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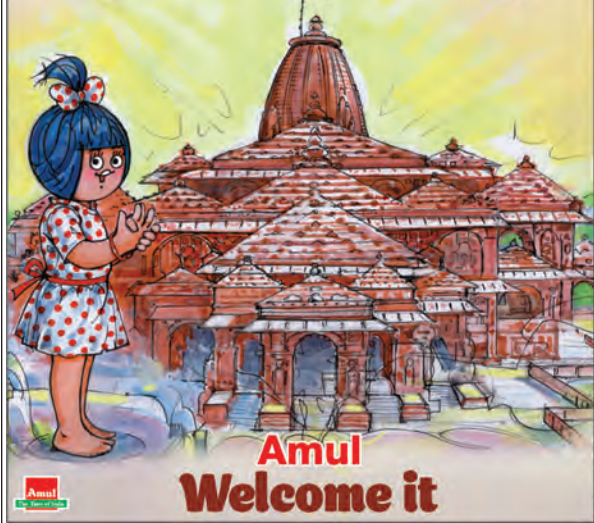


View of the Ram Mandir in the evening on the eve of its consecration ceremony, in Ayodhya, Sunday.

Pied piper of Ayodhya singing Lord Krishna's praise...

Attired in vibrant colours with a big turban on his head and silver jewellery embellishing his hand and feet, a man plays mellifluous tunes on his bamboo flute to the praise of Lord Krishna in the land of Lord Ram.
 Meet Swami Adbhut from Ujjain, who has been dressing up in Lord Krishna's attire for the past 16 years. He claimed that he maintains this appearance throughout the day.

Temple of a billion hopes



Amul Welcome it

For Ayodhya residents, 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony is 'tryst with divinity'

"I did not want to take the photograph of Lord Ram but etch his image in my heart instead," said Amit Pathak, a resident of Tulsinar in Ayodhya, a day ahead of the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at the Ram temple. The residents of Ayodhya are awaiting their "tryst with divinity" on January 22.

BRIEF
 Ayodhya, Jan 21:
 The much-awaited Ram temple consecration will be held in Ayodhya on Monday in a grand ceremony with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the rituals, following which the shrine will be opened for the public a day later. The 'pran pratishtha' ceremony will begin at 12.20 pm and is expected to end by 1 pm. The prime minister will then address a gathering of more than 7,000 people, including seers and prominent personalities, at the venue.
 Lakhs of people are expected to watch the event live on TV and online platforms as Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled states and Odisha have declared a holiday while the central government has announced a half-day off.
 As authorities made final preparations in a decked-up Ayodhya, considered the birthplace of Lord Ram, temples across the country and abroad have announced special festivities to mark the occasion. From Washington,

Round off
Rameswaram: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday completed his spiritual journey to temples with a Ramayana link in southern parts of the country by worshipping at a Lord Ram shrine near Arichal Munai, where he prayed and paid floral tributes at seashore. Marking completion of his visits to temples ahead of the consecration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on January 22.

DC to Paris to Sydney, events have been planned in various parts of the world on January 22. These programmes are either being organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) or Hindu diaspora groups in 60 countries. Fourteen couples from various parts of India will be the 'yajmaans' (hosts) for the 'pran pratishtha'. The rituals ahead of the consecration

'Old idol of Ram Lalla to be placed in front of new idol'

The old idol of Ram Lalla, kept in a makeshift shrine, will be placed in front of the new idol which will be consecrated at the temple here on January 22, said Govind Dev Giri, the treasurer of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. He also said that more than Rs 1,100 crore has so far been spent in constructing the Ram Temple and another Rs 300 crore might be needed to complete the work. A 51-inch Ram Lalla idol was placed in the sanctum sanctorum of the Ram temple last week.

ceremony began on January 16, and according to temple trust general secretary Champat Rai, these will end on January 21. The new 51-inch idol of Ram Lalla, sculpted by Mysuru-based Arun Yogiraj, was placed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple on Thursday afternoon. The first image of the new idol with eyes covered with a cloth was released on Friday. Rai has

said the entry into the temple will be from the east side and exit from the south side. The entire temple superstructure will eventually be three-storeyed -- G+2. Visitors will climb 32 steps from the eastern side to reach the main temple. The temple complex, built in the traditional Nagara style, will be 380 feet long (east-west direction), 250 feet wide and 161 feet high.

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'Aircraft crashed in Afghanistan not Indian'

New Delhi, Jan 21 (PTI): A more than 40-year-old small aircraft carrying six people that crashed in a rural Afghanistan province was not an Indian aircraft and only did refuelling at the Gaya airport on Saturday en route from a Thailand airport to Moscow, officials said on Sunday.
 The Morocco-registered Dassault Falcon (DF-10) plane, operating as an air ambulance, was flying from Utapao airport in Thailand to Moscow. Amid reports that it was an Indian plane that was involved in the crash, the civil aviation ministry on Sunday said the aircraft did not belong to any Indian carrier.
 "The unfortunate plane crash that has just occurred in Afghanistan is neither an Indian Scheduled Aircraft nor a Non-Scheduled (NSOP)/Charter aircraft. It is a Moroccan-registered small aircraft. More details are awaited," the ministry said in a post on X at 1.07 pm.
 An official told PTI that the plane departed the Gaya airport after refuelling at 4.02 pm on Saturday. There were six passengers onboard, including a female patient, the official added.
 A source in the know said the plane had started from Utapao airport in Thailand. "As per available information, the crashed aircraft is a DF-10 (Dassault Falcon) small aircraft registered in Morocco.
 It is not an aircraft of Indian carriers. "The aircraft was an air ambulance and was flying from Thailand to Moscow and did refuelling at Gaya airport," the ministry said in a statement.

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Soft-spokenness, knowledge of rules essential for legislator: Shah



Addresses concluding session of orientation prog for MLAs at Legislative Assembly

Raipur, Jan 21: Home Minister Amit Shah today gave tips for becoming successful and effective legislators at the concluding session of orientation programme in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on Sunday.

According to him lively contact with the voters of the area, complete knowl-

edge of rules and procedures, soft-spokenness and restrained language in the House can earn one any respect. A member can establish his identity as an effective MLA, he said. Members cannot establish their positive identity by making noise inside the Legislative Assembly, he said, adding that they should not compromise with their ideology.

Members should also behave well towards their opponents in their assembly constituencies, he said. He expressed concern over the fact that the most im-

portant function of the Legislative Assembly is to make laws, but at that time the presence of MLAs in the Assembly becomes limited. He said that members should raise their views in the session with full confidence and authenticity.

According to the Union Home Minister any MLA has three major responsibilities to be an effective MLA-responsibility to the region, responsibility to the party and responsibility to the progress and development of the state.

It is also an important

responsibility of the MLA to win as a party candidate in the next elections, he said. He told the MLAs that there should be no conflict between public representatives and officials and the problem should be resolved through discussion as per rules and procedures.

He said that a good MLA should be sensitive and he should also have promptness, efficiency, eagerness and curiosity. An MLA should also discharge legislative responsibilities along with public contact in the area, he said. Amit Shah also planted a sapling of "Rudraksh" in the Legislative Assembly premises.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Leader of Opposition Dr Charan Das Mahant, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Brijmohan Agrawal, Ministers, Members and Secretary of the Legislative Assembly, Dinesh Sharma were present on the occasion.

Celebrate festival in homes, temples and donate lamps

Gov's appeal on consecration of Shri Ramlala Temple



Raipur, Jan 21: Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan has greeted the citizens of the country and the state on the occasion of the consecration of Lord Shri Ram's temple in Ayodhya. Consecration ceremony of the historic and much awaited Shri Ram Lala Temple is going to be held on January 22 in the holy Ayodhya Dham, the Governor said. He urged people to celebrate this occasion in their homes and light lamps and donate lamps, besides organizing functions in local temples. The Governor has appealed to the general public to come together to celebrate this historic occasion. 'May the blessings of Lord Shri Ram bring happiness, prosperity and peace in our country and the lives of all of us', he said.

BJP leaders, workers distribute 'Diya' material

For the 'Deepotsav' to be organised on Jan 22



Raipur, Jan 21: To celebrate the consecration ceremony of Ramlala in Ayodhya, preparations are in full swing and BJP party office bearers are taking part actively in various programmes related to temple. In this regard, under leadership of District President BJP Jayanti Patel, in order to increase public participation in the heart of the capital city, the general public was distributed 'saffron' flag and then with 'deepak' material in order to lit 'diyas' in every house in line with the Diwali festival. Under this in a box, a pack of five earthen 'diyas', oil and 'bati' were distributed. After this 'Bhajan sandhya' was also organised.

The 'deepak' material was distributed in the presence of LS MP Sunil Soni, Surguja in-charge Sanjay Shrivastava, State V-P Laxmi Verma. Every party worker and leader of BJP is actively participating in the programmes being organised for 'Ramlala's conse-

cration' in Ayodhya and the occasion being celebrated like an 'utsav'. This includes cleanign in the temple premises, distribution of materials for lighting of earthen 'diyas', taking out 'prabhat pheris', holding 'bhajan-kirtan' and enthusiastically taking part in them. Even the general public is also taking part in the programmes related to Ram Temple. LS MP Sunil Soni said that this auspicious occasion one has got with lots of good luck and every citizen should contribute in this 'Ram Kaaj'. The way there is importance of contribution of 'Gilhari' in 'Ramayan', in the same way the contribution in Temple's construction will be remembered for time immemorial. On this occasion District President BJP Raipur (urban) said that it

is not only in Raipur city, but in entire country, 'Deepotsav' will be organised all over the country on Jan 22 and 'diyas' will be lighted in every house. For this BJP is distributing 'diya' materials and during this the response of the people was tremendous and for this historic occasion, every 'Satnami' is extending full support. At the distribution of 'deepak' material at city's Jaistambh Chowk, LS MP Sunil Soni, State V-P Laxmi Verma, state spokesman Nalinesh Thokne, District President BJP Jayanti Patel, Rajiv Agrawal, Ramesh Singh Thakur, Satyam Dua, Shailendri Pargania, Manisha Chandrakar, Gopi Sahu, Akbar Ali, Harish Singh Thakur, Sonu Saluja, Amit Maisheri and others were present.

'Ramotsav' at Mata Koushalya Dhaam today

Folk artists of Ch'garh to give devotional presentation

Raipur, Jan 21: On the auspicious occasion of Shri Ramlala Pran Pratistha in Ayodhya, a grand event of Ramotsav will be organized at Kaushalya Dham in Chandkhuri on the evening of 22nd January. Folk artists of Chhattisgarh will



present 'Manas' singing and devotional cultural programmes. Culture and Tourism Minister Brijmohan Agrawal will be present as chief guest at the programme. MP Sunil Soni will preside over the programme.

The grand Ramotsav being organized by the Tourism Department of Chhattisgarh Government will start at 5:30 pm in the Mata Kaushalya

Dham complex. A special postal stamp will be released on this occasion. Famous folk artist of Chhattisgarh, Rakesh Tiwari and company will present the dance drama 'Ram Van Gaman'. Apart from this, Ram Bhajan will be presented by Mrs. Gopa Sanyal. Bhajan, Jasgeet and folk songs will be presented by Mrs. Alka Chandrakar. Manas singing will be presented by various Manas troupes.

SHSD distributes 5000 'Shri Ram bags'

Raipur, Jan 21: Members of Shri Hanuman Sewa Dal (SHSD) distributed 'Shri Ram Stuti', 'Shri Ram Aarti Bag', 'diyas', and 'Shri Ram Dhvaj' at city's Jaistambh Chowk on Sunday to the people on the occasion of consecration ceremony of Shri Ramlala's in Ayodhya on Jan 22.

Pankaj Mishra of SHSD informed that Jan 22 is most



important day in life of every Indian and in this all are very enthusiastic and SHSD also tried to be part of the same with small contribution. Pankaj Mishra informed that on Sunday, a total of 5000 'Shri Ram Bags' including 'Shri Ram Dhvaj', 'Shri Ram Stuti', 'Shri Ram Aarti', and 25000 'diyas' were distributed. It is an effort on part of SHSD to en-

sure that on Jan 22, there is lighting of 'diyas', flashing of the Shri Ram's flag and 'Shri Ram Stuti' and 'Aarti' in every house. In this distribution programme, Pankaj Mishra, Prashant Dubey, Abhishek Sharma, Deepak Bagga, Manharan Verma, Sankalp Mishra, Pankaj Thakur, Aakarsh Shukla, Hemant Patel and others were present.

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Power to Questions is the soul of democracy: Chandrakar



Budget is decided only after assessing the current economic situation: Dr. Pandey

Raipur, Jan 21: In the first session of the second day of the two-day orientation program, the newly-elected MLAs of Chhattisgarh Assembly were made aware of the functions and proceedings of the Assembly and parliamentary procedures. During

this session, MLA and former Minister Ajay Chandrakar addressed the Question Hour as a guest speaker and provided detailed information about the importance of asking questions, types of questions, half hour discussion, topics etc. In the second session of the program, former Assembly Speaker Dr. Prem Prakash Pandey elaborated on the budget, the process of making the budget, types of budgets and finalization.

On this occasion, Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, Finance Minister O.P. Chaudhary, Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma were also present.

Addressing the newly elected MLAs, Ajay Chandrakar said that questions have great power. This is the soul of democracy. Through questions, MLAs can convey the feedback of public. MLAs can utilize the time of Question Hour to have a powerful impact as public

representative. The Executive, Legislature and Cabinet are also collectively responsible for Question Hour. Elaborating on the types of questions, starred, unstarred and short notice, he said that MLAs can ask a maximum of four questions in a day for which they would have to give notice of the question 21 days in advance. MLAs were told that preparation is important for proper utilization of the Question Hour. Questions should reflect public aspirations and MLA's readiness, dedication, originality and seriousness. He urged the newly-elected MLAs to ask such questions in public interest. He motivated the new MLAs to enter the Assembly with a student-like attitude and continue to learn and grow.

CM Sai announces closure of slaughterhouses and meat shops today

Raipur, Jan 21: In a significant decision, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has announced the closure of slaughterhouses and meat-selling shops in Chhattisgarh on 22 January, marking the auspicious occasion of Shri Ram Lalla Pran Pratishtha. This decision, driven by a consideration of public faith, aims to honour the sanctity of the event. The Urban Administration Department, under the directives of Chief Minister Shri Sai, has issued an official order to implement this decision.

Dy CM Sao and Finance Minister review departmental budget

Raipur, Jan 21: Finance Minister OP Chaudhary, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, chaired review meeting with senior officials of the department regarding the budget session of the Public Works Department, Public Health Engineering Department and Urban Administration Department. At the meeting, Choudhary and Dy. CM Sao had a detailed discussion with the departmental officers regarding the budget of important



schemes in the meeting. Budget and grants for various schemes including the infrastructure of urban bodies, smart city Raipur-Bilaspur, construction and maintenance of state highways and Amrit Mission were reviewed. Meanwhile, constructive suggestions such as online monitoring of water quality, development of Jal Jeevan Mission dashboard and state portal were also received. Choudhary and Sao reviewed the budget of the departments and provided necessary guidelines to the department officials concerned.

Sickle Cell awareness campaign organized

Raipur, Jan 21: Astitva Women Education & Empowerment Foundation, Chhattisgarh ran sickle cell awareness campaign in rural areas to provide education about screening, causes, symptoms, and available treatments.

In an interactive session with the students and the community, healthcare experts explained the genetic aspects of sickle cell disease, and the importance of screening. He also discussed prevention and management strategies. A compelling 'Nukkad Natak' was performed to bring the



crucial message of sickle cell awareness to the heart of the rural community. The street play captivated the audience with a mix of entertainment and education, shedding light on the impact of the disease

and conveyed the message of sickle cell awareness in an engaging and relatable manner. The "Swasthya Samwad" successfully reached a significant portion of the rural com-

munity, promoting awareness, early detection, screening and proactive health management. The campaign fostered a sense of empowerment within the community, encouraging individuals to take charge of their health and well-being. Thanks to Anupam Diwan, Dr. Shivam Kumar Sharma from VY Hospital, Raipur, and the Nukkad Natak team consisting of Sakshi Nayak, Ravina Kandra, Chanchal Dhiwar, Niharika Markhande, Samiksha Nayak and Nandinee Verma for driving the community-driven healthcare campaigns.

MATS University conducts 5 days Faculty Development Program

Raipur, Jan 21: School of Business and Management Studies-MATS University conducted its prestigious 5 Days FDP program on the topic Advance Research Methodology and Publishing in which various sub themes from various aspects of research were covered in the past 5 days the FDP started on 15th January 2024 and lasted up to 19th January 2024, in this FDP the key note speakers expressed their views and shared their valuable thoughts on different dimensions of research



Professor-IIIT Naya Raipur) delivered lecture on Research Design and Instrument Validation, on 3rd Day the speaker Dr. G. K. D. e s h m u k h (Associate Professor-PRSU Raipur) delivered lecture on Fake Predatory Cloned Journal on fourth day on fourth day of FDP again Dr. Amit Kumar Agrawal (IIIT Naya Raipur) explained briefly about the core and crust of how to design the literature review and on the fifth and last day of the FDP the guest speaker was Professor Dr.Ashok Pradhan (Prof.& Head-

School of Studies Anthropology PRSU) delivered lecture on Advance Research, Hypothesis Testing and Plagiarism. The all session were very interactive as huge number of HOD's Faculty members and Research Scholars from different Universities and Colleges participated in this FDP and share their feedback and attended the session very actively, the HoD of Department (School of Business and Management Studies) Dr.Umesh Gupta chaired the session and congratulated the team for organ-

izing this faculty development program The Chancellor Gajraj Pagariya Vice Prof. Dr. K. P. Y a d a v Director General, Priyesh Pagariya and Registrar Gokulananda Panda expressed their best wishes and extended their warm regards to team commerce and management for organizing the faculty development program successfully an at last there was a question hour session and photo session and the program ended with valediction and certificate distribution ceremony

Traffic police distribute pamphlets to create awareness

Under Road Safety in Bijapur weekly market

Bijapur, Jan 21: Under the Road Safety month, a new initiative is being taken every day by the Traffic Department to make people aware about traffic through various events. On Sunday pamphlets were distributed in the weekly market to the people who came from local and other villages. They made people aware through pamphlets that they should always walk on the footpath, use Zebra crossing while crossing the road and do not run across the road. They also appealed to the people to help the blind and elderly people in crossing the road, to limit the speed, not to park in the middle of the road, follow the traffic signals, rules and



signs and drive safely and carefully. Under the road safety program, the above advice given will continue for a month. Under this road safety, various events are being organized to create awareness among the people in which helmets are given to motorcyclists, traffic logos and roses are given to those wearing seat belts in four-wheeler. People are being made

aware about not riding a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol, wearing a helmet while driving two-wheeler and following the traffic rules. It was told in this program that in today's time, most of the people suffer serious injuries in motorcycle accidents when they are not wearing helmets because in a motorcycle accident, if a person is not wearing a helmet, it leads

to head injury and the accident becomes serious. For those wearing a helmet it only causes injuries to hands and legs which can be treated with medical care. Due to all these reasons, the police department is continuously appealing all to wear helmets. Auto and taxi drivers were also counseled and administered pledge to follow traffic rules.

VBSY camp held in urban bodies of Bijapur

And in Bhopalpatnam People expressed happiness after benefiting from various schemes of the govt

Bijapur, Jan 21: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camp was organized in Bijapur and Bhopalpatnam Nagar panchayat. It was organized by Municipality Bijapur in the premises of the District Office. Through the camp, the message of the Prime Minister of India was read out in a LED vehicle. Public representatives and common citizens took a pledge to make a self-reliant and developed India by the year 2047, the centenary of the country's independence. Through the camp, departmental stalls of public welfare schemes of the government were set up



which included Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Aadhaar Card Update, Ayushman Card Scheme and people were benefited from public welfare schemes through various departmental stalls including Mudra Loan Scheme. Under the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, a cheque of Rs 10,000 each was given to two beneficiaries. After the completion

of the PMAY, the keys of new completed houses were handed over to the beneficiaries. Free health check-up, treatment and medicine distribution were also done through the camp in which people enthusiastically got health check-up and availed health facilities. During this, a cultural program was presented by school girls. Beneficiary Triveni Mandavi, who benefited from the Prime Minister Vishwakarma Scheme under "Meri Kahani Meri Jubani", shared her experience and expressed her gratitude to the government and administration

for benefiting from the scheme. The beneficiaries benefited from the PMAY expressed gratitude to the Central Government and the Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi, for getting rid of the 'kucha' houses and getting new 'pucca' houses from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Similarly, beneficiary Madhu Singh expressed his gratitude to the government and administration while giving information about expanding his business by benefiting from the loan scheme. In the program at Bijapur, Municipality President Benhoor Rawatia, senior citizens G Venkat, Srinivas Mudaliar and senior officials of the district administration, Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi, in-charge CEO District Panchayat Geet Kumar Sinha, CMO Municipality John Paul and ward councilors and distinguished citizens were present.

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Ch'garh Veteran cricket team to take part



In the Indian Veteran Premium league from Feb 22- March 3 CVCA delegation pays courtesy visit to CM

Raipur, Jan 21: A delegation of Chhattisgarh Veteran Cricket Association (CVCA) paid courtesy visit to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at state circuit house 'Pahuna' here on Sunday. The delegation informed CM Sai that Board for Veteran Cricket in India (BVCI) will be organising Indian Veteran Premier League in Dehradun from Feb 22 to March 3. In this a total of 6 teams will be taking part along with that of Chhattisgarh. In Chhattisgarh's team also many international players will be tak-

Amit Shah accorded warm welcome

Raipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah was accorded warm welcome by CM Vishnu Deo Sai at the Swamy Vivekanand Airport here on Sunday. On this occasion Dy. CM Vijay Sharma and LS MP Sunil Soni, ex-VS Speaker Gaurishankar Agrawal and former RDA Chairman Sanjay Shrivatava were also present.

Three Maoists killed in encounter identified

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Bijapur, Jan 21: Three Maoists killed in an encounter between police and Maoists in the hill of Belam Gutta near Balam Nendra under Basaguda police station area have been identified. This include two Female Maoists viz party member Soni



Madakam D/o Kalal police station Basaguda and party member Nagi

Punem D/o Bichen Punem village Nendra police station Basaguda.

The male Maoist identified is Kosa Caram DAKMS President Nendra. Under the surrender and rehabilitation policy of the state government, a reward of Rs 1 lakh has been declared for the male Maoist Kosa Karam DAKMS president who was killed in the encounter.

IGP reviews missing children cases



Bhilai, Jan 21: Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Badri Narayan Meena reviewed the pending cases of missing children during a meeting held the other day. Nodal officers of the district were present in the review meeting while the Superintendents of Police participated in the meet-

ing through video conferencing. In the meeting, the nodal officers formed a team under their supervision, assigned tasks to the team and directed them to carry out the verification process. Efforts should be made to obtain mobile numbers and contact details by thoroughly investigating each case of a miss-

ing person. The investigating officers appointed for the investigation should visit the homes of each missing child and contact their family members and relatives to obtain necessary information and do the follow up as per the need. Strict instructions have been given to improve the level of searching by establishing coordination with the stakeholder departments and social organizations working in the area. Although all the units are taking action under the special campaign "Operation Muskaan", instructions have been given to improve the level of documentation by following technical analysis and instructions issued by the Police Headquarters.

Minute painting of Shri Ram on a rice grain becomes subject of curiosity

Bhilai, Jan 21: The minute painting of Lord Shri Ram on a small grain of rice is a subject of curiosity among the people. Pictures of Lord Buddha, Shri Krishna and Lord Shankar have also been made in this small rice bowl. This picturesque artwork full of colours is the creation of Ankush Dewangan, a Limca and Golden Book of the World Record award winning sculptor. There is no doubt that the entire country is in the grip of a spiritual atmosphere regarding the consecration of Ramlala in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024. Ahead of it, huge statues of Lord Shri Ram are being carved all around. In such a situation, Ankush Dewangan, a powerful signature of the contemporary Indian art world, has created a complete picture of the



archer Lord Shri Ram on a small grain of rice. This artwork is not visible to the naked eye. A micro power lens is required to see this. As is known Ankush Dewangan has already received the Limca Book of Records award for making the world's smallest sculptures. He was given this award for making an idol of Lord Ganesha that was 20

times smaller than a mustard seed. Apart from more than 500 successful exhibitions of his micro art across the country, he has also hoisted the flag of his art across the seven seas. It took him about three months to make the picture of Lord Shri Ram and three other deities along with the Lord. During this period, about 125 kg rice also got

spoiled. But he did not give up and fulfilling his resolve, he completed this delicate painting even before the installation of Ramlala. Ankush Dewangan not only creates miniature art but also has expertise in creating the biggest artworks. In Dalli Rajhara, he has created the chariot of Krishna-Arjuna Bhishma Pitamah as huge as a six-

storey building by welding it from waste iron scrap, which is considered to be the world's largest iron chariot. The grand Krishna Arjun chariot of Civic Center, Sail Parivar Chowk, Nataraja of Bhilai Niwas, Panthi Chowk of Ruabadha, Prime Minister Trophy Chowk of Boria Gate, Shramveer Chowk of Sector 1 and Ethics artworks of Suniti Udyan in Sector 8 reflect the heights of his art. The artworks created by him are present in many cities of the country like PurkhautiMuktagan of Raipur, Raj Bhawan Bhopal, Surajkund Haryana, Durgapur Steel Plant. He is the first artist from Chhattisgarh to become a board member of Lalit Kala Academy in New Delhi.

Ram Mandir consecration: SR Hospital to provide free services today

Bhilai, Jan 21: The idol of Lord Shri Ramlala will be consecrated in Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya Temple on January 22. To make this historical day memorable, preparations are being made on a large scale by the devotees of Lord Ram at the global level. People are organizing different types of events to make every moment of this day memorable. SR Hospital and Research CenterChikhli, the largest private hospital of Durg district, will witness a busy day because of a free health check-up camp on January 22. In the said camp, normal delivery, caesarean operation will be done free of cost. Medical Superintendent Dr SP Kesarwani said that they all are waiting for the day of 22 January 2024. He

said that on this historic day, a free health check-up camp has been organized at SR Hospital on 22 January 2024. In the said camp, normal delivery, caesarean delivery and cataract operations will be done free of cost. Patients will have to pay only for medicines and tests. Hospital Chairman Sanjay Tiwari said that people of all religions, all castes, all communities and all classes have cooperated in organizing the consecration of the idol of Lord Shri Ram Lala on January 22. The hospital team has made complete preparations for the successful organization of the said free health check-up camp. The hospital appealed to the people of the area to take advantage of the free health check-up camp.

Devotees recite Hanuman Chalisa on Pran Pratistha eve



Bhilai, Jan 21: On the eve of the consecration of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya, a unique programme of mass recitation of Hanuman Chalisa was organised in Durg on

Sunday. The enthusiasm is at its peak in Durg district also. Here, grand and large-scale devotional and cultural programs are being organized at the district and block level. A programme of Manas singing by Manas

troupes is being organized in major temples in all three development blocks including the district headquarters Durg. On Sunday, a large number of devotees recited Hanuman Chalisa at Pandit Ravi Shankar

meat shops will remain closed in the district on January 22. Collector Richa Chaudhary has issued orders to keep slaughter houses and meat shops closed in the entire district on the occasion of consecration at Ayodhya Shri Ram Temple. She has asked the concerned officials to ensure that the order is strictly followed in the district.

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Man killed in road mishap; son injured

Bhilai, Jan 21: A man was killed and his son suffered fatal injuries in a road accident which occurred at Patel Square in Durg late evening on Saturday. They were moving on a scooter and were hit by a rashly moving car. The man was thrown away and died on the spot due to fatal injuries. His son has also suffered serious injuries and is recuperating in the hospital. According to information, the deceased was Prakash Jain, a resident of Rishabh Colony, Durg. He was returning home from his shop with his son Priyank Jain on a scooter. Priyank was riding the scooter. They were hit by a speeding car (CG08-AV-9503) at Patel Square. Prakash Jain suffered fatal head injury in the mishap and died on the spot. Priyank has also suffered serious injuries and is recuperating in the hospital. The car driver left the vehicle at the mishap site and fled away. Police have seized the vehicle and lodged an offence against the driver.

Mar Theodosius Memorial Football Tournament comes to a close

Bhilai, Jan 21: The closing ceremony of 11th Mar Theodosius Football Tournament was held on January 20, 2024 in the MGM School's Football ground. The football tournament that brought together 8 teams, experienced extremely exciting, dramatic and attractive matches alongside the enthusiastic cheers of audience. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Amrik Singh, Senior Sports Officer, Higher Education Department. The Special Guest for the day was Praveen Singh Ex- Tata Academy Team and Ex-SAIL Team Player. The other distinguished guests who graced the ceremony were Rev Fr Shaji M baby, Vice President of the School, CA Roshan V



Koshy - Hon Treasurer of the School and TT Mathew, School Managing Committee Member. In his welcome address, the Principal In-charge Shaji Chacko applauded

the efforts of each and every one sincerely associated in making the event a grand success. He said that taking part is more important than winning. He concluded by wishing

the teams a glorious future ahead with success in all their endeavours. The chief guest in his speech expressed pleasure at being present on this day. He congratulated every-

one associated with the school and said that competition enables the students to play with the spirit of true sportsmanship. The fierce Final Match between the teams of Maitri Vidya Niketan and MGM Senior Secondary School yielded interesting results where MGM Senior Secondary School won the match by 8-1 goals. Later, prizes and certificates were distributed to the winning and participating teams. The tournament was declared closed by the chief guest. The program drew close with the Vote of Thanks by Rukmani Deshmukh and concluded with lowering of school flag. The School Management, the Principal In-charge and staff congratulated the teams.

Woman killed in fire sparked by incense stick

Bhilai, Jan 21: An old lady was killed in a fire sparked by an incense stick in Jamul on the intervening night of Saturday. The 90-year-old lady was burnt alive in this mishap. Police have lodged a case and investigations are on. According to information, the deceased was Dukhiya Bai (90) a resident of Jamul. Her daughter-in-law had kept a mosquito repellent incense stick beneath her cot. It is suspected that the blanket or bed sheet would have caught fire from the incense stick. As the family members did not hear the lady's screams, it is suspected that the old lady would have died due to suffocation and thereafter the body got charred on the burning bed. The family came to know about the incident the next morning. On information, a team of Jamul Police Station reached the spot and conducted crime scene investigation. After preparing an inquest, police sent the body for autopsy. Further investigations are on.

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Shri Ramlala Pranpratistha: District level program at Shri Ram Janki temple

Bhilai, Jan 21: The consecration of Shri Ramlala is going to be held on 22 January in Ayodhya. There is no dearth of enthusiasm for the celebrations in Durg district also. Here also, a district level programme has been organized on January 22 from 12.00 noon in the premises of Shri Ram Janki temple located in Kasaridih. Member of Parliament

Vijay Baghel will grace the function as chief guest. Special guests will be MLA (Durg City) Gajendra Yadav, Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey, MLA (Ahiwara) Domanlal Karsewada, MLA (Durg Rural) Lalit Chandrakar, MLA (Vaishali Nagar) Rikesh Sen, MLA (Patan) Bhupesh Baghel, MLA (Bhilai Nagar) Devendra Yadav,

Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal and District Panchayat President Pushpa Yadav. During the programme, devotional cultural programs will be presented by Anand Dhara Manas Mandali, Malud; Sai Manas Parivar; Andia; Upasana Mandali, Karel; Raghunayak Manas Mandali, Parsahi and Navtuli Manas Parivar Jogigufa.

Certificate Programme on 'Career Option in Civil Services' inaugurated



Bhilai, Jan 21: The Civil Services Aspirants Club of St Thomas College, Bhilai inaugurated a fifteen-day certificate programme on the topic "career option in civil services." The certificate programme aims to provide insight into various aspects of UPSC and other competitive examinations along with the degree programme. At the outset, Dr Sheeja Varkey, convener of the Civil Services Aspirants Club, welcomed the gathering. Principal DRMG

Raymon felicitated the distinguished guest and highlighted the importance of determination, perseverance, and diligence for cracking any competitive exam. Speaking on the occasion, IQAC Coordinator Dr Debjani Mukherjee inspired the students to set goals and have strong willpower to achieve them. Vinay Singh, professional faculty member of UPSC coaching academy, was the guest speaker for the occasion. He emphasized on the signifi-

cance of civil services in India and the potential career path it offers. The Resource Person shared real-life inspirational anecdotes of many IAS officers to motivate the aspirants. While talking about career options in the service, he posed a series of questions to the aspirants, asking them about their interest in the civil service and how to prepare for selecting a specialization paper in the civil service exam. The programme was conducted by Deepthi Santosh (Head, in charge Department of Sociology), and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Shubha Diwan (Assistant Professor, Department of Bio-Technology), Heads of Departments, organizing committee members of civil services aspirants club, faculty members and students were present in large numbers in the programme.

Song 'Raghu Ram Ram' made in city uploaded on YouTube

Bhilai, Jan 21: "Raghu Ram Ram" an invocation song written and directed by Nishu Pandey of Arctom, an organization dedicated to the art of Chhattisgarh has been uploaded on YouTube and has been liked by hundreds of people. About this song on YouTube, Durg MP Vijay Baghel said that he felt like listening to this song again and again. Not because he is also there in this song, but because in this invocation song the story of 500 years of Sanatanis is depicted. The people of Bhilai should be proud of the fact that all the people in the song are from Bhilai and this call song should be spread among the masses. Other prominent personalities such



as Sanjay Ojha, KK Jha, Dr Raksha Singh, Dr Hansa Shukla, Ajay Bhasin, Sikh community, volunteers and BJP workers expressed happiness over the students being a part of this song. Shri Niwas composed

music and lent his voice to this song written and directed by Nishu Pandey while chorus is by Pradeep Verma, Rajeev Rao, Preeti Nishu Pandey, Suman Joshi, Hemavati Sahu, and Sound Engineer Sanjeev

Nanda. In the video song shot at various locations such as Shri Ram temple Sector 4, Maharashtra Mandal and Civic Centre while acting is by Nishu Pandey, Vijay Baghel, MP Durg, Chhattisgarh, Shekhar Yadav from

Bollywood, Manoj Joshi from Chhoolywood, Preeti Nishu Pandey, Arnab Pandey, cinematography by Manmohan Tiwari, make-up by Shivendra Thakur and editing by Lalit Verma.

Enthusiasm towards Kabaddi game visible in rural areas: Netam



Mainpur, Jan 21: A two-day state-level Kabaddi competition unfolded in the quaint village of Jidar, just five kilometers from the Tehsil Headquarters of the Mainpur, organized by the Jahunria Girls Kabaddi Club. The grand finale and prize distribution ceremony of this prestigious event were graced by the presence of Sanjay Netam, the Vice President of the District Panchayat Gariaband, who presided as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering and offering words of encouragement to the dedicated players, Sanjay

Netam underscored the importance of nurturing talent and fostering a passion for Kabaddi among the youth. He emphasized that while victory is a commendable achievement, what truly matters is giving one's absolute best and striving for 100% performance. Netam stressed that every participant, whether victorious or not, gains valuable experience, and both success and setbacks are integral parts of any sporting journey. He extended congratulations to the winners and inspired the defeated to redouble their efforts, with

the belief that hard work and determination lead to ultimate triumph.

Special guest and former Sarpanch Pushpa Devi Kapil underscored the significance of sports alongside academics in today's world. She acknowledged the evident enthusiasm of the youth for Kabaddi, highlighting its positive impact on their lives. The event was inaugurated by Sarpanch Duleshwari Nagesh, in the presence of senior citizen Ramswaroop Sahu and Sarpanch of Chhote Gobra. Ramswaroop Sahu also shared his thoughts,

and all the esteemed guests felicitated the winners, runners-up, and the third and fourth-place teams with shields and cash rewards.

The thrilling final match featured a face-off between Khudiadihi and Rajim, with Khudiadihi securing victory with a score of 21/15. The winning team, Khudiadihi, received the top prize of Rs 11,001 and a shield, while the runner-up, Rajim, was awarded Rs 7,001 and a shield. Sankara, securing the third position, was presented with Rs 4,001 and a shield, and Sehrapali, the fourth-place team, received Rs 2,001 and a shield.

The event witnessed the presence of notable figures such as Janmejay Netam, Youth Congress District Vice President Gunjesh Kapil, Block Congress Committee Vice President Harishwar Patel, Devisingh Markam, along with a large gathering of villagers and sports enthusiasts.

VBSY: A journey towards a prosperous India

Kharora, Jan 21: In a momentous event marking the last stop of the first phase of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the Kharora Division, Chief Guest Narendra Singh Thakur, President of the BJP Mandal Kharora, conveyed an inspiring message of hope and progress to the villagers gathered at Gram Panchayat Khapridih Khurd.

Thakur emphasized the unwavering commitment of the state government in fulfilling Prime Minister Modi's vision. The Yatra has been initiated with a steadfast goal of extending the benefits of various schemes to every individual. Thakur stressed that the government aims to empower the community, elevate living standards, and contribute to the nation's development.

The event witnessed the presence of esteemed guests, including Surendra Verma Janpad, Ashok Verma Sarpanch, Sunil Nayak District Executive, Deepak Dhankar Office Incharge, Atma Verma General Secretary Kisan Morcha, and the enthusiastic villagers.

Khairagarh's roads stained with blood due to increasing accidents

● **3 lives lost in 7 days due to negligence**

Khairagarh, Jan 21: In the past week, Khairagarh has witnessed a series of tragic road accidents that have left the streets stained with the blood of six individuals. Among the victims, three lost their lives, while three others are in critical condition, battling for their survival. While the local administration might consider these incidents as mere accidents to be recorded in official records, for the grieving families, these incidents represent an enduring and heart-wrenching pain that will remain with them forever. It's imperative that we learn from these accidents and collectively work toward implementing meaningful solutions to minimize, if not entirely prevent, such road accidents in the future.

A 14-year-old child was tragically crushed to death by a speeding truck transporting paddy in Mandla. The high speed of large vehicles on the Dhamdha route has been a recurring cause of severe accidents.

Just a day earlier, a 19-year-old youth from Muteda Nawangaon, named Makardhwaj, lost his life in

Neglect of traffic rules and public awareness

Despite the district's formation over a year ago, concrete initiatives regarding traffic rules and safety measures have been conspicuously absent. Occasional police enforcement actions, prompted by the SP's instructions, have proven insufficient to curb accidents. Regrettably, the issue of stray cattle disrupting traffic on Khairagarh's roads remains unaddressed. Recent incidents include the tragic loss of a Panchayat Secretary's life in a road accident under the Jalabandh

police station jurisdiction, and multiple accidents near the Collectorate Chowk in the district headquarters, leaving dozens injured. While black spots have been identified, significant efforts to rectify the situation have yet to materialize. Neglect of crucial road engineering parameters further exacerbates the problem. Pointing fingers solely at the administration won't suffice. The lack of traffic rules and public awareness also contribute significantly to the rising number of accidents.

Amlipara after being hit by a reckless motorcycle rider. Makardhwaj, a student at BTI with dreams of a bright future, met with an untimely demise.

In Sonesar, located near Amlipara, two motorcycles collided with each other, leaving all three passengers critically injured. Their condition is so severe that the police have been unable to record their statements as of yet.

Tragically, on the same day, another life was lost in Khairagarh. Shreya Karkare, a student of Kathak at Indira

Kala Sangeet University, met with a fatal incident due to a bull attack in the Itwari market. While Shreya's death isn't directly linked to the traffic system, the bull that had been roaming freely on the roads had been causing disruptions and attacking people for several days. Despite the local administration's awareness of this issue, no action had been taken to resolve it. Regrettably, Shreya, who aspired to build a future in the world of art, lost her life as a result.

New police post in-charge engages with public representatives

● **ASI Ajay Singh takes proactive steps towards peace in Kareli Badi**

Kareli Badi, Jan 21: A significant gathering took place at the Kareli Badi police post on Saturday, marking the inaugural step towards enhanced community collaboration. The occasion saw the newly appointed police post in-charge, ASI Ajay Singh, engage with local police personnel and public representatives, fostering discussions on peace and reconciliation within the area.

This landmark meeting marked the first of its kind, as the newly appointed outpost in-charge, ASI Ajay Singh, directly interacted with the public representatives of the region. During the event, ASI Ajay Singh had the opportunity to familiarize himself with district members, sarpanches, sub-sarpanches, panchayat members, village Patels, and



Kotwars from the outpost area. This face-to-face interaction provided an invaluable platform for the public representatives to acquaint themselves with the new outpost in-charge.

Welcoming the attendees, ASI Ajay Singh dedicated time to address the various issues plaguing each village within the region. He emphasized the primary objective of the police force - to establish and maintain peace in the area. While imparting legal education, ASI Ajay Singh encouraged the pub-

lic representatives to collaborate wholeheartedly and adhere to the law based on their understanding.

In the spirit of community cooperation, the police assured full support in addressing the concerns raised during the discussion, reinforcing their commitment to upholding peace in the area. Additionally, this gathering served as an introduction to the public representatives, fostering stronger ties between the police force and the community.

Among the attendees were esteemed individuals such as Sarpanch Domar Singh Sahu, District Member Santosh Sahu, Deputy Sarpanch Padum Sahu, Sarpanch Giresh Sahu, Preet Ram Dewangan, Pawan Sen, Krishna Kumar Pal, Shiv Kumar, Sarpanch Tulsi Nagarchi, Devkaran Sahu, Dhalsing, Santosh Kumar Yadav, Ugesh Kumar, Umesh Sahu, Hemant Sahu, Tilak Ram Sahu, Toman Sahu, Bhikham Sahu, and other prominent community figures.

Bilaspur shines with pre-Ramotsav cleanliness and joy

● **Enthusiastic preparations underway for Pran Pratishtha Ramotsav**

Bilaspur, Jan 21: In a spirited response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for cleanliness, an extensive cleanliness campaign has been launched across temples and pilgrimage sites in Bilaspur district. The fervour is unmatched as both urban and rural residents eagerly anticipate the Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav of Shri Ram Lala scheduled for January 22nd in Ayodhya. The entire district of Bilaspur resonates with chants of Lord Ram, with public representatives and villagers alike wholeheartedly participating in temple cleaning efforts, creating a festive atmosphere akin to Diwali in the villages.

The district administration has issued directives in line with the government's vision, urging the cleaning of temple premises throughout the district. This has led to a fortnight-long Swachhta Pakhwada campaign in temples and public spaces across all



gram panchayats in the district. A significant number of people, including members of self-help groups, youth, villagers, public representatives, school children, as well as government officers and employees, are actively engaged in these cleanliness initiatives. The enthusiasm palpable among

village residents is a testament to their commitment to the cause.

The villages are alive with Prabhat Pheris (morning processions), the lighting of lamps, and melodious bhajans in honour of Lord Shri Ram. A joyous atmosphere prevails throughout the district, evoking the

spirit of Ayodhya. People are purchasing lamps, conducting Prabhat Pheris, and offering prayers in temples and shrines. The sight of children dressed as Lord Shri Ram, Mother Sita, and Hanuman adds to the festive charm, as both young and old actively participate in the celebrations.

Fun festival organized in KCPS Kurud

Kurud, Jan 21: Anandotsav 2024 was organized at Kaliram Chandrakar Public School, Kurud on Friday. The excitement and enthusiasm in this program was at its peak in the fully decorated school premises. In this program, Doctor Manish Raja Dewangan, Engineer Devendra Patel, College Professor Hitnarayan Tandon, Advocate Gulwant Solanke, Traders Association President Yogendra Sinha, Vice President Ravi Chandrakar, National level umpire Harish Dewangan, Farmer Virendra Sahu, were present as foster guests in this program. Ex-service man Chandras Sinha, businessman Sateshwar



Sinha, senior citizen Suresh Agarwal, Prakash Singh Rajput, Preeti Agarwal, Radhika Sahu, Yadram Sahu, Prakash Sharma, Vitesh Verma, Manager Vishwanath Chandrakar, Deputy Manager Yogesh Chandrakar and other foster guests were present. The children attracted everyone's attention by setting up stalls equipped with various dishes and displaying delicious dishes,

entertaining games etc. On the main stage, a series of presentations of fun activities including dancing, singing, GK quiz, wonderful games and open stage performance by the talented children of the institution enthralled the audience as part of a captivating cultural programme. During the cultural program, as special presentations, the presentation of dances and singing related to the

arrival of Lord Shri Ram Chandra Ji in Ayodhya made the atmosphere joyful. Similarly, in the religious and educational plays, the children won the hearts of the parents and guests present with their excellent communication skills. In the end, while expressing gratitude to everyone, Principal K Manjita Thakur thanked the guests and parents present at the program for sparing their precious time to participate in the program. Similarly, special gratitude was expressed to the children and school family team for making this wonderful event successful. All members of the school family including teaching-non-staff were present.

People want Kumbh Mela to be held at new venue: Sonkar

Rajim, Jan 21: The new venue of the Kumbh Mela was inspected by BJP leaders of the city who arrived to inspect the new fair ground, on the instructions of Minister Brijmohan Agarwal. Present senior BJP leader Jitendra Sonkar said that the upcoming Kumbh Mela will be held in the new venue and to overcome the traffic problem, it has become necessary to organize the fair at the new fair ground. Sonkar said that the work on the ghat is progressing and all stations are ready and the administration has definitely received his instructions due to which their form has changed in the last 8 days. Instructions have been given to Gariaband Collector and officials of the concerned department and work is being seen continuously for permanent construction, he said. Shops will be available at low prices in the new fair grounds and transformer has been installed, while the work of the substitution is nearing completion, he added. BJP leader and Rajim Bhaktin Mandir Committee President Lala Sahu said



that for the conservation and protection of the river, Kumbh Mela should be held at the new fair ground. Councilor Omprakash Adil said that the new fair ground will be a historic step in the development of Rajim and everyone can come to Meena Bazaar Circus. Since this year the format of the fair will be bigger and this time the Kumbh Kalpa Mela should be held at this place. Along with him, Nandkishore Sharma, Ramkumar Sahu, Purushottam Sao, MP representative Rinkesh Sahu, Praveen Pushpakar etc. were pres-

ent. Aarti, royal bath and ghat for general public are getting ready.

The new fair ground, the Aarti Ghat adjacent to the river, the royal bathing ghat and the bathing ghat for the general public are being prepared. The engineer present there told that the length of one ghat is 60 meters and width is 30 meters. Thirteen stairs will be constructed above the ghat and the ghat will not be roof-like but will be open. It is important to tell that the work of ghat construction has been started since last year and this time, after the rains ended,

at the end of November, the anicut was filled with water. The Water Resources Department got it opened due to which all the water got washed away and the ghat construction started. Meanwhile the work of substitution has been done by the electricity department, except some works, progress is being seen in the work. Illegal excavation of sand is being done in the river near the fair venue, due to which huge potholes have been formed and a demand for immediate ban has been made to Brijmohan Aggarwal and MLA Rohit Sahu.

Youth should come forward in strengthening the society: Jagdish

Fingeshwar, Jan 21: Bhakta Guha (Nishad) Jayanti Samaj was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the city by Nagar Kenwat (Nishad) Samaj and the program was presided over by Jagdish Yadav, president of Nagar Panchayat Fingeshwar, who in his



address said that Nishad community is one of the very strong communities, who are moving forward as an organized society by cooperating with each other and creating mutual brotherhood. He also said that the youth should come forward in strengthen-

ing the society and making it resourceful. Others present were special guest Omprakash Banchhor Alderman, Anil Chandrakar, Santosh Puri, Goswami Dwarika, Thakur Jitendra Singh and many others.

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LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS OF RAM TEMPLE CONSECRATION CEREMONY



Artists perform ahead of the Ram temple consecration ceremony, in Ayodhya, Sunday.



The compound and the building of a temple dedicated to Lord Ram are decorated with flowers the day before the temple's grand opening in Ayodhya, Sunday.



Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple decorated ahead of the consecration ceremony, in Ayodhya, Sunday.



Devotees outside Hanuman Garhi, ahead of consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir, Ayodhya, Sunday.



A worker decorates the entrance to the Ram temple ahead of the consecration ceremony, in Ayodhya, Sunday.



Preparations ahead of the consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir, in Ayodhya, Sunday.

Ram dhun rings in streets; Ayodhya in grip of religious fervour

Magical festive atmosphere before 'Pran Pratishtha'

Ayodhya, Jan 21 (PTI):

Invitees to the "Pran Pratishtha" consecration ceremony at the Ram temple started arriving Sunday in Ayodhya -- once a sleepy town now resplendent with new infrastructure and gripped by heightened religious fervour on the eve of a seminal event in India's political and religious history. The town, about 140 km west of Lucknow, was bedecked with multi-coloured flowers as recordings of 'Ram dhun' played from loudspeakers and townsfolk dressed as Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman and Hanuman paraded down the streets followed by delirious devotees, and news camera crews. "Ayodhya Ram maye ho gayi hai (Ayodhya is immersed in devotion of Lord Ram)," said Shailendra Gupta, who runs a fabric store on Ram Path, the main street of the town that runs past the Ram temple. "And to-

morrow is a day when Hindus across the world will rejoice."

Skittish policemen kept order, urging cars to stay mobile. But they could only honk repeatedly to part the sea of pilgrims on Ram Path, many with "Jai Shri Ram" painted on their foreheads in shades of ochre and vermillion.

Ceremonial gates depicting 'Jai Shri Ram' in floral patterns and illumination visible at night add to the aura of the ancient city which has undergone a massive infrastructural growth in the last couple of years after the 2019 Supreme Court verdict on the Ram temple issue.

"The entire country is chanting the name of Lord Ram," said Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya.

All the excitement is in preparation for the mega consecration ceremony on Monday, which will climax decades of efforts and agitation to build the temple on the site where Hindus believe Lord Ram was born. At the site stood the Babri mosque, which was built in the

Ayodhya skyline turns saffron on consecration eve

The streets and skyline of Ayodhya are covered with saffron flags fluttering from rooftops of buildings, small and big.

Cut-outs of the Ram temple along with Lord Ram have been put up at Lata Mangeshkar Chowk, while ornamental lamp posts along the Ram Path bearing design themed on 'Ramanadi tilak' and light patterns depicting religious symbols have turned the city into a land of festivities.

The grand ceremony of the much-awaited 'Pran Pratishtha' will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, following which the shrine will be opened for the public a day later.

The ceremony will begin at 12.20 pm and is expected to end by 1 pm. The prime minister will then address a gathering of more than 7,000 people, including seers and prominent personalities,

at the venue. The entire event will be telecast live to a nationwide audience of millions, and more outside India.

The excitement among devotees, both local and those who have travelled long distances, reached a near crescendo on Sunday.

In the streets, folk artists presented cultural performances, some swinging peacock feathers while others beat drums and grooved to 'Ram dhun' playing in the streets.

Some religious organisations, whose volunteers have come from other states, played 'Ram bhajan' on loudspeakers mounted on a vehicle, while those walking on foot chanted 'Jai Shri Ram'. Mahant Prakash Das Maharaj of an ancient religious shrine in Alwar in Rajasthan, an invitee to the ceremony, said there is an "atmosphere of exuberance" among all

about this Ram temple.

"I have brought a pair of 'silver charanpaduka' to Ayodhya and today I will present it to the chairman at the Ram temple trust. It weighs about 750 gm, and has been made by artists from Alwar," he told PTI.

The Mahant said, in 2020, he had presented a silver brick for the bhoomipujan ceremony. "On Sunday, the 'Pran Pratishtha' will take place at Ram temple, and see the joy, happiness and delight among the people. With the full installation of Ram Lalla's idol at the Ram temple, we will see 'Satyug' in 'Kalyug'," he said, as he walked barefoot towards Hanumangarhi temple to pay obeisance to the deity.

A large number of sadhus and seers, who have been invited to the ceremony, have also arrived in the temple town, officials said.

16th century. It was demolished by kar sevaks on December 6, 1992.

After a protracted legal battle, the Supreme Court in November 2019 ruled

in favour of the construction of the temple. It also said a 5-acre plot for the

Badhawa to Ghumar, folk dances on Ayodhya streets ahead of consecration

Folk dances from 'Badhawa' to 'Ghumar', songs dedicated to Lord Ram playing on loudspeakers, streets decked up with flowers, lights and saffron flags and people dressed up as Lord Ram, Sita and Hanuman - the temple town of Ayodhya is buzzing with activity ahead of the consecration ceremony at the newly constructed Ram temple.

Small stages have been constructed at multiple places on Ram Path which leads to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple. Folk dancers from across the country are performing different dances with passersby stopping to make videos and click selfies.

"The folk dances that are being performed across the city include Badhawa, Chari,

Ghumar, Dhobiya, Rai, Rasliya, Mayur, Khayal Nritya and Sataria, among others. The streets leading to the Ram temple look like a mini India. The same will be performed tomorrow as well," an official from the Uttar Pradesh government's culture department told PTI.

Groups of devotees singing and dancing, people dressed as characters of Ramayana, and small vans decked with flowers and posters of Lord Ram were a common sight on Sunday on the streets of the holy city with thousands gathering at the main gate of the temple which has been completely covered in flowers.

"We celebrate Diwali every year to mark Lord Ram's return to Ayodhya and here this is the

biggest Diwali ever. How can this not be celebrated? The religious atmosphere here cannot even be described in words or captured by camera," said Pragya Dewan who is performing ghumar, a folk dance from Rajasthan.

Another artist, Umapati, who is part of the group performing Rasliya said, "There cannot be a better global stage than this to perform and the love we are receiving from devotees is unimaginable. People are bringing tea and food for us, maybe this is what 'Ram Rajya' looks like".

The first phase of the Ram temple in Ayodhya is nearing completion and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol on January 22.

construction of a mosque a burst of infrastructure push. Today, it has wide main streets, flyovers, a brand new airport and a refurbished railway station.

Live surgeries mark global multispecialty robotic surgery conference

New Delhi, Jan 20:

Amidst rising popularity of Robotic Surgeries in India, which is still at its nascent stage, SS Innovations, the makers of India's first and only home-grown Surgical Robotic System - the SSI MANTRA organised a 2-day Global Multispecialty Robotic Surgery Conference which witnessed enthusiastic participation from 150+ world renowned doctors from around the world coming together on a single platform to discuss the future landscape of robotic surgery globally, integration of Artificial Intelligence in surgery and the pursuit of sustainable tele-surgery.



Dr. Sudhir Srivastava addressing the conference

The highlight of the 2-day event is the Live surgeries, conducted by renowned robotic surgeons with SSI Mantra, which will showcase the system's practical

applications across various surgical specialties including cardiac surgery, providing attendees with real-time insights and valuable learning experiences. In a video

recorded message, Minister Mansukh Mandavia, Union Minister for Health said, "I am happy to join and talk to all of you at this first global multi-specialty robotics surgical conference hosted by SS Innovations. Today, we stand at a crossroads wherein cutting-edge innovation is meeting the boundless need for accessible, quality, and affordable healthcare.

A decade ago, India's healthcare landscape faced significant challenges in terms of innovation as well as accessibility and affordability. However, through a collective effort and unwavering resolve under the visionary leadership of honourable Prime Minister,

Shri Narendra Modi Ji, we have made remarkable progress, and today we stand at the forefront of a healthcare revolution. Healthcare events such as unified health interface, digital health etc that were in the realm of fiction a decade ago, now have become real happenings.

In the words of Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, Founder, Chairman & CEO, SS Innovations, "the first global SS Innovations Multispecialty Robotic Surgery Conference 2024 aims to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation in the realm of robotic surgery by uniting thought leaders, practitioners, and industry experts.

Maha Governor flags off Mumbai Marathon



Mumbai, Jan 21:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais on Sunday flagged off the Tata Mumbai Marathon Elite Race from opposite the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai.

The Governor also flagged off the Champions with Disabilities Race, a race for the Divyang persons, and the Senior Citizens' Run on the occa-

sion. Lyricist Gulzar participated in the senior citizen's run on the occasion. Maharashtra's Ministers Chhagan Bhujbal and Deepak Kesarkar were present. Legislator Ashish Shelar, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Sanjay Singh, GOC in C, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa area Maj Gen H S Kahlon, Municipal

Commissioner I S Chahal, organisers of the event Vivek Singh and officials were present. According to the organizers, 60,000 persons are participating in this year's Marathon.

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