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Jharkhand: ED files charge sheet in 'illegal' sand, liquor and land sale case

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI)

A charge sheet under the anti-money laundering law has been filed in a probe linked to the alleged illegal sale of sand, liquor and land in Jharkhand through which "proceeds of crime" worth more than Rs 14 crore were generated between 2021-22, the Enforcement Directorate said on Tuesday.

The prosecution complaint was filed on December 16 before a special court in Ranchi under the criminal sections of the Prevention of

Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

A dozen entities including the main accused Jogendra Tiwari, companies like Saran Alcohol Pvt Limited, Santhal Pargana Pvt Limited, Maihar Hotels and Resorts Pvt Limited and Rajmahal Traders among others were named.

The court took cognisance of the charge sheet on December 23, the federal agency said in a statement.

The money laundering case stems from as many as 19 FIRs registered by

the Jharkhand Police against Jogendra Tiwari and others related to the illegal sale of sand and liquor apart from the fraudulent sale and purchase of land and other criminal activities, it said. "Jogendra Tiwari is engaged in criminal activities related to the trade of sand and liquor which were in the name of his close associates. All of these entities were controlled by Jogendra Tiwari," the ED said.

It alleged that proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 14.79 crore were "generat-

ed" from these criminal activities till now.

A substantial portion of these was allegedly invested in several entities controlled by Jogendra Tiwari for "monopolisation" of the liquor business spread across Jharkhand during 2021-22. The agency had searched 32 premises across Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal in August, following which Tiwari was arrested in October by the ED.

He is currently lodged in jail under judicial custody.

Will find attackers of merchant navy ships even from depths of seas: Rajnath



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar and others during the ceremony for the commissioning of stealth guided missile destroyer INS Imphal into the Indian Navy, in Mumbai, Tuesday.

Mumbai, Dec 26 (PTI)

The Indian government has taken serious cognisance of the recent attacks on merchant navy ships MV Chem Pluto and MV Sai Baba, and it will take strict action against those behind the attacks by finding them even from the "depths of seas", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

Speaking after the commissioning of stealth guid-

ed missile destroyer INS Imphal, Singh said India has intensified patrolling of the seas after the recent attacks on merchant navy ships.

"The Indian government has taken the drone attack on MV Chem Pluto and attack on MV Saibaba in the Red Sea seriously. We will find those who executed the recent attacks on merchant navy ships even from the depths of the seas and take strict ac-

tion against them," Singh said.

MV Chem Pluto with 21 Indian crew members, was struck by a drone about 217 nautical miles from Porbandar on Saturday following which both the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard deployed a number of assets to provide assistance to the ship. A Gabon-flagged commercial crude oil tanker with 25 Indian crew members reportedly came under a drone attack in the Southern Red Sea. Indian officials later clarified that the commercial oil tanker was not an Indian-flagged vessel.

Meanwhile, Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said four destroyers have been deployed to counter piracy and drone attacks on merchant ships.

He said P-8I aircraft, Dorniers, Sea Guardians, helicopters and Coast Guard ships - all have been deployed jointly to counter the threats of piracy and drone attacks.

Prompt action by railway officials avert accident as overhead mast found bent

Asansol (WB), Dec 26 (PTI)

Prompt action by railway officials on Tuesday averted an accident near Asansol station after an overhead mast was found bent and hanging by the track.

According to railway sources, the hanging mast was noticed this morning, prompting immediate action. Railway officials swiftly implemented all necessary measures, including the Emergency Power Block (EPB) to address the situation.

The timely action by railway officials also ensured uninterrupted movement of trains.

Sources said that the incident may have occurred when a door of a passing goods train was opened, potentially causing it to strike the mast and result in its bending.

A railway press release said "Eastern Railway acted promptly in addressing the Overhead Equipment



Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami during his visit to New Tehri, Tuesday.

Family of criminal open fire at police team, constable killed in encounter

Kannauj (UP), Dec 26 (PTI)

A constable was shot dead when a police team that had gone to arrest a history-sheeter came under fire from his family members, officials said on Tuesday.

The alleged criminal and his son were also shot in the exchange of fire in Vishungarh police station area here and were then sent to a hospital in Kannauj for treatment, they said.

Police constable Sachin Rathi (28) sustained a bullet injury in the incident and was sent to Kanpur for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries, Superintendent of Police (SP) Amit Kumar Anand said. Rathi, who was recruited into the police force in 2019, was to get married to another constable this coming February, his family members said.



Police personnel shift the body of a constable after his post-mortem, in Kanpur, Tuesday.

The SP said Ashok Kumar alias Munna Yadav was a history-sheeter with 20 cases registered against him and there was a non-bailable warrant against him. On Monday police received information that Kumar was at his home following which a police team of Chhibramau and Vishungarh police station jointly laid siege to

the house, Anand told reporters.

Kumar, his wife and son opened fire at the police team as soon as the police team arrived at the spot in Dharni Dheerpur Nagariya village, the SP said.

Constable Rathi was shot in the thigh and was rushed to Kanpur for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries late in the night, he said.

Kharge, Rahul hold meeting with Bihar Congress leaders

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI)

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi held a meeting with Bihar Congress leaders here on Tuesday to discuss the strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, including seat sharing.

Party general secretary K C Venugopal, Bihar Congress chief Akhilesh Prasad Singh, newly appointed state in-charge Mohan Prakash, along with leaders like Ranjeet Ranjan and Shakeel Ahmed, were present in the meeting.

Around 40 leaders from the state attended the meeting.

Talking to media after the meeting, the Bihar Congress chief said the RJD-JDU-Congress-Left alliance will fight the Lok Sabha polls together, and a final decision on seat sharing will be taken in the meeting of the alliance committee of Congress which is scheduled for December 29.

"We held detailed discussions on the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections. We have made an action plan which will be taken forward. The discussion on seats will be held in the alliance committee meeting on December 29," he said.

The Congress had fought on nine seats in 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Asked how many seats the Congress would fight on, Singh said they will be flexible in seat sharing. "One or two seats may go here or there...It is not a problem. Last time we fought in alliance with RJD and Left parties, this time JD(U) is also there," he said.

Earlier, in a post on X, Kharge said, "The Grand Alliance government in Bihar is working firmly as per the expectations of the people of Bihar. We are committed to social justice. For the progress, prosperity and peace of Bihar, every Congress worker is ready to reach out to the people and live up to the aspirations of the people of Bihar."

Finalising seat sharing was at the centre of the recent INDIA bloc meet, after which the Congress formed a National Alliance Committee to oversee it.

In 2019, out of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, RJD was given 20, Congress got nine, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) fought five, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Hum) and VIP fought three each and CPI-ML got one seat from RJD quota.

The Congress had won one seat, while JD(U), which was in alliance with BJP at that time, won 16. The BJP won 17 seats, and the Lok Janshakti Party six.

Pilgrim count at Vaishno Devi shrine highest in a decade

Jammu, Dec 26 (PTI)

The cave shrine of Vaishno Devi has been visited by more than 93.50 lakh pilgrims so far this year the highest footfall in a decade.

According to the shrine officials, a total of 93.50 lakh people had visited the temple in Trikuta hills in Jammu's Reasi district by Monday, surpassing the 2013 figure of 93.24 lakh.

"The pilgrimage with a new record of over 93.24 lakh pilgrims is the highest in the last ten years," Shri Mata

Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Chief Executive Officer Anshul Garg said.

The highest number in the history of pilgrimage journey was in 2012, with 1,04,09,569 devotees, followed by 1,01,15,647 in 2011. Between 37,000 and 44,000 devotees are embarking on the trek to the shrine every day, Garg said, adding, he expects this figure to reach 50,000 by the end of the year.

This year, it is projected that the number of devotees visiting for darshan of the deity will surpass 95 lakh, he said.

The shrine has in the recent past seen a few additions in terms of facilities, including a skywalk at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan a Durga Bhawan.

The skywalk and a remodelled Parvati Bhawan was inaugurated in October by President Droupadi Murmu.

Moreover, the shrine base camp in Katra now boasts of a state-of-the-art call centre which operates round-the-clock and manages nearly 2,500 calls every day from pilgrims from across the world.

Tigress draws huge crowd of onlookers before being rescued



Pilibhit (UP), Dec 26 (PTI)

Unfazed by the presence of people gathered on nearby rooftops to watch the spectacle, a tiger sat on top of a wall yawning and basking in the winter sun on Tuesday, before being rescued by forest officials in a village outside the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve.

Unlike usual man-animal encounters, this tiger not older than three years of age gave ample opportunity to the scores of curious onlookers who had gathered in nearby houses, including on terraces, to make videos that have since gone viral on social media.

A forest official said that

the tiger appeared to be "fit and fine" and was not bothered by human presence in such large numbers as it had been living close to human habitation.

The tigress stood on the wall briefly sat on it as well seemingly unbothered by the crowd.

The tiger was spotted in Athkona village, about four to five kilometres from the tiger reserve.

Speaking to PTI, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve Deputy Director Naveen Khandelwal said, "We have rescued the tigress that was spotted in Athkona village. It is under observation by veterinary doctors in the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve. It is a young female and is approximately 2-3 years old."

He added that the tiger was spotted in the village

between 3 am to 4 am, when information about it was sent to the department.

"The tigress was first localised in the village and was brought out from the village on Tuesday morning (between 10 am and 11 am) after being tranquillised," Khandelwal said. When asked why the tiger remained calm despite the presence of scores of people around it, he said, "As per my understanding and experience, the tiger is quite young and has been living close to human habitations and was thus not perturbed." He added that the tiger looks to be "fit and fine".

Khandelwal added that four darts were fired at the tiger, of which two missed it, while one dart was removed by the tiger itself.

Ex-CJI Gogoi takes dig at Congress for 'making fun' of Dhankhar's courteous behaviour

New Delhi, Dec 26 (PTI)

Rajya Sabha MP and former chief justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday posted an old picture of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar bowing while interacting with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, as he took a swipe at the Congress for "making fun" of his courtesies.

Dhankhar was West Bengal governor before he became the country's vice president.

"Despite being governor, he is bowing while interacting with Mamata Banerjee. Because it is his value and he is courteous. Congress leaders make fun of his courteousness," Gogoi said on

X. Dhankhar, who is ex-officio Rajya Sabha Chairman, had recently expressed his pain after a video was shared by some opposition leaders that showed him bowing while speaking to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said it is his nature and it does not matter who is in front of him.

He had also slammed some opposition leaders after Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee mimicked his mannerisms during a protest against the mass suspension of opposition MPs from Parliament while former Congress president Rahul Gandhi filmed the incident. Kalyan Banerjee later

clarified that he had a lot of respect for Dhankhar and that his intention was not to hurt him. He defended his action, saying mimicry is an art. He again mimicked him recently.

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