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BRIEF



A foreign tourist flies a kite during an international kite festival, in Hubballi, Saturday.

Woman Subedar

New Delhi: Havildar Preeti Rajak, who is a champion trap shooter, has become the first woman to hold the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army after she was promoted on Sunday. Subedar Rajak joined the Army in the Corps of Military Police in December 2022.

Raze

Gir Somnath: A mega anti-encroachment drive was undertaken to clear around 3 hectares of land behind Somnath temple in Gujarat's Gir Somnath district that belonged to the temple trust and state government, officials said on Saturday.

Acquit

Thane: A court in Thane district of Maharashtra has acquitted a man accused of sexually harassing and threatening a 15-year-old girl in 2016 citing lack of evidence. Special court judge D S Deshmukh passed the order on Monday, but it was made available on Saturday.

Review

Jaipur: Congress in-charge for Rajasthan Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and state party chief Govind Singh Dotasia will tour the state to review preparations for the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra and the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. The duo along with senior leaders of the party will also address a series of public meetings across the state beginning February 1, party spokesperson Swarnim Chaturvedi said.

Collision

Dhenkanal: A motorcyclist was killed and BJP MP Jual Oram suffered injury on Saturday in a collision between his vehicle and a two-wheeler in Odisha's Dhenkanal district, police said. The accident took place at Rekula Chhak in Kamakhyanager when the collision occurred, a senior officer said.

Bust

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has arrested one member of a gang of thieves who would pose as deaf and mute orphans to gain people's sympathy and access to their houses, and steal their valuables. The police claimed that with the arrest of the 19-year-old Venkatesh, a native of Andhra Pradesh, they have solved five cases of burglaries in Hazrat Nizamuddin, South Campus, Lajpat Nagar and Rajinder Nagar area of Delhi, and one case in Uttar Pradesh's Noida.

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'State govt focussed on devp of SCs, STs, poor, women and farmers'

Raipur, Jan 27:

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan on Friday said his government's fundamental principle is to pay utmost attention to the development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, economically disadvantaged, women, youth, children and farmers.

In his Republic Day address to the state at Police Parade grounds in the capital Raipur, Harichandan said Chhattisgarh must be transformed into a region, free from Naxal influence, characterized by robust law and order, tranquillity, and a bastion of development.

"The success of our democracy is deeply rooted in the perpetual commitment of every individual, mutual cooperation, active participation in the development of the state and the country, and a strong desire for progress in science and technology," he said. On the other hand,



Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan addressing the gathering.

we also acknowledge the significant contribution of our ancient culture and spiritual awareness, he said. Inspired by the philosophy of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the pioneer of 'Ekatma Manavvad' (integral humanism), one finds meaningful motivation for the conscientious fulfilment of duties towards humanity and the nation, he said. "My government's funda-

mental principle is to pay utmost attention to the comprehensive development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, economically weaker sections, women, youth, children, farmers, rural populations, and forest dwellers," he said.

"All of us together need to fulfil Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji's dream of building the state of Chhattisgarh," he said.

Chhattisgarh must be transformed into a region, free from Naxal influence, characterised by robust law and order, tranquillity, and a bastion of development, said the governor. With the strategy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas', every objective for the betterment of Chhattisgarh will be achieved, he said.

Harichandan paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr B R Ambedkar, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. "I also acknowledge the current President of India Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi who have demonstrated through their leadership that individuals from ordinary families can rise to the highest positions in the country and make significant contributions," he said.

Indian Navy responds as Houthis attack British tanker

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI): The Indian Navy on Saturday said its guided missile destroyer INS Visakhapatnam has deployed a team to help fire-fighting efforts on board British oil tanker MV Marlin Luanda which has got 22 Indian and one Bangladeshi crew members. According to foreign media reports, the tanker caught fire after a missile attack by Yemen's Houthi militants, the latest incident linked to the Iran-backed group in the key shipping route Gulf of Aden. On a request from MV Marlin Luanda, INS



In this photo provided by the Indian Navy, a view of the oil tanker Marlin Luanda on fire after an attack, in the Red sea.

Visakhapatnam has deployed its NBCD team along with fire-fighting equipment to render assistance to the crew towards augmenting fire-fighting efforts on board the distressed ship, a Navy

spokesperson said. "The Indian Navy remains steadfast and committed towards safeguarding MVs (merchant vessels) and ensuring safety of life at sea," the Indian Navy

EOW-ACB registers cases in coal, liquor 'scams'

105 persons named

Raipur, Jan 27:

The Chhattisgarh Economic Offence Wing/Anti Corruption Bureau has registered two FIRs in connection with the alleged coal levy and liquor scams based on the complaint of the Enforcement Directorate which has been probing the money laundering aspect. Seventy persons, including several Congress leaders, have been named in the FIR related to the alleged liquor scam, while 35 have been in the coal levy irregularities,

What FIR mentioned..
In coal levy scam FIR, the 35 accused include former minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Congress MLA Devendra Yadav, former MLAs UD Minj, Gulab Kamro, Chandradev Prasad Rai, Shishupal Sori and Birhaspat Singh, IAS officers Sameer Bishnoi and Ranu Sahu as well as then deputy secretary in CMO Soumya Chaurasia, he said.

What Baghel said..
Slamming the BJP government in the state, former chief minister Bhupesh Baghel said the move was politically motivated. For the last three years, the ED and IT were probing the cases and now they have recommended the ACB to register an offence, Baghel said. "Earlier the names of several of our party leaders did not come up in the probe but now their names have been mentioned in the (EOW/ACB) FIRs.

What CM said....
Refuting these claims, CM Sai said, "The ED is an independent agency and it has been doing its job. It has nothing to do with elections."

an ACB official said. "Two separate FIRs under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Indian Penal Code have been registered. Congress leaders, includ-

ing two former ministers in the previous Bhupesh Baghel government, IAS officials, traders etc have been named," he informed. In coal levy scam FIR, the

35 accused include former minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Congress MLA Devendra Yadav, former MLAs UD Minj, Gulab Kamro, Chandradev Prasad Rai, Shishupal Sori and Birhaspat Singh, IAS officers Sameer Bishnoi and Ranu Sahu as well as then deputy secretary in CMO Soumya Chaurasia, he said.



Artists from Gujarat perform Raas Garba during Bharat Parv 2024 at the Red Fort, in New Delhi, Saturday.

Family in Kerala to approach apex court seeking mercy killing

Kottayam (Kerala), Jan 27 (PTI): A couple here is getting ready to approach the Supreme Court seeking permission for mercy killing of all five members of their family as attempts to continue treatment for their children, suffering from a rare congenital disease, have failed.

Smitha Antony and Manu Joseph, a couple hailing from Kozhuvanal in this district, took the decision as they could not find any way to carry for-

ward the treatment of the two of their three children who were suffering from Salt-Wasting Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (SWCAH).

Salt-wasting is the most severe form of CAH, a group of genetic disorders that affect the adrenal glands that produce important hormones.

Smitha said though she and her husband were nurses by profession, they could not go for work as both of them needed to be at home for the complete care of their second and third children.

'You are architect of developed India'

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday highlighted a host of measures taken by his government to assert that it has empowered the youth and women and that a developed India will fulfil their dreams. "You are the architect of a developed India," he told youngsters at the annual NCC-PM rally here.

Women were earlier confined to cultural programmes but his government has opened up various sectors, including all the three services, to



PM Modi during Prime Minister's NCC rally, at Cariappa Ground in New Delhi, Saturday.

them and they are making a mark everywhere, he said, noting that the Republic Day parade this

year was dedicated to them.

The number of women in central security forces has doubled in the last 10 years, Prime Minister Modi said and added that states are also being encouraged to follow a similar path.

A digital revolution has been taking place and it benefits the creativity of the youth the most, he said.

People were struggling for 2G and 3G infrastructure a decade ago while 5G and optical fibre network is now reaching every village, Modi said.

Nitish to quit, Bihar to get new govt today

Patna/New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI): Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday appeared all set to make his second political volte-face in less than three years, with a highly-placed source close to Kumar saying that the JD (U) President is likely to tender his resignation by Sunday morning.

The source, who requested anonymity, told PTI that though there was a possibility of Kumar resigning by late Saturday evening, "It would definitely take place by Sunday morning".

RJD leaders go into huddle at Rabri's residence

The comments came even as RJD leaders held extensive deliberations over the course of action to be followed in the event of Kumar calling off the alliance and returning to the BJP-led NDA.

Before submitting his resignation, Kumar will hold a customary meeting of the legislature party, the source added.

He also said government offices like the secretariat have been asked to remain open on Sunday "in view

of hectic activity expected during the day" that may see the installation of a new government with the BJP's support.

Meanwhile, Janata Dal (United)'s political adviser and spokesperson K C Tyagi told reporters in Delhi that the grand alliance government in Bihar is on the verge of collapse, and accused a section of the Congress leadership of repeatedly "insulting" Kumar.

"The INDIA bloc is on the verge of collapse. The alliance of INDIA bloc parties is almost over in Punjab, West Bengal and Bihar," he said.

Rohan Bopanna is the OLDEST Grand Slam champion

Melbourne, Jan 27 (PTI):

Rohan Bopanna made history by becoming only the third Indian to secure a men's doubles Grand Slam title at the Australian Open. Paired with Matthew Ebden, they triumphed over Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori in a thrilling final. The second-seeded duo claimed victory with a score of 7-6(0) 7-5 after an intense one-hour and 39-minute match. Previously, Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi were the only



Indians to have achieved Major titles in men's tennis, while Sania Mirza had done so in women's tennis.

This marked Bopanna's second Grand Slam title, having won the French Open mixed doubles with Gabriela Dabrowski in 2017.

Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervour

GNESSS celebrates 75th Republic Day

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Bhilai, Jan 27: 75th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour in Durg district. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma was the chief guest at the main function held at Ravishankar Stadium, Durg. He hoisted the flag and took the salute of the parade. He read out the message of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai to the people of the state. The guests released colourful balloons into the sky, symbolizing joy and enthusiasm.

The parade was followed by celebratory gun firing. The Chief Guest accompanied by Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary and SSP RG Garg inspected the parade and accepted the greetings of the common citizens. Under the leadership of Parade Commander Reserve Inspector Neelkanth Verma, 11 platoons of District Police Force, Chhattisgarh Armed Forces, NCC Junior and Senior, Red Cross and



Scout and Guides presented an attractive march past. The chief guest Shri Sharma got introduced to the platoon commanders.

On this occasion, he honoured the martyr's family by gifting them a shawl and shrifal. Students from various schools of the city presented cultural programs based on patriotic songs. Before the conclusion of the ceremony, the chief guest, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma honoured the officers and employees of various departments for their remarkable works. Divisional Commissioner

Satyanarayan Rathore, IG BN Meena, MLA Gajendra Yadav, Lalit Chandrakar, local public representatives, distinguished citizens, officers and employees of the district and police administration were present.

The tableau of Central Jail won first place in the function. The items made by the prisoners were displayed in this tableau. The main subject matter of this tableau was the basic course of woodcraft, tailoring, screen printing, welding industry and schools being run in the jails as part of self-re-



liance efforts through education and training to the prisoners for their improvement and rehabilitation. A brief live depiction of Chandrayaan-3 was also there.

In the context of making India a world leader, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 into the South Pole of the Moon by the scientists of India was displayed in this tableau.

Tableau of Women and Child Development Department on the theme "Beti Bachao Beti Badhao", got the second

position. The tableau emphasised on girls' education, reducing the sex ratio and encouraging institutional delivery, making children return to school, providing legal aid and rehabilitation, awareness on social security schemes, encouragement for excellent performance in the workplace, etc.

The tableau of the police department got the third position. The department's continuous efforts to prevent road accidents, to make common citizens aware about traffic, frauds caused by cyber crimes, etc were displayed. The

tableau appealed to the common citizens that by following the traffic rules and helping the person injured in the accident, we all can set an example of being a true patriot. Under the Cyber Prahari campaign, Durg Police is making common citizens aware about cyber fraud. Information regarding new criminal laws was also displayed.

In cultural presentation, first place was given to Scheduled Tribe Girls Hostel, Durg, second prize was given to Government Tilak Higher Secondary School, Durg and third prize was given to Shakuntala School, Ramnagar Bhilai. Consolation prizes went to SAGES Balaji Nagar Bhilai and S h a n k a r a c h a r y a Vidyalaya Hudco. In the parade, District Police Force got first position and Chhattisgarh Armed Force got second position and in the student category, NCC Senior Division got first position and Red Cross got second position.

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Bhilai, Jan 27: 75th Republic day was celebrated in Guru Nanak English Senior Secondary School (GNESSS), Sector 6, Bhilai, with great zeal and patriotic fervour. The premises was decorated with tri-color skirting and balloons. The school witnessed the patriotic fervour and the entire campus echoed with the patriotic slogans.

The Republic Day function commenced with flag hoisting followed by the National anthem, sung by the students in chorus.

On this auspicious occasion, Shri Guru Singh Sabha, Sec 6 office bearers Sardar Kulwant Singh (President), Sardar PPS Ahluwalia (Cashier), Sardar Gurudev Singh (Vice President), Sardar Baljeet Singh (Joint Secretary), Sardar Manjeet Singh (Vice President), Sardar Jasbeer Singh (Joint Secretary) and Sardar GS Flora (Gen



Secretary) were present as guests of honour.

School education committee office bearers Sardar Harmeet Singh (Secretary), Sardar Baldev Singh (Treasurer), Sardar Amardeep Singh (member), Sardar Manjinder Singh (member) were also present as special guests. This auspicious occasion was celebrated vibrantly under the guidance of Principal Mona Singh.

SSV celebrates 75th Republic Day

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Sri Sankaravidyalaya, Sector-X celebrated 75th Republic Day with great patriotic fervour and zeal. V R a m a c h a n d r a n (President-SSES), hoisted the tricolour. It was followed by the National Anthem and Vande Mataram.

Other highlights of the day were English speech given by Kamal Bhonele Class XI 'G' and Afiza Shah of Class KG II 'E', Patriotic poem was recited by Nitya Yadav of Class KG II 'B', a beautiful patriotic song was sung by students of Senior and Junior wing school choir guided by Devyani and Doman Verma. Priyanka Verma expressed her views on



Republic Day. Hindi speech was given by Shivansh Chansoliya of Class KG II 'F'. A mesmerizing dance performance was given by students of Class V (Girls and Boys).

In his address, S Swaminathan (Secretary) spoke about Ramlala Pran Pratishtha and also said that under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, our country will accelerate to

the next level of all round development of the country. V Ramachandran congratulated the citizens of India on completion of Ram Mandir's Pran Pratishtha. He further encouraged the Swachh Bharat mission of PM Modi. Principal Bipin Deshmukh appraised the gathering briefly and considered the present generation to be fortunate to be

born in present India. He also enlightened the gathering about 75 years of tremendous progress and successfully becoming 5th largest economy in the world. He also emphasized on the message given by Sri Shankaracharya i.e. living for others.

The function was attended by V Ramachandran (President-SSES), TR Venkatraman (Treasurer-SSES), RH Kartikeyan (member SSES), Shobha Nair and S Usha (Head Mistress) other members of the management and staff members. The vote of thanks was proposed by Sunita Krishnan. The program was ably compered by Sarojini Thakur and Joshi Mary. The day concluded with the distribution of sweets.

Swachh Pariwars from each ward to be honored on R-Day

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Swachh Pariwars will be selected from 70 wards of the city and will be honoured with memento and certificate from the next Republic Day, announced Mayor Neeraj Pal after hoisting the flag in the Bhilai Municipal Corporation on Friday. He said that public participation of citizens in cleanliness is necessary to make Bhilai clean and beautiful.

By working on cleanliness with a competitive spirit, better results can be achieved. For this purpose, grading will be done in all the wards of the corporation area for the families who maintain cleanliness in their house and surround-

BMC celebrates 75th Republic Day with enthusiasm

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ings and dispose of the garbage in an expected manner. The best families of all the wards will be honored in the presence of public representatives and officials at the corporation headquarters from the upcoming Republic Day.

The national flag was hoisted at the headquarters office, zone office and union office on 26 January. The flag hoisting was conducted in Supela in the presence of Mayor Neeraj Pal, Zone President Rajesh Chaudhary, MIC member Malti Thakur, Commissioner Dvesh Kumar Dhruv, Additional Commissioner Ashok Dwivedi and officer staff. Earlier, the flag was hoisted in all the zone offices in the



presence of zone presidents, councilors, officers and employees. National flag was hoisted

in the presence of Vaishali Nagar MLA Rikesh Sen at Nehru Nagar Chowk. MLA Devendra Yadav was present at Shaheed Park Sector 5. Mayor, Zone President, Councillor Zone Commissioner, officers and employees were present. A program of patriotic songs was also organized in Shaheed Park.

On the occasion of Republic Day, 10 eminent personalities were honored with shawls, shrifal and mementos at Shaheed Park. MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, MIC member honoured the personalities who brought laurels to the city in 10 different fields including sports, education, industry and health.

Border Security Force celebrates 75th R-Day

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Bhilai, Jan 27: The jawans and officers of Border Security Force, Frontier Headquarters, Bhilai celebrated the 75th Republic Day with great enthusiasm. Inspector General of Border Security Force (Chhattisgarh) Anand Pratap Singh, IAS hoisted the flag, after which all the officers, subordinate officers and personnel saluted the tricolour with the national anthem.

Inspector General, on behalf of Director General of Border Security Force, Nitin Agarwal, IPS, extended hearty congratulations to all the soldiers, officers and their family members of Border Security Force deployed in Bhilai and Kanker. He wished them a

bright future. It needs to be mentioned here that the Border Security Force has been deployed in anti-Naxal operations in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh since 2009. Before the deployment of Border Security Force, there was terror and fear of Naxalites in the area, but BSF has succeeded in creating a sense of security in the minds of the people and a positive attitude towards the force by taking continuous action against the Naxalites in the area. Border Security Force personnel are performing their duty in difficult conditions and terrain with great efficiency. Due to the hard work of its soldiers, the Border Security Force has emerged as a popular force among the people of this area.

The Border Security Force has achieved success in cracking down on Naxalites in Kanker district, which is being highly appreciated. The Border Security Force is also fulfilling its responsibilities towards the society, which include providing essential things to the poor and school children in the remote village of Kanker. BSF is providing free medical facilities to the tribals and is also organising employment training for unemployed youth under the Skill Development Programme. Tours for trial youth under the Tribal Youth Exchange Program are also being organised. In the end, the Inspector General congratulated all the jawans on Republic Day and wished them a bright future.

Three arrested for robbery in DCC Bank in Anda

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Police arrested three ruffians on charges of committing robbery in the District Cooperative Central Bank branch located in Anda. Due to the alertness of cops and local people, the robbers failed to steal cash from the lockers. However, they managed to steal computer sets and escape from the spot. Police seized two Pulsar motorcycles and stolen items from the accused. Two other accused are still at large.

The incident occurred on the intervening night of January 24 and 25. Five robbers trespassed into the building of District Cooperative Central Bank located at Atal Chowk in Anda. They trespassed into the bank by cutting the window with the intention of robbing the money kept in the bank.

However, due to the alertness of Anda Police and villagers, the robbers were unable to steal the cash. The robbers escaped from the bank with some goods. On getting information about the robbery, Senior Superintendent of Police directed his subordinates to arrest the accused. Blockades and vehicle checking was conducted in all the four directions. The police rounded up three suspects and during interrogation, they confessed to committing the crime. Two Pulsar motor cycles used in the bank robbery and the computer monitor stolen from the bank along with Rs 4700 cash have been seized from the accused. All the accused are residents of Raipur district,



Chhattisgarh and have been to jail for several months. All of them were suffering financial problems and committed petty crimes to make their ends meet. They together had planned to steal a huge amount of money from the bank. They visited the area during the day and conducted recce. They had planned to steal cash and

divide the money among themselves. After trespassing into the bank building, they were proceedings towards the lockers when the police patrolling party reached there. Sensing trouble, they decided to escape.

The arrested accused were identified as Sahil Rai alias Rahul (20) son of Vijay and Abhishek Rai

(24) son of Vijay Rai, both residents of Ghansuli, district Raipur and Sheikh Amit Qureshi (37) son of Sameer a resident of village Pacheda, Vidhan Sabha Road, Raipur. Other 02 accused identified as Dharmendra and Salman are absconding. The accused have been booked under the provisions mentioned in sections 450, 402, 399, 395 IPC. They were produced before the court and have been sent to jail on judicial remand. Inspector Anand Shukla, Sub Inspector Tulsi Ram Sahu, ASI Raghavendra Singh, ASI Chandrashekhar Soni Head Constable Umakant Verma, Kuber Singh, Kamalkant Angure, Ashwani Yadu, Akash Awasthi, Nitesh Kurre, Tejeshwar Sahu and Dial 112 driver Jitendra Sinha played a vital role in arresting the accused.

St Thomas College celebrates R-Day with patriotism

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Bhilai, Jan 27: St Thomas College, Ruabandha, Bhilai celebrated 75th Republic Day with zeal and enthusiasm. The celebration focused on the theme of 75th Republic Day - Developed India and Bharat: The Mother of Democracy. Corporator of Municipal Corporation, Risali, Maya Yadav was present as the chief guest on this occasion.

Principal of the college Dr MG Roymon hoisted the National Flag. Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr MG Roymon said that India is the country of hope, new energy and new challenges and the real strength of the country is the youth who have the Potential to take



the country towards new heights and success. Chief Guest Maya Yadav said that our constitution gives the right to education and the youth can transform the country's future by acquiring knowledge.

Staff members Dr Santosh Miri, Surya Prakash, Sanchana Sahu, NCC Cadet Deepika

Janghel, NSS volunteer Devjani Choudhary and Dhananjay Yadav shared their views on this occasion. Chief Guest Maya Yadav and Principal Dr MG Roymon administered the Oath of National Voters Day.

On this occasion First Shift Incharge Dr Chanda Verma, Second Shift

Incharge Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Dr James Mathew (Head PG Dept of Chemistry), Capt Dr Surekha Jawade, Lt Santosh Yadav, Heads of various departments, faculty members, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers and students were present. The program was conducted by NSS Program Officer Mahendra Ikhar.

Four hospitalised after gas leak at NSPCL

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Bhilai, Jan 27: Four employees were hospitalised after they inhaled ammonia after it leaked at NSPCL Power Plant in Bhilai on Friday morning. Condition of three victims is reported to be serious.

It needs to be mentioned here that NSPCL (NTPC-SAIL Power Company Limited) is a joint venture of NTPC and SAIL.

The incident occurred around 10:00 hrs on January 26. Large quantity of ammonia gas leaked from the pipelines in the power plant. Ammonia in the ambient air rose to alarming levels.

Four employees working there experienced difficulty in breathing after inhaling ammonia. Soon they became unconscious and fell on the shop floor.

Rescue teams re-

sponded immediately and the victims were rushed to Sector 9 hospital. On the other hand, the gas leak was controlled by the technical teams.

One of the victims identified as S Kumar recovered fast and has been admitted in the A1 ward of JLN Hospital. Three other victims identified as Deepak Chaudhary, Maninder Singh and D Shankar Rao are admitted in the ICU.

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Dilip Verma

Bhilai: Retired DGM (Projects) BSP, Dilip Verma left for heavenly abode at the age of 71 years on January 25. He was the General Secretary of BSP Ex-Officers Association. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at Maitri Nagar on January 27 and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Risali Muktidham.

Govt is committed to fulfill each and every promise: CM

Says our unwavering faith towards Shri Ram is our identity

Raipur, Jan 27: Extending the hearty greetings of the 75th Republic Day to the people of the state, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that unwavering devotion towards Shri Ram is our identity. We believe in 'Raghukul Reet Sada Chali Aayi, Praan Jaye Par Vachan Na Jaye'. The philosophy of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, the pioneer of Integral Humanism, is embedded in our consciousness, which keeps us aware of inclusiveness and humanity. Following their path, we are determined to fulfill the dreams of every person of Chhattisgarh. The Chief Minister was addressing the people of the state after hoisting the national flag at Bastar district headquarters Jagdalpur today on the auspicious occasion of 75th Republic Day. Sai extended warm

greetings of Republic Day to the people of the state, amid the grand celebration of Republic Day ceremony held at Lalbagh Ground in Jagdalpur. He took the salute of the parade after hoisting the national flag at the ceremony.

Chief Minister paid respects to Chhattisgarh's great leaders-Amar Shaheed Gaiind Singh, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh and Veer Gundadhoor; who connected the state with the national movement and gave the message of sacrifice, justice and equality. These were the heroes who raised the consciousness of people and led the tribal movement for nation's independence, he said.

"We the people of India made our Constitution, implemented the Constitution and surrendered to this Constitution. The foundation stone of India's bright future was laid on 26 January 1950, with the enactment of our Constitution. Our Constitution is the best Constitution in the world,



which was made while considering the experiences of the past, the needs of the present and the challenges of the future, said Sai. According to him the

journey of 75 years shows that we have established ourselves as a successful democratic republic. He remembered Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and all the members of the

Constituent Assembly, who showed the path to republic by drafting the Constitution with their collective wisdom. Our Constitution provides all the citizens with the right

to socio-economic and political justice, freedom of thought, expression, belief, religion and worship, equality of status and opportunity, he said. The Chief Minister said

that due to the policies, schemes, programs and campaigns of Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country achieved great success in various fields in the last decade or so. Today, every citizen is feeling proud that the entire world is recognizing India's iron power, he said, adding that India is now leading the world in many fields. The glory of our Republic has given new wings to the development of the country and the state, he added.

He said that our national leadership and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had accelerated the development of Chhattisgarh by giving it the status of separate state. The Chief Minister said that top priority had been given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guarantee of providing permanent housing to the homeless families of the state. In the first cabinet meeting of our government, we have approved Pradhan Mantri Awas to more than 18 lakh families of the state.

In this way, we will also contribute to achieving the goal of providing a roof over the head of every homeless person in the state', said the Chief Minister.

Tap water will reach every home

Chief Minister said that besides Pradhan Mantri Awas, we had promised to provide safe drinking water supply to every household in Chhattisgarh under Jal Jeevan Mission. We have made arrangements for additional funds to achieve the set target as soon as possible.

12 lakh farmers received paddy bonus worth Rs 3,716 cr

On the occasion of 'Good Governance Day', the birthday of former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee payment of the outstanding bonus of 2 years against paddy procurement was promised. We fulfilled this promise on the due date and transferred a lump sum amount of Rs 3,716 crore to the bank accounts of more than 12 lakh farmers.

Republic Day celebration at Suyash Hospital



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Raipur, Jan 27: Suyash Hospital, Raipur celebrated Republic Day with full enthusiasm this year too. Dr. Vivek Kesharwani, Director, Suyash Hospital hoisted the flag in the Republic Day ceremony. On this occasion, he

wished Republic Day to the Suyash Hospital family, Chhattisgarh and people of nation. On this auspicious occasion, Director of Suyash Hospital Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Manoj Lahoti, Dr. Vivek Kesharwani, all the consultants, administrative officers and all the employees were present. On this auspicious occasion, Dr. Vivek Kesharwani wished everyone a happy Republic Day and also encouraged them to do good work. A melodious patriotic song was presented by the nursing staff and employees from various departments were also honored for their excellent work.

75th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervor at NTPC, Nava Raipur



75th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervor at NTPC, Nava Raipur

Raipur, Jan 27: NTPC, Nava Raipur celebrated 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervor on January 26, 2024. At a programme held at its office premises, Chief Guest, C Sivakumar, Regional Executive Director (WR-II, USSC & Ash NI), NTPC unfurled the tricolour. Addressing the gather-

ing, C Sivakumar spoke on the significance of Republic Day and NTPC's contribution in development of the country. He also highlighted NTPC's recent achievement and the opportunities and challenges ahead. He also spoke on NTPC's efforts in environment-friendly power generation as well as reliable and sustainable power supply.

He also appreciated Western Region-II stations for their outstanding achievements in plant performance, project exe-

cution, new initiatives and receiving awards and recognitions. Western Region is strategically placed with both Running stations and Upcoming expansion both at Lara and Sipat, he added.

C Sivakumar also threw light on NTPC Nava Raipur office's achievement in the areas of HR, USSC, Ash New Initiative, Safety, Operation Services, Commercial, Station Engineering, CSR and other departments.

The occasion also marked with distribution

of Meritorious Awards among employees for their excellent performance. Prizes also distributed among the winners of different events conducted during Swachhata Pakhwada earlier.

On this occasion, as part of CSR activity in association with Arpita Mahila Samiti, an Automatic Chapati Making Machine was handed over to 'Koopalvani Shruvan Badhit Aavasiya Vidyalaya', Raipur. Befitting the occasion, the children from Nanhe Kadam performed patriotic cultural programme. Nanhe Kadam is an initiative by Ladies Club for under privileged girls of the nearby villages.

Smt C Padmaja, President and office bearers of Arpita Mahila Samiti were present on the occasion. Arindam Sinha, ED-OS; U H Gokhe, ED, CPG-I; Ashish Kundu, ED (USSC-C&M, CPG-I); CGMs, GMs, Officials and their family members were present on the occasion.

BSS Pranavananda Academy celebrates R-Day



Raipur, Jan 27: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at BSS Pranavananda Academy. The celebration started with the hosting of the National Flag by the Secretary of the school, Swami Shivarupananda accompanied by the Principal Mrs Anindita Ghosh, Brahmchari Arunava Maharaj and School Supervisor Mahadev Mahato. Flag unfurling was followed by the National Anthem to pay tribute to the motherland. The patriotic songs, mesmerizing dance performed by the students of the school aroused patriotic filling in all.

The Secretary of the school Swami Shivarupananda in his address appraised the students about the making of the Indian constitution and its unique features. He asked the student to be vigilant about their duties and responsibilities.

On this occasion students were felicitated for their outstanding performance in various sports events and academics. The principal Mrs Anindita Ghosh congratulated the winners and motivated the students to do well. The program concluded with vote of thanks by the Head Girl of the school which was followed by the State Song.

'Gyan Ganga School' receive first prize in R-Day celebration from Governor



Raipur, Jan 27: The students of "Gyan Ganga Educational Academy" were honored with the prestigious award for the best school by the Governor for their impressive and enchanting dance performance during the grand Republic Day celebration. It is known that Republic Day, a celebration of sacrifice, discipline, and duty, was cele-

brated with enthusiasm across the country. The 75th Republic Day celebration took place at the Police Parade Ground in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, with the esteemed presence of the Governor, Vishwabhushan Harichandan.

Various security forces, including police, military, and paramilitary, partici-

pated in the parade along with mounted forces, bands, and bagpipers. In the cultural programs, students from selected schools in the state showcased captivating performances in dance and song during the celebration.

The director of "Gyan Ganga Educational Academy," Sachin Shandilya, provided the above information. He

mentioned that 120 students from "Gyan Ganga Educational Academy, Raipur" were selected for dance in this grand event. Only students from selected prestigious schools in the capital were chosen to participate in the program, and the students from "Gyan Ganga" showcased an excellent performance that captivated all the present audience.

The lyrics of the song were - "Every home has the tricolor, every home has the tricolor," choreographed by renowned choreographers from the school's dance faculty.

The presentation by the students of "Gyan Ganga Educational Academy" was so attractive and enchanting that they were honored with the Best School Award. While presenting the first prize, the Governor of the state, Mr. Vishwabhushan Harichandan, praised and congratulated the students and wished them success in their future endeavors. It is noteworthy that the students achieved this accomplishment, surpassing all participating schools in the capital.

On this golden achievement of the students, the school management and the principal, Mrs. Pratima Rajgor, extended congratulations to the entire team of students and teachers. They praised their hard work, discipline, dedication, and determination, wishing the school continued success in the future.

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MMI Narayana Hospital Staff's 15-yr-old daughter wins gold at Nationals

● **Eyes Representing India at Olympics**

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Raipur, Jan 27: Kavita Sapaha's, a 15-year-old daughter of maintenance staff Ajab Sapaha at MMI Narayana Hospital has made her family and hospital community proud through her achievements in Taekwondo.

Kavita's love for sports began when she was just 8 years old, studying in the 3rd grade started practicing karate. At young age, she joined athletics tournaments. With unwavering support from her father Ajab Sapaha, who secured sponsorships and aid for her, Kavita never felt the impact of the family's financial struggles. Her father stood like a rock solid behind her, ensuring she could continue pursuing her dreams.



Ajab's Sapaha dedication paid off when Kavita recently won a gold medal at the Goa National Games

and a Bronze medal at the Haryana National Games. Her eyes are now set on representing India at the Olympics. She is grateful to her mom, dad and the coach for her wins, she can achieve this from lots of hard work and never giving-up attitude.

Kavita expresses heartfelt gratitude to her father Ajab, mother, coach, Facility Director of MMI Narayana Hospital, Kshirod Kumar Dash, and the entire Hospital community. She said, "My fa-

ther faced many challenges but never stopped being my pillar of strength. MMI Narayana Hospital has given our family immense support, and I feel privileged."

Seeing his daughter fulfil her ambitions has brought great pride and happiness to Ajab. Kavita's achievements showcase that with dedication and community support, anyone can overcome challenges and make their dreams a reality. Narayana Health is delighted by Kavita's hard work and achievement so far. We will be cheering and supporting her on as she continues striving towards her goal of representing India at the Olympics. Kavita's journey is truly inspiring.

Cong seeks extension of paddy procurement drive in Ch'garh

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Raipur, Jan 27: The opposition Congress in Chhattisgarh has demanded extension of the paddy procurement drive in the state till March 1, claiming that more than five lakh farmers are yet to sell their produce.

The procurement drive, started on November 1 last year, is scheduled to end on January 31.

The paddy procurement drive should be extended till March 1 so that the target of purchase can be achieved and farmers can sell their produce, state Congress chief and MP Deepak Baij said in a statement on Wednesday.

More than five lakh farmers are yet to sell their paddy, he claimed.

Before the newly elected BJP government in December last year or-

dered to procure 21 quintals paddy per acre, a large number of farmers had already sold 20 quintals paddy per acre as fixed by the previous Congress government and they are yet to sell the additional one quintal paddy per acre, he said.

The previous Congress government had set a target of purchasing 135 lakh metric tonnes of paddy in the kharif marketing season 2023-24.

Now, after the decision to purchase 21 quintals per acre, the procurement target will also increase, Baij said adding that at least 150 lakh metric tonnes should be procured from farmers.

Therefore, the paddy procurement drive should be extended by a month, he said.

Baij also alleged mismanagement at paddy

procurement centres, claiming the process of issuance of token to farmers (to purchase their paddy) and weighing of the produce have slowed down.

Farmers are yet to get Rs 3,100 per quintal of paddy as promised by the BJP and the procurement is being done at the minimum support price (which is Rs 2,183 per quintal for common grade paddy and Rs 2,203 for grade A paddy), he further claimed.

In the supplementary budget tabled by the state BJP government in the winter session of the assembly last month, no financial provision was made for paddy procurement, Baij said while demanding that Rs 3,100 per quintal be provided to farmers on a priority basis.

Raipur Div celebrates R-Day with zeal



Raipur, Jan 27: South East Central Railway's Raipur Division celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm at the SECERSA Ground, WRS Colony. Divisional Railway Manager Sanjeev Kumar, accompanied by Assistant Security Commissioner N. Topo, hoisted the national flag, followed by a captivating parade presented by Railway Protection Force personnel and Civil Defense.

Addressing the gathering, Sanjeev Kumar emphasized the pivotal role Raipur Division plays within the Indian Railways. He highlighted the division's achieve-

ments in various fields, such as loading, passenger services, safety initiatives, and infrastructure development.

He conveyed warm Republic Day greetings to all present.

Adding a touch of symbolism, Divisional Railway Manager and Chairperson of South East Central Railway Women Welfare Organization (SE-CRWVO) Megha S. Kumar released colorful balloons representing unity in diversity and white pigeons symbolizing peace into the sky. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances by school children.

State Kalaripayattu team embarks on quest for medals

● **Set to take part in Khelo India Youth Games**

Raipur, Jan 27: The 6th Khelo India Youth Games 2023 commenced on January 19 at four different venues in Tamil Nadu. Among the various sporting events, the "Kalaripayattu" martial arts competition is set to take place in Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu) from January 27 to 29.

To represent Chhattisgarh in this prestigious event, the state's Kalaripayattu team embarked on their journey to Tiruchirappalli via the Kochveli Express on the evening of January 24, passing through Nagpur.

Kamlesh Dewangan, general secretary of



Chhattisgarh Kalaripayattu Association and coach of Chhattisgarh Kalaripayattu team, quoted Anees Memon, president of District Kalaripayattu Association Raipur, as saying that the pre-national training camp was organized from January 13 to

January 19 at Fight Club, Adarsh Nagar, Kusmunda Korba.

Chhattisgarh's contingent comprises 14 players and 5 officials, with a majority of 8 players hailing from Korba and 6 from Balod district. The state has its eyes set on achieving success

after Hritikh Kumar Singh of Korba secured the sole medal in the Kalaripayattu category during the 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Expectations are high, and the team is poised to add more medals to Chhattisgarh's tally.

Role of voters important in success of democracy: Justice Sharma

● **Officers and employees honored for their significant contribution in election work**

Raipur, Jan 27: Chief Lokayukta of Chhattisgarh Justice TP Sharma said that voters have a strong and important role in the continuous strengthening of democracy and the success of democracy. Addressing as the chief guest at the state level function organized on the occasion of 14th National Voters' Day, Justice Sharma said that it is both the right and duty of the voters to exercise their franchise. Vice Chancellor of Agricultural University Dr. Girish Chandel, Joint Chief Electoral Officer PS Dhruv, District Electoral Officer Raipur Gaurav Kumar Singh were prominently present in the function.

Justice TP Sharma said that awareness about voting should increase in rural areas as well as urban areas. He said that the need is that we ourselves understand the importance of our democrati-



ic duty of voting and also make other people aware.

Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University said that the awareness about voting has increased among the youth which assures that democracy in the country will become stronger in the coming days. He said that transparency is continuously increasing in the election process, which also assures that the role of common voters is increasing. On this occasion, the chief guest also administered the voter awareness oath to all the people present.

Justice TP Sharma and

Vice Chancellor Dr. Girish Chandel inaugurated a one-day photo exhibition based on voter awareness in the Agricultural College campus. Photographs based on voter awareness campaigns organized across the state have been displayed in the exhibition.

During the state level function, officers and employees who made significant contribution in election work were honored. Chief Lokayukta Justice TP Sharma and Vice Chancellor Dr. Girish Chandel presented the then Collector and District Election Officer IAS of Surajpur district Sanjay

Aggarwal, the then Collector and District Election Officer IAS of District Gariaband Akash Chhikara and the State Level Best District (Sweep) Award. The then Collector and District Election Officer IAS Dr. Priyanka Shukla of District Kanker and the then Collector and District Election Officer IAS Rituraj Raghuvanshi of District Dhamtari were honoured.

Apart from this, for working with excellence in electoral work, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Raigarh, Jitender Yadav (Nodal Officer Sweep) was given the Special Jury

Award and Deputy District Election Officer, Praveen Tiwari of District Mungeli was given the Excellent Deputy District Election Officer Award. Priyanka Verma of District Surajpur and Rituraj Bisen of District Kabirdham were honored.

Similarly, Best Election Supervisor Award was given to Election Supervisor of Raigarh District Fakir Mohan Shadangi, State Level Incentive Award for preparing the best creative was given to Patwari of Koriya District Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Excellent Returning Officer Award to Shrikant Verma, Returning Officer of Korba Assembly, Kurud Assembly, Sonal David, Pushpendra Sharma of Raipur City South were awarded. Bhushan Mandavi of Korba district, Vijay Kothari of Rajnandgaon district and Ms. Chhaya Agarwal of Mugeli district were honoured with the Excellent Assistant Returning Officer Award.

Electoral Registration Officer of Kharsia Assembly Rohit Kumar Singh, Anjor Singh Paikra of Antargarh, Ravi Singh of

Premnagar, Suruchi Singh of Bemetara, Geeta Raist of Sihawa will be honored with the Excellent Electoral Registration Officer Award. Best Assistant Electoral Registration Officer Award: Manmohan Pratap Singh of District Sakti, Ashish Sahu of District Bastar, Sameer Sharma of District Surajpur, Preeti Lorokar of District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Ketan Kumar Bhojari of District Dhamtari, Excellent Assistant Programmer. Sheetal Aggarwal of district Korba, Shivbhan Singh of district Bastar, Ashish Kumar Dwivedi of district Balrampur-Ramanujanji, Bhupendra Singh of district Rajnandgaon, Omkar Verma of district Balodabazar-Bhatapara and excellent data entry operator award was given to Omkar of district Janjgir-Champa. Akash Kumar Sharma, Nandini Dehari of district Bijapur, Sunil Dansena of district Jashpur, Devprakash Sahu of district Durg and Ravi Shankar Prajapati of district Balodabazar-Bhatapara were honored.

Urban Admn Director, Collector, Municipal Commissioner inspect dense settlements

Take stock of basic facilities

Community center will be built with MLA funds

Raipur, Jan 27: Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) is moving forward to improve all the basic facilities including cleanliness under the guidance of Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration Minister Arun Sao as per the intention of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, to expand the facilities through good governance.

Director of Urban Administration Kundan Kumar, Raipur Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra, Chief Executive Officer of State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) Saumil Ranjan Choubey conducted inspection tour of densely populated settlements like Vinoba Bhava Nagar, Kundra Para, Shanti

Nagar to take stock of civic facilities. They took feedback and sought suggestions from Raipur (North) MLA Purandar Mishra, Former Chairman of RDA Sanjay Shrivastava, former leader of opposition in Municipal Corporation Lokesh Kavadia and local residents regarding the expansion of facilities.

Director of Urban Administration Kundan Kumar and Raipur Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh inspected the arrangements made for cleanliness within the settlements including the main roads.

On the suggestion of MLA Purandar Mishra, he directed the Municipal Corporation to make a proposal for the construction of a big water tank and community toilet in Kundra Para and submit the estimate for the community building from the MLA fund. Instructions for cleaning Raja Talab and the nearby drain were given during this inspection tour.

Experts discuss importance of early detection of cervical cancer

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Raipur, Jan 27: A one day CME on Liquid Based Cytology was organized on Wednesday, 24.01.2024 under the joint aegis of Department of Pathology, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, and Chhattisgarh Unit of Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM CG Chapter). Every year January is observed as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Cervical cancer occurs in the front portion of uterus



in women mainly due to sexually transmitted virus HPV infection. It is one of the most common cancers in women. Experts discussed the importance of early detection of cervical cancer

and new technologies that lead to better treatment in CME. Renowned cytopathologist Dr Meherbano M Kamal from Nagpur, Dr Nikhat Hussain, Professor, AIIMS Raipur and gynecologist

Dr Asha Jain from Raipur expressed their views. In the first lecture, Dr Asha Jain gave updated information about the severity of cervical cancer in India and the guidelines related to its screening. Dr

Meherbano Kamal gave factual information about some special cancers occurring on the cervix. Professor Dr Nikhat Hussain of AIIMS Raipur shared experiences on the diagnosis of infectious diseases of the cervix. In his second lecture, Dr. Kamal gave information about the diagnosis of different types of this cancer through slide seminar.

On behalf of the department, Dr. Arvind Neral, Professor, Department of Pathology, Dr. Rabia Parveen Siddiqui, Dr. Chandrakala Joshi etc. were present. The pro-

gram was conducted by Dr. Varsha Pandey and Dr. Vanita Bhaskar. About 95 doctors from various medical colleges and private pathology institutes of Chhattisgarh participated in this educational program of pathology. The most senior pathologist of the state was 96-year-old Dr. JC Gupta ji's dignified presence was special. Finally IAPM Chhattisgarh Unit Secretary Dr. Jayanti Chandrakar proposed a vote of thanks and gave information about the state level conference to be held in February.

Republic Day celebrated with enthusiasm and patriotism

Deputy CM Arun Sao hoists the Tricolour

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Bilaspur, Jan 27: On the 75th Republic Day, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao hoisted the flag, in a dignified ceremony which was organized at the Police Parade Ground. Relatives of martyrs were honoured and school children presented colourful cultural programs and display of lively tableau based on government schemes.

The salute was given to the tune of the national anthem by Parade Commander Trainee IPS Ajay Kumar followed by the chief guest releasing



white pigeons symbolizing peace and tricolor balloons symbolizing joy and enthusiasm into the sky. Under the leadership of the Parade Commander, 12 platoons dressed in full attire displayed a grand and attractive parade, and the national flag was saluted by the police and city army.

The beautiful tableau of beautiful cultural programs and development works enthralled everyone. Deputy CM Arun

Sao read out the message of Chief Minister Vishnu Sai to the people of the state and also families of 26 soldiers who were martyred in the Naxal violence were awarded citation.

Other 90 officers and employees, who have done outstanding work, were also felicitated. Under the Major Dhyan Chand Award, Anjika Tiwari in swimming and Abhijeet Sakhua in badminton were awarded for their outstanding performance.

A Colorful cultural program by school children of mainly Swami Atmanand Schools, Career Point School Dheka, National Convent School Bharatiya Nagar

and others was also displayed.

In the tableau, the first prize was given to the District Police for the relief campaign, the second prize was given to the District Panchayat and the third prize was given to the Jail Department. Mayor Ramsharan Yadav, District Panchayat President Arun Singh Chauhan, Municipal Corporation Chairman Sheikh Nazruddin, Commissioner Shikha Rajput Tiwari, IG Ajay Yadav, Collector Avnish Sharan, Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat was present in the program.

CM Sai offered prayers at Juni Mata Mandir



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the Juni Sarovar Mela, which commenced from January 17 at the fairground.

Chief Minister Vishnu Sai also offered prayers at the Juni Devi Mata Mandir, seeking blessings for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of the state. Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, Food Minister Dayal Das Baghel, Bemetara MLA Dipesh Sahu, Saja MLA Ishwar Sahu, along with numerous public representatives and a large number of villagers were also present on the occasion.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

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Congmen demonstrate against attack on Nyaya Yatra

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Gaurella-Pendra-Marwahi, Jan 27: District Congress GPM's one-day protest against the attack on Rahul Gandhi Nyaya Yatra took place at Pendra Bus Stand and INC workers wore black bands and carried out silent demonstrations. The leaders said that a deliberately gathered mob of BJP workers attacked the Bharat Jodo Yatra convoy led by Rahul Gandhi, resulting in injuries to several Congress party leaders including the Assam PCC President. The Congress officials expressed displeasure with the central government on the issue and District Congress officials and workers also remembered Netaji

Subhash Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary.

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It is informed to the general public that I Ravi kumar Rameshlal Thadani, resident of A Block Flat No. 201, Second Floor, Ashoka Ratan Kohinoor Shankar Nagar, Raipur Chattisgarh, 492001 have changed my old name Ravi Rameshlal Thadani, so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is Ravi kumar Rameshlal Thadani in all government and other documents Ravi kumar Rameshlal Thadani.

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Diplomatic Dilemma

Canada's Allegations Against India

Trust and cooperation between nations are the bedrock upon which peaceful relations are built. When allegations fly without concrete evidence, the delicate fabric of diplomacy begins to fray. Such is the case with the recent turn of events involving Canada and India. Four months after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made the shocking claim of 'credible intelligence' linking Indian government agents to the June 2023 murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, designated as a terrorist by India, the situation has taken a worrisome turn. A commission set up by the Trudeau government now intends to probe alleged Indian interference in Canadian federal elections in 2019 and 2021, a move that threatens to further strain relations between the two nations. The Foreign Interference Commission, initially formed to investigate alleged meddling by China and Russia, now includes India in its scope. This development raises eyebrows and questions about the motivations behind such a decision. It is important to note that this move comes hot on the heels of Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to India for the G20 summit in September, during which he first made the explosive allegations in the Nijjar case. The timing of the commission's expansion cannot be ignored, and it raises concerns about the true intentions behind these investigations. India, as a responsible member of the global community, has repeatedly sought 'specific and relevant information' and offered its full cooperation with the investigators. However, Canada's response has been evasive and non-committal. This lack of transparency only fuels skepticism and exacerbates tensions between the two nations. Diplomacy thrives on open communication and trust-building, but the ongoing probe seems to be shrouded in secrecy and opacity. Last month, Canada's leading daily, The Globe and Mail, reported that two individuals allegedly responsible for Hardeep Singh Nijjar's murder were likely to be arrested soon. The report further claimed that these suspects had not left Canadian soil since the heinous act and had been under police surveillance for months. However, the details of any follow-up actions or developments remain conspicuously absent from the public eye. This lack of clarity only deepens the cloud of suspicion surrounding the entire investigation. The consequences of this diplomatic standoff are already beginning to manifest. Canadian Immigration Minister Marc Miller recently acknowledged that diplomatic tensions have led to a significant decrease in the number of study permits issued to Indian students by Canada. Such developments are disheartening and detrimental to the longstanding friendship between the two nations. Canada, as a vibrant democracy, must exercise caution and restraint before leveling accusations against any country, particularly one with which it shares strong diplomatic and economic ties. Accusations without credible and verifiable evidence undermine the very essence of diplomacy and can have far-reaching consequences. It is imperative that Canada provides clarity and transparency in its investigation and addresses India's concerns in a cooperative and respectful manner. Failure to do so not only risks exacerbating mistrust between two nations but also threatens to impact bilateral trade negatively. The time has come for Canada to step back from its unsubstantiated allegations and work towards restoring the bonds of trust and cooperation that have defined its relationship with India. In the world of diplomacy, actions speak louder than words, and it is high time for actions that promote unity and understanding rather than division and suspicion.

Digital Marketing

Today's Strategies and Tomorrow's Trends

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

In today's digital age, successful businesses rely on effective digital marketing, utilizing tools like social media, websites, search engines, email, and text messages for advertising and generating interest. The internet's launch in 1989 marked the beginning of digital marketing, which has since grown rapidly with the emergence of websites, email, and various social channels. Online marketing has become crucial for businesses, employing digital technologies for impactful results. Popular social platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Snapchat, and X (formerly Twitter) dominate the landscape, with new platforms like BeReal and Poparazzi regularly joining the market. Digital marketing firms, acting as knowledge powerhouses, specialize in online strategies, serving as strategic partners to develop campaigns that maximize exposure, attract customers, and boost conversion rates. This industry has revolutionized the corporate world, impacting online businesses through e-commerce and personalization. It stands as a vital instrument for success in the dynamic digital landscape. The global digital marketing and advertising industry, projected to reach \$786.2 billion by 2026 (compared to \$350 billion in 2020), has undergone a remarkable transformation, with the year 2023 marking a significant milestone in its innovative journey. Affiliate platforms play a crucial role for businesses, adapting to changing needs, expanding networks, engaging larger audiences, and enhancing sales potential for significant growth. Looking to the future, advancements in affiliate platforms are key. As businesses increasingly recognize the benefits of affiliate marketing, these platforms will evolve with features like AI analytics, personalized tools, and automated campaign optimization, further enhancing the effectiveness of online marketing. Affiliate platforms will continue reshaping how businesses connect with potential customers.

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VC DHANKHAR INTERACTS WITH NSS



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar during an interaction with the volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS) who participated in the Republic Day Parade 2024, at Balayogi Auditorium in New Delhi, Saturday, Jan. 27.

Diaspora e-platform to build links among scholars



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



From 'brain drain' into a 'brain gain' and 'brain circulation'.

India should launch an academic diaspora platform to enable academics who work abroad to support the implementation of national strategies for higher education and scientific investigation. The e-platform can become part of the government's implementation plan for the five-year strategy for investigation and innovation and the 10-year strategy for higher education that focus on making investigation and innovation a lever for socio-economic transformation as well as improving institutional governance and the efficiency of higher learning institutions to produce market-ready graduates.

As far as Database of the academic diaspora is concerned, the e-platform will help with a comprehensive census of Indians abroad as there is an absence of accurate information and statistics about the Indian academic diaspora. The e-platform's database of academic Indian nationals abroad will facilitate the mobilisation of their skills, knowledge and expertise to foster partnerships and knowledge sharing among the academic diaspora and national higher education institu-

tions and associated investigation centres. It will also aim to strengthen relationships and enhance cooperation among local universities and the foreign higher education institutions where Indian academics are based. This will also help in building links among scholars abroad and the homeland. This forum can also become part of the policy of engaging the human resources in the diaspora with national construction processes such as the implementation of the national strategy for scientific investigation and innovation.

Starting from brain drain to brain circulation, this e-platform can be an ideal initiative to connect Indian academics abroad and local higher education institutions that experience a shortage of staff and a lack of academically experienced scientific competencies. This platform will facilitate the use of the expertise and experiences of the huge force of diaspora by turning the 'brain drain' into a 'brain gain' and 'brain circulation' through actively engaging them with national higher education initiatives which will have positive impact on the revitalisation of Indian higher education institutions. This e-platform will also be a valuable source for

Indian postgraduate students seeking supervisors from the Indian academic diaspora.

In a study undertaken by Prof. Sunil Goyal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and management Studies, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr. Ambedkar nagar (MHOW), Madhya Pradesh, it has been revealed that almost 8.5 lakh students are pursuing their higher education abroad in just the four focused countries - the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada spending close to \$34 billion in the year 2023, so far. The study also reveals a significant increase in the number of Indian students choosing to study abroad.

Traditionally Indian students have preferred countries like - the US, Canada, the UK and Australia. However, recently other countries have also emerged as preferred destinations, including Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Singapore, Russia, Philippines, France, and New Zealand. The top States in India in terms of students going abroad include Punjab (12.5 percent), Andhra Pradesh/Telangana (12.5 percent), Maharashtra (12.5 percent), Gujarat (8 percent), Delhi/NCR (8 percent), Tamil Nadu (8 percent), Karnataka (6 percent) and other (33 percent). The analysis indicates that Indian students (around 2.4 lakh) contribute significantly to the US economy, with a total expenditure of \$12.48 billion; this includes \$7.2 billion towards academic fees, \$2.9 billion for accommodation, and \$2.4 billion on other living expenses. In 2019, approximately 10.9 lakh Indian students pursued their education abroad. This figure witnessed a 7 percent growth in 2022, escalating

to around 13.24 lakh students. If the current growth rate of 15 percent sustains, the number of Indian students studying overseas is projected to soar to approximately 20 lakhs by the year 2025. At the same time, Indian students spent an estimated \$ 37 billion on education abroad. This expenditure experienced a 9 percent surge in 2022, reaching a substantial \$47 billion. If the sector continues to grow at the current rate of 14 percent, the projected spending by Indian students on overseas education is expected to skyrocket to an astounding \$70 billion by the year 2025.

Besides promoting policies that facilitate travel for diaspora academics, the study strongly recommends that the Indian Ministry of Education should promote relationships among diplomatic missions and higher education systems in host countries to support diaspora engagement. India's higher education institutions should formalise mutually beneficial relationships with universities where diaspora academics are based and provide support for Indian professors abroad through strategic partnerships, fellowships, travel stipends and collaborative grant development. The Indian Ministry of Higher Education should also implement monitoring and evaluation processes to assess the short- and long-term impact of partnerships with the Indian academic diaspora.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bail process delay

Indian judiciary is known to move at a snail's pace. As much as bail is a matter of right it is equally important that the right is accorded expeditiously to individuals. The Supreme Court has said that despite its repeated directives, High Courts are delaying adjudication of bail applications. With the exception of an intervening application, all bail matters have to be decided within two weeks of being filed and all anticipatory bails within six weeks, the top court has reiterated again recently. This order came after an anticipatory bail application was kept pending for judgment for one year by a High Court after it was initially heard. Though bail is a temporary privilege by definition, the nonuniformity in its interpretation has, sometimes, led to chaos. Despite the sheer number of bail applications filed before them, High Courts should evolve a mechanism for their speedy disposal. Freedom and personal liberty are fundamental rights of a citizen as laid down by Article 21 of the Constitution.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Avoid Triumphalism

As PM Narendra Modi inaugurates the Ram temple, it mustn't symbolize triumphalism or deepen religious divisions. Instead, let's emphasize social harmony, inclusivity, and respect for all. India has weathered enough strife over this matter; now, it's time to pave the way for a brighter future.

N Mateeni, Mumbai

Spiking Tensions

Tensions are soaring on the Korean Peninsula as North Korea declares South Korea an enemy and ramps up military activities. While North Korea blames escalating US-South Korean-Japanese military cooperation, its history of abandoning diplomacy and building nuclear weapons casts doubt on their peaceful intentions. However, a military conflict between the nuclear-armed North and US-backed South would be catastrophic, making diplomatic efforts, however complex, the only sensible path forward. All stakeholders Seoul, Pyongyang, and Washington must prioritize reducing tensions and rebuilding trust to avoid a potential disaster.

N Ashraf, Mumbai

Leaders' Election Wishes

In their first phone call of the year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin exchanged well-wishes for the upcoming presidential elections in Russia and parliamentary elections in India. Both leaders have outlined robust election strategies, and this call likely bolstered their confidence, emphasizing their commitment to public welfare. The intriguing alliance between the two nations holds the potential for significant economic cooperation, underscoring their pivotal role on the global stage.

Mohammad Taurik, Bettiah, Bihar

India's 75th Republic Day Parade

Celebrating Aatmanirbhar Military Prowess and Nari Shakti



Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

The 75th Republic Day parade on Kartavya Path was a momentous occasion that showcased India's military prowess and celebrated the growing strength of 'Nari Shakti' in the nation. It was a historic first as an all-women tri-service contingent and an all-women parade & band contingent from the Delhi police participated

in the parade. The presence of these remarkable women warriors was not just a symbol of empowerment but also a testament to their dedication and commitment to serving the nation.

One of the most captivating sights of this year's parade was the return of the horse-drawn 'buggy' after a hiatus of 40 years. President Droupadi Murmu and her French counterpart, President Macron, chose this traditional mode of transportation to make their way to Kartavya Path for the parade. This nostalgic touch added a sense of grandeur to the event, reminding us of our rich cultural heritage.

Women took center stage in this year's parade, demonstrating their prowess and determination. A hundred women artists played traditional music instruments like Shankh, Nadaswaram, Nagadac, and more, heralding the arrival of the parade. The combined forces' med-

ical corps marching unit was particularly impressive, showcasing their discipline and dedication.

The participation of Indian women in various fields and sectors is a source of pride for the country. Their contributions are invaluable and play a crucial role in the all-round development of the nation. As women continue to break barriers and excel in diverse fields, India's progress knows no bounds.

The parade featured a total of 25 tableaux, with 16 representing states/UTs and nine showcasing ministries and departments. Notably, six modern specialist vehicles were on display, including 'Quick Reaction Force Vehicles' in both heavy and medium categories, a Light Specialist vehicle, Vehicle Mounted Infantry Mortar System, All-terrain vehicle, and a Specialist Mobility Vehicle. These vehicles exem-

plified India's commitment to modernizing its armed forces and enhancing its defense capabilities.

The veterans' tableau, themed 'Rashtra Nirmaan: Pehle Bhi, Ab Bhi, Aage Bhi aur Hamesha,' was another highlight of the parade. It paid homage to the bravery and sacrifices of ex-servicemen who have served the nation with unwavering dedication.

The overarching themes of the celebrations were 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and 'Bharat - Loktantra Ki Matruka' (India - Mother of Democracy). These themes resonate with the country's journey towards progress and the strengthening of democratic values.

France also played a significant role in the parade, with a 95-member marching contingent and a 30-member band contingent. While their participation added an international touch to the event, it was

hard not to notice the band members' rather unconventional appearance, with their bulging tummies and leisurely walk on Kartavya Path.

The Republic Day celebrations culminated with a mesmerizing fly-past by 46 aircraft of the Indian Air Force. Notably, the indigenously-built Tejas Light Combat Aircraft flew in a formation of four aircraft, marking a significant milestone in India's defense capabilities.

India's 75th Republic Day parade was a spectacular display of the nation's military strength, cultural heritage, and commitment to gender equality. It showcased the unity, diversity, and resilience of a nation that continues to march forward with pride and determination. As we reflect on this grand event, we are reminded of India's journey as a thriving democracy and its unwavering dedication to progress and prosperity.

Arjuni police crack down on illegal liquor trade

Seize over Rs 4,500 worth of liquor

Dhamtari, Jan 27:

In a commendable effort to combat the illicit liquor trade, Arjuni police station has taken decisive action by registering a case against four individuals involved in this illegal activity.

Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Prashant Thakur, who has been spearheading a rigorous campaign against gambling, betting, and illegal liquor, the Arjuni police station, under the leadership of Additional Superintendent of Police Madhulika Singh and the diligent oversight of DSP Neha Pawar, executed a successful operation against those engaged in the illegal liquor trade.

During the operation, the police confiscated a significant haul, consisting of 45 quarters of country liquor with an estimated value of Rs 3,880, accompanied by a cash sale amount of Rs 680, totaling a significant amount of Rs 4,560.

This robust action was carried out in strict accordance with Section 34(A) of the Excise Act, serving as a clear warning to anyone involved in the unlawful liquor trade. The arrested individuals include



Sevak Ram Kanwar (30 years), who was apprehended near Gram Panchayat Baliara, found in possession of 13 quarter bottles of country plain liquor valued at Rs 1,040, along with Rs 200 in cash, resulting in a total value of Rs 1,240.

Similarly, Vikram Gilhare (36 years) was caught red-handed selling illegal liquor near Sehra Dabri, with 12 quarter bottles of country plain liquor amounting to Rs 960 in value, and an additional Rs 200 in sale proceeds, bringing the total to Rs 1,160. Dev Bharat

Dewangan (35 years) was discovered selling liquor illegally near Shitala Chowk Loharsi, where the police seized 9 quarter bottles of Country Mashala Liquor valued at Rs 990 and Rs 120 in sale proceeds, summing up to Rs 1,110. Furthermore, Gajadhar Sahu (47 years) was apprehended by Arjuni police while engaged in the illegal liquor trade near village Piparchhedhi turn, where approximately 10 quarter bottles of country plain Mandira liquor, valued at Rs 800, were confiscated. An additional Rs 160 in sale proceeds brought the total to Rs 960.

In total, the police have seized 35 Pauwa Country Plane Mandira liquor bottles with a combined worth of Rs 2,800 and 9 quarter Mashala Country liquor bottles valued at Rs 1,080. Coupled with the sale amount of Rs 680, the operation's total value stands at Rs 4,560.

FIRs have been filed under Section 34(A) of the Excise Act against the accused individuals, and appropriate legal measures have been initiated, marking a significant milestone in the fight against illegal liquor trade in the region.

FM uplifts spirits at Sukma Education City

Omprakash Chaudhary encourages young minds and assess educational progress

Sukma, Jan 27:

In a one-day visit to Sukma, Finance Minister Omprakash Chaudhary conducted a thorough inspection of Sukma's Education City, expressing confidence that the region's high-quality education system would propel its children to national and international recognition.

During his visit to the Atmanand School within



Gyanodaya, Minister Chaudhary engaged with fifth-grade students, asking them about their aspirations. The children, filled with enthusiasm at the presence of the minister, shared their dreams of becoming doctors, police officers, and collectors. One student, Yuvraj Rathi, expressed his de-

sire to become a collector to help the underprivileged, earning praise from the minister.

Chaudhary also challenged the students with mathematical problems and quizzed them about the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram, assessing their dedication and educational levels. He com-

mended the Education Department's innovative initiatives in remote forest areas, considering their significant achievements for the region.

District Education Officer Nitin Dandsena highlighted recent accomplishments, including Sukma's students excelling in the NEET exam and two students earning recognition in the Prime Minister's program exam.

The visit witnessed the presence of public representatives, officers, and employees, including Leeladhar Rathi and Vishwaraj Singh Chauhan, further solidifying the commitment to educational growth in Sukma.

In the name of encroachment, bulldozer razes houses of the poor

Victim families met MLA Dwarakadhish Yadav

Bagbaha, Jan 27: In the name of encroachment, Bagbaha Municipality bulldozed the houses of the poor, due to which these families have become homeless. The victim families met Khallari MLA Dwarakadhish Yadav and expressed their grief, on which MLA Yadav assured every possible ap-



propriate initiative. As per information, the affected families of Shantinagar of Bagbaha reached the MLA office and said that their houses

were hastily demolished by the administration without informing the families who were facing financial crisis, due to which the entire family

has come under the sky. The victim's family says that apart from this demolished house, they have no other place to live, nor have any arrangement for food and drink. Victims Hemlata Kanwar, Kanhaiya Rawat, Kuleshwari Rawat, Konari Manjhi, Vishwanath, Mamta Diwan, have met the MLA, on which the MLA assured the affected families that he will initiate rehabilitation for them at the earliest.

'Nirmal Anganwadi' campaign transforms 201 centers



Mahasamund, Jan 27: A wave of cleanliness and transformation has swept across 201 Anganwadi centers in Mahasamund district, thanks to the inspirational "Nirmal Anganwadi" campaign launched by Collector Prabhat Malik. Spanning five blocks in the district, the initiative has seen active participation from Gram Panchayat members,

parents, youth, adolescent girls, and children, aiming to rejuvenate these vital centers. The campaign, running from January 10th to 25th, focuses on creating clean and organized surroundings for Anganwadi centers. It emphasizes maintaining cleanliness in the kitchen areas, ensuring proper organization of materials, and providing children with access to a vari-

ety of play equipment. The ultimate goal is to make these centers not only functional but also attractive. To foster broad community involvement, Sarpanches and Gram Panchayat Secretaries are leading the charge at the local level.

District CEO of Mahasamund Block, Misha Bose, along with Yasmin Memon from the Piramal Foundation and Gandhi Fellow Praveen Yadav, motivated Sarpanches and Secretaries through video conferences to play a pivotal role in ensuring the cleanliness of Anganwadi centers in their villages. They were encouraged to visit these centers at least once every month to maintain their upkeep. Through seven sector meetings in Mahasamund Rural, in collaboration with the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) and Supervisor, 201 Anganwadi workers have been inspired to transform their centers into clean, neat, and inviting spaces with active community participation.

Birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose celebrated



Kurud, Jan 27: The birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose, the immortal martyr, architect of India's independence, was celebrated here at Kurud Press Club. The people of the city and school teachers and students also registered their presence in the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti celebrations being celebrated as per tradition by the Kurud Press Club. Ravikant Chandrakar on this occasion said that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose created Azad Hind Fauj, the army of the subjugated country, and he celebrated the Independence Day in the country by declaring independence even before independence. Meanwhile Leader of Opposition Bhanu Chandrakar said that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was a great man and the organization of Azad Hind Fauj with more than 40000 members was the largest organ-

ization of that time. Former President of Press Club Kurud, Ajay Kela said that Kurud Press Club has been celebrating the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose with a tradition for the last 30 years and Bose is an icon for the youth of the entire country. Kurud Press Club Patron Kriparam Yadav, former Nagar Panchayat, MLA representative Krishnakant Sahu, City Opposition Market Secretary Rajkumar Ratri, senior advocate Laxmikant Dwivedi, former Traders Association President Mahesh Kela, Traders Association Secretary Khilendra Chandrakar, Traders Association Treasurer Dhanesh Bais, Advocate Pradeep Yadav, Yashwant Sahu Ramesh Pandey, Councilor Manish Sahu, Bhojraj Chandrakar, Narendra Soni Madam Vineeta Sahu, GP Tandon, Dihu Ram Sahu, Bharat Sahu, Kishore Yadav, Dhanesh Mahendra Sahu Manoj Aggarwal, President Press Club Moolchand Sinha, Former President Ajay Kela Ganesh Sahu, Jamal Rizvi, General Secretary Rupesh Sahu, Vice President Chandan Sharma, Yashwant Ganjeer etc. were present.

LS MP participates in consecration programs of Ram Lalla

Korba, Jan 27: MP Jyotsna Charandas Mahant participated in the programs organized in the district on the occasion of the consecration of Shri Ram on 22 January, along with performing puja aarti, books of Ramcharit Manas and Sunderkand were also distributed. The MP was present and presided over the program in the district level program organized by the district administration at Shri Ram Janaki Temple in Budhwari, Hanuman temple located at Kosabadi Chowk and Sunderkand organized in Shri Ram Darbar DDM Road, Kalash Yatra in Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla Nagar. She also paid darshan by reaching Shri Ram Janaki Temple situated on the main road and Shri Ram Hanuman Temple, at the old bus stand. On these occasions, along with the MP, Mayor Rajkishore Prasad, Chairman Shyamsundar Soni, Usha Tiwari, Sapna Chauhan, Rupa Mishra and villagers were also present.

People celebrate consecration of the idol of Shri Ram



Korba, Jan 27: On the occasion of the consecration of the idol of Shri Ram in the sanctum sanctorum of the newly constructed temple in Ayodhya on Monday, January 22, a grand program was organized by Ram devotees at Transport Nagar Chowk of the city. Live telecast of the Pran Pratistha pro-

gram being held in Ayodhya was shown on a big LED screen near Transport Nagar Chowk, and Hanuman Chalisa was recited continuously 11 times. Also a musical recital of Sunderkand was presented by Pandit Shivrav Sharma and his troupe, and Bhog-Prasad was distributed at the venue from morning till evening. Korba MLA and

State Industry, Commerce and Labor Minister Lakhanlal Dewangan, Korba MP Jyotsna Charandas Mahant registered their presence in the event. In the evening, grand fireworks and lighting of 101 lamps were the center of attraction, with devotional songs by the region's singers Sonu Bhatia, Basant Vaishnav, Kalpana Tiwari, Achala

Vaishnav and their team. The organizing committee including Ajay Pandey, Ashish Jaiswal Pintu, Shankar Rao, Bunty Sharma, Amit Aggarwal Guruji, Ravi Maharaj, Alok Jaiswal, Pushkar Tiwari, Siddharth Vasan, Kumar Chopra, Roshan Jaiswal, Ashok Bajaj, Arvind Aggarwal and Rajesh Shantibhai were present.

Ayaz Khan's illegal construction dismantled, accused arrested

Raipur, Jan 27: Following Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's pledge to deliver fear free governance and adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards crime, stringent actions are being taken against individuals involved in criminal and unlawful activities within the state. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma directed the administration to take decisive action in the murder case of cow herder Sadhram Yadav happened on the intervening night of January 20 in

Lalpur near Kawardha city. Acting swiftly upon these directives, the administration arrested five suspects the very next day. Furthermore, action was taken today to dismantle the illegal construction of Ayaz Khan's flour mill shop, situated in Ward 18 of Kawardha. Khan is one of the accused in the aforementioned murder case. It is noteworthy that Shri Yadav was ruthlessly killed, his throat slit in a brutal manner. Responding promptly to the inci-

dent, Deputy CM Sharma stressed the importance of taking stern action against the perpetrators to convey a resolute message to antisocial elements. Meanwhile, in Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma instructed officials from the Home Department to rigorously monitor and maintain law and order. Clear directives were issued regarding the policy of zero tolerance towards crime.

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1	2	3	4	5
1	Shri Balkishor Barwa S/o Shri Manilal Barwa	Shop No.-24, 2nd Floor, Under Nagar Palika Nigam Raipur (DSMT Scheme, Total Area 129.12 Sq.Ft, Agrasen Chowk, Beside Mangalam Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 24.01.2024	Mortgage Loan Rs. 7,49,201.00 As pe date 03.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
2	Shri Vinod Jha S/o Shri Navakant Jha	H.No.-CH-524, KHNo-194 Part, PHNo-103, Total Area 387.36 Sq.Ft., Constructed Area 300 Sq.Ft., Shahid Bhagat Singh Ward No.-13, Mouza- Tatibandh, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 24.01.2024	House Loan Rs. 10,14,826.00 & House Loan Topup Rs.86,794.00 As pe date 03.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
3	Shri Athnesh Kujur S/o Francis Kujur	KHNo-28/3 Part, PHNo-114/45, New 69/70, Total Area 740 Sq.Ft., Mouza- Amilidih, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Ward No.46, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 24.01.2024	Plot Loan Rs. 5,19,882.00 As pe date 03.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
4	Smt.Laxmi Sharma W/o Shri Durgesh Sharma & Shri Durgesh Sharma S/o Shri Bhaskar Sharma	KHNo.846/2, 846/3 Part, PHNo.52 Total Area. 1200 Sq.Ft., Mouza- Chiruhidih (Gokul Nagar), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Ward No.18, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 24.01.2024	Plot Loan Rs. 10,55,478.00 As pe date 03.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
5	Smt. Sunita Awasthi W/o Shri Laxman Prasad Awasthi Shri Nitin Awasthi S/o Shri Laxman Awasthi	KHNo.200/90, PHNo.105/69 Total Area 350 Sq.Ft., Dr. Khoobchand Baghel Ward No.67, Mouza-Changora Bhata, Raipur-01, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 24.01.2024	House Loan Rs. 3,86,692.00 As pe date 03.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
6	Shri Rajkumar Mishra S/o Shri Ramanand Mishra & Smt. Shweta Mishra W/o Shri Rajkumar Mishra	C.G. Housing Board Senior MIG-442 Total Area-177 Sq.Mtr., Kumbhari, Bhillai, District- Durg (C.G.)	17.01.2024 25.01.2024	House Loan Rs. 11,94,262.00 As pe date 05.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
7	Smt. Sachidevi Namdev, W/o Shri Pralap Singh Namdev & Shri Ravi Singh Namdev, S/o Shri Pralap Singh Namdev & Mrs. Sunita Singh Namdev, W/o Shri Ravi Singh Namdev	KHNo.53/6, 188/6 Part, Ground Floor Shop No.04, Area-157 Sq.Ft., Shop No.05, Area-157 Sq.Ft., PHNo.107, Avinash Builders Partner Mukesh Singhania, Shahid Manmohan Singh Bakshi Ward No.02, Mouza-Kota, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 25.01.2024	Mortgage Loan Rs. 14,57,714.00 As pe date 05.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c
8	Smt. Sachidevi Namdev, W/o Shri Pralap Singh Namdev & Shri Ravi Singh Namdev, S/o Shri Pralap Singh Namdev & Mrs. Sunita Singh Namdev, W/o Shri Ravi Singh Namdev	Residential Multi Storey Building First Floor, Flat No.C-103, PHNo.107, Area 698 Sq.Ft., Avinash Builders Partner Ashok Kumar Singhania, Shahid Manmohan Singh Bakshi Ward No.02, Mouza-Kota, Raipur (C.G.)	17.01.2024 25.01.2024	House Loan Rs. 18,64,794.00 & House Loan Topup Rs. 2,09,001.00 As pe date 05.10.2023 + Interest charged in future and other expenses -If any amount deposited in the A/c

Place : Raipur Date : 25/01/2024 Authorized Officer C.G. Rajya Sahakari Bank Mydt. Head Office, Atal Nagar Naya Raipur (C.G.)

75th Republic Day celebrated with enthusiasm at SECL

CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra leads inspiring parade and highlights SECL's remarkable performance

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Jan 27: The 75th Republic Day witnessed a grand celebration filled with enthusiasm and pride at the Vasant Vihar Ground of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL). The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra, who hoisted the national flag and took salute during the parade.

Under the leadership of Parade Commander V. Dakshinamurthy and Deputy Parade Commander D.P. Diwakar, the main parade showcased the dedication and discipline of SECL's workforce. Chief Guest Ashok Kumar, Security Chief, also joined the parade inspection.

The parade featured two platoons from SECL Security Department, expertly led by Vijay Kumar Gupta and Chamru Chauhan, while the NCC Junior Wing Boys and Girls platoons were skillfully commanded by Harshdeep Luthra (Class 10th) and Kumari Vaishnavi Tiwari (Class 11th). DAV School's



Girls and Boys Platoon were led by Kumari Oshin Meshram (Class 12th) and Bharat Shankar Acharya (Class 12th), respectively. The parade's band platoon was under the guidance of Subedar Major Beni Prasad.

During the event, CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra conveyed his heartfelt Republic Day greetings and expressed his pride in being a part of the world's largest democracy and republic. He commended SECL's historic achievements in coal production, dispatch, and OBR during

the current financial year, with a remarkable increase over the previous year.

While celebrating the milestone of fastest production of 100 million tonnes of offtake and 200 million cubic meters of OBR, CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra acknowledged the challenges ahead in meeting the annual target for the financial year 2023-24, emphasizing the need for increased production and dispatch rates.

He also lauded SECL's expedited handling of complaints on the CPGRAM portal, with an impressive

average disposal time of 8 days over the last four years. The company remains dedicated to ensuring landowners receive their rights promptly, and attractive packages for landowners in mega projects have been announced for the first time in Coal India, garnering positive cooperation from landowners.

The main event at Vasant Vihar featured captivating moving tableaux highlighting themes like Women Empowerment, Digital Mining, Eco-friendly Mining, and New India,

presented by SECL's operational areas. The celebration also included patriotic songs and dances by students from DAV Public School, Dreamland, KPS, and Holy Nursery School.

As part of the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" campaign, CMD Dr. Prem Sagar Mishra inaugurated a quiz, aimed at fostering development in India. Awards were presented for various categories, including best dress, best parade, bravery during duty, best motherhood, outstanding contribution in innovation, and best tableaux.

Notably, Jamuna Kotma area received the first prize for their tableau, followed by Hasdeo area (second prize), Bhatgaon area (third prize), Baikunthpur area (consolation prize), and Korba area (consolation prize).

The event was expertly hosted by Shri Sheikh Zakir Hussain, Chief Manager (Environment), and Safety Inspector M.P. Jangde, making it a memorable and inspirational Republic Day celebration at SECL.

Collector Prabhat Malik leads R-Day celebrations



● **Hoisted the National Flag with pride**

Central Chronicle News

Mahasamund, Jan 27: Collector Prabhat Malik unfurled the national flag on the 75th Republic Day, January 26, at the Collectorate premises. The ceremony began with a garland tribute to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, followed by the uplifting strains of the national anthem.

Within the Collectorate meeting hall, warm Republic Day greetings were extended to officers and employees. Acknowledging the significance of this day and the sacrifices made by great leaders in shaping the Constitution, Collector Malik urged everyone to cherish and uphold its values. He emphasized that while India has made significant progress in the 74 years since the Constitution came into force, there is still much

work to be done. He called upon all citizens to discharge their responsibilities with honesty and diligence. Collector Malik further raised the national flag at his official residence, symbolizing his commitment to the nation. The event was graced by the presence of Additional Collector Nirbhay Sahu, Deputy Collector Ashish Karma, Shrawan Kumar Tandon, District CEO Misha Kosle, and officers and employees of the Collectorate complex.

Hasdeo Thermal Power Station celebrates 75th Republic Day

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Jan 27: Hasdeo Thermal Power Station, Korba West, celebrated the 75th Republic Day with immense enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Chief Engineer Sanjay Sharma, alongside Niharika Sharma, President of Sankalp Mahila Mandal, followed by a captivating parade.

In his address, Chief Engineer Sanjay Sharma extended heartfelt Republic Day greetings and emphasized the importance of contributing to the nation's progress through unwavering dedication and honesty. He congratulated the awardees and wished them a prosperous future. Chief Engineer Sharma also highlighted Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company's remarkable achievement as the top power generator in

the country and elaborated on Hasdeo Thermal Power Station's significant accomplishments and production records over the past year.

The celebration saw the recognition of plant employees for their outstanding contributions and honors bestowed upon officers and employees who excelled in various competitive exams, including 10th, 12th, MBBS, and IIT-JEE. Exceptional students and athletes who achieved distinction in state-level sports competitions were also honored. The event showcased the creative talents of women who participated in various competitions under



the guidance of Sankalp Mahila Mandal President Smt. Niharika Sharma.

Students from different schools enthralled the audience with cultural performances, adding to the festive spirit of the day. Chief Engineer Hemant Singh, MK Gupta, P. Bhaskar Rao, Sudhir Pandya, RK Pandey, AK Kurnal, and Smt. Niharika Sharma, along with numerous plant officers, employees, outsourcing workers, and their families, graced the event with their presence.

The program concluded with heartfelt gratitude to Lieutenant Amogh Bapat and the announcement of naming the main square of the colony complex as Lieutenant Amogh Bapat Chowk. The event was expertly conducted by Welfare Officer Suresh Singh Kanwar and Chief Safety Officer Mrs. Priya Mishra, leaving a lasting impression of unity and patriotism.

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Korba, Jan 27: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated at NTPC Korba with unwavering patriotism and pride on January 26, 2024. The auspicious event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Madhu S, Project Head of NTPC Korba, accompanied by the collective rendition of the National Anthem and the NTPC anthem. The Tricolor was saluted by both the Chief Guest and the CISF personnel, who also inspected the parade ground.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief General Manager highlighted NTPC's significant achievements and contributions, particularly focusing on NTPC Korba's milestones. He proudly mentioned that Unit-1 and Unit-2 of NTPC Korba completed 40 years of commercial operation in August 2023 and January



2024, respectively. Korba's PLF percentage has consistently ranked first among NTPC stations for three consecutive years and is poised to achieve 40 years of commercial operation in FY 2023-24, with a remarkable PLF of 90.51, second only to Bhilai in India.

He emphasized NTPC's ambitious goals, aiming to become India's largest integrated power company with an installed capacity exceeding 73 GW by 2032. NTPC also aspires to reach 130 GW of production, focusing on diverse

fuel mix generation. NTPC Korba Project places a strong emphasis on environmental protection, safety, and efficient scrap disposal.

The Chief General Manager highlighted various corporate social responsibility initiatives, including skill development programs for archery talents in remote forest areas of Korba district, medical health camps, mobile health clinics, and community building renovations, among others.

The event featured the release of balloons sym-

bolizing joy and happiness into the sky by Madhu S, the Chief Guest, and other dignitaries. Meritorious awards were presented to employees excelling in various fields, while a parade by CISF jawans and schoolchildren showcased discipline and dedication. CISF also demonstrated a high-pressure foam jet spray.

The cultural program featured spirited group dances and patriotic songs performed by students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, DPS, Bal Bhawan, Tiny Kautge, and Shishu Mandir. In addition, fruits were distributed to patients at NTPC Korba Hospital, spreading the Republic Day spirit to all corners of the community.

At Vikas Bhawan, General Manager (Operation and Maintenance) Arnab Maitra also hoisted the flag and extended warm Republic Day wishes to the employees.

MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwada hoisted the flag in Korea

Celebrating Democracy, diversity and unity



Central Chronicle News

Korea, Jan 27: Republic Day, a celebration of India's democracy, diversity, and collective spirit, was marked with grandeur as Baikunthpur MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwada hoisted the national flag during the 75th Republic Day main event at the mini

stadium of Adarsh Government Ramanuj Higher Secondary School in Baikunthpur.

On this memorable occasion, MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwada conveyed the message of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai to the public. Amidst hearty congratulations and warm wishes for Republic Day, Rajwada emphasized the significance of this day, calling it a golden milestone in India's history.

He acknowledged the immense value of India's Constitution and paid tribute to the remarkable leaders and individuals who have propelled the nation to its current esteemed position through their outstanding contributions across various fields.

Pays tribute to freedom fighters
Rajwada paid tribute to

freedom fighters, including Mahtari, Amar Shaheed Gend Singh, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh, and Veer Gundadhoor, who connect Chhattisgarh with the national movement. He acknowledged their leading contributions to national consciousness and saluted the heroes and patriots who played crucial roles in the state's development and the freedom struggle.

World's best constitution

Rajwada emphasized that India's Constitution, enacted by the people, forms the foundation of a bright future. He praised it as the world's best Constitution, carefully crafted to address past experiences, present needs, and future challenges. Rajwada paid solemn tribute to Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and all Constituent Assembly members who, with their collective wisdom, charted the path for India's successful journey as a democratic republic over the past 75 years.

SECR celebrates 75th R-Day with honour



● **GM Alok Kumar emphasizes railway's role**

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Jan 27: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with full honour and tradition across all three railway divisions - Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur, in the South East Central Railway (SECR) on January 26.

The central event of the Republic Day celebrations, organized by SECR, took place at the local NE Institute grounds, graced by the presence of Alok Kumar, General Manager of South East Central Railway, as the chief guest.

General Manager Alok Kumar, in his Republic Day

address, extended warm wishes to all, emphasizing the significance of this day in reinforcing faith in the democratic system and the Constitution. He acknowledged Indian Railways' enduring contribution to national unity, integrity, and public service over 170 years.

Highlighting the achievements of South East Central Railway, he proudly noted that the zone has consistently been among the top freight loaders in the country, with over 185 million tonnes loaded in the current fiscal year. He credited this accomplishment to the collective efforts of railway workers and expressed gratitude to their families for their support.

75th R-Day celebrated with enthusiasm in Kabirdham district

Pandaria MLA Bhavna Bohra hoists the flag

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Jan 27: The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm at the Acharya Panth Shri Grindhmuni Nam Saheb Government Post Graduate College grounds in Kabirdham District. Pandaria MLA Bhavna Bohra had the honour of hoisting the flag during the main event held at the PG College grounds, where she symbolized peace, freedom, and immortality by releasing white pigeons and colorful balloons into the sky. Bohra also inspected the parade, took the salute, and read out the Chief Minister's message to the public. The event was graced by the presence of Collector Janmejay Mahobe and Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav.

The ceremony featured remarkable presentations by school children from government and private educational institutions in the district, showcasing patriotism, folk arts, folk songs, and traditions. The audience showed their ap-



preciation with thunderous applause. Various government departments presented development-themed tableaux, and outstanding officers and employees were honored with certificates by the chief guest.

The parade contingents marched in disciplined harmony to patriotic tunes, creating a captivating spectacle. Armed platoons from the District Police Force and City Army personnel fired cheerful salutes. Republic Day also witnessed 09 parade teams and platoons, led by Parade Commander Maheshwar Singh and

Second Commander Trilok Pradhan, offering a splendid march past in honor of the chief guest.

Distinguished personalities including former Parliamentary Secretary Siyaram Sahu, former MLA Ashok Sahu, District Panchayat President Sushila Ramkumar Bhatt, District President Indrani Chandravanshi, former District Panchayat President Satosh Patel, and various other public representatives graced the occasion, making it a memorable celebration of India's 75th Republic Day.

Bopanna wins maiden men's doubles Grand Slam title at Australian Open

Melbourne, Jan 27 (PTI):

Rohan Bopanna became only the third Indian to win a men's doubles Grand Slam title, taking the Australian Open crown with partner Matthew Ebden following a commanding win over Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori, here on Saturday.

In a high-quality game of tennis, second seeded Bopanna and Ebden won 7-6(0) 7-5 in the final that lasted one hour and 39 minutes.

Only the iconic Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi have won Major titles for India in men's tennis while trailblazer Sania Mirza did it in women's tennis.

For Bopanna it is his second Grand Slam title, having won the French Open mixed doubles with Gabriela Dabrowski in 2017.

At 43, Bopanna also became the oldest Grand Slam champion in men's tennis. He bettered the



record of Jean-Julien Rojer who, at age of 40, had lifted the French Open men's doubles trophy in 2022 with Marcelo Arevola. It was such hard-fought battle at the Rod Laver arena that the contest featured only one break of serve when Vavassori

dropped his serve at love in game 11 of the second set. There were not many break points on offer either. The second seeds had breakpoints in successive games in the beginning of the contest. However, the Italians saved both to stay on even terms. In game

two, off Bolelli's serve, Vavassori hit a volley at 30-30 but Bopanna hit a return long.

In game four, the Italians were again down a break point when at 30-30, a return from Bopanna jumped off the net chord to give the second seeds a free

point. However, Vavassori served well to save that point as well.

Serving 4-5, and 30-all, Bolelli was under pressure again but pulled off a powerful cross court forehand which was away from Bopanna's reach and then served huge to make it 5-all.

Ebden's serve came under pressure in game 11 in which he faced a breakpoint, but, after playing deuce points, the Australian closed the game with an ace.

In the tie-breaker, Bolelli's serve was broken twice as the second seeds zoomed to a 5-0 lead without losing a point on their serve. Vavassori too lost his serve to hand their rivals six set points. They converted the first, Ebden finding a forehand winner down the line.

Bopanna will be crowned the new number one on Monday when the ATP rankings will be updated. At 43, he will be the oldest player to be perched on top of the ranking pile.

Sabalenka beats Zheng to clinch Australian Open title

Melbourne, Jan 27 (AP):

Aryna Sabalenka clinched back-to-back Australian Open titles with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Zheng Qinwen on Saturday in a one-sided women's final.

The No. 2-seeded Sabalenka broke Zheng's serve in the second game and took the first set in 33 minutes. She broke again to start the second set and maintained her dominance throughout against the No. 12-seeded Zheng.

"It's been an amazing couple of weeks. It's an unbelievable feeling right now," Sabalenka said in the trophy presentation. "As usual, my speech is going to be weird it's not my super power."

Only two things slowed down Sabalenka's progress Saturday to her second Grand Slam singles title. In the third game of the second set, with Zheng serving, the match was interrupted after an activist started yelling out.



The match continued after the man was escorted out by security. Then, when she was serving for the match, Sabalenka had three championship points at 40-0 but missed two with wide or long forehands and another with Zheng's clever drop shot.

After giving Zheng a breakpoint chance, she bounced the ball away behind her in disgust but she recovered her composure to win the

next three points. In the end, she needed five championship points before finishing off with a forehand crosscourt winner. It was the kind of shot that had kept Zheng on the back foot almost from the start. The 25-year-old Sabalenka improved to two wins in three Grand Slam finals, all in a span of 13 months. She beat Elena Rybakina a year ago for the title in Australia.

Sreeja advances to quarterfinals, Manika loses



Mapusa (Goa), Jan 27 (PTI): Indian paddler Sreeja Akula registered a commanding victory to move into the women's singles quarterfinals of the ongoing World Table Tennis (WTT) Star Contender Goa 2024, while Manika Batra and Archana Kamath suffered defeats in their respective last-eight matches here on Saturday.

The Hyderabad-based paddler Akula began the contest on a positive note against higher ranked Hong Kong opponent Doo Hoi Kem (WR 36) and won the thrilling first game before losing the second.

However, the world No. 66 Indian looked in complete control of the next two games and clinched the match 3-1 (12-10, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8) to reach the quarterfinals. "In 2021, I had lost to the same opponent, so it feels really great to win a match against her in this tournament. I was able to execute

my plans perfectly and kept myself motivated even after losing the second game to win the contest," Akula said after the win.

"She was really aggressive and I focused on putting the ball on the table and choosing the right ball to attack which worked in my favour. I will be well prepared for the upcoming match as well."

The tournament is co-hosted by Stupa Sports Analytics and Ultimate Table Tennis under the guidance of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). On the other hand, India's top-ranked singles paddler Batra (WR 38) went down 1-3 (11-9, 11-13, 7-11, 9-11) to the world No. 13 Xiaoxin Yang of Monaco despite winning the first game of the contest.

In the other women's singles pre-quarterfinal, youngster from Bengaluru Kamath lost to South Korea's Jeon Jihee by 1-3 (11-13, 11-9, 6-11, 4-11).

India 'A' beat England Lions by innings and 16 runs

Ahmedabad, Jan 27 (PTI): A fine all-round performance powered India 'A' to an innings and 16-run win over England Lions in the second 'unofficial Test' here on Saturday. The win also helped the hosts take an unassailable 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

The hosts dismissed England Lions for 321 in their second innings with Arshdeep Singh (2/62) and Yash Dayal (1/37) claiming the wickets of overnight batters Ollie Robinson (85) and Tom Lawes (32) respectively to complete the win. Starting the day at 304/8, England Lions' resistance lasted just 5.2 overs as Arshdeep had Robinson caught by wicketkeeper Upendra Yadav in the 88th over. Lawes added 14 runs to his overnight score of 18 before Dayal got rid of him with Akash Deep taking the catch. Sarfaraz Khan was adjudged the Player of the Match for his 161-run knock which steered India 'A' to 489 in their first innings. Devdutt Padikkal too flourished with the bat, making 105. Left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar was the other star performer as he claimed his 22nd five-wicket haul to put India 'A' on the cusp of the win. Akash Deep snapped six wickets in total to contribute to the team's cause.

India beat SA 6-3 to enter FIH Hockey5s Women's WC final

Muscat, Jan 27 (PTI):

India registered a thrilling 6-3 win over South Africa to advance to the final of the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup here.

Akshata Abaso Dhekal (7th minute), Mariana Kujur (11th), Mumtaz Khan (21st), Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (23rd), Jyoti Chhatrri (25th) and Ajima Kujur (26th) scored for India in the semifinal on Friday night.

Teshawn De La Rey (5th), captain Toni Marks (8th) and Dirkie Chamberlain (29th) were on target for South Africa.

South Africa began the first half on a defensive note, waiting for counters to threaten the Indian goal. The game's first chance fell to South Africa but India goalkeeper Rajani Etimarpu was vigilant in front of the goal.

It was a close-range reverse shot from South Africa's Teshawn De La Rey that gave them the early lead, which was short-lived as Akshata equalised for India with a powerful shot that beat

England make 316/6 on Day 3

Hyderabad, Jan 27 (PTI): Ollie Pope transformed the RGI Stadium into a gladiatorial fighting arena with a doughty hundred as England reached 316 for six to temporarily resist India's push for a win on the third day of the first Test here on Saturday.

Pope (148 batting) and Rehan Ahmed (16 batting) were guarding England's second innings fort at close and the visitors are now 126 runs ahead of India, an unimaginable position at the dawn of the day. India were bowled out for 436 in their first innings after building a lead of 190 runs.

It was quite remarkable how Pope, who generally resembles a cat on a hot tin roof in these conditions, mustered fortitude and technical perfection to defy the Indian bowlers, who were primed to finish the match on day three itself, reducing England to 163 for five. But Pope and Ben Foakes (34) milked 104 runs for the sixth wicket



alliance to keep India at bay, stretching the match into the fourth day. It wasn't that Pope had complete

command in the middle as spinners on occasions beat him for turn and pacers deceived him outside the

off-stump.

There was even a reprieve for him on 110 when Axar Patel grassed a fairly straight chance at backward square leg off Ravindra Jadeja when the batter attempted a reverse sweep. But the 26-year-old Essex man found a way to push those distractions away from his thoughts to build on individual and the team's score.

Pope, whose main source of runs were sweeps and reverse sweeps, duly completed his first Test hundred, fifth in his career, against India off 154 balls, leading England's recovery act.

It was a massive effort from a batter who had just 384 runs from nine Tests against India at an average of 24 with a highest of 81 before this innings.

However, credit should also be given to Foakes for playing a mature hand to support Pope in his venture.

The wicketkeeper-batter is one of better players in this England line-up against spin, as he can read the tweakers off their hands and off the pitch.

Indian men's hockey team beats SA 3-0 on home soil

Cape Town, Jan 27 (PTI): The Indian men's hockey team continued its unbeaten run on the tour to South Africa, registering an easy 3-0 win over the hosts here.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh (2nd minute), Abhishek (13th), and Sumit (30th) scored for the winners on Friday night.

The Indians started on an attacking note and secured an early penalty corner, which Harmanpreet converted with a powerful dragkick to take the lead.

With just a couple of minutes left in the first quarter, Abhishek managed to make the most of an attacking move and struck one past South Africa goalkeeper to double India's lead.

Despite plenty of attacks from South Africa in the second quarter, India's defence maintained their composure and remained resolute in their determination to keep a clean sheet. Just at the stroke of half-time, Sumit managed to score another field goal as India took a comfortable 3-0 lead.

England women in dilemma as T20I series in NZ begins two days after WPL final

New Delhi, Jan 27 (PTI):

England cricketers playing in the upcoming Women's Premier League (WPL) could be in a dilemma as staying back for the business end of the lucrative T20 League could lead to them missing out on their country's five-match T20I series in New Zealand.

The final of WPL is scheduled for March 17 while the visiting England team's first T20I against New Zealand will be played in Dunedin on March 19.

According to ESPNcricinfo, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has told players involved in the WPL that they will not be considered for the first three T20Is in New Zealand if they stay in India till the end of the T20 league.

The ECB is expected to name the England squad next week.

India take on struggling USA in U-19 World Cup



Bloemfontein, Jan 27 (PTI): Having already sealed a super six berth, record five-time champions India will be expected to breeze past USA in their final group game of the U-19 World Cup here on Sunday.

India beat Bangladesh and Ireland in their first two games and will top the group if they win against a struggling USA, a squad full of Indian Americans. The American outfit came into the game after losing both their games to Ireland and Bangladesh. While Bangladesh did put the Indian batters under a bit of pressure, the Uday Saharan-led side hardly put a foot wrong against the Irishmen. The top three teams from group A and B, and, from C and D, qualify for the super six. Left-arm pacer Naman Tiwari has been impressive upfront while left-arm spinner Saumy Pandey has got the ball

to turn and has been the pick of the bowlers with seven wickets in two games. Number three Musheer Khan showed a lot of promise with a hundred against Ireland, and like his elder brother Sarfaraz, would be looking to pile on the runs. Opener Arshin Kulkarni would want to get a big score under his belt going into the next stage, having made 7 and 32 in the earlier games. Skipper Saharan has led from the front with back-to-back fifties and would want to cash in against a weaker team like the USA. Sachin Dhas has played the role of a finisher well by getting the big hits towards the end of the innings. It will be India's third consecutive game at Mangaung Oval. USA will have to punch above their weight to trouble the Indians. Their batting let them down in the first two games and were all out for 105 against Ireland.

India's Babuta and Sonam win silver in 10m air rifle mixed team

Cairo, Jan 27 (PTI): India's Arjun Babuta and Sonam Maskar combined to claim the silver medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup here on Saturday.

The Indian pair scored 14 in the gold medal contest and finished two points behind Seonaid McIntosh and Dean Bale (16) of Great Britain.

Germany's Anna Janssen and Maximilian Ulbrich prevailed over Jeanette Hegg Duestad and Jon-Hermann Hegg to win the bronze medal 17-15.

Sonam-Babuta topped the qualification with a total score of 632.3 while the eventual gold medalists from Britain were second.

Jarange ends fast as Maha govt accepts his demands

● CM announces OBC benefits for Marathas

Mumbai, Jan 27 (PTI):

Activist Manoj Jarange on Saturday called off his indefinite fast for Maratha quota after the Maharashtra government accepted his demands, with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announcing that till Marathas get reservation, they will be given all the benefits enjoyed by the OBCs.

But a draft notification issued by the government following negotiations with Jarange, stating that blood relatives of a Maratha person, who has records to show that he belongs to the agrarian Kunbi community, would also be recognised as Kunbi, evoked criticism from senior minister



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde offers juice to Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange Patil to break the latter's fast after the state government accepted Patil's demands, in Navi Mumbai, Saturday.

Chhagan Bhujbal who questioned the "backdoor entry" of Marathas into the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category.

Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis tried to assuage concerns of the OBCs,

stating that Marathas would not get Kumbi caste certificate without any proof.

Jarange had launched his fast at Vashi in Navi Mumbai, a satellite city of Mumbai, on Friday, in the

presence of thousands of his supporters.

He had set out on a protest march from his native Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district last Saturday. The 40-year-old activist originally planned to stage a hunger strike at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai from January 26.

On reaching Vashi on Friday morning, the 'morcha' made an overnight halt but Jarange warned that they would enter Mumbai on Saturday for their planned protest if their demands were not met.

The government then came out with a draft notification which fulfilled one of Jarange's key demands. It said that all blood relatives of a Maratha person, whose Kumbi caste records have already been found, would also be recognised as Kumbi.

REHEARSAL FOR BEATING RETREAT



Camel mounted contingent of Border Security Force (BSF) march past during rehearsal for the upcoming Beating Retreat ceremony, in New Delhi, Saturday.

111-foot Agarbathi unveiled to honour local craftsmanship



Mysore, Jan 27: Cycle Pure Agarbathi, India's largest agarbathi manufacturer, added a touch of brilliance to the skies by unveiling a colossal 111-foot agarbathi, as a tribute to the rich tradition of local craftsmanship. This awe-inspiring event unfolded simultaneously across three culturally vibrant places - Mysuru, Maharashtra, and Goa, marking a heartfelt commitment to support and celebrate diverse artisanal heritage.

Ms. Saraswathi, mother

of renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj, lit the agarbathi in the presence of esteemed dignitaries Pratap Simha, MP, Mysore-Kodagu, and Sri. T. S. Srivatsa, MLA, Krishnaraja. The Ranga family, including Guru, Kiran Ranga, Vishnu Ranga, Anirudh Ranga, and Nikhil Ranga, graced the occasion to showcase the brand's commitment to preserving our heritage and traditional art form. In Maharashtra, Chief Minister Eknath Sambhaji Shinde, cele-

brated the state's rich craftsmanship, while in Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant emphasized preserving and promoting the region's unique artistic expressions. Cycle Pure Agarbathi's 111-foot tall masterpiece is a testament to modern technology meets traditional art form; it is a profound homage to the rich cultural heritage of Mysuru's artisans. This massive agarbathi was crafted over 23 days with a dedicated team of 18 skilled individuals, using materials such as specially handpicked auspicious Dashanga: Honey, Konneri Gedde, Ghee, Sandal Wood Powder, Guggula, Agaru, Sambrani, Devadaru, Loban and White Mustard (bili Sasive) along with Charcoal, Jigat and Jaggery. The manufacturing process incorporates a unique technology devised by the NRRS specialists team.

New Delhi, Jan 27:

On the occasion of National Girl Child Day (24 January), Vedanta Aluminium, has renewed its commitment to empowering girls and young women living in the vicinity of its operations in rural Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The company has implemented several initiatives with a thrust on ensuring access to better education, improving healthcare, eradicating child malnutrition, and creating wider avenues for skill development. Together, they are helping bridge the gender divide and ensuring an equitable future for young women and girls across rural India.

As part of this year's celebrations, the company undertook several initiatives focused on building financial independence among young girls and also imparting greater community awareness on health and gender issues. These includ-



ed a collaboration with bank representatives to conduct financial awareness sessions for over 100 young girls around the Jharsuguda unit in Odisha, explaining the several savings and deposit schemes for girl children in India.

An expert session on greater awareness of the rights of girls and the importance of female health

and hygiene was conducted for more than 200 students at Lanjigarh, Odisha in collaboration with government medical staff. Employee volunteers from the company's world-class alumina refinery in Lanjigarh also organized activities such as singing, painting, and essay writing competitions at local schools. Meanwhile, at BALCO,

India's iconic aluminium producer in Korba, Chhattisgarh, special activities such as a tree plantation were organized, where the unit planted one sapling each for every community member and employee raising a girl child. Over 100 saplings were planted under this initiative. In addition, health and wellness workshops for new mothers were

also organized, focused on imparting essential knowledge about infant care practices, childhood nutrition, and ensuring the overall well-being of the child.

Highlighting the importance of creating opportunities for girl children to progress, Mr. John Slaven, CEO, Vedanta Aluminium said, "Women are the real architects of society, leading the development of their independent family units and through them, their entire communities. By educating girls, providing them with the best possible healthcare facilities, and empowering them with the right skill sets, we support their journey towards developing into independent women who contribute to building a truly inclusive society. At Vedanta Aluminium, we are not only committed to building strong sustainable industries but also strong societies, backed by strong and empowered women."

Odisha CM inaugurates redeveloped Samaleswari Temple

Sambalpur (Odisha), Jan 27 (PTI): Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday inaugurated the redeveloped Samaleswari Temple in Sambalpur district, one of the most revered shrines in the western region of the state. The 16th-century Samaleswari Temple on the banks of the Mahanadi has undergone transformation over 39 acres of its peripheral area under a Rs 200-crore project.

Amenities such as a boarding house for pilgrims, a park, a cafeteria, new Trust Board Office and a museum came up as part of the Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives (SAMALEI) project. The programme was held 10 days after the opening of the Heritage Corridor Project in the Jagannath Temple in Puri, under several amenities were added to the 12th-century shrine.

Patnaik unveiled the SAMALEI project after offering prayers at Maa Samaleswari temple in the presence of dignitaries, temple priests and servitors. The chief minister also joined the yagna performed on the occasion.

Programmes at the Jagannath temple on January 17 and Samaleswari Temple on Saturday were strategically timed with the Ram Mandir consecration ceremony in Ayodhya on January 22.

The Odisha Bridge and Construction Corporation (OBCC), which implemented the Heritage Corridor Project in Puri, was also assigned the transformation of the SAMALEI project.

Patnaik in a video message to the people said that Odisha will always remember those who volunteered to forego their land for the SAMALEI project.

The Chief Minister also said that the SAMALEI project would help boost tourism and local economy in the western region.

He said the project could be completed with the blessings of Maa Samaleswari despite the obstacles created due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The work for the project started in February 2021.

'Time to change new trend of obstructing House proceedings in planned manner'

Mumbai, Jan 27 (PTI):

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday said there is a new trend of obstructing the proceedings in the House in a planned way and the time has come to change it.

Addressing the 84th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC), Birla said there is enough space to give voice to dissent in a democratic system and, therefore, disruption should not be used as a tool of protest and dissent.

"There is a new trend of obstructing the proceedings of the House in a



planned way. Time has come to change this," he

said, noting that state legislatures, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha are places for discussion and dialogue.

The agenda of the 84th AIPOC is to strengthen people's trust in democratic institutions - the need to maintain discipline and decorum in Parliament and the legislatures of States and UTs; and how to make the committee system more purposeful and effective.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the AIPOC through video message, while 26 presiding offi-

cers took part in the inaugural session. Expressing concern over incidents of indiscipline, disruption of proceedings and unparliamentary conduct in the legislatures affecting their credibility, Birla said there should be a model Vidhan Sabha, where there is no obstruction, to inspire other state legislatures, Birla said.

A concrete and definite action plan, including changes in rules if necessary, should be prepared to ensure legislatures function sans disruptions, the Lok Sabha speaker suggested.

Govt urged to allow import of watermelon seed

Jodhpur, Jan 27:

The association urged government that Watermelon seed is extensively used in the making of Rajasthani sweets and namkeen which are consumed locally and are also exported to markets all over the world, expensive procurement of watermelon seed has caused major disruption in both the domestic and international market of said products.

"A chunk of demand for watermelon seed is fulfilled by importing the produce of Sudan which is currently not allowed to importers," says Mr. Sunil Baldeva, President, Agri Farmers and Trade Association. "The other half of this demand is fulfilled by domestic produce of Rajasthan (Jodhpur, Barmer and Bikaner) all areas have experienced

scarce rainfall throughout the year resulting in a yield of 20-25 thousand tons which is otherwise a number of 60-70 thousand tons given that the said areas experience favourable amount of rainfall for the same, this has resulted in the increase of price by Rs 150 i.e. produce which was earlier selling for a price of Rs 250 has now reached a price of Rs 400 in the market," said Dwarka Parsad Pachishiya, President, Bikaner Jila UDYOG Sangh.

Centre extends Z+ security cover to Kerala Guv



Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan stages a sit-in protest at a tea shop at Nilamel against the police's alleged failure in preventing black flag protests by the Students Federation of India (SFI), in Kollam district, Saturday.

Thiruvananthapuram/Kollam, Jan 27 (PTI): High drama played out in this

Kerala district on Saturday when State Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, facing

● After SFI black flag protest

SFI's black flag protest, got off his car, took on the agitating Left student wing members, sat on the roadside and hit out at the Chief Minister in what seemed to be yet another chapter in the Raj Bhavan vs the ruling LDF face-off.

Meanwhile, the Centre on Saturday extended Z+ security cover to Khan, who lashed out at Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for "promoting lawlessness." A visibly irked Khan, on his way to Kottarakkara for an event, got out of his car at Nilamel, took on the

agitating members of the Students Federation of India and sat on the roadside demanding police action against the activists of the CPI-M-affiliated SFI for staging a black flag protest against him.

While the BJP threw its weight behind Khan, State General Education Minister V Sivankutty said that no Governor of any state in the country has behaved in this manner.

The Congress-led UDF on the other hand said that this was all part of the ongoing political drama of the state government and the Governor.

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