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PM pays obeisance to Lord Ram at Nashik's Kalaram temple

Nashik, Jan 12 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday offered prayers at the famous Kalaram temple, dedicated to Lord Ram, in Nashik and took part in bhajan' and kirtan' and played cymbals at the shrine.

The PM, who is on a daylong visit to Maharashtra, held a roadshow in the city before reaching the temple situated along the banks of Godavari river in the Panchavati area of the city. Modi's visit to the famous Ram temple here came just 10 days before the consecration of the grand Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22.

Modi performed pujan' and aarti' of Lord Ganesh and Lord Ram at the temple. Chief priest Mahant Sudhirdas Pujari performed the rituals.

The prime minister performed pradakshina' (circumambulation) of the temple. He took part in bhajan' and kirtan' and played taal' (cymbals) along with other devotees at the temple.

The prime minister heard epic narrative of the Ramayana, specifically the Yudh Kanda' segment, which depicts Lord Rama's return to Ayodhya. This was presented in Marathi and the PM listened to the Hindi version through AI translation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a visit to Shri Kalaram temple, in Nashik, Friday.

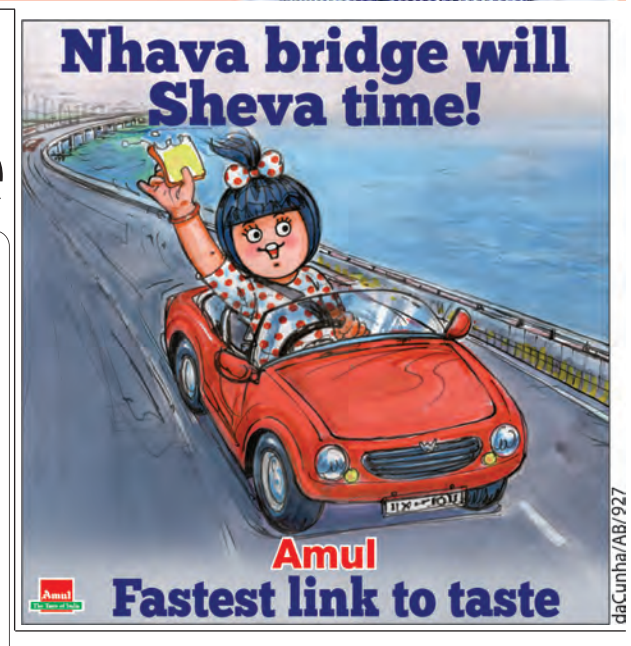
'Atal Setu sea bridge project is fulfilment of Modi's guarantee'

PM as he sounds LS poll bugle

Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated Atal Setu, the longest sea bridge in the country connecting Mumbai and its satellite township Navi Mumbai, and sounded the bugle for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, saying the fulfilment of this project was his guarantee. The PM, who was on a day-long visit to Maharashtra, inaugurated the Rs 17,840 crore Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, the longest bridge as well as the longest sea bridge in the country connecting south Mumbai with Nhava-Sheva in Navi Mumbai. The six-lane trans-harbour bridge is 21.8 km long with a 16.5 km long sea-link. The foundation stone of the bridge had been laid by prime minister Modi in December 2016. "When I came here on December 24, 2016 to lay the foundation stone of this sea bridge, which faced a lot of roadblocks, I had resolved that the country would undergo a change.

Modi urges youth to reduce influence of dynastic politics

Nashik: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday described India's present-day youth as the most fortunate generation of the 21st century, poised to take the country to greater heights during 'Amrit Kaal', and urged them to participate in the electoral process to "reduce" the influence of dynastic politics. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 27th National Youth Festival at Tapovan ground here, Modi said dynastic politics has caused immense harm to the country and appealed to the youth to get themselves enrolled as voters as soon as possible. He also asked young people to stay away from drugs. In the beginning, Modi offered floral tributes to the busts of Swami Vivekananda and Rajmata Jijabai, mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, on the occasion of their birth anniversaries. "India is the mother of democracy. If youth express their political views by casting their votes, the future of the country will be good. Better participation of youth in the democratic process will ensure a better future for the country," he said.



BRIEF

People buy kites ahead of the 'Makar Sankranti' festival, in Amritsar, Friday.

Terrorist arrested

Chandigarh: A key operative of Pakistan-based terrorist Harvinder Rinda, who was supplying weapons to the associates of a terror outfit to carry out "sensational crimes" in Punjab, has been arrested, Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said on Friday. A Chinese-made pistol and eight live cartridges were seized following the accused's arrest from Lohawat village in Rajasthan's Phalodi, the DGP said.

Plea dismissed

Chennai: For the third time in row, a sessions court here on Friday dismissed the bail petition filed by Tamil Nadu Minister V Senthil Balaji, arrested by the ED last year in money laundering case. Principal Sessions Judge S Alli dismissed the bail petition of the DMK leader on the ground that there was no change of circumstances in the case. Balaji was arrested on June 14, 2023 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case linked to a cash-for-jobs scam when he was the Transport Minister during an earlier AIADMK regime.

Fishermen rescued

Kochi: The Indian Coast Guard has successfully rescued a Kochi-based fishing boat, along with 12 fishermen, from sinking due to underwater hull damage and uncontrolled flooding, an official release on Friday said. The release said that on January 11 the distressed boat 'Sanju', from Munambam harbour near Kochi "experienced water ingress" prompting a distress call to the ICG, who successfully rescued the boat from approximately 22 miles off Ponnani coast.

Weather

High 29 Low 12

MARKET

NIFTY	21,894.55 ▲
SENSEX	72,568.45 ▲

BULLION

GOLD	62,610
SILVER	73,819

India successfully flight tests Akash-NG missile

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI): India on Friday successfully flight-tested a new generation Akash-NG missile off the coast of Odisha, in a major boost to the country's military prowess. The missile was test-fired from the integrated test range in Chandipur at 1030 hours, the defence ministry said.

It said the flight test was conducted against a high-speed unmanned aerial target at very low altitude and the successful firing of the weapon system has paved the way for its user trials. Akash-NG has a range of around 80 km.

"During the flight test, the target was successfully intercepted by the weapon system and destroyed," the ministry said in a statement. "It has validated the functioning of the complete weapon system consisting of the missile with indigenously developed radio frequency seeker, launcher, multi-function radar and command, control and communication system," it said.

3 suspended Congress MPs express regret to LS privileges panel

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI): Three Congress members of the Lok Sabha, who had reached the Speaker's podium leading to their suspension from the House, on Friday expressed regret for their behaviour to the privileges committee of the lower House.

Congress members Abdul Khaleque, J Jayakumar and Vijaykumar Vasanth were suspended from the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session and the matter was referred to the privileges committee.

New Delhi: The privileges committee of the Lok Sabha is likely to recommend revoking the suspension of three Congress MPs after they expressed regret on Friday for their conduct during Parliament's winter session, when they had barged up to the speaker's podium amid protests by opposition members.

The three MPs appeared before the committee and expressed regret over their behaviour in the Lok Sabha.

"The committee has accepted their expression of regret and decided to recommend to the Speaker to revoke their suspension," a parliament source said.

During the Winter Session of the Parliament, 100 opposition members were suspended from the Lok Sabha for unruly behaviour.

Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra to begin from private ground

Imphal, Jan 12 (PTI):

The Congress on Friday said that the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra will be flagged off from a private ground in Manipur's Thoubal district on January 14, instead of state capital Imphal.

Congress's Manipur president Keisham Meghachandra said that permission was sought to begin the Yatra from the Hapta Kangjeibung ground in Imphal but the state government gave the go-ahead with certain conditions, forcing to move the venue around 34 km at the last moment.

"We had proposed to the state government on January 2 that Hapta Kangjeibung public ground in Imphal be allowed for flagging off the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. We had also announced that the Yatra will start from Imphal, and culminate in Mumbai," he said.

"We met Chief Minister N Biren Singh in this regard on January 10 but were told that the permission will not be given. Later that night, an order was issued which gave permission for Hapta Kangjeibung ground but with a limited number of participants," he added.

Rahul holds dialogue with civil society members ahead of his 'nyay' yatra

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI): Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Friday met representatives of civil society organisations and people's movements for a dialogue on the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra beginning on January 14 from Imphal in Manipur.

The attendees raised issues of 'nyay' (justice) affecting groups across India including Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs, women, unemployed youth and unorganised workers. The meeting comes ahead of the yatra that he is leading from Manipur to Maharashtra.

LOHRI CELEBRATIONS

Students dance during Lohri festival celebrations at Jammu University, in Jammu, Friday.

SC takes cognisance of termination of services of six women judges

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI): The Supreme Court has taken cognisance of termination of services of six women civil judges by the Madhya Pradesh government for their unsatisfactory performance.

A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Sanjay Karol took note of the application of three of the six former judges addressed to the Supreme Court and decided to treat it as a writ petition.

The bench appointed advocate Gaurav Agarwal as amicus curiae to assist in the matter.

According to the office report of the case uploaded on the apex court website, the application by three former Civil Judges, class-II (Junior Division) from Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Service has been addressed to the apex court.

They said the termination happened despite the fact that quantitative assessment of their work could not done on account of Covid outbreak.

"It is further submitted that the officers along with three other female officers were appointed in Judicial Services in the state of Madhya Pradesh. They are alleged to be terminated from service primarily on account of disposal not being up to the standards set," the office report said.

The termination orders were passed in June 2023 by the state law department after an administrative committee and a full court meeting found their performance during the probation period unsatisfactory.

According to an impleadment application filed by one of the former judges through advocate Charu Mathur, despite having an unblemished service record of four years and not having suffered any adverse remarks, she was terminated without following any due process of law.

She alleged her termination from service was a violation of her fundamental rights under Articles 14 (right to equality before law) and 21 (right to life and personal liberty) of the Constitution .

She said in her application that if the period of her maternity as well as child care leave is taken into consideration in the quantitative work assessment, it will cause grave injustice to her.

Woman tests positive for JN.1 sub-variant of COVID-19

Indore, Jan 12 (PTI): A 33-year-old woman who had returned from the Maldives tested positive for JN.1 sub-variant of coronavirus in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, an official said Friday. The patient was found infected with the virus last month and has since recovered, he said. The woman tested positive for coronavirus on December 13. Her sample was sent for whole genome sequencing (WGS) at Bhopal-based All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and the report, which arrived on Thursday, confirmed that she was infected with JN.1 sub-variant, said Dr Amit Malakar, nodal officer of the district unit of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP). He said that the patient was home quarantined and recovered last month. Nine patients are in treatment for coronavirus in Indore district, of which seven were under home isolation, and the remaining are hospitalised, Dr Malakar said.

Rajya Sabha polls

AAP's Sanjay Singh, N D Gupta and Swati Maliwal elected unopposed

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI): The AAP's Rajya Sabha nominees in Delhi — Sanjay Singh, N D Gupta and Swati Maliwal — have been elected unopposed, officials said on Friday.

No candidate from any other party filed nomination for the elections.

"All three Rajya Sabha nominees have been elected unopposed. And, certificates have also been issued today," a senior official in the Delhi Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO) office told PTI.

AAP Rajya Sabha candidate Swati Maliwal receives her certificate from Returning Officer Ashish Kundra after she was elected unopposed, in New Delhi, Friday.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal congratulated the newly elected MPs of the party.

"Many congratulations and best wishes to the three leaders of Aam Aadmi Party elected to Rajya Sabha. I am confident that you will strongly raise the issues of the common people in Parliament and fight for the rights of the people of Delhi," Kejriwal, who is also the AAP national convener, said in a post on X in Hindi.

SC sets aside removal of IPS officer Kundu as Himachal DGP

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Friday set aside the Himachal Pradesh High Court order to remove senior IPS officer Sanjay Kundu from the post of state DGP over allegations that he tried to pressure a businessman who claimed to have received a threat to his life from his partners.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud passed the order while hearing Kundu's plea challenging the January 9 order of the high court which had dismissed his petition for recall of the earlier direction to remove him from the post of Director General of Police (DGP).

"However, at this stage, it would be inappropriate to maintain the order of the high court directing that the petitioner (Kundu) be shifted out of the post of DGP in pursuance of the earlier order dated December 26, 2023, which stands affirmed on the dismissal of the recall application," said the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

Guru Ghasidas Ji's message is the basic mantra of unity and peace: CM

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai participated as the chief guest in the Sant Samagam organized at Mini Giroudpuri Dham in village Girhola. Cabinet Ministers Dayal Das Baghel and Ram Vichar Netam were also present.

In his address, the Chief Minister said that Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji gave the message of Mankhe Mankhe Ek Saman. The message of Guru Ghasidas Baba Ji is the basic mantra of unity and peace. The person who follows his words becomes a happy man.

Chief Minister Sai said that Saint Baba Guru Ghasidas ji did penance and attained Siddhi and then he set out for the salvation of the society. He acquired knowledge and resolved the sufferings of the people. The messages of Guru Ghasidas Baba connect us with humanity.

There is inequality and discrimination in this

world, but hundreds of years ago Baba Guru Ghasidas ji had given the message of equality between men and women. Following the teachings of Guru Ghasidas ji for the upliftment of even the last man of the society, the government is also working with the objective of Antyodaya.

PM Narendra Modi has guaranteed to make Chhattisgarh prosperous again. Sai thanked the people for showing faith in Modi's guarantees. Sai said that the implementation of Modi Guarantees has commenced.

As per the guarantee, funds have been approved to build houses for 18 lakh people under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Farmers got the pending bonus of two years on Good Governance Day. As per Modi's guarantee, the state government has also decided to purchase 21 quintals of paddy per acre from the farmers at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal.

Those farmers who have sold the paddy will also get the benefit. CM said that the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is reaching villages and cities.

On the demand of the people, the Chief Minister announced Rs 50 lakh for the construction of an auditorium in village Girhola and Rs 25 lakh for the beautification of the pond. Earlier, the Chief Minister visited Guru Gaddi at the venue, offered prayers and hoisted the white flag at Jaitkham.

Cabinet Minister Dayal Das Baghel called upon the people of the Samaj to follow the path shown by Guru Ghasidas Baba Ji and connect the society with the mainstream of development.

Agriculture Minister Ramvichar Netam called upon the people to cooperate in taking the state and the country to the heights of development by following the path of Satnam.

Former MLA Sawla Ram Dahare, in his welcome address, highlighted the Mini Giroudpuri nature of the village. He drew the Chief Minister's attention towards the development of this center of faith. Other office bearers of the Samaj and a large number of people were present.

BNS students selected for Inter University Boxing

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Two students of Bhilai Nair Samajam College (BNS) - Indira Singh and Ms Sushila Gaud have been selected to represent Hemchand Yadav University, Durg (CG) Team in North East Zone Inter University Boxing (Women) 2023-24 to be held at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar (Punjab) from 14th - 18th January. It needs to be mentioned here that these two students have participated in various tournaments at District, state and National levels.

A special send off ceremony was organised at college whereby the players were facilitated with financial assistance as a token of encouragement for their achievement. BNS President Suresh Pillai, General Secretary VRC Pillai, Vice President College A Jaykumar, other members of Governing Body, Principal & Staff have congratulated and extended best wishes to both of them awaiting victorious campaign ahead.

Nagpur resident arrested with brown sugar with Rs 30 lakh

- **520 sachets of brown sugar weighing approximately 380 grams seized**

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Police arrested a drug smuggler with brown sugar worth Rs 30 lakh. The accused has been arrested under the provisions mentioned in the Narcotics Act. The smuggler was arrested by a joint team of Mohan Nagar police station and ACCU Durg.

On the instructions given by SSP Ramgopal Garg and supervision of ASP (City) Abhishek Jha and ASP Anurag Jha, a joint team of ACCU and Mohan Nagar Police Station is conducting a campaign against the people involved in illegal smuggling and trade of narcotics. In this sequel, the police team received a tip off regarding a Nagpur resident who was roaming in suspicious condition in Railway Colony, RPF Post in Mohan Nagar area with the purpose of selling brown sugar. Acting on this tip off, a team of Mohan Nagar police station and ACCU swung into action and rounded up the suspect Ajay Sonani. On searching, Brown Sugar packed in 520 sachets, weighing 380 grams (including sachets) worth approximately Rs 3000000 (as per international market) was seized from his possession.

The accused Ajay Sonani (25) son of Radhelal, a resident of Kamathi Ranrana, Police Station Kamathi, Nagpur (Maharashtra) has been booked under the provisions mentioned in Narcotics Act. ASI Purna Bahadur Karki, Constable Pannelal, Santosh Kumar Gupta, Jugnu Singh, Anoop Sharma, Shiv Mishra, Upendra Yadav and Shahbaz Khan played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Joint Trade Unions serve notice of strike to BSP mgmt

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Bhilai, Jan 12: On Friday, the Joint Trade Unions of Bhilai staged a demonstration against the SAIL management at Equipment Square from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Thereafter, they served the notice of strike to the BSP management. They are going on strike on January 29 and 30. General Manager (IR) JN Thakur received the notice.

The unions staged protest against the management not completing the wage settlement even after 84 months and demanded 39 months arrears, night shift allowance, house rent allowance, an additional increment, bonus higher than last year, removal of gratuity

ceiling, and wage revision of contract workers. A two-day strike has been called on 29th and 30th January 2024 for these demands. The unions that served notice of strike are INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AICCTU, LOIMU, Ispat Shramik Manch and Steel Workers Union.

Despite repeated demands by the unions to call the NJCS meeting, the management was not convening the meeting. After the announcement of strike by the trade unions, the management called the NJCS meeting on January 20. The union leaders stated that "if the meeting called on 20th January does not yield a positive result in favour of the workers, then the workers will voluntarily join the strike on 29th and 30th January".

Addressing the demonstration, the leaders of the joint unions said that the management is reluctant to pay the workers their dues. It is due to the hard work and dedication of workers towards the plant that the production is touching a new level.

The plant is earning historic profits for SAIL, yet the management's reluctance continues. Resentment of the regular employees and those who retired between January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, is increasing day by day.

The leaders said that the delay, reluctance and misleading being done by the management has become clear and the intentions of the management are not good. Hence all the employees should get ready for struggle.

Shri Jagannath Samiti honours MLA Purandar Mishra

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Raipur North MLA Purandar Mishra reached Shri Jagannath Temple, Sector 4, Bhilai and offered worship to Mahadev Bhagwan Bholenath and Mahaprabhu Lord Shri Jagannath Swami and sought blessings from Mahadev and Mahaprabhu for the happiness and prosperity of Chhattisgarh state.

On this occasion, Jagannath Samiti President Virendra Satpathy and General Secretary Satyawan Nayak along with committee officials Brindaban Swain, BC Biswal, Bhim Swain, Basant Pradhan, Anam Nahak, Trinath Sahu, D Trinath were present. The

puja was performed by the priest of the temple, Pitabas Padhi.

Shri Jagannath Samiti, Bhilai felicitated the newly elected famous MLA of Raipur, Utkal Gaurav, Purandar Mishra by presenting him Shawl, Shreefal and Memento.

In his inspirational address, MLA Purandar Mishra mentioned the direct connection of Shri Jagannath culture with Chhattisgarh. He described the development of Shri Jagannath Temple in Bhilai and entire Chhattisgarh as the base point of spiritual and cultural development.

Emphasizing on social unity, he said that only social unity will accelerate development. When you come together and put forward a demand in one voice, the chances of that demand being fulfilled increases. He called for realizing the vision of "Ek Bharat,Shrestha Bharat".

In making this grand program a success, the samiti's president Virendra Satpathy and General Secretary Satyawan Nayak along with committee officials including Brindavan Swain, Trinath Sahu, Bhim Swain, BC Biswal, Anam Nahak, D Trinath, Basant Pradhan, VK Hota, Ranjan Mohapatra, Kalu Behera, Prakash Das, Seemanchal Behera, Jagannath Patnaik, Ravi Swain, Sudarshan Shanti, Lakhan Biswal made important contributions.

The program was conducted by General Secretary Satyawan Nayak and vote of thanks given by Samiti's President, Virendra Satpathy. A large number of Utkal residents present in the ceremony in Sector 4, met MLA Purandar Mishra and congratulated him.

St Thomas College celebrates National Youth Day

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Bhilai, Jan 12: The NSS unit of St Thomas College, Ruabandha, Bhilai organized a one day awareness program on National Youth Day on occasion of 161st Birth Anniversary of Youth Icon Swami Vivekananda. First of all NSS Program Officer Mahendra Ikhar congratulated all the volunteers for National Youth Day.

NSS volunteers Khomendra Sahu and Dhriti Vaishnav shared their views on Swami Vivekananda. Manager Bishop His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebius and Administrator Rev Fr Dr Joshi Varghese congratulated the NSS unit for the successful organization of the program.

Principal of the college Dr MG Roymon motivated all the volunteers to follow the values imparted by Swami Vivekananda and administered the oath for Youth Organization. On this occasion IQAC coordinator Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head of Dept of Management Studies Dr Susan R Abraham, Sports Officer Kailash Narayan Verma and NSS volunteers were present.

Police conducts awareness programme at SAGES Dhamdha

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Police conducted an awareness programme at Swami Atmanand Government English School in Dhamdha. The children were given information regarding cyber fraud, traffic rules and crime against children. More than 250 children were made aware about the Dial 112, child helpline and other important numbers.

Under the guidance of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg, Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu and Police Sub Divisional Officer (Dhamdha) Sanjay Pundhir, Dhamdha Police Station Incharge Amber Singh Bhardwaj conducted an awareness session for the children in Swami Atmanand School. School

children, principal, teachers and staff were present. Cops asked them if they had any problems and complaints. The children were informed about Good Touch - Bad Touch.

They were informed about the helpline numbers including 1098, etc. The people were curious to know about many laws. The cops detailed about Cyber Security, Domestic Violence Act, Tonhi Act and various women related laws. SHO Amber Singh Bhardwaj explained about traffic rules, dial 112 and gave information about fraud in the pretext of employment, land related fraud, KYC and banking related fraud. Principal of Swami Atmanand School, Anita Joseph, staff Shashwat Pandey, Kumar Vishwakarma, Bhavana Sahu and police station staff were present.

Govt making efforts for progressive development of farmers: CM

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Bhilai, Jan 12: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that Chhattisgarh is identified as a paddy producing state of India. Due to the hard work of the farmers, Chhattisgarh is known as the bowl of rice. The BJP state government cares about the farmers and will make every possible effort for the progressive development of the farmers. Sai said that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was concerned about the farmers of the country.

He started the Kisan Credit Card Scheme to free the farmers from moneylenders and worked to provide loans at low interest to crores of farmers. CM Sai was addressing a gathering at village Khapri of Durg District. Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana to double the income of farmers. He said that fulfilling the guarantee of the Prime Minister, the state government has fulfilled the promise of purchasing paddy at the rate of 21 quintals per acre to the farmers.

Soon the difference amount will be given to the farmers in lump sum. On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off two trucks carrying 20 quintals of vegetables to Ayodhya. The Farmers Union is sending the vegetables for the Pran Pratishtha programme. The Chief Minister honored the progressive farmers and visited the various stalls in the Kisan Mela. He interacted with the people and took information about the exotic fruits displayed in the stall of the Horticulture Department. The Chief Minister tasted Rose Wax Apple and Agriculture Minister Shri Ram Vichar Netam tasted Kashmiri Apple Plum at the stalls. The CM also obtained information about oil palm cultivation.

Agriculture Minister Ramvichar Netam expressed his gratitude towards Chhattisgarh Yuva Pragatisheel Kisan Sangh. It is the result of the hard work and progressive thinking of the farmers due to which the name of the farmers of Chhattisgarh has become famous in the state. This is a matter of great pride. Due to hard work and technical knowledge of the farmers, the agricultural products including milk, fruits and vegetables are in demand within the state and neighbouring states also. Addressing the farmers, he urged them to use technical knowledge and make Chhattisgarh an advanced state. He said that the farmers here are very advanced. He added that the water, soil and people here have the potential to develop the state in the future.

MLA Doman Lal Korsewada said that they are fortunate to have Chief Minister in the Kisan Mela. A large number of farmers are doing advanced farming in this area. Farmers have small problems like electricity etc and are also demanding food processing units. Finance Minister OP Choudhary along with Agricultural Production Commissioner Shehla Nigar, Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary, Director Agriculture Chandan Sanjay Tripathi, Director of Horticulture V Matheswaran, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi University Dr Girish Chandel, Mahatma Gandhi Horticulture and Forestry University Vice Chancellor RS Kuril and a large number of farmers were present.

CM Sai graced the National Youth Festival

Organized at Vivekananda Sarovar Udyan

Sao offered flowers to the statue of Swami Vivekananda

Appointment letters awarded to 20 youth in 'Technotask' BPO

Raipur, Jan 12: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai marked his presence at the National Youth Festival today, which was organized at Swami Vivekananda Sarovar Udyan in the capital city Raipur, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. Chief Minister visited Adishakti Budhadev temple, and performed customary rituals there. This temple is highly revered by the tribals here.

At the national youth festival, Chief Minister paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda by offering flowers to his statue in this garden. Meanwhile, Raipur MP Mr. Sunil Soni, Culture and Tourism Minister Mr. Brijmohan Aggarwal, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Mr. Tankaram Verma, MLA Mr. Motilal Sahu and Swami Avyayatmananda, Swami Prapatyananda, Swami Devbhavananda of Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda Ashram Raipur were also present.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Sai distributed job offer letters (appointment letters) of private company Technotask to 20 youth. Technotask company is affiliated to the BPO center located at Collectorate Multilevel Parking in capital city. Shri Sai also distributed the cheques of business loan amount Rs 10 thousand each to five beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana. At the event, Shri Sai honored Mr. Lalit for his startup company 'Socio Seller'. In this Youth Festival, District Administration Raipur provided employment to 30 youth in MP Poly Print and Pack Institute. These youth will work as supervisors and other staff in the institute.

Youngsters were overjoyed to have Chief Minister Shri Sai amongst them. Chief Minister interacted with the youngsters graceully and also got a photograph clicked with them. Secretary to the Chief Minister P. Dayanand, Commissioner Raipur Sanjay Alang, Commissioner of Public Relations Department Mayank Srivastava, Collector Raipur Gaurav Kumar Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal and a large number of young and enlightened citizens were also present in the program. Collector Gaurav Kumar Singh presented books of Swami Vivekananda to the guests.

WALL PAINTING

The houses and many part of city have been painted in colour and photos based upon inauguration of Lord Shri Ram's temple in Ayodhya.

Finance Minister Choudhary reviews budget of Health Department

Raipur, Jan 12: Finance Minister OP Choudhary held a review meeting with senior officials of Finance and Health Department at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan), in the presence of Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal.

While reviewing the budget of the Health Department in the meeting, Choudhary discussed in detail many important topics and also provided necessary guidelines to the concerned officials.

Additional Chief Secretary Renu Pillai, Finance Secretary Ankit Anand, Director Budget Sharda Verma, Director Ayush Iffat Ara, Director Health Services Rituraj Raghuvanshi and departmental officers were present in the meeting.

Akhilesh Singh, elevated to the post of HOP of NTPC Lara

Bilaspur, Jan 12: Akhilesh Singh, GM (Operation & Maintenance), NTPC Lara took charge of NTPC Lara station from Diwakar Kaushik, ED on Jan 11. Earlier Singh was delivering his service as the head of the operation and maintenance work of Lara station. As head of the project, he shall be responsible for all the activities of Lara station.

An electrical engineer from Bhagalpur University, Akhilesh Singh, joined NTPC as an executive trainee in the year 1993. Prior to Lara, he had rendered his service in NTPC Rihand and country's largest power plant Vindhyachal in different categories. Shri Singh joined NTPC Lara in 2020 as a general manager (fuel management). In his short stint at Lara Shri Singh has rendered his service as GM (Fuel Management), GM (Maintenance) and GM (Operation & Maintenance).

NTPC Lara station is the fastest growing station of Chhattisgarh with an installed capacity of 1600 megawatt. This station is going to add another 1600 megawatt (2x800). 50 percent generated electricity is supplied to Chhattisgarh state only and the rest amount is supplied to Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujrat, Goa, Daman and Diu. Under the leadership of Akhilesh Singh, Lara station will reach new heights from his 30-year long experience.

Debate competition organized on National Youth Day

Raipur, Jan 12: On the occasion of National Youth Day, a debate competition was organized by the Regional Science Centre, Department of Science and Technology on the topic 'Is the role of youth in climate change positive or negative?'

At the outset Director General SS Bajaj inspired the students to follow the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. Debate competition provides a golden opportunity to the youth to think and express their ideas, he said.

Students showcased their ideas and thoughtfulness on the topic of climate change, expressing their views on important issues of climate change and shared their vision towards prosperity and change. Winning participants of the debate competition were awarded certificates. Also present were Dr Shirish Kumar Singh, Project Director, Amit Kumar Meshram, Scientist, Pragya Kadam, Scientific Officer Amit Ram, Scientific Officer, Shreya Mishra, JRF and Ms. Tarni Verma, JRS.

Students from Government Higher Secondary Schools Daldal Seoni, Shivam Vidyapeeth, Raipura, Swami Atmanand Higher Secondary School, Lalpur, Swami Atmanand English Medium School, Lalpur, BP Pujari Government English Medium Excellent School, Rajatalab, Krishna Public School, Tulsi, Swami Atmanand Shaheed Memorial School, Government Higher Secondary School, Phundahar, Savitri Bai Phule Education Academy, Saddu, Swami Atmanand School, Mowa and Brighton School participated in the competition.

Among the students who spoke on positive aspect, Monica Bhatt was the winner and Muskaan Baghel was the runner-up and among the students who spoke on negative aspect, Himanshi Dhiwar was the winner and Ashutosh Sahu was the runner-up. Suryanshi Dixit received the award for best expression. The jury comprised of Ankit Lunia, Amit Khare and Jaya Arora.

IRCTC unveils exciting South India tour packages

Raipur, Jan 12: The Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC) is all set to take travel enthusiasts of Chhattisgarh on an unforgettable journey through the mesmerizing landscapes of South India.

IRCTC has unveiled two incredible tour packages, inviting you to embark on a 10-night, 11-day adventure that promises to immerse you in the natural splendor of the region. According to information received from IRCTC's Area Office in Bilaspur, these enticing packages are titled 'Splendid Hill Stations of South India' and 'God's Own Country – Kerala with Kanyakumari,' offering diverse experiences for every traveller.

'Splendid Hill Stations of South India' will transport you to enchanting destinations like Kodaikanal, Coimbatore, Ooty, Coonoor, and Mysore. Explore lush green hills, serene lakes, and picturesque gardens, as you discover the hidden gems of these hill stations.

On the other hand, 'God's Own Country – Kerala with Kanyakumari' promises an exploration of Trivandrum, Aazhimala, Kanyakumari, Kumarakom, Thekkady, Munnar, and Kochi. Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Kerala, cruise through backwaters, witness the vibrant flora and fauna of Thekkady, and revel in the tranquility of Munnar's tea gardens.

Both packages offer a luxurious travel experience, with journeys on the III AC/II AC Charter Coach of Train 22647, originating from Korba. Tour frequency will be 24.01.24 (III AC) & 07.02.24 (II AC). This is an opportunity to witness the breathtaking landscapes, diverse cultures, and rich history of South India, all while enjoying the comfort and convenience of an IRCTC-guided tour.

DRT passed in UCO Bank case, ordered to confiscate property

Raipur, Jan 12: The order for attachment of mortgaged property of 14 year old NPA account defaulter Sukhmati Sahu and others has been passed by Advocate Commissioner Mahesh Pandey, appointed on the orders of Recovery Officer Vatsalya Kumar of Court Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), Jabalpur.

Advocate Commissioner took action on the orders of DRT

Giving information, Senior Branch Manager of UCO Bank Korba, Lalchand Pawar said that the said diverted property is in the name of Shiv Charan Thwaite, Khageshwar Thwaite and Bhagwat Prasad Thwaite in Khasra No. 321/1 area (39676 sq ft) is situated at Mudapar Korba (Chhattisgarh) and the property was attached on 09.01.2024 with the assistance of police on the orders of DRT. The outstanding amount of the bank will be recovered by selling this property as soon as possible. But strict action is taken against those who default and do not return the money to the bank despite being able to do so. Pandey said that DRT is now going to take similar action against the defaulters and their guarantors who deliberately do not pay the money. Along with the Branch Manager and Advocate Commissioner on the spot during the proceedings, on the orders of Tehsildar, other staff including Patwari branch were present. Giving further information, Advocate Commissioner Pandey said that this action has been taken on the orders of the Recovery Officer of DRT Jabalpur against the defaulter who deliberately did not pay the bank money. On the orders of the DRT, action is taken against them including their arrest and civil jail, including attachment and sale of their movable and immovable properties. It was also told that the bank has various settlement schemes in which the bank negotiates good concessional rates.

Starting at Rs 9,98,000 ex-showroom price

MG Motor India introduces Astor 2024

Raipur, Jan 12: Morris Garages (MG), a British automobile brand with a 100-year-old legacy, on Friday launched the MG Astor 2024, India's Most Advanced SUV in its class. The new Astor 2024 comes with a host of exciting features – Ventilated Seats in the front row, Wireless Charger, Wireless Android Auto & Apple Car Play, and Auto-dimming IRVM for additional security and convenience, along with an updated i-SMART 2.0 with Advanced User Interface for a holistic driving experience. India's first SUV with AI inside will be available in the All-new variants- Sprint, Shine, Select, Sharp Pro and Savvy Pro, starting at an attractive price of Rs 9,98,000 ex-showroom price.

The MG Astor 2024 now comes equipped with i-SMART 2.0 and 80+ connected features for a seamless and convenient driving experience. Among its standout features is the JIO Voice Recognition system, enabling advanced voice commands for Weather, Cricket updates, Calculator, Clock, Date/Day information, Horoscope, Dictionary, News and knowledge. The Anti-Theft feature, coupled with Digital Key functionality, ensures security even without a network connection. The Advanced UI is complemented by Widget customization on the home screen with multiple home pages and a unique Birthday Wish feature on the Head unit that allows date customization through i-SMART mobile app.

Commenting on the launch, Gaurav Gupta, Deputy Managing Director, MG Motor India, said, "We are committed to meeting our customers' expectations with products that showcase the latest in automobile technology. Keeping to this promise and as a brand celebrating its centenary this year, the Astor 2024 line-up offers a combination of features, design, and great value propositions which delight car buyers." MG Astor is the first SUV in India to get a personal AI assistant and 14 Autonomous Level 2 features powered by mid-range radars and a multi-purpose camera that can realise a series of advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) features. MG Astor comes with 49 Top End Safety features, and the premium interiors and panoramic sunroof elevate the driving experience to a new level of comfort. The new MG Astor 2024 will be available with 1.5 L MT and CVT and 1.3 Turbo AT powertrains. MG Motor has always taken pride in keeping the customer at the heart of its operations, consistently delivering on its promise of value, service, and a hassle-free ownership experience. Continuing with its centenary year celebrations, the company is taking customer centricity a notch higher by introducing more exciting, more advanced and more tech-loaded product offerings across its portfolio and through attractive service propositions as well as unique brand experiences.

PhD awarded to Radhika

Radhika T has been awarded PhD by Kalinga University, Raipur for her thesis on "Employment Engagement-A Comparative Study of Select Public Vs Private Banks". Radhika completed her thesis under guidance of Dr Arvind Kumar Saxena.

Work with dedication in building nation and society: Harichandan

- **Governor participates in investiture ceremony of Bharat Scouts Guides**

Raipur, Jan 12: State level investiture ceremony was organized on Thursday by Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh. In this ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan felicitated the best scouter, guider, rover, ranger and scout-guide of the state with Governor's Award. Everyone was given a certificate and an amount of Rs 10 thousand each by the Governor.

On this occasion, the chief guest of the function, Governor Harichandan said that the main objective of the Scout Guide is to serve the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a campaign named "Youth Voice Develops India 2047". You people have an important role in making this campaign successful. Bharat Scouts and Guides should move forward and work with dedication to take the country and society forward, he added.

Harichandan said that Scouting is a discipline which helps in learning new things and inspires to cope with different situations. Scouting teaches one to do one's job with ease while adhering to high character values ??and ideals through various activities. It contributes to the overall development of young boys and girls through programs like camping, hiking, trekking, disaster management, adventure programs, mountaineering and nature study. Immediately after taking the pledge, the Scouts and Guides are taught to be useful first to themselves, then to their families and are trained to serve the nation in a disciplined and dedicated manner.

Harichandan expressed happiness over the active participation of Scout Guides of Chhattisgarh in the adventure camps organized in Pachmarhi, Kullu Manali, Darjeeling, Goa, Leh-Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir and the continuous facilities provided to them by the State Government. The Governor extended best wishes to all the Scout Guides for their bright future.

On this occasion, School Education and Higher Education Minister and President of Chhattisgarh Scout Guide Brijmohan Agarwal in his address asked to work for cleanliness, education and to bring awareness about government schemes. The program was also addressed by Satyanarayan Sharma, National Vice President of Bharat Scout Guide. The welcome address was given by the Executive President of the organization Mr. Rajesh Agarwal.

With the help of Chhattisgarh Scout Guide and UNICEF, work is being done to create awareness among teenagers through a program called 'Tarunya Varta' in 13 districts of the state. At the function, the Governor launched several table books and videos related to this project.

In the ceremony, Best Scout Mr. Akash Dewangan, Tushar Kumar, Aman Kumar Dewangan, Best Guide Miss Asha Sahu, Miss Chhaya Sahu, Miss Prabha Bareth, Best Rover Naman Sahu, Neelkamal, Best Ranger Miss Unnati Tiwari, Miss Umeshwari Kawar, Best Scouter Mr. Vijay Kumar Yadav, Mr. Girish Kumar Padhi, Best Guider Mrs. Madhumala Kaushal and Ms. Shahina Parveen were awarded by the Governor. Similarly, long service decorations were given to scouters and guiders and Medal of Merit was given to Ashok Kumar Deshmukh and Mrs. Sarita Pandey. School Education Department Secretary Mr. Siddharth Komal Pardeshi, Chhattisgarh Scout Guide State Commissioner Mr. Vinod Sevenlal Chandrakar, other officials of the state, UNICEF officials, scouts, guiders, rovers, rangers and scout-guides from different districts were present in the program.

MPs, MLAs given 100-day challenge for VBSY campaign

- **National Convenor of NaMo App Chahal holds workshop**

Raipur, Jan 12: Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) would have to associate 30,000 and 15,000 members respectively under the NaMo App Vikshit Bharat Ambassador in next 100 Days as part of the challenge. National Convenor of NaMo App Kuljeet Chahal provided the above information to the BJP leaders during the day-long workshop being organized at BJP headquarters situated at Kushabhau Thakre premises on the issue. He informed that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made an appeal to make the people Brand Ambassador of Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) through NaMo App in next 100 days.

He informed that MPs have to make 30 thousand members whereas MLAs need to make 15 thousand members whereas the State Office-bearers would have to make 10 thousand members. He informed that the monitoring would be made through the central BJP office. Speaking on the occasion, the newly-appointed BJP President Kiran Deo said that said that the 100-day challenge of Vikshit Bharat through NaMo App needs to be achieved to ensure the BJP wins all the 11 Lok Sabha seats of Chhattisgarh and added that it would strengthen the agenda of development. Addressing the workshop, the State Convenor of Ram Mandir Darshan campaign, the senior MLA Dharmlal Kaushik informed that apart from common man, the active party workers too would be sending to Ayodhaya for Ram Temple darshan under the campaign. NaMo App State Convenor Amit Sahu, BJP IT Cell Convenor Sunil Pillai and others were also present on the occasion.

Police arrest one in connection with theft incident

Raipur, Jan 12: Police have arrested one Bhupendra Patel alias Ghajini, resident of Purani Basti for his alleged involvement in theft incident that took place in Professor Colony falling under jurisdiction of Purani Basti police station. His arrest came after recovery of stolen gold, silver jewellery and cash from his possession.

Rahul Joshi, a resident of Professor Colony, Purani Basti, had lodged complaint of theft in his house in the police station on the intervening night of 12-13 December 23. Complainant told that that he had gone to attend a marriage function by locking his house. Meanwhile, an unidentified thief broke the lock of the house and entered the room. Thief also broke the lock of the cupboard and stole the gold, silver jewellery and cash kept in the cupboard. Offence (number 493/2023) Section 457, 380 IPC was registered against unidentified thief Police Station Purani Basti.

Taking the theft incident seriously, Senior Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal directed ASP West Jai Prakash Carpenter, CSP Purani Basti Rajesh Chaudhary and police station in-charge Purani Basti to trace the unidentified thief and arrest him as soon as possible.

On this, the police team of Purani Basti police station, led by station in-charge Purani Basti started effort to trace the unidentified thief by making detailed inquiries of the nearby people including the complainant in relation to the incident.

Important information was received through informers during investigation regarding the suspect. On this the team members caught Bhupendra Patel alias Ghajini, resident of Gopiapara Purani Basti. After strict interrogation Bhupendra Patel is said to have confessed his involvement in the incident of theft.

Bhupendra Patel alias Ghajini was arrested and action was taken against him after recovery of stolen gold, silver jewellery and cash amounting to Rs 51,300 from his possession. Inspector Sudhanshu Baghel, in-charge of Purani Basti police station, lady head constable Kaushalya Dhruv, constable Pardeshi Ram Katare, Sunil Shukla and Chandresh Chandrakar played an important role in the action.

One employee found working at two places!

Kawardha, Jan 12: Some or the other scam always comes to fore from Kabirdham on daily basis and in the name of inquiry the very dilly-delaying attitudea of officers is boosting the morale of those involved in corruption and mal-practices. As per information from reliable sources, Yogita Dewangan working as Technical Assistant in Kawardha Janpad is working at two different places. It is learnt that Yogita Dewangan is working as Technical Assistant in Janpad Panchayat Kawardha and also as customer assistant in the Customer Service Centre (Choice Centre) of SBI Main Branch Kawardha and it is confirmed from the sign board installed in SBI's main branch in Kawardha.

Reliable sources informed that one person cannot work at the Choice Centre and in Janpad without the nexus and consent of senior officer. Though the officers are having information, but are not taking any action. In this regard CEO Janpad Panchayat informed that Yogita is working as Technical Assistant under the Janpad, but so far they have not received any complaint about her working in the SBI's Choice Centre. It is only after the complaint that due action will be taken against her. Till writing of these lines, Yogita Dewangan couuld not be contacted.

The officers having the expertise in the game of inquiry and investigation, as to whether will take some action or file complaint or can even liger on the case in the name of inquiry is what all time will tell.

CM pays tributes to Swami Vivekananda

- **On National Youth Day**

Raipur, Jan 12: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, on Friday, paid tribute to the renowned philosopher and revered spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary at the State Guest House Pahuna. He, along with Finance Minister OP Choudhary, Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, and Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Rajwade paid floral tributes to the portrait of Swami Vivekananda.

Chief Minister Sai extended heartfelt wishes to the people of the state on the occasion of 'National Youth Day.' He stated that the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda have provided a new direction to society as a whole. Swami Ji, through his powerful lectures and sermons, showed the path of serving humanity to the country and the world. Chief Minister Sai expressed pride in Chhattisgarh for being associated with Swami Vivekananda, who spent some time in Raipur. The memories of Swamiji contribute to the unique identity of the capital, Raipur. Sai stated that Swamiji's thoughts and life values will continue to inspire us.

One day workshop organized by Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai

Raipur, Jan 12: The Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai organised a one-day workshop titled "GI Tagging: Legal Aspects and Avenues" on 4 January 2024. The workshop emerged from a sponsored research project being undertaken by faculty of the institute. Titled "Augmenting livelihood through GI: A Case Study on Chhattisgarh", the project aims to identify products exclusive to Chhattisgarh which may benefit from obtaining a geographical indication (GI) tag. As of date, there are six products and one logo from Chhattisgarh which have received a GI tag. The project also aims to undertake a livelihood impact assessment of the communities which have received a GI tag for their products. The project has been sponsored by the IIT Bhilai Innovation and Technology Foundation (IBITF), which is dedicated to supporting socially relevant research.

The workshop witnessed the launch of the interim report of this project by Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai. Commenting on the notable progress made by the project team in conducting a state-of-the-art survey of scholarly literature in the domain, Prof Prakash emphasised the importance of undertaking research which creates opportunities for strengthening livelihoods at the grassroots through strategic interventions and handholding. He reiterated IIT Bhilai's commitment to contributing to the holistic development of the state of Chhattisgarh in keeping with its people's aspirations and needs.

The workshop consisted of two sessions by resource persons from Reinforce Intellectual Property Organization (RIPA), which undertakes Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)-based advocacy in the country. Mr Naveen Coomar (President, RIPA) and Mr Lalit Ambastha (Founding Member, RIPA) conducted sessions on the social, legal, and economic aspects of GI tagging in India. The workshop proved to be a pertinent opportunity for PhD scholars, project staff, and faculty alike to get specialised insights on GI tagging and enhance their understanding of IPR in India.

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Road Safety Month to be organised from Jan 15

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jan 12: Road Safety Month is being organized from January 15 to February 14 to make the citizens and road users aware about the seriousness and challenge of road safety in the state. During Road Safety Month, education, health, public works, urban administration, transport, police department, NCC, voluntary/social organizations including NSS, Scout Guides will organize road safety programs including training, workshops, seminars, eye check-up camps for road users, especially vehicle drivers and students, with the coordination and cooperation of various departments. Road safety problems and solutions are being disseminated to the people with the aim of reducing the number of deaths and injuries in road accidents.

Chairman of Inter-Departmental Lead Agency Road Safety, Mr. Sanjay Sharma has informed that during the Road Safety Month 2024, public awareness, helmet rally, on road safety, training of drivers, health check-up, eye check-up, training of school children on traffic rules will be organized during the school day. Organizing slogans, essays, paintings, quiz competitions to create awareness, training of e-rickshaw drivers, training of bus drivers, tableau and banner poster flex on road safety in Republic Day celebrations, ambulance driving training, fitness of vehicles, programs to be organized on testing and maintenance of radium strips etc. and harm caused by driving under the influence of alcohol will be informed. Various programs will be organized in the village Chaupal as per the local conditions, including public awareness, identifying serious road accident sites, training of road safety mitts, aerobics Zumba for the youth and distribution of toffees as an incentive to keep a healthy body. In this regard, a request has been made to the Collectors and Superintendents of Police of all the districts of the state. Will also send reports of programs organized in the district to the inter-departmental lead agency (road safety).

No room left for crime in Ch'garh, criminal mentality will be crushed: BJP

Raipur, Jan 12: State spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party, Kedarnath Gupta has said that the criminals who got patronage under the Congress rule, the officers who got patronage of people with criminal tendencies, that jungle raj will gradually be destroyed. Gupta warned the criminals that they should work hard and live with self-respect. Now there will be no room left for crime in Chhattisgarh and the state will see in a few days that the criminal mentality will be crushed.

BJP state spokesperson Gupta said that Congressmen should never forget that Bharatiya Janata Party works on customs, ideas, principles and nationalism. The major theme of Bharatiya Janata Party is the principle and idea of nationalism and is working accordingly. Expressing deep condolence over the brutal murder of Kanker District BJP Vice President Aseem Rai, Mr. Gupta said that the target killing which is currently taking place in Bastar region under the cover of Naxalism, there is suspicion of political angle in that. Some people who are baking their political bread will be exposed. This murder, committed under the cover of Naxalism, in which there is strong suspicion of political murder, will be exposed and the culprits will not be spared.

Residents demand removal of illegal construction

- **In Sant Ramdas ward**

Raipur, Jan 12: The residents of Sant Ramdas ward no. 25-II (Bharat Nagar, Ramnagar, near Tiranga Chowk) have demanded the Municipal Commissioner RMC to remove the illegal encroachment in the form of Lanter based construction and illegal hutment which has been constructed at the backdrop of Community Toilet and Garbage Trenching Ground (Waste Collection Centre) on the road from Telghani Naka overbridge to Bharat Mata Chowk.

The residents informed that this site on Ph. H. No. 106 (A) in Gram Raipur, Kh. NO. 311/310/1G in the government records is registered as road.

A complaint in this regard was made by the residents to the Commissioner RMC Raipur and urged for its removal and save the government land kept reserved for road work.

Adivasi Congress welcomes Sachin Pilot

Raipur, Jan 12: In a press release today, Bhavani Singh Markam, the Raipur City District President of Adivasi Congress, announced that Sachin Pilot, the newly appointed Congress in-charge, given a warm welcome upon his arrival at Bhagat Singh Chowk in Raipur. The reception was organized under the leadership of Adivasi Congress State President and Bindra Navagarh MLA, Janak Dhuvar. Participants in the event greeted Sachin Pilot with garlands and adhering to the rich cultural Adivasi tradition. The occasion was primarily attended by Adivasi Congress District President and officials.

SC Pradhan receives 'Bharat Gaurav Ratna Shri' award

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Jan 12: Area educationist Sameer Chandra Pradhan (Principal - Swami Atmanand Government English Medium English Hindi Medium Excellent School Pateva) has been jointly awarded Bharat Gaurav Ratna Shri Samman Council (Approved by Ministry of Corporate Affairs Government of India) and World Human Rights Protection Commission. 'Bharat Gaurav Ratna Shri Samman'.

The certificate mentions that Pradhan is an active member of the Council, and the Council recognizes his commitment to the development of social work worldwide. By the same council, Sameer Chandra Pradhan has also been awarded the National 'Ashoka Samman' for his extraordinary achievement and notable role in education and social upliftment.

Along with this, as an international honour, Sameer Chandra Pradhan was also given "International Fee Achievement Award" by IPAAC for his outstanding achievement and notable role in promoting girls' education.

This honor was given to Sameer Chand Pradhan at the hands of District Education Officer Mita Mukherjee at the District Education Office, Mahasamund, as he could not travel to Delhi to take the award.

While presenting the honour, Mukherjee described it as a moment of unprecedented pride for the Education Department and congratulated Pradhan for his continuous achievements.

On this occasion, Assistant Director Mr. Satish Nair , Sudhir Pradhan (Provincial Convener Chhattisgarh TA), Narayan Chaudhary (President Chhattisgarh TA, District Mahasamund), Nandu Sahu (Secretary Chhattisgarh TA) District Mahasamund), Vinod Yadav (Block President Chhattisgarh TA Bagbahra), Mahendra Chaudhary (Block President Chhattisgarh TA Pithora), Harsh Chandrakar and many others were present.

Stringent measures taken against illegal mineral activities

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jan 12: The dedicated efforts of Bilaspur's mineral officials in curbing illegal mineral excavation and transportation have yielded positive results, with two cases registered on January 10. Taking swift action in response to complaints and information received through various channels, authorities cracked down on illicit excavation and transportation activities in Dhobghat (Amamuda), Sodhakhurd, and the surrounding regions under the Kota area.

In Dhobghat (Amamuda), an investigation revealed that individuals were clandestinely extracting and transporting mineral sand during the night under the pretext of daytime dam construction. To address this issue, a case of illegal sand excavation was promptly registered. One poklane machine was seized, and two highwa vehicles were secured at the Belgahna police station to prevent further unlawful activities. Similarly, in the Sodhakhurd area, another case of illegal sand excavation was registered, resulting in the sealing of one poklane machine and the seizure of one highwa vehicle, which were also safeguarded at the Belgahna police station.

Stringent actions are being taken against the seized vehicles in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Act. The mineral department remains vigilant, conducting continuous inspections in all areas, including restricted zones, to combat illegal mineral excavation and transportation. If any additional instances of unlawful mining and mineral transportation are detected, appropriate legal actions will be initiated, including filing FIRs and complaints in court.

Farmers victimized by electricity department's rebate scam

Krishak Jeevan Jyoti Yojana Chhattisgarh

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Jan 12: A ray of hope for farmers has turned into a tale of deceit as officials, meant to serve the farming community, have been exploiting a government initiative called the 'Krishak Jeevan Jyoti Yojana.' This program was designed to offer rebates of up to Rs 1 lakh per farmer, with the aim of providing essential irrigation facilities in agricultural fields. Instead of extending these benefits to the deserving farmers, it has come to light that certain department officials have been wrongfully enjoying these privileges for themselves.

Under this scheme, farmers are entitled to receive rebates of up to Rs 1 lakh for obtaining a permanent connection, which is crucial for enhancing irrigation facilities in their fields. However, instead of extending these rebates to the farmers, certain department officials have been misusing their positions for personal gain. Last year, farmers in the Ataria and Jalbandha subdivisions of the Amlipara Electricity Department applied for permanent bore line connections. Subsequently, demand notices were sent to the farmers indicating the rebate amounts. Shockingly, some officials demanded significantly higher sums from the farmers, resulting in substantial monetary losses for them.

Upon discovering this malpractice through documents obtained under the Right to Information Act, vigilant farmers who fell victim to this exploitation revealed that they were initially lured into quick processing and exemptions. Those who resisted were subjected to threats and coercion, ultimately being forced to part with their hard-earned money. To recover these ill-gotten gains from the farmers, certain sub-divisional officers even employed their subordinates, leading to the extraction of lakhs of rupees from innocent farmers. The situation prompted concerned media personnel and RTI activists to investigate the matter further, confirming the widespread deception faced by the victims.

Shedding light on the grim reality, it has come to light that farmers have been subjected to large-scale fraud, and many are yet to benefit from the government's 'Krishak Jeevan Jyoti Yojana.' Disturbing audio and video evidence of conversations with the farmers has surfaced, shedding light on the gravity of the situation. Farmers like Ram Bharosa (name changed), a resident of Dewari Bhat, shared their experiences, disclosing that they were initially presented with a demand for Rs 1,400 but were coerced into paying Rs 25,000. This sum was distributed between an electrician from the department and the Amlipara sub-division office.

The Krishak Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, which was introduced to empower farmers and facilitate easy irrigation, has unfortunately been marred by the actions of certain unscrupulous electricity distribution company officials. By manipulating the rules, these officers have cast darkness on the lives of the very people the scheme was designed to assist, undermining governance principles.

Currently, numerous farmers have deposited funds without receiving the promised permanent connections, leaving them in a state of uncertainty and forced to endure long, frustrating visits to the department. Some officers involved in these malpractices have been transferred to other locations. However, the resilient farmers are determined to seek justice and plan to submit formal complaints about these unethical practices, ensuring that the government's intended benefits reach those who truly need them.

> During my tenure, no complaints have been brought to my attention, and I am not aware of any such grievances.
>
> **- Kiran Jangde, Assistant Engineer**

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E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower and/ Co- Borrower, or their legal heirs/representatives (Borrowers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold on **30-01-2024** on **"As is where is" & "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** and **without any recourse basis"** for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2.00 P.M. on the said **30-01-2024.** The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before **29-01-2024** till 5.00 PM at Branch address **TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED,** 1st Floor Pujari Chambers NH No.43 Pachpedi Naka Raipur Chhattisgarh 492001.

The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below :

Sr. No.	Loan A/c No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s)Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative/Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Type of possession
1	9856428	**Mr. Kamal Kishore Arora** (Borrower) **M/s. Ginjan Associates** (Co-Borrower), **Mrs. Kailash Rani Arora** (Co-Borrower), **Mrs. Chand Arora** (Co-Borrower)	**Rs. 2,02,87,756/-** (Rupees Two Crores Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Only) & 27-02-2019	**Rs. 18,00,000/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Only)	**Rs. 1,80,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	**Physical**

Description of the immovable Property: Plot No. - 312, Sada, New Khursipar Zone-I, Ward No. - 36, Plot Area- 1064. Sq. Ft At New Khurshipar, Special Area Development Authority, Municipal Area Bhilai, Tahseel & Dist. Durg Chattisgarh. 491001.
Bounded by:- East Site- Plot Of Somnath Sharma, West Site- Plot Of Balbeer Singh, North Site-Road, South Site-Open Plot

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s) are hereby given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Immovable Property will be sold as per schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the Authorised Officer or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:

NOTE: The E-auction of the properties will take place through portal **http://bankauctions.in/ on 30-01-2024 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM** with limited extension of 10 minutes each.

Terms and Condition: 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the Immovable Property shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of the Authorised Officer. **2.** The Immovable Property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. **3.** Bid Increment Amount will be: **Rs.10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). **4.** All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the **"TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD."** Payable at Branch address. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. For payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS/IMPS, kindly contact Authorised Officer. **5.** The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. **6.** For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn/discontinue the sale. **7.** Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done on **24-01-2024** between 11 AM to 5.00 PM with prior appointment. **8.** The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. **9.** In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. **10.** In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. **11.** Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD, to which the property is liable: as per table above. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: as per table above. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arears of property tax, electricity etc. **12. For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, M/s. 4Closure, Block No.605 A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad 500038 through its coordinators Mr Arijit Kumar Das, 8142000725, 8142000066, 8142000062 Email :- arijit@bankauctions.in and Email : info@bankauctions.in or Manish Bansal, Email id Manish.Bansal@tatacapital.com Authorised Officer Mobile No 8588983696. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number 9999078669. 13.** TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment needs to be deposited by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/ borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company **14.** Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **http://surl.li/oykcz** for the above details. **15.** Kindly also visit the link: **https://www.tatacapital.com/property-disposal.html**

Please Note- TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale/auction of this property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this matter.

Place : Raipur **Sd/- (Authorised Officer)**
Date : 13-01-2024 **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd**

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Branch Office: Kurud Distt.-Dhamtari (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, *[Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]*

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **UCO Bank, Kurud Branch, Dhamtari (C.G.)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(2) read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the dates, mentioned against each Account (given below) calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notices / date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned below.

The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgager's 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.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of **UCO Bank** for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Guarantors & Mortgagor	Description of the Property	Date of Demand Notice / Possession Notice affixed on	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
1.	**M/s. Gayatri Saw Mill Prop. Mr, Jagdish Ram Sahu,** Sarojini Chowk, Charra Road Kurud. **Guarantor- Mrs. Milantin Bai Sahu W/o. Jagdish Ram.,** Village- Bangar, Kurud, **Property Owner: Milantin Bai Sahu.**	Kh. No. **571/3** (part), PH No. **29/35,** Sarojini Chowk, Land area measuring **12,158 sq.ft.** situated at Ward No. 03 (New Ward No. 08), Charra Road Kurud, Tehsil- Kurud, Dist- Dhamtari C.G.- 496336. **Boundries: East-** Land of Kunwar, **West-** Road, **North-** Land of Yashwant, **South-** Land of Mehattar.	**26.10.2023** / **08.01.2024**	₹ **15,16,627.73** (balance as on **13.10.2023** inclusive if interest up to **31.07.2023)**

Date : 12.01.2024 **Place : Kurud (C.G.)** **Chief Manager, Authorised Officer / UCO BANK**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Raipur (10009)

SARB, Block B-1, Pujari Chambers, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Ph : 0711-4919730
Mob: 7771012456, 8889375554, 8817876067

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Appendix – IVA [See Provision to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable property hypothecated/mortgage/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", As is What is" and Whatever there is" basis on 30.01.2024 (11:00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.)** for recovery of dues mentioned in Coloum "D" due to State Bank of India, Secured Creditors from below mentioned Borrower and Guarantors.

E-Auction Date and Time 30.01.2024,11.00 AM to 4.00 PM (10 Minutes Extension with unlimited time)

Sr. No. (A)	Borrowers and Guarantor Details (B)	Brief Description of Assets Other known Debt Encumbrances, If Any & Title Holder Name (C)	Recovery of Arrears Property Being Sold for (D)	Reserve Price / EMD (Earnest Money) / Bid Increment
1	**Borrower- Mr. Jagdish Konark and Mrs. Neha Konark**	**Residential Building** Situated at Ph No. 62, Kh. No. 1012/02, Ward No. 21, Plot No. LIG-01, C.G. City Phase-II, Dadar Road, **Bhilai-3, Charoda,** Tehsil- Dhamdha, Distt. Durg, C.G. (Area: Land- 64.52 sqmtr. Builtup Ground Floor 40.97 Sq.Mt, First Floor 40.97 Sq.Mt.). Boundaries: North - Plot No. 71, South – LIG-02, East - Road, West - Open Land **(Physical Possession)**	₹ **26,16,705.00** + Intt. + Exp. & costs, charges etc. Less the amount recovered thereafter **Demand Notice Dt. 05.09.2022**	₹25,00,000.00 / ₹2,50,000.00 / ₹50,000.00

Interested bidders/buyers participating in e-Auction process is required to register before the reasonable time of auction through Bank's recognized Service Providers **M/s. MSTC Ltd.** Auction web page/portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp .** Bidders/buyers have to transfer the EMD amount to their Global EMD Wallet using online mode by registering with respective e-auction web portal of **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp .** If the EMD amount is not available in the Global EMD Wallet, the system will not allow the bidding. The registration, KYC documents verification and EMD deposit in the wallet should be done in advance before the auction. As per the information of the authorized officer, there is no other encumbrance on the properties, yet the interested bidders/buyers should get all requisite information from the concerned office/department any encumbrances related to the property before submitting their bid. The decision regarding properties to be taken at the discretion of the bidder. " The payment of all statutory /non- statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc., owing to any authority or to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of successful bidder only". The e-auction will be online and sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and"Whatever there is" basis. Process of e-auction from Bank's recognized service provider **M/s. MSTC Ltd. will be conducted by Web Portal: http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp .** For details of terms and conditions of sale, kindly visit the website of State Bank of India Secured Creditor i.e. **http://www.sbi.co.in** and **https//www.ibapi.in** (website details) given.

This publication is also a 15 days notice to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors under the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Inspection of PropertY Date & Time : Between 11.01.2024 to 29.01.2024 (as per prior appointment)

Date: 13.01.2024, Place: Raipur **Authorized Officer, State Bank of India,SARB,Raipur**

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SALE NOTICE (SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION ONLY)

Sale of immovable assets charged to the Bank under the Securtisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002.

Whereas,the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank had taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under section 13(2) on dates mentioned in the following loan account with right to sell the same on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** for realization of Bank's dues and interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of said Act propose to realize the Bank's dues by the sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through E-Auction platform provided at the web portal **https:// www.bankeauctions.com.**

Name of the Branch /Account Borrower & Guarantor	Description of Property & Owner of Property	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amt.	Demand Notice Dt. / Possession Date / Outstanding Amt as per demand notice	NAME & CONTACT DETAILS OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER
Jaistambh Chowk Branch, K.K. Road, Raipur (C.G.)- 492001, Phone No. 0771-2536393, 2226494, E-mail : r0298@psb.co.in				
Borrower :- (1) **M/s. Shiv Trading Company,** Proprietor :- Mr. Bharat Hotwani Guarantor :- (1) **Mr. Amar Lal Hotwani** S/o. Mr. Varial Das Hotwani, (2) **Mrs. Nisha Batra** W/o. Mr. Bharat Hotwani.	Plot No. 26, Hanuman Grih Nirman Sahakari Samiti, Maryadit, Bayron Bazar, Raipur - 492001, Area 1500 Sq.ft. and Construction thereon, Block No. 103 and 104 Part of Plot No. 5/1, 3, 8/1, in the name of Mr. Bharat Kumar Hotwani S/o. Mr. Amar Lal Hotwani, **Boundaries** :- North - Gandhi Nagar, South - Road, East - Road, West - Plot No. 27. **(Symbolic Possession**	₹ **63,75,000/-** / ₹ **6,38,000/-** / ₹ **64,000/-**	09.04.2021 / 08.04.2022 / ₹ **10576081.76/-** w.e.f. 31.03.2021 + Instt. and Other Charges	Mr. Vijay Kumar Mob. +91 8447287281 E-mail r0298@psb.co.in, vijay.kumar3@psb.co.in
	Plot No. 27, Hanuman Grih Nirman Sahakari Samiti, Maryadit, Bayron Bazar, Raipur - 492001, Area 1500 Sq.ft. and Construction thereon, Block No. 103 and 104 Part of Plot No. 5/1, 3, 8/1, in the name of Mr. Bharat Kumar Hotwani S/o. Mr. Amar Lal Hotwani, Boundaries :- North - Gandhi Nagar, South - Road, East - Plot No. 28, West - Plot No. 26. **(Symbolic Possession)**	₹ **77,01,000/-** / ₹ **7,71,000/-** / ₹ **77,000/-**		

Date & Time of Inspection: 15.02.2024 , 10 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.
Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD And Documents to the Authorised Officer On/ Before 22.02.2024 , Upto 6.00 P.M.
Date & Time of E-auction : 23.02.2024 , 12.00 Noon To 1.00 P.M.

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT IN WHICH EMD AMOUNT IS TO BE DEPOSITED : Account: 07421100016832
Name of the A/C.: PSB EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, Name of the Beneficiary: Punjab & Sind Bank, IFSC Code: PSIB0000742

TERMS & CONDITIONS The Property shall be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS ", "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis **1.** Auction Sale/Bidding shall only be done through "Online Electronic Mode" through Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 INDIA PVT LTD (Tel.+91-124-4302020/21/22/23/24, Danish Khan E-mail id mpcg@c1india.com; +919111444797. support@bankeauctions.com)** at the web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** E-auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms & Conditions of online auction sale are available at portal site. **2.** Statutory **30 days** sale notice under rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002: the borrowers/ guarantors are here by notify to pay the sum as mentioned along with up to date interest and cost and other expenses before the date of E-Auction failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any will be recovered with interest and costs. **3.** The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims /rights/ dues. However, the intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property. **4.** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any Interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, immediately after the acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting borrower shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount.**5.**The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody **6.** The Authorised Officer, who is not bound to accept the highest offer, has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof. **7.** The bank shall not be responsible for any error, mis-statement for ommission in this proclaimation

The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The other Terms & Conditions of the e-auction are published in the following websites, **https://www.bankeauctions.com. 2 https://www.punjabandsindbank.co.in**

Date : 12.01.2024, Place : Raipur **Authorised Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank**

Villagers meet newly appointed Collector of Surguja and appealed to restart PEKB mine

- **Hundreds of villagers met Collector Shri Vilas Bhoskar Sandipan and submitted a memorandum.**
- **Local people raised slogans in front of external mine opponents**
- **Residents of Surguja have been demanding for the development of PEKB mine for a long time.**

Ambikapur, Jan 12:

A group of hundreds of villagers from the area in Udaipur block of Surguja district met Collector Mr. Vilas Bhoskar Sandipan at Ambikapur district headquarters on Thursday with the demand of starting the Parsa East Kete Basen (PEKB) mine. A group of villagers from villages like Salhi, Parsa, Bassan, Shivnagar, Fatehpur, Ghatbarra etc. submitted a memorandum to the newly appointed Collector demanding the smooth running of the Parsa East Kete Bassen (PEKB) mine, which was closed for the last six months.

The villagers told Mr. Sandipan during the meeting that, "We the applicants are members of mine affected families and nearby villagers and most of the people are supporting their families by working in the mine. But the only mine in their area has now been closed due to non-availability of land for many months, due to which they have become unemployed and have to wander for livelihoodThe villagers have also requested Mr. Sandipan that Raipur based NGOs, pretending to be stakeholders of tribals for personal gain, are politicizing the development of PEKB mine and backward Surguja district, which should be stopped.

It is noteworthy that the Central Government had allotted PEKB mine to the Rajasthan Government in 2007, which is operational since 2012 and is providing annual revenue of Rs 1,000 crore to Chhattisgarh as well as directly or indirectly providing employment to 5000 people in Hasdeo in Surguja district. Provides employment in full form. The closure of the coal block project allotted to Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) has caused a lot of hardship to the local people, especially the tribals. Apart from the mine affected families, the nearby local people are getting basic facilities like employment, education, health, drinking water, roads, electricity, etc. from this mine. The closure of the mine has had an adverse impact on the lives of these people. In a memorandum signed by all the villagers including Raghunandan Singh Ponte, the villagers wrote to the Collector that "PEKB coal mine in Udaipur development block is being operated for the last twelve years but due to non-availability of land for operating the mine for the last six months. The mine was completely closed. Due to non-operation of the mine, thousands of people working in the mine have become unemployed and are wandering for their livelihood. Trees were cut 15 days ago by the government administration for the operation of the mine, but till now the work of operating the mine on the said land has not started due to which people have to wander for jobs and employment for a long time. "With the opening of this mine, the livelihood of the families affected by the mine as well as the families of the nearby local people is ensured."

Ameer Sai Porte of Salhi and his other colleagues told that before the opening of the mine, the economic condition of all of them was quite pitiful and there was lack of employment, education, health and other basic facilities, but ever since the PEKB coal mine became operational. , Since then the overall development of our area has started. "Therefore, please immediately provide land for the operation of Parsa East and Kete Bassen coal mines so that our livelihood can continue. Now it remains to be seen how long the district administration will find a solution to this cry of the villagers," said Amir Sai Porte. Local people are demanding immediate provision of land for the smooth operation of the PEKB mine. He had given applications to all the important leaders and politicians in Surguja, Ambikapur and Raipur. Apart from this, he has also tried to meet Rahul Gandhi ji.

Citizens demand improved facilities in Salhaitola Railway Station

Dalli-Rajhara, Jan 12:

In an impassioned plea to the South East Central Railway Divisional Manager (DRM), the residents and councillors of Salhaitola, located in the Daundi area, have come together to call for much-needed enhancements at the Salhaitola railway station. Their demands include improved amenities for citizens and the establishment of ticket offices for passengers.

Councillors expressed their frustration over the lack of transportation facilities in Daundi tehsil, despite its inclusion in the Raoghat railway line project, a venture initiated with the MP's initial interest. Following MP Mohan Mandavi's apparent oversight, the people of Salhaitola organized protests to secure passenger train services in their area. However, instead of being designated as Daundi station, the stop was named Salhaitola.

Today, Salhaitola station still faces challenges with inadequate facilities, including a lack of seating arrangements, access to water and electricity, and a passenger waiting room. Passengers continue to struggle to obtain tickets at this station, even when booking in advance. As the Central Government extends the gift of a new passenger train route, Salhaitola railway station remains plagued by neglect, directly attributed to regional MP Mohan Mandavi's inaction.

Under the Dallirajhara Rawaghat Rail Project, two railway passenger trains now traverse the route to Antagarh. However, passengers encounter significant difficulties, especially during rainy days. As a solution, residents are urgently requesting the DRM to open a ticket office at Salhaitola station in Daundi and consider renaming it to Daundi station. The lack of attention from the MP has resulted in the Congress party securing all three assembly seats in Balod district, with the BJP failing to secure a single seat.

Despite the historical survey for a new railway line from Dallirajhara to Gadchiroli in Maharashtra, which now starts from Bhanupratappur, Salhaitola has been overlooked for too long. It has been revealed that the process of opening a passenger ticket office in Salhaitola is underway, with the station's facilities improvement project in progress.

MP Mohan Mandavi's apparent neglect and lack of attention to the concerns of his constituency have left the regional populace frustrated and seeking much-needed improvements.

Rajim's Bidula Bai gets invitation to visit Ayodhya

Rajim, Jan 12:

State President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Chandrashekhar Verma, State Minister Vibhuti Bhushan Pandey and Organization Minister of the state Jitendra Verma were in the region, where they gave necessary guidelines to the workers regarding Pran Pratistha and Akshat distribution program for Ram temple inauguration.

District President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Shishupal Singh Rajput said that in the fund dedication program was held in Ward No. 01 Seva Basti of Rajim in 2021, where Bidula Bai, an old woman who earns her living by collecting garbage, herself came and presented 20 rupees and a receipt was issued to her as a token of goodwill.

The same Bidula Bai has been given a invitation letter by Chandrashekhar Verma, the state president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad himself. Verma told that on January 22, every person in every house should keep fast and chant the name of Ram and do bhajan by blowing conch and bell, facing the birthplace of Lord Ram. The intact invitation was distributed by Bajrang Dal workers, mothers of Matri Shakti and sisters of Durga Vahini while touring the entire city in which mainly District Vice President Preeti Pandey, Matrushakti District Convenor Seema Sharma, City President Vishwa Hindu Parishad Rajim Yanendra Singha, former State Security Chief Tushar Kadam, Durga Vahini District Convenor Pallavi Soni, Vineet Sharma, Nikhil Yadav, Yogendra Singh Rajput, Renu Sen, Ishwari Sharma, Sarita Kanha Yadav, Amit Sahu and others were present.

Arang gears up for spectacular Raja Mordhwaj festival

- **MLA Guru Khushwant initiates preparations for grand event**

Arang, Jan 12: The Municipality Auditorium in Arang was abuzz with excitement as MLA Guru Khushwant convened a Sarva Samaj meeting on Tuesday. Under his dynamic leadership, preparations have been set in motion for the grand and much-anticipated Raja Mordhwaj Mahotsav in the city. The meeting brought together representatives from various city-level societies and voluntary organizations, with Nagar Panjayat Vice President Narsingh Sahu presiding alongside the MLA.

During the meeting, MLA welcomed input from all attendees and pledged to make this year's festival even more spectacular than the previous one. He emphasized that the festival would serve as a bridge, bringing Arang's rich historical and mythological heritage to the global stage. Notably, it was decided to elevate the program jointly organized with the Peepala Foundation and transform it into an annual event.

Despite uncertainties arising from changes in government, Khushwant reassured the public that party politics would not hinder Arang's development and welfare initiatives. He extended an open invitation for suggestions to ensure the festival's grand success.

Approximately forty heads of different community groups from Arang Nagar participated in the meeting and unanimously supported the festival's organization. Representatives from various social organizations, including the prominent Pipla Welfare Foundation, Maa Kaushalya District Manas Sangh Raipur, Kosal Sahitya and Kala Manch, and Raja Mordhwaj Manas Shakti Kendra Arang, also joined the discussion.

During the gathering, MLA acknowledged the historic commencement of the Raja Mordhwaj Mahotsav by the Peepala Foundation and pledged to continue this tradition. He vowed to celebrate the festival with even greater grandeur. Sarva Samaj designated Guru Khushwant Saheb as the coordinator of Raja Mordhwaj Mahotsav, reinforcing his commitment to the event's success.

Anandram Putrakarshree, patron of the Peepala Foundation, and Dujeram Dhiwar, the foundation's president, along with coordinator Mahendra Patel, shared their invaluable experiences from last year's event. They suggested incorporating the story of Raja Mordhwaj into school curriculums and advocated for an even more magnificent celebration of the festival. Guru Khushwant Saheb readily accepted these recommendations and praised the outstanding work of the Peepala Foundation, promising to grant them a special role in the Mordhwaj Mahotsav Organizing Committee.

Night cricket tournament ignites passion in Mungeli

Mungeli, Jan 12: The fervor of cricket came alive in Mungeli as the Youth Cricket Club Setganga kickstarted a thrilling night cricket competition on January 8. The event's inauguration witnessed esteemed guests, including Radheshyam Das, the revered priest of Shri Ram Janaki temple, and dedicated social worker Jai Dewangan, alongside other prominent figures from the community. In the opening match between Mungeli and Jhaliyapur, the Mungeli team displayed exceptional skills, securing victory by a remarkable 44-run margin. Chief Guest Radheshyam Das emphasized the importance of playing the game in the true spirit of sportsmanship, reminding participants that wins and losses are inherent aspects of any sport. He encouraged the organizing committee to maintain fairness and equity, fostering camaraderie among teams. Sarpanch Jai Dewangan commended the initiative for providing a platform to rural talent, emphasizing that the region is brimming with potential waiting to be unleashed. The Youth Cricket Club Setganga's street cricket matches serve as a valuable opportunity for young individuals to nurture their hidden talents, and their efforts were met with warm congratulations and best wishes from all attendees. The event was attended by a multitude of villagers and community members, reflecting the enthusiasm and unity fostered by the game of cricket in Mungeli.

Preparations underway for Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra

Korba, Jan 12: Leader of Opposition of Chhattisgarh Assembly and member of Congress Election Committee, Dr. Charandas Mahant and Korba Lok Sabha MP Jyotsna Charandas Mahant held discussions, with Congress workers for preparations for Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, which is to enter Chhattisgarh in the coming month of February and pass through other Lok Sabha constituencies including Raigarh, Korba, Surguja, Bilaspur district and Janjgir-Champa.

Similarly, regarding the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections, Dr. Mahant and the MP held necessary discussions and gave guidance at Duleshwari Sidar, former Congress candidate from Pali-Tanakhar Assembly. Purushottam Kanwar, former MLA of Katghora and former MLA of Korba and former Revenue Minister Jaisingh Aggarwal, also gave guidance on various topics and how to spread awareness among the public in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The opposition members also discussed the adverse results of Congress in the said assembly constituencies and it was said that whatever mistakes have been made, they should be rectified and the organization should be strengthened for the future and every worker should be encouraged.

Corruption in works worth 1.27 cr in SAGES Dalli-Rajhara

Dalli-Rajhara, Jan 12:

Swami Atmanand English Medium School has been established by the state government in every development block on the lines of private schools and it has been 6 months since Swami Atmanand English Medium School classes started in Dalli-Rajhara city. There is lack of facilities here and the school building and the walls and floors of the building have been damaged, particularly because of which students are facing problems due to accumulation of water in the entrance due to mud. There is not even a lab and library in the school building and students from class 1st to 12th have been given admission in this school though.

It has been 6 months since classes 10th and 12th started as well as teaching work started,but instead of LED screens installed in the school with modern technology, teachers are teaching using chalk on the black board. Due to shortage of teachers in the school and the teaching work being done in Hindi instead of English, the problems of the students have started increasing and due to studies being conducted in Hindi, students are not able to get the benefits of English medium schools.

Many teachers have been attached by DEO for studies, they are for middle school and there is a shortage of English medium teachers in high and higher secondary classes and also in primary school classes, hence question marks have already started being raised on how the education will be conducted. Also there is no provision of washroom and toilet for female teachers and students in the school which itself is a big apathy.

Collusion of PWD and contractor in work worth Rs 1 crore 27 lakh

Despite all the efforts of the state government, there is not the slightest change in the mentality and working style of government schools and the condition of the building, floors and toilets built by the PWD department at a cost of Rs 1 crore 27 lakh in Swami Atmanand English Medium School, Dallirajhara, is from bad to worse. At some places the toilets are completely dilapidated and at other places their utility is not being proved due to lack of water. Local residents say that a lot of negligence is seen in the school which includes shortage of teachers, filth in the school premises, no provision of pure drinking water for our children, no proper arrangement of toilets in the school.

What Principal says:

The PWD department and the contractor have misused the funds and worked as per their own will, due to which there is dampness in the walls of the school, tiles are breaking and negligence has been done in the construction of toilets. I had given advice many times but it was ignored by the PWD officials and the contractor.

TR Ranade Principal

Bore mining work was done in Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya with councilor funds. Many times during my inspection, I had asked the Principal and DEO for the supply of toilets and drinking water.

T. Jyoti Ward Councilor 26

Earlier, after receiving a complaint against PWD departmental officers and contractor in Swami Atmanand English Medium School, I had written a letter to order an investigation.

B. Rudrapati Nayab Tehsildar

Devotees cheer in joyful Akshat Kalash procession

- **Vibrant procession marks invitation for Ayodhya's Ram Temple Pran Pratistha**

Birkoni, Jan 12: The Akshat Kalash Yatra, a significant journey for the consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, reached its culmination at the Ram Janaki temple, following a heartfelt welcome by devotees in Birkoni. The Yatra commenced with a solemn prayer by Acharya Lakshminarayan Vaishnav near Barabaspur Road and was marked by the participation of women and girls who led a procession with Kalash pots, accompanied by musical instruments.

As the procession traversed the village's main road, devotees danced with fervour to the tunes of devotional songs, echoing chants of "Jai Shri Ram." During this time, an earnest plea was made for the celebration of Deepotsav during the Pran Pratistha (consecration) of the Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22nd.

In preparation for the Pran Pratistha of Ramlal in Ayodhya, Ram devotees extended a warm welcome by inviting Kalash pots into their homes' courtyards.

The Sanatan Vedic members of the religion diligently distributed invitation letters to the community, inviting them to participate in this auspicious event.

During the grand Prabhatferi (morning procession), devotees chanted the name of Shri Ram under the saffron flag. Fireworks illuminated the square and intersections, creating a jubilant atmosphere. Acharya Lakshminarayan Vaishnav emphasized the significance of Lord Ram in their lives, describing the grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya Dham as a symbol of faith.

He highlighted how Lord Ram's character exemplifies the pursuit of justice and adhering to the principles of truth and righteousness while upholding dignity. Lord Ram's life, unwavering devotion to duty, and lofty ideals serve as a guiding light and a source of inspiration for all of humanity. The ceremony continued with the lighting of lamps at the Ram Janaki temple, attended by notable individuals such as Dr. R. L Sahu, Dr. KK Hanumanta, Bhupendra Chandrakar, Chuku Chandrakar, Bhola Chandrakar, Tulsaram Sahu, Ghanshyam Sahu, Prakash Chandrakar, Umesh Chandrakar, Lucky Sahu, Tejeshwar Sahu, Ghanshyam Sahu, Tulsaram Sahu, Bhaktu Sahu, Komal Chandrakar, Shomesh Sharma, Gulab Kannauj, and members of the Sanatan Vedic Religion Committee.

Anand Mela organized by power generation company

And Prerna Mahila Mandal

MD (Production) and the first lady were the chief guests

Korba, Jan 12: Under the chief hospitality of SK Katiyar, Managing Director of Power Generation Company and First Lady (Power Generation Company) Prabha Katiyar, Prerna Mahila Mandal, Anand Mela-2024 was successfully organized on Jan 7 in the courtyard of the Senior Club of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Thermal Power Station, Korba East.

In this program, under the chairmanship of Dr. Hemant Sachdev, Chief Engineer of Korba East Production Company and Savita Sachdev, President of Prerna Mahila Mandal, SK Banjara, Executive Director of Madwa Thermal Power Station and Nivedita Banjara, President of Aakriti Mahila Mandal, Sanjay Sanjay, Chief Engineer of Korba West. Sharma and President of Sankalp Mahila Mandal Niharika Arma were present as special guests.

The chief guests were welcomed with a dance presented by the children of the residential complex. 14 stalls of various types of delicious dishes and 2 stalls of entertainment games were set up in the Anand Mela. The Managing Director and Chief Engineers displayed their art and presented beautiful songs and in the special program, beautiful, captivating songs and colorful dances were presented by the disabled children of Ankur Vidyalaya.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (E/M) DIVISION PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT DHARAMPURA NO. -1, JAGDALPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

NIT No. 03 & 04/TS/EE/E&M Dn./PHED/2023-24/Jagdalpur, Date 09/01/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tender are invited on behalf of the Governor of Chhattisgarh in Form "C" for the supply of following materials from the manufacturers or their Authorized Dealer.

NIT No./ Sr. No.	Description	Quantity in nos	Probable amount of contract (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money in Rs.
03 / 01	127mm/5" Dia Digger Button Bit suitable to use of 125 mm Dia Tude Well	30 nos	4.797	19,000.00
03 / 02	4¾" D-45 Hammer Assembly suitable for drilling of 125 mm Dia Tube well	04 nos	1.472	
NIT No./ Sr. No.	**Description**	**Quantity in nos**	**Probable amount of contract (Rs. in Lacs)**	**Earnest Money in Rs.**
04 / 01	178mm/7" Dia Over Burden bit suitable to use of 125 / 150 mm dia Tube well	03 nos	0.807	8,000.00
04 / 02	215mm / 8.5" Dia Over Burden bit suitable to use of 125 / 150 mm dia Tube well	04 nos	1.138	
04 / 03	225mm/9" Dia Over Burden bit suitable to use of 125 / 150 mm dia Tube well	02 nos	0.589	

01) Cost of Tender Document in Rs. - 750.00
02) Period of Completion - 30 days from the date of issued work order.

1	Last Date of Receipt of Application to issue Tender Document	23.01.2024 upto 05:30PM
2	Last Date of Sale of Tender Documents	23.01.2024 upto 05:30PM
3	Last Date of Receipt of Tender Documents	30.01.2024 03:00PM
4	Date of Opening of Tender	30.01.2024 04:00PM

Terms & Conditions:-
01) Please published in state/local newspaper.
02) This short NIT will be part of agreement.
03) This short NIT also available in the P.H.E. Department Jagdalpur Notice Board.

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G-07073/1

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दंडाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस

क्रमांक/386/ब-121/2022-23/1765, रायपुर, दिनांक 11 दिसंबर 2023

प्रति,

1. श्री संतोष कुमार देवांगन व.कृपा राम
2. श्रीमती दिप्ती देवांगन
   पति संतोष कुमार देवांगन
   म.नं. 1383/1 उरला बिरगांव, जिला रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी मोतीलाल ओसवाल होम फाइनेंस लि.. शाखा कार्यालय राजातालाब रायपुर की ओर से अविनाश कुमार अधिवक्ता ने आवेदन पत्र / शपथपत्र मय दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर आवेदन पत्र से आपको कंपनी ने 10,47,519.00 रूपये का ऋण दिया था, और श्रीमती दिप्ती देवांगन के स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखी गयी है। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नही की जा रही है। जिसके कारण कंपनी ने आपको अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मय ब्याज एवं अन्य शुल्क रूपया 7.27.609.00 अदा करे, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति कंपनी अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर, कंपनी के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये: गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी मोतीलाल ओसवाल होम फाइनेंस लि. शाखा कार्यालय राजातालाबा रायपुर से 10,47,519.00 रूपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मौजा बिरगांव प.ह.नं. 101 / 29 रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 31/67 रकबा 1121 वर्गफुट कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये क्यों न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभाषक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 05.02.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करे। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नही होने की दशा में आपके विरूद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 11 दिसम्बर, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की से जारी किया गया।

मुहर

सही/-
कलेक्टर जिला दंडाधिकारी, रायपुर

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दंडाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस

क्रमांक/390/ब-121/2022-23/1765, रायपुर, दिनांक 11 दिसंबर 2023

प्रति,

1. श्री प्रमोद कुमरे व बाबुलाल (ऋणी)
2. श्रीमती छोटी बाई कुमरे पति बाबुलाल (सह-ऋणी)
3. श्री नरेन्द्र कुमरे व बाबूलाल (सह-ऋणी)
   स्टेशन रोड इंदिरा गांधी वार्ड नं. 20 रायपुर
4. श्री प्रवीण लांगेवार व चंद्रशेखर (गारंटर)
   म.नं. 654 मौदहापारा जनकबाड़ा
   केलकरपारा रायपुर

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अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये क्यों न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभाषक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 05.02.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करे। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नही होने की दशा में आपके विरूद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 11 दिसम्बर, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर जारी किया गया।

मुहर

सही/-
कलेक्टर जिला दंडाधिकारी
रायपुर

Two nabbed with 53 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 10.60 lakh

Dhamtari, Jan 12: Police from Thana Borai nabbed two accused with 53 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 10.60 lakh from a Maruti Zen car and also seized their two mobile phones worth Rs 9500 and cash of Rs 1300 and total amount with cost of car around 40000, coming to Rs 11.10 lakh. Borai Thana police got tip from an informer on Jan 10 that some persons from Odisha state are transporting 'Ganja' in their Maruti Zen car. On this the Borai check-post barrier TI along with 'Humrah' staff stopped the suspected car at the check-post and asked the names of the two persons travelling in it. They disclosed their names as Toshan Vishwakarma alias Raja S/o Sharda Prasad Vishwakarma (32), R/o Ward No. 15, Ganjan Thana Rampur Badhelan, District Satna, (MP and VK Vishwakarma S/o Ramji Verma (36), R/o Rathari Thana Civil Lines, Reewa, Disrict Rewa (MP). When the police conducted search in their car bearing No. MP 20 FA -2513, they found 'ganja' packed in three gunny bags and total weighing around 53 kg worth Rs 10.60 lakh. They failed to produce any valid documents in support of it and therefore all of the material was seized and sealed in front of witnesses.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR

(2nd Call)

Notice Inviting Tender

No. PHQ/SIB/Sec-9/92/2024 Raipur, Dated : 10/01/2024

Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from manufacturer (OEM) or authorized firm of manufacturer's (only one firm) for the following items :-

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Qty.(Nos.)	EMD in Rs.
1	Spy Power Bank	05	33,750/-
2	Hidden Camera Detector	05	15,000/-
3	RF Frequency Recorder	02	6,000/-

Note - Quantity will be variable.

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect, must be submitted as per the schedule below -

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

a)	Address for submission of Tender Document :-	Block No.4, Ground Floor, SIB, Police Headquarters, Sector 19, Nava Raipur Chhattisgarh.
b)	Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids	01/02/2024 till 03.00 pm
c)	Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid:-	Block No. 1, Room No.105, Police Headquarters, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh 01/02/2024 at 4.00 pm
d)	Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated later.
e)	Date till which the Bid to remain valid	180 days from the last date of submission of the Bid. The validity period will be extended with mutual consent.

Note:-
1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.
2. Tender documents can be downloaded from our website **www.cgpolice.gov.in** and at the time of submission of **document tender fee of Rs. 3000/-** will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh, Police Headquarters, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/c- 0055-Police- 800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition
3. Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only and the time of submission of bid will also be extended if required.
4. If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted till 03.00 pm on 01/02/2024 at Block No.4, Ground Floor, SIB, Police Headquarters, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh **only**. Received tender documents in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

I.G. of Police (SIB)
For-Director General of Police

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MAHANADI CIRCLE, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(First Call)

System Tender No. 151223/ NIT No.: 29/SAC/23-24 Dated: 11.01.2024

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 01.02.2024 at 17.30 Hour

Name of work: Construction of Bhurka-1 Stopdam in Block Abhanpur, District Raipur

Probable Amount of Contract:- **Rs. 180.32 Lakhs**

(As per S.O.R. Dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 22.08.2022).

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** from **Date 18.01.2024, at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.**

NOTE:- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
Water Management Division No. 1, Raipur
for, Superintending Engineer,
Mahanadi Circle, Raipur (C.G.)

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Government of India
Ministry of Science & Technology
Department of Science & Technology

ADVT. No. DST/06/2023-Estt.III

Applications are invited for filling up of '01' (One) post of Senior Adviser in the Department of Science & Technology on deputation (including short-term contract) Level 15 (Rs. 1,82,200-2,24,100). Eligible candidates are required to fill the application **online**, through the online portal **https://recruitment.dst.gov.in/** using valid email ID. This online portal for applying shall be available for a period of 45 days from the date of advertisement in Employment News / Rozgar Samachar. This application form duly signed by the candidate along with attested copies of ACRs/ APARs for the last five years may be forwarded through proper channel so as to reach this Department by **Registered Post or by Speed Post** within 15 days (30 days for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) **from the last date of closure of online portal.** Organisations/institutes (whose employees are otherwise eligible to apply) who do not have the system of recording APARs/ACRs need to furnish their work profiles and gradings of the last 05 years duly certified by their Head of organisations/Institute alongwith the applications through proper channel so as to reach this Department by **Registered Post or by Speed Post** within 15 days (30 days for remote areas) **from the last date of closure of online portal.** For the application process and other general conditions and requirements, visit our website: www.dst.gov.in.

(Vinod Kumar Sharma)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BRIDGE CIRCLE RAIPUR (C.G.)

Memo No. 92/G./2023 Raipur Dt. 10/01/2024

Tender Notice (1st Call)

Contractors, Registered appropriate class in **Unified Registration System [e- Registration]** invited Online tenders for the following works :-

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract	Last date of Tender Download
1	2	3	4
25/151287	B.T.PATCH REPAIR AND B.C. WORK OF MAHANADI RIVER BRIDGE ON DHAMTARI SIHAVA ROAD IN KM. 5/4 (WORK CODE-6010720240001)	Rs. 36.40 Lakh	up to Dt. 23-01-2024 17:30 PM.

All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e Procurement portal **(https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in)** in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Superintending Engineer
P.W.D. Bridge Circle
Raipur (C.G.)

G-07058/1

Technology Development Board
Department of Science & Technology Block- II,
2nd Floor, Technology Bhawan,
New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110016
Website: www.tdb.gov.in

VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following position on contract basis:

Sr. No.	Name of Position	No. of Position	Mode of Recruitment
1.	Senior Project Coordinator	04	Contract
2.	Project Manager	03	Contract
3.	Accounts Manager	01	Contract

DST and TDB websites (www.dst.gov.in and www.tdb.gov.in) may be referred for detailed vacancy notice along with qualifications, experience, consolidated emoluments per month, age limit, eligibility criteria application format and other terms and conditions etc.

Last date of receipt of application is **23 February, 2024 till 5:00 PM**

Any update/corrigendum/addendum etc. will be uploaded only on the TDB's official website, hence, candidates are advised to visit TDB's official website regularly.

CBC 36106/12/0023/2324 **Under Secretary, TDB**

1/12109/2023 A-12039/03/2022-Estt.III

No. A-12039/03/2022-Estt.III
Government of India
Ministry of Science & Technology
Department of Science & Technology

ADVT. No DST/05/2023-Estt.III

Applications are invited for filling up of 01 post of Scientist 'G' in the Department of Science & Technology either by Direct Recruitment or Deputation [Including Short Term Contract (ISTC)] in pay level - 14 of the 7th CPC. Eligible and willing candidates are required to first fill an **online** application, through **online** portal **https://recruitment.dst.gov.in/** using valid email ID. This online portal for applying shall be available for a period of **45** days from the date of advertisement in Employment News / Rozgar Samachar. In the case of applying on deputation (ISTC) basis, hard copy of the online application form, duly signed by the candidate along with attested copies of ACRs/ APARs for the last five years may be forwarded through proper channel so as to reach this Department by **Registered Post or by Speed Post** within 15 days (30 days for applicants residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) **from the date of closure of online portal.** For the application process and other general conditions and requirements and the detailed advertisement, visit our website: **www.dst.gov.in.**

Note: The advt. No. DST/04/2022-Estt-III for filling up one post of Scientist 'G' in DST on deputation (ISTC) basis published in the employment news edition dated 04.02.2023, stands cancelled. Only fresh applications against this advertisement i.e. Advt. No. DST/ 05/2023-Estt.III will be considered for selection to the post.

(Vinod Kumar Sharma)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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कार्यालय, मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी जनपद पंचायत कोण्डागांव जिला-कोण्डागांव (छ.ग.)

संक्षिप्त निविदा सूचना

क्रमांक/2862/मु.का.अ./ज.पं./ब.वि.प्रा./2023-24 कोण्डागांव दिनांक 11/01/2024

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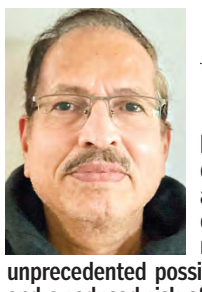
Power of Plant-Based Diets

In The Fight Against Covid-19

The global battle against the COVID-19 pandemic has witnessed numerous scientific discoveries and revelations, and one such revelation has now emerged concerning the role of diet in this ongoing fight. A recent study published in the "British Medical Journal Nutrition Prevention & Health" sheds light on the significant impact of plant-based diets in reducing the incidence of COVID-19. While we must exercise caution in interpreting these findings, they hold promise and underscore the importance of dietary choices in safeguarding public health. The study's findings, based on an observational approach, reveal that individuals adhering to plant-based or vegetarian diets are 39 percent less likely to contract COVID-19 compared to their omnivorous counterparts. These plant-based diets primarily consist of vegetables, legumes, nuts, and limited dairy and meat products. The rationale behind this reduced susceptibility could lie in the immune-boosting nutrients present in plant-based foods, potentially aiding in the body's defense against viral infections. However, it is imperative to note that this study does not establish causation, and its methodology has limitations, primarily relying on self-reported dietary habits and subjective assessments. Nevertheless, these results provoke thought and warrant further investigation. The study involved over 700 adults, with 424 being omnivores and 278 predominantly adhering to plant-based diets. Within the plant-based group, 191 individuals were vegetarians or vegans, while 87 consumed meat sparingly. The participants provided information on their dietary patterns, lifestyle, medical history, and COVID-19 vaccination status through questionnaires. Among the participants, 47 percent reported having received a COVID-19 diagnosis or experiencing symptoms. Of these cases, 32 percent had mild symptoms, while 15 percent experienced moderate to severe symptoms. Strikingly, omnivores exhibited a considerably higher incidence of COVID-19 (52 percent) compared to those following plant-based diets (40 percent). Additionally, omnivores were more likely to experience moderate to severe infections (18 percent) than their plant-based counterparts (11 percent). The study also unearthed that omnivores generally reported more underlying medical conditions, engaged in less physical activity, and displayed a higher prevalence of overweight and obesity—factors known to increase COVID-19 risk. Through statistical analyses, the researchers concluded that embracing predominantly plant-based or vegetarian/vegan diets correlated with a 39 percent lower COVID-19 incidence compared to omnivorous diets. The key takeaway from this research is the potential of plant-based diets in bolstering the immune system's defenses against viral threats. Such diets are rich in antioxidants, phytosterols, and polyphenols, all of which have a positive impact on various immune cell types and exhibit antiviral properties. While these findings should be met with cautious optimism, they present an opportunity for individuals to reconsider their dietary choices in light of the ongoing pandemic. This study aligns with prior research highlighting the health benefits of plant-based diets, which are often associated with lower risks of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. By advocating for plant-based or vegetarian dietary patterns, we not only contribute to our own well-being but also potentially reduce the burden on healthcare systems grappling with the COVID-19 crisis.

Nanotechnology's Pioneering Role

In Shaping the Future of Healthcare



Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

Nanotechnology is becoming a focal point in healthcare, ushering in a revolutionary transformation across diagnostics, disease monitoring, surgical devices, regenerative medicine, vaccine development, and drug delivery. Its unparalleled ability to manipulate matter at the atomic level opens up unprecedented possibilities, promising more precise treatments and a reduced risk of treatment failure or rejection. Addressing a significant challenge in drug delivery, nanotechnology tackles the body's limited ability to absorb entire drug doses. By facilitating targeted drug delivery to specific cells, nanotechnology ensures treatments are more accurate, minimizing negative side effects. This precision becomes instrumental in propelling personalized medicine forward, tailoring treatments to meet the unique needs and characteristics of each patient. Beyond drug delivery, nanotechnology is at the forefront of revolutionizing diagnostics through nanoscale materials and techniques.Nanoscale diagnostic tools, proving more sensitive, accurate, and efficient than traditional methods, enable early disease detection and better treatment outcomes. In the realm of cancer treatment, nanomedicine demonstrates immense promise. Leveraging nanoparticles for targeted drug delivery and imaging, nanomedicine enhances the effectiveness of cancer treatments while minimizing side effects. The encapsulation of anticancer drugs within nanoparticles enables researchers to specifically target cancer cells, sparing healthy cells.Nanotechnology also plays a vital role in advancing imaging techniques for early tumor detection and precise monitoring. A groundbreaking development in healthcare is the emergence of nanotech-based wearables. These devices, incorporating nanoscale materials and sensors, monitor critical health indicators in real-time. Providing invaluable data for early disease detection, personalized treatment plans, and overall wellness management, nanotech-based wearables have the potential to significantly improve patient outcomes. In infectious disease management, nanotechnology emerges as a powerful solution. Engineered nanoparticles can precisely target pathogens, delivering drugs directly to infected cells while minimizing damage to healthy tissue. Nanosensors enable rapid and accurate pathogen detection, facilitating early diagnosis and timely interventions. The ongoing development of nanomaterials with antimicrobial properties holds great promise for combating drug-resistant infections. As nanotechnology continues to redefine the healthcare landscape, its transformative applications across various medical domains are evident. The interdisciplinary approach, combining biotechnology, nanomaterials, biomedical robotics, and genetic engineering, is paving the way for more efficient, rapid, and functional medical solutions. The future heralds the prospect of nanobots combating bacteria in our blood, constant monitoring for infections, and personalized diagnosis and treatment strategies. The impact of nanotechnology on healthcare is not just promising; it's a game-changer, offering a future of better outcomes, early diagnoses, and enhanced patient well-being.

(Writer is Professor & Principal (Rtd) and newspaper columnist.)

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SURYA NAMASKAR EVENT

School students during a 'Surya Namaskar' event organised on Swami Vivekanand's birth anniversary, commemorated as National Youth Day, in Bhopal, Friday, Jan. 12.

Ram Mandir: A Celebration of Faith or a Political Platform?

PRIYANKA SAURABH

The Ram Temple in Ayodhya stands as a matter of faith for millions of Indians, transcending the realm of politics. The Ramjanmabhoomi controversy exemplifies how politics can complicate even the most straightforward issues. Ayodhya today reflects India's mood—a celebration of progress intertwined with traditions. It showcases both development's grandeur and the upcoming display of heritage's divinity. The construction of the Ram temple and the consecration of Lord Ramlala mark moments of our profound faith. The current generation is fortunate to witness these historic events. Ram belongs to all, transcending discrimination. However, this sentiment is reiterated to diminish political credit, as opposition leaders seek to politicize the temple's construction during the festival. This highlights their reluctance to wholeheartedly embrace this national endeavour.

Ram temple in Ayodhya is a matter of unwavering faith. A faith that devotees maintained for centuries, even when the temple was no longer standing. Today, a grand construction of Ram temple is going on. The construction of the Ram temple is a symbol of a tireless struggle. This is also the time of the establishment of India's democracy and its juridical-social values. This is not just a temple; it is the birthplace, and we should never forget it. His presence in folk life, literature, history, geography, in our performing arts shows how Ram is the life of this country. To have Ram is to have dignity, to have relationships, to have compassion, to have social justice, to have compassion. He is truly a hero who establishes the high ideals of Indianness. Everyone considered this hero prevalent in the public mind as their ideal. Ram belongs to everyone. They are also of Kabir, also of Rahim, they are also of Gandhi, also of Lohia. Ram's character binds everyone. Many epics written in Ramayana and Ramcharita are examples of this. National poet Maithili Sharan Gupta himself writes - Ram, your character itself is poetry; it is easily possible for someone to become a poet.

Lord Shri Ram is such a banyan tree of Indian culture, under whose sacred shade, man will continue to take inspiration and advice for life from age to age. As long as Shri Ram is alive in the hearts of people, the basic elements of Indian culture will remain immortal. Shri Ram is the symbol of the religious spirit in Indian life, Shri Ram is the embodiment of religion. If you want to see any part of religion, then see the life of Ram, and you will know the real identity of religion. The mood of today's India is visible in Ayodhya. Today there is a celebration of progress, and after a few days, there will also be a celebration of tradition. Today the grandeur of development is visible here, and after a few days, the grandeur and divinity of heritage are going to be visible here. The construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya and the consecration of Lord Ramlala's life are moments of our glorious faith, and the present generation is very fortunate, which is going to witness these historical moments. Today it is seen that there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of people visiting temples. People are actively participating in pranayama, meditation, religious rituals, and service activities for peace of mind.

This spiritual awakening of India and dedication towards faith are taking man towards morality. With the construction of the Shri Ram Temple, a scene is being created in India as if Ramrajya is coming. Politics has its place, but Ram Temple is a matter of faith for crores of Indians. The Ramjanmabhoomi controversy is an example of how politics complicates even simple matters and turns them into issues. It would have been better if this issue had been resolved along with the Somnath temple at the time of independence. What was done to the temples of India by the invaders is not a hidden fact. It would have been better if this problem could have been solved through common understanding. But political insistence did not allow this to happen. Many times stubbornness does not yield anything; it eclipses trust, harmony, and brotherhood. In the past, from the destruction of the Ram temple to the movement to reclaim the Ram Janmabhoomi land, the political platform has dominated the Ram temple. As the date of the temple's consecration ceremony approaches, the invitations sent to political leaders have left the cat among the pigeons.

The Indian faction of the opposition is stuck in a serious political bind. Congress and other opposition parties are attacking the BJP at the Ram Mandir Pran Pratistha ceremony. Opposition parties are saying that BJP is using the ceremony given the Lok Sabha elections. The temple is being inaugurated for electoral gains. If you think about it, the Ram temple belongs to everyone because Ram does not discriminate against anyone, Ram belongs to everyone. But this is being repeated again and again so that the credit that BJP is getting from Ram Mandir's movement to construction can be reduced. Leaders of opposition political parties are politicizing Ram Temple so that some kind of controversy arises during the festival. After listening to this, it can be said that the political people have not yet been able to wholeheartedly accept the national task of construction of Ram Temple. It is also being said that Ram Temple will play an important role in the political 'dangal' of 2024. But this is a different topic; leave it aside wondering whose boat will Ramji sail. Faith is supreme in religion; what is its relation with politics? Time will tell.

Presently in the new year, New Ayodhya is going to witness the biggest socio-cultural and religious progress of the 21st century. It is also going to fulfill the wishes of millions of Ram devotees and devotees, who have been waiting for hundreds of years for Ram Lalla to reside in the divine and grand new temple. Ayodhya is getting decorated day and night. This opportunity will not only be a spiritual upliftment for this religious city but will also become a major base for the economy of Awadh.

(Writer is a Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, Independent journalist, and columnist.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political Hypocrisy

So the Who's Who of BJP are wondering whether West Bengal is a functional democracy following attacks upon the ED officials in a district. They have every authority to ask so by exercising freedom of speech, officially India being a democracy; but did they similarly ask whether Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh was also a functional democracy when personnel of West Bengal police and CID were assaulted in 2017 by the BJP goons for their "sin" of visiting there to nab a Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha leader, who had announced a reward of Rs.11 lakh for beheading West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee. Of course two wrongs don't make a right, but isn't it also true that people living in glass houses should not dare to throw stones at others.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Opposition Concerns

Manipur's prolonged civil conflicts continue, prompting Rahul Gandhi to launch the "Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra" to advocate for justice. Initially denied permission to use a ground in Imphal by the Manipur government, citing law and order concerns, it was later granted with conditions. This situation raises concerns about democracy's health, as stifling opposition's ability to address people's issues contradicts democratic principles. In a democratic nation, the opposition should be free to perform its role unhindered.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Speaker needs to be neutral

Maharashtra Assembly Speaker ruled on Wednesday that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction was the 'real Shiv Sena' when the rival factions emerged on June 21, 2022. He further refused to disqualify any MLA from both factions including the CM, citing a lack of valid grounds. The verdict raises several questions. Firstly, if the CM's faction is real Sena, why did the speaker not disqualify the MLAs from Thackeray faction? Secondly, when the apex court had considered Sunil Prabhu as chief whip, why the speaker has problem with this. The speaker must be neutral in the house and take the decision constitutionally, or else it will cause to weaken the democracy.

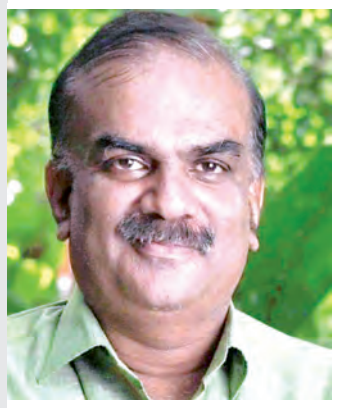
Hassan Khan, Mumbai

Power of youth

Swami Vivekananda's wisdom, "arise, awake and realize the power you hold," underlines the significance of educating and empowering the youth, who are a nation's future. With over 50% of India's population under 25, his teachings remain profoundly relevant. To ensure a prosperous future, leaders must prioritize youth engagement in social, political, and economic discourse. When the youth prioritize their nation, socioeconomic progress follows. Vivekananda's values of purity, patience, and perseverance, emphasized by Dr. Ganapathi Bhat, serve as timeless guides for success and love in the pursuit of a better society.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Eastern India and Andaman-Nicobar Islands (Part II)



Dr.Vasisht.M.C

Eastern India, with its rich diversity of states and cultures, continues to play a crucial role in shaping India's political landscape. In this second part of our series, we will explore the political dynamics of the seven northeastern states and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, shedding light on the key players, regional parties, and electoral battlegrounds that will define the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The Seven Northeastern States

The seven northeastern states, including Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Sikkim, form a distinct region in Eastern India. While national parties like the Congress and BJP have a presence here, regional parties often dominate the political landscape. These states collectively contribute 11 Lok Sabha seats to the Indian Parliament.

Meghalaya's Political Landscape

In the previous Lok Sabha elections, Meghalaya's two seats, Shillong and Tura, were shared between the Congress and the National People's Party (NPP). The NPP, mainly influential in Meghalaya, was founded by P. A. Sangma after his expulsion from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). In the upcoming 2024 elections, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), consisting of the BJP, NPP, and United Democratic Party (UDP), will face off against the India alliance, comprising the Congress and Trinamool Congress.

Mizoram's Singular Constituency

Mizoram, with just one Lok Sabha constituency covering the entire state, saw a victory for the Mizo National Front (MNF) candidate C. Lalrosanga in the 2019 elections. While the BJP candidate secured the third position with 5.75% of the vote share, recent assembly elections witnessed the emergence of the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), an alliance of six regional parties. With 27 seats in the assembly, ZPM is poised as a strong contender for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Alongside ZPM, both the NDA, with MNF as a member, and the India alliance, primarily represented by the Congress, will vie for electoral supremacy.

Manipur's Complex Ethnic Landscape

Manipur, with two Lok Sabha seats—the Inner and Outer Manipur constituencies—witnessed the NDA's victory in both seats during the 2019 elections. The BJP and Naga People's Front (NPF) secured one seat each. Manipur's electoral landscape is marked by ethnic conflicts, which could influence the upcoming elections in 2024. The BJP-led NDA will compete against the Congress-led CPI-led India coalition. It is worth noting that the CPI, once a powerful force in the state, received only 1032 votes in the 2022 assembly elections, signaling a shift in political dynamics.

Nagaland's Lone Constituency

Nagaland has a single Lok Sabha constituency, and the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), a regional political entity mainly active in Nagaland, claimed victory in 2019. In the forthcoming elections, the NDA, comprising the BJP, NDPP, and Naga People's Front (NPF), will contest against the India alliance, represented solely by Congress.

Arunachal Pradesh's BJP Dominance

Arunachal Pradesh offers two Lok Sabha constituencies: Arunachal West and Arunachal East. The BJP swept both seats in the 2019 elections, showcasing its dominance. The party is expected to maintain a strong position in the upcoming elections.

Tripura's Political Transformation

Tripura was long associated with the Left Front and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M). However, a significant political shift occurred when the BJP won the 2018 assembly elections. The BJP continued its electoral success in the 2023 assembly elections, securing both the Tripura East and West seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Congress aims to challenge the BJP's supremacy in Tripura through a potential electoral coalition with the CPI-M.

Sikkim's Unique Political Landscape

Sikkim, the only state with its entire territory forming a Lok Sabha constituency, is characterized by the dominance of two regional parties: the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), established in 1993, and the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), founded in 2013. While the BJP and Congress have limited influence in the state, the SDF ruled Sikkim from 1994 to 2019. However, in the 2019 assembly elections, the SKM secured 17 out of 30 seats, taking control of the state. SKM is also a member of the NDA. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, SKM's candidate triumphed over the SDF nominee, securing the seat.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands' Electoral History

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a union territory, constitute a single Lok Sabha constituency encompassing the entire territory. The region's electoral history has witnessed a seesaw battle between the Congress and BJP. Congress dominated the seat from 1967 to 1999, after which the BJP began sharing the seat. BJP secured the seat in 1999, Congress in 2004, BJP again in 2014, and Congress reclaimed it in 2019. The upcoming elections will witness a direct contest between the Congress and BJP for control of this union territory.

A Dynamic Political Landscape

Over the past seven decades, India's political landscape has evolved significantly. The country's politics are marked by dynamism, diversity, and contradictions. It is a remarkable narrative of people, ideals, and principles spanning from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Kutch to Agartala. India's grandest festival, the Festival of Indian Democracy, is set to take place in April and May, coinciding with the peak of summer. Let us celebrate and honor this People's Festival.

As Eastern India and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands gear up for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the stage is set for a vibrant and closely watched political spectacle. Stay tuned for further updates on this crucial electoral battleground.

BRIEF

Tenders floated

New Delhi: The government has floated tenders for procuring electric buses under the PM-eBus Sewa scheme, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry Hardeep Singh Puri said on Friday. Under the scheme, 10,000 electric buses will be provided to 169 cities under the public-private partnership (PPP) model. Addressing a press conference, Puri said his ministry officials were in touch with bus manufacturers. "Tenders have been floated to procure buses and by the end of January, the bidding will be completed," the minister said.

Passenger vehicle

New Delhi: Domestic passenger vehicle wholesales grew by 4 per cent to 2,86,390 units last month, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers said on Friday. As per the latest data issued by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), dispatches of passenger vehicles (PVs) from manufacturers to dealers were 2,75,352 units in December 2022. Two-wheeler domestic wholesales stood at 12,11,966 units last month as against 10,45,052 units in December 2022, a growth of 16 per cent.

Private capex

Gandhinagar: Tata Power's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Praveer Sinha on Wednesday said the private capital expenditure has been "very good". Sinha, who is also the chairman of industry lobby CII's Western Region, said that he expects the upcoming Union Budget to continue with the existing policy framework. "I think the private investment has been very good," Sinha told PTI.

Special flight

New Delhi: SpiceJet will operate a special flight from the national capital to Ayodhya on January 21 to fly people attending the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple. The 'Pran Pratishta' ceremony at the temple will be held on January 22. The Maharishi Valmiki International Airport in Ayodhya was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 30. The airline will operate a "special flight operation from Delhi to Ayodhya on January 21, 2024, catering to passengers attending the auspicious 'Pran Pratishta' ceremony at the Shri Ram temple on January 22.

Industrial production growth decelerates to 8-month low of 2.4 pc in Nov

New Delhi, Jan 12:

India's industrial production growth decelerated to an 8-month low of 2.4 per cent in November, mainly due to poor showing by the manufacturing sector, according to the official data released on Friday.

The factory output growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was 7.6 per cent in November 2022. The previous low of IIP growth was recorded at 1.9 per cent growth in March 2023.

The IIP growth at 2.4 per cent in November is the lowest so far in the current fiscal. During April-November 2023-24, the IIP growth works out to be 6.4 per cent, up from 5.6 per cent in the corresponding period a year ago. The IIP for October 2023 was revised to 11.6 per cent from provisional estimates of 11.7 released last month. "India's Index of Industrial Production grows by 2.4 per cent in November 2023," an official statement said.

It also stated that the growth rates over the corresponding period of the previous year are to be interpreted, considering the unusual circumstances on account of the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020. As per the IIP data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector's output growth decelerated to 1.2 per cent in November 2023 against 6.7 per cent a year ago. The power generation growth also slowed to 5.8 per cent in November 2023 compared to 12.7 per cent growth in the year-ago period. Mining output growth came down to 6.8 per cent in the month under review from 9.7 per cent growth a year ago.

As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment contracted 1.1 per cent in November this year compared to a growth of 20.7 per cent in the year-ago month. Consumer durables output during the month declined by 5.4 per cent against 5 per cent growth a year ago.

VIBRANT GUJARAT GLOBAL SUMMIT 2024

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel witnesses the signing of an MoU at Green Hydogen seminar during the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, in Gandhinagar, Friday, Jan. 12.

Retail inflation inches up to 4-month high of 5.69 pc in December

New Delhi, Jan 12: Retail inflation inched up marginally to a 4-month high of 5.69 per cent in December 2023, mainly on account of higher food prices, according to official data released on Friday. The inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at 5.55 per cent in November 2023 and 5.72 per cent in December 2022. In August 2023, inflation touched a high of 6.83 per cent. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), retail inflation in the food basket was at 9.53 per cent in December 2023, up from 8.7 per cent in the preceding month and 4.9 per cent in the year-ago month.

Civil aviation sector on upswing, 75 airports built in 10 years, says Scindia

Nagpur, Jan 12:

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday said 75 new airports have been built in the last ten years as part of the Narendra Modi government's vision to bring air travel within the reach of a vast number of common citizens and asserted the key sector was on the upswing and still holds a lot of potential. Earlier people only heard about airlines getting shut down in India, but now things have changed and new air carriers are being established to make flying accessible to citizens, he said. Scindia was speaking at the formal inauguration of the aircraft Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) facility of AAR-Indamer at Mihan SEZ in Nagpur. He said the facility's inauguration was a very important event in the history of MRO evolution in India.

"This event is significant in many ways as it signifies the coming of age of civil aviation in India. Civil aviation has enjoyed a historical journey in India and the sector is over 100 years old. But, it is now that the sector has assumed tremendous scale and offers vast opportunities," said the minister. He said India's civil aviation sector had only 400 aircraft ten years ago, but the number has grown to 713 planes at the last count and more will be added going forward. The minister informed that Air India, now a private entity, has place orders for 470 aircraft — 250 from Airbus and 220 from Boeing, while leading carrier IndiGo is buying 500 planes, reflecting vast potential in the aviation sector.

These orders are historical not just for India, but also international aviation, he said. "Four new airlines have been born out of the vision delineated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

SpiceJet to soon start flights to Lakshadweep, says Ajay Singh

Mumbai, Jan 12:

SpiceJet will soon launch flights to Lakshadweep as well as to Ayodhya, its chief Ajay Singh said on Wednesday and emphasised the latest fund infusion will help the airline become more stronger. Addressing the shareholders at the company's annual general meeting, Singh also said it will deploy a large chunk of the funds worth Rs 2,250 crore to grow the airline. As on January 7, SpiceJet had 39 aircraft in operations while 26 were on the ground, as per data available on fleet tracking website Planespotter.

Singh told shareholders on Wednesday that the airline has exclusive rights under the government's regional connectivity scheme for Lakshadweep, and will soon launch its air services to the union territory. The airline chief's mention about the Lakshadweep flights also comes amid the ongoing diplomatic row between India and the Maldives. Derogatory comments were made by some deputy ministers of the Maldives against India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he visited Lakshadweep. Subsequently, there have been calls to boycott the Maldives, which had emerged as a hot destination for Indian leisure travellers post the 2019 pandemic, by some industry bodies as well as travel booking platforms.

Meanwhile, Singh, at the annual general meeting, said the latest fund infusion will lead to SpiceJet becoming a stronger and more resilient airline in the country as well as open market potential and opportunities for the company. Further, the fresh capital infusion will help bring its grounded aircraft back into operations, he added.

Govt's mission is to make India world's top automobile manufacturing hub, says Gadkari

Gandhinagar, Jan 12:

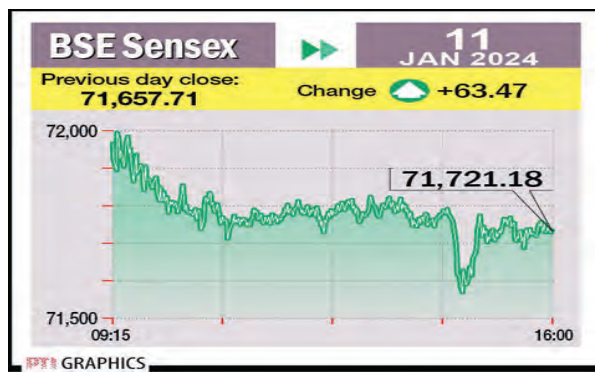
The government's mission is to make India the number one automobile manufacturing hub in the world and make the auto sector a Rs 25 lakh crore industry, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said. Addressing a seminar at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit here, the minister asked auto manufacturers to invest in clean technologies, especially in electric vehicles, otherwise, they will "miss the bus". Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a USD 5 trillion economy and a self-reliant India, Gadkari said, "We are looking at the auto sector to become a Rs 25 lakh crore industry." He further said, "We have to become the number one. Our mission, our target is to make the Indian automobile industry in the world the number one manufacturing hub." Gadkari reminded the audience that when he took charge as minister, India's automobile sector was seventh in the world. "It is a great pride and pleasure for me that under the leadership of PM Modi, we have achieved a very respectable feat. Now we have surpassed Japan and our number is third in the world." There is a huge potential in the auto sector as demand is not just in the domestic market but also in international markets, the minister said.

The size of the industry is Rs 12.5 lakh crore at present. "This is the industry which has Rs 4 lakh crore from exports and this is the industry which has already created 4 crore jobs.

This is the industry which is giving the maximum revenue as part of GST to state governments and the Central government," he said. On electrification, he said sales of electric vehicles (EVs) have increased multifold in India in the past few years and those who have made investments in the technology are benefiting while others who are late are struggling.

Sharp IT stocks rally lifts markets to new lifetime high; Sensex soars nearly 850 pts

Mumbai, Jan 12:



Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty surged over 1 per cent to hit their fresh all-time highs on Friday, driven by a stellar rally in IT stocks after TCS and Infosys reported better-than-expected financial results. The 30-share BSE Sensex zoomed 847.27 points or 1.18 per cent to settle at a new closing high of 72,568.45. During the day, it jumped 999.78 points or 1.39 per cent to reach a new intra-day record of 72,720.96. The Nifty climbed 247.35 points or 1.14 per cent to settle at a lifetime closing high of 21,894.55. During the day, it rallied 281.05 points or 1.29 per cent to reach its fresh intra-day record peak of 21,928.25. Infosys jumped nearly 8 per cent after the company's December quarter earnings came in line with market expectations. Tata Consultancy Services climbed nearly 4 per cent after the largest software exporter reported an 8.2 per cent growth in net income for the December quarter at Rs 11,735 crore, driven by a massive growth in the home market that offset to a large extent the impact of a 3 per cent degrowth in the US market.

The other prominent gainers were Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Wipro, State Bank of India and Larsen & Toubro. Bajaj Finserv, Power Grid, UltraTech Cement and HDFC Bank were among the laggards. IT majors Wipro and HCLTech will release their financial results later in the day.

In addition, the Industrial Production (IIP) and consumer price index (CPI) inflation data will be released after market hours on Friday. The BSE Information Technology index jumped 5.06 per cent, the most among the sectoral indices.

Teck also gained 4.40 per cent. "Indian markets soared to new heights in a powerful rally, driven by IT heavyweights. Green shoots of recovery in the IT sector on the back of an improved outlook for BFSI in FY25 positively influenced market sentiments.

World needs India; Indian biz leading in investments in social causes: UN official

New Delhi, Jan 12:

The world needs India as the businesses in the country have been leading in terms of investing in social causes, a senior UN official said on Thursday and stressed that business is the key driver that will deliver the sustainable development goals.

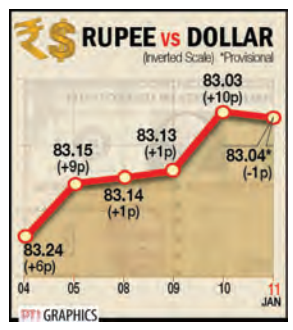
The United Nations Resident Coordinator in India Shombi Sharp also said that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is indispensable in India's journey, where businesses are at the forefront in the efforts of the country to become a USD 5 trillion economy. "The world needs business and the world needs India and as India leads, the world is following," he said at a conference on CSR in the national capital.

He noted that India has been leading the world in CSR, especially with its recent leadership during the COP28 summit. Under the companies law, certain classes of profitable entities are required to shell out at least two per cent of their three-year annual average net profit towards CSR activities in a particular financial year. Besides, the government has been making various efforts to boost CSR activities.

"Almost half the countries in the world have to invest more in paying their debts than they can in education and health. These were among the issues that the world saw India take leadership on during the G20 Summit," Sharp said.

Rupee rises 11 paise to settle at 82.90 against US dollar

Mumbai, Jan 12:



The rupee strengthened for the eighth consecutive session and settled with a gain of 11 paise at 82.90 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, buoyed by robust equity market sentiments. Forex traders said an upward move in crude oil prices and stronger American currency, however, contained the uptick of the Indian currency, even as investors remained concerned about the domestic macroeconomic data to be released later in the day. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic currency opened weak at 83.08 and traded between 82.86 and 83.10 against the greenback during intra-day deals. The unit finally settled at 82.90 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a gain of 11 paise over its previous close, amid a bullish trend in domestic equities, wherein benchmark indices climbed lifetime highs. The domestic currency settled 2 paise higher at 83.01 on Thursday. In the last eight trading sessions, the local unit added 42 paise, since the level of 83.32 versus dollar recorded on January 2. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said the rupee gained on strong domestic markets and a weak US dollar. However, the surge in crude oil prices amid the escalation of tensions in the Middle East capped sharp gains. "Fresh inflows from foreign investors may also support the rupee.

However, a rise in global crude oil prices may cap sharp gains. Traders may remain cautious ahead of inflation and IIP data from India. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 82.55 to Rs 83.20," he added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.09 per cent higher at 102.38 on Friday.

Investing in UT means investing in India's unity: Sinha

Gandhinagar, Jan 12:

Terrorism is taking its last breath in Jammu and Kashmir and investors should pump in funds in the Union Territory (UT) as doing so would mean investing in the unity and integrity of India, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Friday. Addressing prospective investors at a seminar organised as part of the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit here, he urged them to turn their attention to the erstwhile state and contribute in connecting J&K with the rest of the country by setting up ventures there.

Without taking Pakistan's name, Sinha asserted nefarious designs of India's neighbour will not succeed and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, whose special status was revoked by the Centre in 2019, will soon be similar to that in the rest of the country.

"An effort is being made to create a conducive environment (to attract investment in J&K). Investing in Jammu & Kashmir means investing in India, investing in the unity and integrity of India and strengthening its integration," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Deputy CM Vijay Sharma participates in VBSY

In Gram Panchayat Dharampura and Birkona

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Kawardha, Jan 12: Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma here participated in the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra Camp organized in Gram Panchayat Dharampura and Birkona. The Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra Camp was formally inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the Deputy Chief Minister and public representatives. He also visited the stalls of public and public welfare schemes run by the Central Government and made the villagers pledge to become a self-reliant and developed nation by 2047.

During this, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma met the villagers and interacted directly with them and presented various development works on the demand of the villagers and also participated in the baby shower program of 2 pregnant mothers in village Dharampura, feeding of 4 infants and baby shower program of 2 women in village Birkona.

He released Rs 2 lakh for the boundary wall of Shishu Mandir building in village Dharampura, Rs 4 lakh for the community building of Nat Samaj, Rs 2 lakh for wire fencing at the paddy procurement site, and Rs 7 lakh was announced for CC road.

On the demand of farmers, he gave instructions for proposal for construction of Patwari building in Dharampura and arrangement of a teacher in primary school. On the demand of villagers in village Birkona, Deputy Chief Minister Sharma announced Rs 1 lakh for the repair of Anganwadi building, Rs 10 lakh for repairing the secondary school building and Rs 10 lakh for the construction of Jyoti Kalash.

On the demand of former Parliamentary Secretary Motiram Chandravanshi, to stop the dirty water of the village from going into the 26 acre pond of village Birkona and to make other necessary improvements, Deputy Chief Minister assured to make every possible effort to include it in the upcoming budget.

On this occasion, former Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Siyaram Sahu, Mr. Motiram Chandravanshi, District President Indrani Dinesh Chandravanshi, District Panchayat member Mr. Ramkumar Bhatt, Vice President Virendra Sahu, former Municipality President Anil Thakur, Devkumari Chandravanshi, Pokharaj Singh Parihar, Kailash Chandravanshi, Mukesh Aggarwal, Sitaram Sahu, Ishwari Sahu, Bhuneshwar Chandrakar, Kranti Gupta, Rambilas Chandravanshi, Maniram Sahu, Umang Pandey, Khileshwar Sahu, Ramprasad Baghel, Amar Kurre, Sachin Gupta Public representatives, senior citizens, women, villagers and youth were present.

Seven-day camp of NSS concludes

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Kurud, Jan 12: A seven-day special camp of National Service Scheme was organized by the students of Agricultural College and Research Center Charra Kurud from 3rd to 9th January in village Kokri. The campers made the villagers aware about cleanliness and made people aware about cleanliness by planting saplings, cleaning village streets, cleaning public places under environmental protection. Yoga pranayam, asana and meditation were taught by yoga instructor Yogeshwar Kumar Sahu and college students were awarded certificates.

On this occasion, Dean of Agricultural College Research Center, Kurud, Dr. Pyare Lal Johnson, Professor Dr. Namrata Dhirahi, Dr. Vinod Kumar Markam, Dr. Hamsa and guests of village Kokadi, Ramkrishna Sahu, Nilambar Navrange and Raj Kannauje, Aman Kumar Sahu, Deepesh Kumar Ganaware, S Kumar, Rahul Kumar, Nitin Kurre, Pratap Netam, Lomash Kumar, Virendra Kumar Netam, Deepraj, Devina Sahu, Ankita Paikra, Shalini Rajput, Bharti Sinha, Geetshwari, Chandni Verma, Varsha Sahu, Akash Patel, Anup Biswas, Himanshi Chandrakar, Villagers including Tamanna Mishra, Deepti Poojari, Roshni Sahu, Devika Sahu, Prabhakar Sahu were present.

Chandrakar promotes easy and transparent land registration

- **NGDRS website launch aims to simplify land registration process**

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Kurud, Jan 12: In a significant stride towards modernizing land registration processes and ensuring transparency, Kurud MLA and former Cabinet Minister Ajay Chandrakar inaugurated the National General Document Registration System (NGDRS) website for land registration. The launch took place at the Sub Registrar Office in Kurud, offering a more convenient and time-saving approach for district residents.

MLA Chandrakar highlighted the importance of providing necessary training to employees for efficient online registry procedures. He emphasized the need to conduct these activities with utmost seriousness, transparency, and safety measures in place. Additionally, Chandrakar urged officers to combat cybercrime effectively while prioritizing civic amenities for the community. The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished individuals, including Collector Namrata Gandhi, SDM Kurud Sonal David, Registrar Sonali Borde, District Information Officer Upendra Chandel, District Food Officer Basant Korram, Deputy Registrar Kafeel Ahmed Khan, Laxmikant Dwivedi, Malak Ram Sahu, Bhupendra Chandrakar, Bhanu Chandrakar, Suresh Agarwal, public representatives, and esteemed citizens from the area.

Collector takes measures to improve education in district

Urges timely school operations and accountability for teachers

Korba, Jan 12: Enhancing the quality of education in Korba District, Collector Ajit Vasant conducted a comprehensive meeting with various government departments, emphasizing the need for timely school operations and measures against absentee teachers.

During the meeting, Collector Vasant convened representatives from the Education Department, Tribal Development Department, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, and Project Officer, Sakshar Bharat and Samagra Shiksha, as well as the Block Education Officer. He reiterated the importance of adhering to the school timetables, while also urging action against teachers who are absent without notice.

In addition, Vasant provided guidance to expedite ongoing construction projects within educational institutions, emphasizing the importance of both quality and timeliness. He instructed the Education Officer to redistribute surplus teachers within the district, thereby optimizing resources and ensuring that all schools have sufficient staff.

One noteworthy initiative by the Collector was the recruitment of 12th-pass unemployed individuals from special backward tribe families as guest teachers, enhancing employment opportunities and promoting education simultaneously. To further improve the quality of education, Collector emphasized the regular and high-quality distribution of mid-day meals in schools, fostering a conducive learning environment.

Moreover, the Collector encouraged the Education Department officials to innovate and elevate the standard of education throughout the district. The meeting was attended by various dignitaries, including Corporation Commissioner Pratishtha Mamgai, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department officials, DMC Manoj Pandey, and Sports Officer, among others.

In addition to school operations, Collector Vasant expressed his commitment to ensuring the systematic and government-standard operation of ashrams and hostels in the district. He stressed the importance of regular cleaning, nutritious meals, sports activities, and timely teaching, while also advocating for the presence of superintendents and increased teaching engagement.

Paddy-laden truck overturns, no casualties

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Rajim, Jan 12: A potential disaster was averted as a truck carrying paddy overturned near the Patharra turn on Gariaband road. The mishap resulted in paddy scattering across the road and its surroundings. Fortunately, no casualties were reported in this incident. This incident was reported to have occurred on Wednesday night at 11:00 pm. Both the driver and the cleaner are safe, and they fled the scene as soon as the truck overturned.

Although no formal police report has been filed, Sanjay Chandrakar informed the authorities that Mukesh Sahu, a resident of village Borsi, was behind the wheel of the truck bearing registration number CG04 JC 7973. The truck was en route to Navapara Rice Mill with its cargo of paddy.

As of now, Rajim police have refrained from taking any punitive measures or registering a case, sparking discussions in the city regarding the reason behind this decision.

It's worth noting that accidents near the Patharra turn are a recurring issue, primarily due to the sharp bend and steep terrain, making it challenging for heavy vehicles to navigate safely. The high-speed movement of vehicles from all directions compounds the risk.

Local residents have long advocated for the construction of a traffic square to address the issue and control vehicle speeds effectively. Lala Sahu, President of the Rajim Bhaktin Mandir Committee, emphasized the urgency, stating that the turn remains perilous, with accidents occurring regularly due to the high-speed traffic flow from multiple directions. The construction of a square would provide a viable solution, enhancing safety for all road users.

'Aapki Police Aapke Dwar' initiative takes steps to combat fraud

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Dongargaon, Jan 12: A "Jan Chaupal" was held in the village of Barbaspur under the "Aapki Police Aapke Dwar" initiative to empower and protect the community.

The event witnessed the arrival of a mobile police station to Barbaspur, where villagers were enlightened about various forms of fraud prevention.

The gathering included the village Sarpanch, Patel, Panch, Kotwar, and a significant number of villagers who actively participated. During the event, Dongargaon Municipal Inspector Upendra Shah and his team provided detailed information on essential topics such as cyber fraud, loan fraud, ATM fraud, fraudulent activities involving obscenity, crimes related to women, and chit fund scams.

Villagers were also introduced to useful tools like the "112 utility," "Abhivyakti app," and "e-beat" for their safety and convenience. The "Jan Chaupal" served as a platform to disseminate vital information and build awareness among the villagers. Organizers hope that the knowledge shared during this event will continue to benefit other villagers and residents in the area, promoting a safer and more informed community.

Collector-SP take to the streets to improve traffic system

- **Strict instructions given to remove encroachment from roads**

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Bilaspur, Jan 12: District Collector Avnish Sharan and Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh here inspected the major roads and intersections of the city to improve the traffic system of the city. During this, they gave necessary instructions regarding traffic arrangements, parking and kiosks. The Collector walked for about two hours to take stock of the traffic system and he instructed the Police, Traffic, Municipal Corporation and Transport Department to work together to provide easy transportation facilities to the people of the city.

Collector and SP first inspected Jupiter market and gave instructions to prepare a multi-storey proposal for Jupiter Market. After this, the Collector inspected the SIMS road and asked to free the road from encroachment, so that the problems faced by the patients and their families in going to and from the hospital can be removed. Instructions were given to take action against such shops located in front of SIMS which do not have parking facilities. Instructions were also given to make a proposal for widening the road on SIMS Road with the consent of all concerned.

The Collector also instructed to earmark parking at Lal Bahadur Shastri School for the people coming on Saturday as the jam on the road from Valmiki Chowk to Jwali Bridge causes a lot of trouble and instructed the officials to divert the traffic towards the road built on Jwali drain.

The Collector has given instructions to the Electricity Department to make a proposal to shift the transformers located at intersections so that the traffic system can be smooth. Collector and SP also inspected the Integrated Command and Control Center located at Tarbahar. The Collector closely inspected the control center of the city's traffic system.

During this, he was told that the security system of the city is being monitored through 523 modern cameras in the Integrated Command and Control Centre and those breaking traffic rules are being traced through cameras and e-challans are being delivered to the homes of the concerned.

Currently, challans are being issued to those driving on the wrong side, jumping red signal, riding a bike while talking on mobile and three passenger vehicle drivers. The Collector asked to start a mobile helpline number for the Integrated Command and Control Center so that passersby can also give information about those breaking traffic rules on the helpline.

Mothers trained in Kumarda

Under education prog Angana

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Dongargaon, Jan 12: As per the instructions of the State Project Office, Holistic Education, Chhattisgarh Raipur, the development block level event of education program in Angana was held in the tribal community hall of village Kumarda. In the said training, 2 female teachers from each cluster were given a one-day training session in Angana regarding the role of mothers for intellectual, mental and physical development and proper care and nutrition of children during childhood and their proper development and education through sports. The training started with garlanding and worship on the oil painting of Mata Saraswati by Block Source Coordinator P.D. Sahu and master trainer Deepmala Sahu was accomplished with the teachings of Dhaneshwari Vinayak. At the beginning of the training, Resource Coordinator, while addressing the teachers present in Angana on the subject of education, said that mother is the first teacher of the students in their childhood, moral education and values can be imparted to them in a very good way in their childhood. On this occasion, teachers and mothers of 43 clusters including cluster coordinators were present.

Satwik-Chirag enter men's doubles semifinals

Ashwini-Tanisha lose in Malaysia Open

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 12 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty reached their second successive semifinal after humbling China's Ren Xiang Yu and He Ji Ting in straight games at the Malaysia Open Super 1000 tournament here on Friday.

The world number 2 Indian pair, who won the Asian Games gold medal last year, looked in control during the rallies and were also proactive at the net to eke out a dominating 21-11 21-8 win over world no. 32 Yu and Ting in just 35 minutes.

The second-seeded Indians will face either Korea's Kang Min Hyuk and Seo Seung Jae or third seeded Malaysian pair of Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik.

Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto, however, suffered a 15-21 13-21 loss to Japan's Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi in the women's doubles quarter-finals.

The world no. 24 Indians, who created a flutter after stunning former world no. 1 and twice world champions Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara on Thursday, couldn't sustain the same performance against the combination of Iwanaga and Nakanishi, going down 15-21 13-21 in a 39-minute match.

This was the Indian pair's second loss to the world no. 15 Japanese duo, having suffered a narrow defeat in the finals of the Syed Modi International Super 300 in Lucknow last month.

Ponnappa and Crasto had claimed the Guwahati Masters Super 100, besides reaching the finals in two more events in Lucknow and Odisha last month.

Satwik and Chirag, who had a sensational season in 2023 with six titles, produced a near-perfect game as they were lightening in their exchanges. They inserted pace in the rallies and also mixed things well to make it a one-sided affair.

The Chinese pair, who had played a close straight game match against the Indians at China Masters last year, looked clueless as Satwik and Chirag dished out a masterclass to completely dominate the opening game.

The Indians were 7-0 up in a flash, leaving Yu and Ting to do the catching up act. Satwik and Chirag were 11-2 at the break and quickly closed out the first game. The Indians continued the momentum after the change of ends, leading 11-4 at the interval.

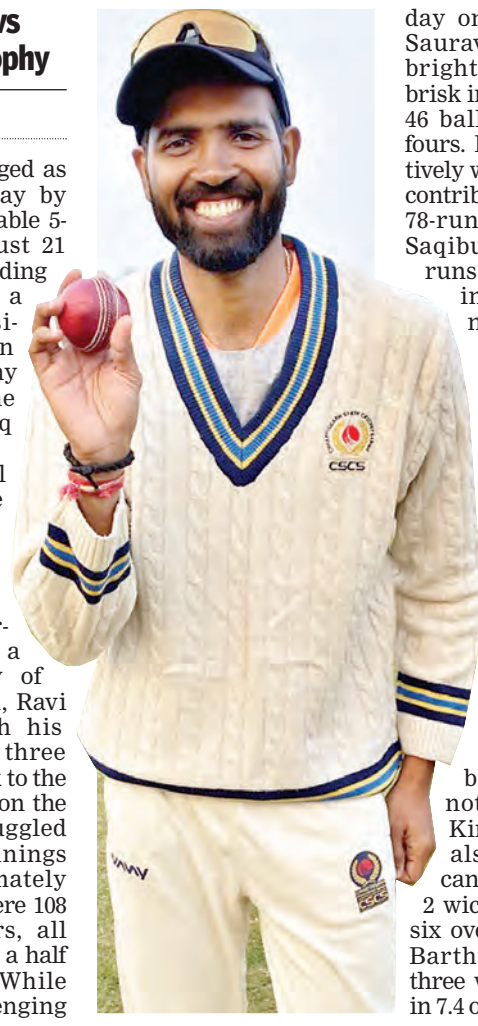
A return from Chirag gave the Indians 12 match points and they converted it in the second chance.

Ravi Kiran shines for Ch'garh with 5 wickets haul

■ **Chhattisgarh vs Bihar Ranji Trophy**

Patna, Jan 12:

Ravi Kiran emerged as the star of the day by claiming a remarkable 5-wicket haul for just 21 runs in 13 overs, leading Chhattisgarh to a commanding position against Bihar in the Ranji Trophy match held at the iconic Moinul Haq Stadium in Patna.



Choosing to bowl after winning the toss, Chhattisgarh's decision proved to be spot on as their bowlers delivered an exceptional performance. With a masterful display of pace and precision, Ravi Kiran, along with his teammates, sent three Bihar batsmen back to the pavilion just 5 run on the board. Bihar struggled throughout the innings and was ultimately bowled out for a mere 108 runs in 38.3 overs, all within just one and a half sessions of play. While Bihar had a challenging day on the field, Vipin Saurav emerged as a bright spot, playing a brisk inning of 49 runs off 46 balls, featuring nine fours. He partnered effectively with Saqibul Ghani, contributing to a valuable 78-run partnership. Saqibul Ghani added 30 runs to the scoreboard in his 68-ball innings.

In response, Chhattisgarh made steady progress, ending the first day's play at 90 runs for the loss of just one wicket in 27 overs. Rishab Tiwari was the standout performer for Chhattisgarh, contributing 42 runs to the team's total.

Chhattisgarh's bowling attack was not limited to Ravi Kiran alone; JP Butt also made a significant impact, claiming 2 wickets for 25 runs in six overs, while Vasudev Barth chipped in with three wickets for 21 runs in 7.4 overs.

Sharath, Sathiyan star attractions in WTT qualifiers

Mapusa (Goa), Jan 12 (PTI):

Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sathiyan Gnanasekaran, alongside 35 other paddlers from the country, are set to compete in the singles qualifiers as the upcoming WTT Star Contender gears up to achieve the highest-ever Indian participation.

The second edition of the tournament will be played at the Peddem Indoor Stadium here from January 23 to 28.

Nine Indians, including the highest world-ranked Indian paddler Manika Batra and Harmeet Desai, secured direct entry into the main draw.

The inclusion of 32 new names in the qualifying list brings India's total participation to 41 across categories.

This surpasses the previous highest of 40 participants in the inaugural edition of the tournament.

Besides experienced campaigners like Sharath, Sathiyan, Ayhika Mukherjee, Sutirtha Mukherjee and Sanil Shetty, the qualifiers will also provide glimpses of India's bright future through some promising youngsters such as the current national champion Poymantee Baisya, Payas Jain, S Fidel R Snehit, Mudit Dani, Jeet Chandra, Diya Chitale, Yashaswini Ghorpade, Archana Kamath, Swastika Ghosh and Suhana Saini among many others.

The 2023 World Championships doubles bronze medallist Cho Dae-seong, 17-year-old Oh Junsung from Korea and Hungarian paddler Bence Majoros are among the international stars to be seen in action in the qualifying rounds which will offer eight singles and four doubles main draw spots.

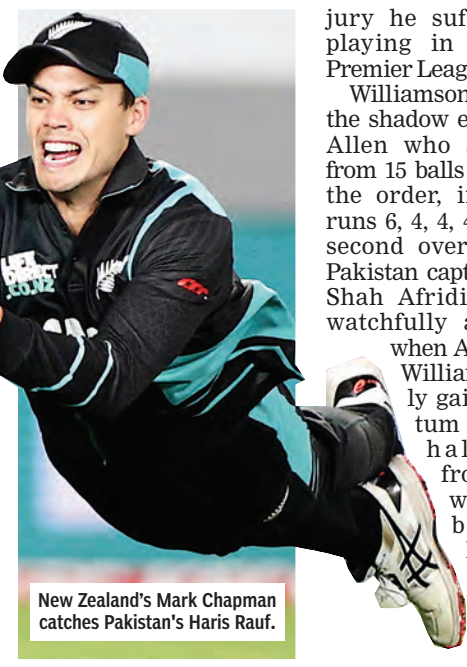
New Zealand beats Pakistan by 46 runs in 1st T20

Auckland, Jan 12 (AP):

Daryl Mitchell and Kane Williamson made brisk half-centuries to propel New Zealand to a 46-run win over Pakistan Saturday in the first of five Twenty20 Internationals. Mitchell blasted 61 from 27 balls, following Williamson who scored 57 from 42 as New Zealand made 226 for eight after being sent in, the highest-ever total against Pakistan in a T20 international. Pakistan had a chance as long as Babar Azam was at the crease. But, when he was out for 57 in the 16th over, the size of the run chase became insurmountable. The tourists finally were all out for 180 in 18 overs.

Tim Southee took four for 25 for New Zealand to become the first bowler from any nation to claim 150 wickets in T20 Internationals.

Williamson's 18th half-century in T20s came in difficult circumstances. Batting first drop, he came to the crease on only the third ball of the New Zealand innings after Devon Conway was out for a first-ball duck.



New Zealand's Mark Chapman catches Pakistan's Haris Rauf.

He also lacked recent time in the middle after missing New Zealand's recent T20 series against Bangladesh as he continues a controlled return from the serious knee injury he suffered while playing in the Indian Premier League in April.

Williamson also was in the shadow early of Finn Allen who smashed 35 from 15 balls at the top of the order, including 24 runs 6, 4, 4, 4, 6 from the second over bowled by Pakistan captain Shaheen Shah Afridi. He batted watchfully at first but when Allen was out, Williamson steadily gained momentum to reach his half-century from 40 balls with eight boundaries. He was twice dropped, on nine by Babar from the bowling of Abbas Afridi and on 39 by Iftikhar Ahmed off Usama Mir. Just as Williamson took up where Allen left off, Mitchell stepped up the pace of the New Zealand innings after Williamson and reached his half-century from 22 balls. His score of 61 included four powerful sixes down the ground. Saim Ayub gave Pakistan an explosive start to its innings when he hit 27 from eight balls with three sixes and two fours. But, he was immensely unlucky to be run out backing up too far. Mohammad Rizwan had to dodge a delivery from Adam Milne who picked up the ball on his follow-through and threw out Ayub at the non-striker's end.

India start as clear underdogs against formidable Australia

■ **AFC Asian Cup opener**

Al Rayyan, Jan 12 (PTI):

Securing a knockout round berth looks difficult but not impossible as the Indian football team takes on title contenders Australia in its opening group match of the AFC Asian Cup here on Saturday.

Eliminated in the group stage in their last two appearances in 2011 and 2019, India face an uphill task this time also, as they have been clubbed with Australia, Uzbekistan and Syria in Group B.

India's hopes of making it to the round of 16 in the continental showpiece depends on the outcome of the match against Syria on January 23 as Australia and Uzbekistan (January 18) are way ahead of them in terms of quality.

A win against Syria can put India in the third place in the group, offering a chance for a knock-out round berth. The top two teams from each group, along with four best third-placed sides from across six groups, progress to the knockout round of 16. Head coach Igor Stimac and captain Sunil Chhetri have already hinted that Australia (25th in FIFA ranking) and Uzbekistan (68th) -- the favourites to take the top two spots in the group -- are possibly out of reach for India.

India had beaten Syria in the past -- in the 2007 and 2009 Nehru Cup tournaments -- and that provides a ray of hope for the Chhetri-led team, ranked 102 in the world.

A knockout round berth will be a huge achievement for India, who are making their fifth appearance in the Asian Cup, after coming close in the last edition in 2019, and especially for Chhetri, who will be playing for the last time in the prestigious tournament.

The 39-year-old talisman will be playing in his third Asian Cup, after his 2011 and 2019 campaigns, having scored four goals in six matches, the most by an Indian.

Rupinder's mantra for Indian women's team drag-flickers: 'Beat the first rusher'

Ranchi, Jan 12 (PTI):

Penalty corner conversion has been a thorn in the flesh for the Indian women's hockey team of late, and former star drag-flicker Rupinderpal Singh feels the key to success from set pieces is to beat the first rusher.

Former Indian men's team drag-flick expert Rupinder had a five-day stint with the women's side to fix its penalty corner conversion woes ahead of the FIH Olympic Qualifier beginning here on Saturday.

After winning the Asian Champions Trophy here, the Indians had wasted plenty of penalty corners in the subsequent tournaments, including the Asian Games.

While admitting that defence of other teams have become strong, Rupinder said he worked on the basics of women team's drag-flickers during his camp in SAI, Bengaluru, last month.

"In today's hockey, the penalty corner defence of all teams have become very strong. It's not like before.

"Gurjit (Kaur) and Deepika are very good drag-flickers and doing well. Both are experienced players. It depends on their planning on the day and how they execute that," Rupinder told PTI.

"The most important thing for a drag-flicker is to understand and execute plans on how to beat the first rusher. So, we have worked on a few variations on how to beat the first rusher during the camp.

"I didn't want to change their style but I worked on their thinking before the match and on match situations.

Sumit Nagal outclasses Molcan to enter Australian Open singles main draw

Melbourne, Dec 12 (PTI):

India's Sumit Nagal on Friday entered the singles main draw of the Australian Open with an easy win over Slovakia's Alex Molcan in the tournament's qualifying final here.

Nagal cruised past Molcan 6-4, 6-4 in two hours and three minutes, and won the match after his opponent double faulted at 30-40 in the 10th game of the second set.

Nagal will now face Kazakhstan's World No. 31 Alexander Bublik in the first round.

Currently World No. 139 in singles, this is Nagal's second main draw appearance in the season's first Grand Slam after his entry in 2021.

Nagal went down to Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis in the opening round 2-6, 5-7, 3-6 that year.

Nagal had also made it to the US Open main draw in 2019 and 2020.

I wanted to implement what I've learnt from MS Dhoni: Shivam Dube

Mohali, Jan 12 (PTI):

Shivam Dube made a punchy return to India fold with a match-winning 60 off 40 balls against Afghanistan in the first T20I here, and credited the iconic MS Dhoni for the transformation in his attitude and approach.

Dube's fifty headlined India's facile six-wicket win on Thursday, and the knock also earned him the player of the match award.

"When I came to bat, I wanted to implement what I have learnt from MS Dhoni about finishing games. I keep speaking to Mahi bhai. He tells me about how to tackle different situations. He has given me two-three tips and rated my batting.

"So, I feel if he rates my batting then I'll keep playing well. My confidence went up because of that," Dube told 'JIO Cinema'.

Dube's previous appearance for India was in last year's Asian Games at Hangzhou. The Mumbai player was part of the India squad for home T20I series against Australia but did not get a chance to play and was not selected for the away series against South Africa. Dube also found shades of Dhoni in the way Rohit Sharma captained the side, and allowed him the space to perform. "Both allow me to bat higher in the order. There's a lot of work to be done and I know they will back me and want me to do well. So, that makes me feel a lot more positive," he added. Dube also grabbed the important wicket of Afghan captain Ibrahim Zadran (25 off 22 balls), and the pacer said he has been working on his bowling.

"The changes have not come suddenly. In the off-season, I worked a lot on my fitness. After that, I bowled a lot in domestic cricket too so things kept improving.

"I was able to find the right areas and also generated decent pace," he said.

The 30-year-old Mumbaikar was cautiously optimistic about his chances of finding a place in the Indian team for the T20 World Cup in June. "It's a dream for every cricketer to contribute and help his country win.

Sheoran shoots gold, Tomar silver in 1-2 for India

Jakarta, Jan 12 (PTI): Indian shooters Akhil Sheoran and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar claimed gold and silver respectively in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event of the Asian Olympic Qualifiers here on Friday, continuing the country's dominant show in the continental event.

Sheoran shot 460.2 to emerge victorious in the eight-men final, while Tokyo Olympian Tomar finished second on the podium with a score of 459.0. Thailand's Thongphaphum Vongsukdee settled for the bronze medal after managing 448.8.

The duo of Sheoran and Tomar combined with Swapnil Kusale to also win the team gold medal in the same event ahead of Chinese and South Korean teams. The Indians aggregated 1758 points, a huge 14 points more than the second-placed team.

Women's reservation law

SC refuses to entertain plea by advocate

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI)

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea filed by an advocate seeking urgent and time-bound implementation of the women's reservation law to ensure 33 per cent quota for them in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, however, granted liberty to the advocate Yogamaya MG to file an intervention petition in a pending PIL filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur.

"Look, we don't want multiplicity of litigation in the matter. You file an intervention application in the petition filed by Jaya Thakur," the bench said.

Counsel appearing for Yogamaya requested the court to allow the petitioner to withdraw the petition.

The bench agreed to the submission and allowed it to be withdrawn.

The plea by Thakur is likely to be listed on January 16.

The petition filed by Yogamaya contended there is an urgent need for timely implementation of the new law in the upcoming general elections because, without expeditious action, its intended benefits for women in the political arena will be lost.

"The Women's Reservation Act, 2023 was passed with uncertainty in its implementation. That the petitioner seeks the intervention of this court to ensure that the Constitutional mandate of fair representation for women is expeditiously realised," it said.

Officially known as Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, the law provides for reservation of one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and all state assemblies for women.

The law will, however, not be implemented immediately. It will come into force after a new census has been conducted based on which delimitation will be undertaken to reserve seats for women.

Naqvi hails Ram temple consecration ceremony as 'historic', 'momentous'

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI)

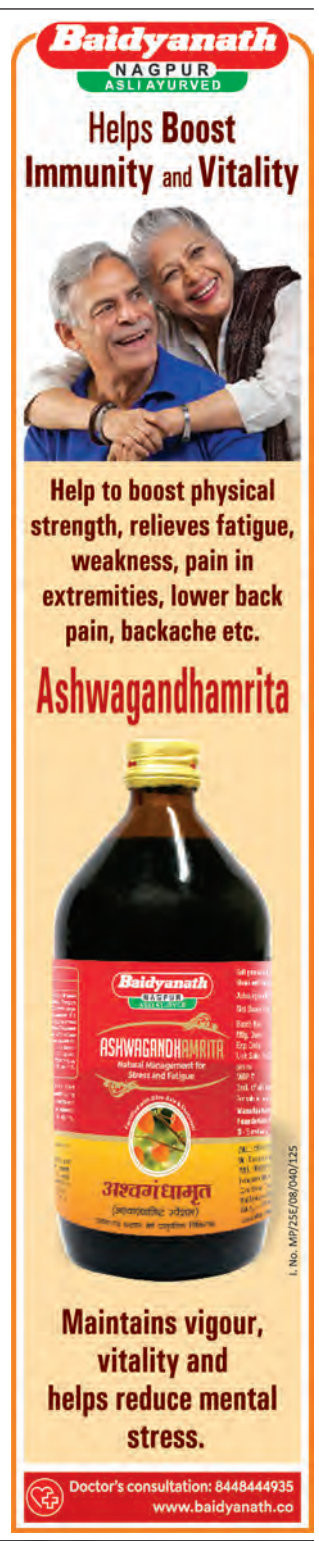
Senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi was on Friday invited for the Ram temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya and hailed the event as "historic" and "momentous". Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) Delhi unit president Kapil Khanna and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) Prant Sampark Pramukh Chandra Wadhwa handed over the invitation to Naqvi here.

"I consider myself fortunate to be invited to this historic and momentous occasion," Naqvi, a former Union minister, said.

Khanna said, "On January 22, Ram Lala's pran pratishtha will be held in Ayodhya Dham. We are fortunate that we are getting to witness this day, which has come after 500 years of struggle, 500 years of wait and many sacrifices."

"We have come to invite Shri Naqvi for the pran pratistha of Bhagwan Sri Ram. Ram Lala ji ne unhe Ayodhya Dham bulaya hai' (Lord Ram has called him to Ayodhya)," he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and more than 6,000 people are expected to attend the temple consecration ceremony in the Hindu holy town in Uttar Pradesh on January 22.



Mizoram govt constitutes new boundary committee to handle dispute with Assam

Aizawl, Jan 12 (PTI)

The ZPM government in Mizoram has constituted a new boundary committee to handle issues related to the state's border dispute with neighbouring Assam, a home department official said on Friday.

The committee is headed by Home Minister K Sapdanga, while Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Lalthansanga is the vice chairman of the panel, according to a recent notification.

Home Commissioner and Secretary H Lalengmawia was made the member secretary, he said. Other members of the committee include advisor to the chief minister (political) Lalmuanpuia Punte, Chief Secretary Renu Sharma, Director General of Police (DGP) Anil Shukla, and Joseph K Lalfakzuala, an assistant professor at state-run T Romana College.

Besides, one member each from political parties BJP, Congress, Mizo National Front (MNF), Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have also been included in the committee.

Also, one representative each from the NGO Coordination Committee, Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA), Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), Mizoram Upa Pawl (MUP) or Mizoram Elders' Association, Mizo Hmeichhe Insuihkhawm Pawl (MHIP) or Mizo Women Federation, Mizo Students' Union (MSU) and Joint Action Committee on Inner Line Reserve Forest Demand are part of the committee.

The notification stated that the committee's chairman, Sapdanga, can invite any person he considers necessary to its meeting.

With the formation of the new committee, the previous boundary panel constituted by the MNF government now stands disbanded. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma is likely to meet his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sharma this month to discuss the border issue between the two states, officials said.

A discussion between them is expected during the North Eastern Council (NEC) plenary session to be held in Meghalaya's capital Shillong on January 19, they said.

The two leaders will discuss the border issue to resolve the long-standing dispute, the officials said.

The proposed NEC plenary session will be chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Mizoram shares a 164.6-km-long border with Assam, and both states have a long-standing boundary dispute.

The dispute had taken an ugly turn in July 2021 when police forces of the two states exchanged fire along the inter-state boundary, leading to the death of six policemen and a civilian from Assam.

More than 60 people were also injured in the violent clash that took place in the disputed area near Mizoram's Vairengte village.

Police arrests Maoist leader carrying Rs 10 lakh reward on head

Kolkata, Jan 12 (PTI)

West Bengal Police has arrested wanted Maoist leader Sabyasachi Goswami, alias 'Kishore', from Purulia district, a senior officer said on Friday.

Goswami, who carried a Rs 10 lakh bounty on his head, was arrested on Thursday night from a jungle near Chaunia village in Baghmundi police station limits near Jharkhand border, he added.

"We had information about his movement close to the Jharkhand border. We conducted a raid and arrested him from a jungle near Chaunia", he told PTI.

A few rounds of bullets, a 9mm pistol and a few documents were found on him, he said, adding Goswami was on the most-wanted list of the NIA and was carrying a reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head.

Goswami, who is in his mid-50s, was trying to reorganise Maoists from different districts of Bengal including Bankura, Purulia, Jhargram and a few areas of Paschim Medinipur, the IPS officer said.

Key BJP organisational leader from Rajasthan seeks new responsibility

New Delhi, Jan 12 (PTI)

Rajasthan BJP leader Chandrashekhar has urged the party's national president J P Nadda to relieve him of his current responsibility as the general secretary (organisation) in the state and sought a new assignment, sources said on Friday.

Sources said he has expressed "keenness" to move out of the western state after the BJP stormed back to power there in the recent Assembly polls. Chandrashekhar, who has an RSS background, is originally from Uttar Pradesh and has also worked in the western and Kashi regions of the state before he was brought to Rajasthan around six years ago.

Party sources said his organisational skills are acknowledged by the leadership and he may soon be given a different assignment as the BJP amps up its campaign for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. The general secretary (organisation) is a crucial position in the BJP at the national level as well as in states and the person given the charge is generally from the RSS background.

Tharoor highlights Sonia Gandhi's speech on Hindu liberalism to counter BJP

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 12 (PTI): In an effort to counter the BJP's claims that Congress is anti-Hindu, senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday highlighted a speech made two decades ago by Sonia Gandhi at the Ramakrishna Mission, emphasising how Hindu liberal thoughts contributed to India's secular identity. The Thiruvananthapuram MP's move came a day after the BJP criticised the grand old party's decision to decline the invitation to its three top leaders to attend the Ram temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, claiming it exposed the party's inherent opposition to India's culture and Hindu religion. In a post on social media platform X, where he attached Gandhi's speech highlighting Swami Vivekananda's views on Hinduism, the Congress Working Committee member expressed his belief that the teachings of Vivekananda carry a highly relevant and impactful message for the present day.

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