



**PM Matru Vandana Yojana ensuring safe motherhood**

Support of ₹14 thousand crore given to 3 crore 20 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers

Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat

### BRIEF



**Thirteen-year-old Ishfaq Hamid** holds the recently received PMRBP, India's highest civilian honour for children, at his residence at Kreeri in Baramulla district of north Kashmir, Tuesday.

### 109 fall ill

**Thane:** As many as 109 students of a private ashram school, including 63 girls, were rushed to a government hospital in Thane district after showing symptoms of food poisoning on Wednesday, an official said. The ashram school (residential schools for tribal children) is located at Bhatasai in Shahapur taluka on the outskirts of Mumbai.

### Security withdrawn

**Patna:** Days after the fall of the Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar, Z-plus security cover accorded to former deputy chief minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav was withdrawn by the new dispensation on Wednesday. Yadav will now be provided security cover given to Bihar ministers, a notification issued by the state home department said.

### Blast

**Vadodara:** Three workers were killed in a blast caused due to a gas leakage at a pharmaceutical factory in Gujarat's Vadodara district on Wednesday afternoon, police said. Another worker sustained injuries in the explosion at the factory located at Ekalbara village in Padra taluka of the district, they said.

### Death penalty

**Kochi:** A Kerala court on Wednesday gave the death penalty to a man in a triple murder case. The Additional District Court (for cases against Atrocities and Sexual violence against women and children) sentenced the man to death for the murder of his eldest brother's then 33-year-old daughter, Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Bindu P A told reporters.

### Arrested

**Nagpur:** City police on Wednesday executed a non-bailable arrest warrant against former cricketer Prashant Vaidya in a cheque bouncing case. Vaidya, who played four One Day Internationals for India in the mid-1990s, was produced before a court which released him on a surety bond, a police official said.

**Weather**  
High 29 Low 18

**MARKET**  
NIFTY 21,725.70  
SENSEX 71,752.11

**BULLION**  
GOLD 63,039  
SILVER 72,512

## Varanasi court allows Hindus to pray in Gyanvapi area

Varanasi, Jan 31 (PTI):

The Varanasi district court on Wednesday granted the family of a late priest the right to worship Hindu deities in the Gyanvapi mosque cellar, Hindu side counsel Madan Mohan Yadav said.

The order was passed by judge A K Vishvesh who directed the district magistrate to make arrangements within seven days to facilitate puja there, Yadav said, adding the prayers will be facilitated by the Kashi Vishwanath Trust.

According to the petition, priest Somnath Vyas used to perform prayers there till 1993 when the cellar was closed by the authorities.

Shailendra Kumar Pathak, maternal grandson of Somnath Vyas, had sought the right to worship the deities there.

He said the barricades before the Nandi statue in front of the 'wazu khana' -- where where ablutions are performed before offering namaz -- in the mosque complex will be removed to make way for the petitioner to perform puja. The Hindu



Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, representing the Hindu organisations, with others reacts after the district court granted the family of a priest the right to worship Hindu deities in the Gyanvapi mosque cellar, in Varanasi, Wednesday.

### 'Hearts of Hindus filled with joy'

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Wednesday welcomed a Varanasi court's decision to allow a priest to worship deities in the Gyanvapi mosque cellar, saying the judgement has filled the hearts of Hindus with joy. The BJP refrained from commenting on the development, saying the matter is sub-judice. "Today, a court in Kashi has given a very important decision filling the hearts of every Hindu with joy," Vishva Hindu Parishad working president Alok Kumar said after the Varanasi district court granted the grandson of Somnath Vyas the right to worship Hindu deities in the Gyanvapi mosque cellar. "We are glad that the court said that the petitioner and the Kashi Vishwanath can together appoint a pujari to ensure conduct of regular 'puja-archana' there. This has happened after 31 years," the VHP leader said.

side counsel said the puja of deities there was stopped during the rule of chief minister Mulayam Singh

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Yadav. The Muslim side has argued that the cellar is part of the mosque complex, and hence permission to perform puja there should not be granted.

The Varanasi district court had on July 21 last year directed the ASI to conduct a "detailed scientific survey" -- including excavations, wherever necessary -- to determine if the mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple was built on the remains of a temple.

### IIMC granted deemed-to-be-university status

#### Empowered to award degrees

New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI):

The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), a leading institution for Journalism and Mass Communication, has been granted the status of a deemed university, empowering it to award degrees rather than just diplomas, officials said on Wednesday.

"The IIMC has been declared as deemed-to-be-university under distinct category. The declaration extends to IIMC New Delhi and its five regional campuses located in Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir), Amravati (Maharashtra), Aizawl (Mizoram), Kottayam (Kerala), and Dhenkanal (Odisha). With this new status, IIMC is now authorised to offer degrees, including doctoral degrees," an official said. The institute established under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, on 17 August 1965, is one of the premier institutions of its kind in the country, providing quality training in journalism and undertaking meaningful research in the field of media and mass communication. The IIMC is also the training academy for Indian Information Service (IIS) officers.

**Narayana Health** Take Care

On World Cancer Day MMI Narayana Hospital, Raipur presents

**Cancer awareness bike rally**

Schedule: Centre: 09:30 AM Bike Rally Play Off: 07:00 AM

17 Feb 2024, Sunday

9, Marine Drive (Nainchala Lake), Raipur

Male / Female in mandatory use of safety

## Rs 2.64 cr cash seized from car



Cash seized by officials of Chhattisgarh Police and Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit (ACCU) during a joint search operation, early Wednesday.

### Three persons questioned

Bhilai, Jan 31:

Police seized Rs 2.64 crore in cash from a car in Chhattisgarh's Durg district on Wednesday, an official said.

On getting inputs about two suspicious cars parked near a bank in Sector-1 area, a joint team of Bhilai Bhatti police station personnel and the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit reached there in the early hours. The police questioned three persons onboard the two vehicles. During checking, Rs 2.64 crore in cash was found in one of the cars. As the three persons failed to give a satisfactory reply about the money, it was seized.

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Tax department has been informed about the cash seizure, he said.

The questioning of the three persons is underway and further action will be taken accordingly, he added.

## ED issues 5th summons to Kejriwal

### In excise policy money laundering case

New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a fresh and the fifth summons to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for his questioning in the Delhi excise policy linked money laundering case, official sources said Wednesday.

Kejriwal, also the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), had skipped four earlier summonses issued by the federal agency over the last four months.

While it is understood that the fresh summons was for February 2, an official confirmation was awaited. The 55-year-old politician, a former IRS officer, was called on earlier dates like January 18 and January 3 and December 21 and November 2 in 2023.

He has always called these notices "illegal".

By issuing the fresh notice, the ED has again rejected Kejriwal's contention that the summons issued to him were "not in consonance with the law" and hence should be withdrawn. Kejriwal's name has been mentioned multiple times in charge sheets filed by the ED in the case. The agency has said that the accused were in touch with him regarding the preparation of the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.

## INJURED CRPF COMMANDO 'Will return and give strong fight'

Raipur, Jan 31:

A CoBRA commando who was injured in Tuesday's attack by Naxalites on security personnel in Bastar region said his morale has not been affected, and he will soon return to the jungles to carry on the fight.

Three personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) including two belonging to its specialized jungle warfare unit CoBRA were killed and fifteen injured in the fierce gunbattle near Tekalgudem village in Sukma district.

Malkit Singh, who is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Raipur, said the encounter lasted for more than four hours.

The attack began when the security personnel, after setting up a new camp in Tekalgudem, a Maoist stronghold along Sukma-Bijapur districts border, were engaged in sanitising the area, he said.

According to police, more than 1,500 personnel of the Special Task Force (STF) and District Reserve Guard (DRG) (both state police units), CRPF and its CoBRA unit were involved in the exercise.

Singh said Naxalites carried out a recce before launching the attack.

"...we (CoBRA personnel) reached Tekalgudem between 9:30 am and 10 am on Tuesday as a new camp was being set up there. Then we took position and

launched a cordon in the area. Initially some (suspects) were seen watching us. They had apparently come to conduct recce to monitor our position. Suddenly a large number of Naxalites appeared and opened fire. They were also firing BGL (barrel grenade launcher) shells," he said.

"We immediately took position and launched retaliatory action," Singh added.

The Naxalites numbered around 300-400 and included women cadres, he said.

"We saw at least 15-20 Naxalites falling down after being hit by bullets but their colleagues took them to the interior forest," Singh claimed.

## Soren lodges FIR against ED sleuths

### Over agency's searches at Delhi house

Ranchi, Jan 31 (PTI):

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has lodged an FIR against senior ED personnel at the SC/ST police station here over searches conducted by the agency at his Delhi residence, officials said on Wednesday.

Soren alleged that the ED conducted the search operation at his residence in the national capital to "harass and malign him and his entire community", the officials said, quoting the FIR. "An FIR has been lodged against some senior ED officials... we got the application from the chief minister," Ranchi Senior

### Hemant Soren quits, Champai Soren, new CM

Ranchi, Jan 31: Jharkhand's Transport Minister Champai Soren will replace Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who resigned this evening. Both leaders are currently meeting the Governor. Soren stepped down in anticipation of his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering case. Hemant Soren met the Governor while in ED custody and submitted his resignation. Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur said, "CM Hemant Soren has decided to resign. Champai Soren has been chosen as the new leader of the Legislative party... All the MLAs are with us..." The JMM and Congress are allies in the state.

Superintendent of Police, Chandan Kumar Sinha, told PTI. An ED team searched Soren's Delhi residence on Monday, and camped there for almost 13 hours in order to question him in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land deal in Jharkhand. The agency claimed to have seized Rs 36 lakh, an SUV and some "incriminating" documents during the search.

"My family members and I have suffered and experienced immense mental, psychological and emotional harm because of the acts committed...", he said in the FIR, according to the officials.

The chief minister also claimed that he was not the owner of the seized car, and the cash recovered did not belong to him as

### ED officials question Soren

Amidst hectic political activities, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) continued to question Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for more than five hours on Wednesday as part of its investigation into an alleged money laundering case related to land deals. The questioning which started at 1.20 pm is still continuing, an official said. Soren, 48, who is also the executive president of the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was previously questioned on January 20 in connection with the case. The interrogation, however, remained incomplete on that day when he was grilled for more than seven hours, an official said.

well, they said.

Soren is presently being questioned by ED sleuths at his Ranchi residence regarding the same case.

## Parl sets new practice, Sengol procession escorts Prez

New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI)

Setting a new practice, President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday entered the new Parliament Building escorted by Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla with an official carrying the 'Sengol', adopted as a cultural symbol by the government.

Ahead of President Murmu's arrival, Rajeev Sharma, a senior Marshal in the Lok Sabha and dressed in traditional attire with decorated scarf and a turban, removed the Sengol and walked in a procession with Speaker Birla, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Secretaries General of Lok Sabha and



President Droupadi Murmu arrives at Parliament House complex on the first day of the Budget session, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Rajya Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh and P C Mody in tow amid drum rolls.

President Murmu reached the new Parliament Building in a six-horse buggy accompanied by the Presidential Bodyguards riding horses. Vice President Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Birla welcomed her at the Gaja Dwar of the Parliament building and proceeded to the Lok Sabha chamber in a procession led by the officer carrying the Sengol reverentially.

## Students showcase talent in innovative model exhibition

- 16 children of Durg district receive Inspire Award
- 24 models selected for state level exhibition

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** The valedictory function of Inspire Awards - Manak District Level Exhibition and Display Competition was held on Wednesday in Khalsa School Auditorium under the guidance of District Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary. A two-day innovation exhibition was organized under the chairmanship of Prof MK Verma, Vice Chancellor of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand technical University. On this occasion, chief guest MLA Gajendra Yadav and Sudipto Banerjee of NIF were present. MLA Gajendra Yadav lit the lamp and observed the innovative exhibition.

In the exhibition, many interesting models like Automatic Black Board, Straw Collection Machine, Pedicure Machine, Automatic Signal, etc were displayed by the students. MK Verma moved around and looked at the various



models designed by the students and evaluated the details given by the students. Students from different classes participated in the exhibition. 16 children from Durg district and 8 children from Bemetara district were honored with Inspire Award. 288 models were received from Durg and Bemetara districts in the district level exhibition and project competition, out of which 24 models were selected in the state level exhibition and project competition.

Vice Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda University, Prof MK Verma said that child scientists of the state are showcasing their talents in the exhibition. Children's connection

with nature was seen in their models. Today, all the models made by children have been made according to their needs and scientists also invent in the same spirit. The space science of our country is very advanced. These children will become the great scientists of tomorrow. Many such talents were seen in the children, which will be helpful in their startup.

He said that there is limitless potential within children. This inner potential has to be brought out. Addressing the children, he said that whatever work you did from morning to evening, analyze yourself before sleeping at night. Nature has given equal opportunity to all the successful peo-



ple. What is the reason for this, some people move forward and some lag behind. Everyone can move forward, they just need to use their abilities.

MLA Gajendra Yadav said that all children are talented. Be it in any field, the children brought forward their curiosities through the Inspire Award. He said that there should be willpower within oneself. Nothing is difficult if we are determined in our mind. Inspire Award provides an opportunity to teach science and develop interest in it. This exhibition contributes to understanding the principles, formulas, systems etc of science and technology in a simple and practical manner.

The main objective of

organizing this program is to exchange the research being done in the field of science, so that the participants can showcase their talent in the field of science. The exhibition is a platform where students can demonstrate how much they have understood various scientific principles through their projects/models. It also helps in building the ability of teamwork and cooperation among the students.

District Education Officer Abhay Jaiswal said that this is a scheme of NITI Aayog in which students from 6th to 10th class upload innovative ideas. Maximum 5 ideas have to be uploaded for each school. Out of these,

10 percent ideas are selected and competitions are organized at district, state and national level. Out of this, 10 percent projects will be selected for the state level and 10 percent projects will be selected for the national level.

60 exhibits are selected at the national level. The students selected for the district level receive Rs 10,000 as an award directly in their account for making models. These are given from the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi. Ever since the competition started, Durg district has been on top in the state in registration and selection. Five students from three government and two non-government schools of the district have got the privilege of visiting Japan under a programme.

Bharat Sahu, a student of Government Multi Higher Secondary School, Durg, got a chance to stay with the President for three days at Rashtrapati Bhavan and participate in the exhibition. Presently 243 students of the district and 131 students of Bemetara district are participating. Out of these, about 38-40 projects will be selected for the state level.

## Road Safety Month: Painting and rangoli competition on Feb 04

At Shaheed Park Sector 05 Bhilai



Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** Under the direction of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg and under the leadership of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Satish Thakur and Sadanand Vindhyaraj, a painting and rangoli competition is being organized under the Road Safety Month 2024.

The theme of the competition will be traffic awareness. The competition is being organized in Shaheed Park Sector 05 Bhilai on February 04 from 10.00 am. Painting and Rangoli competition has been divided into two

categories, the first category is for class 6th to 08th and the second category is from class 9th to 12th.

The participants will have to bring paint and drawing paper will be given for painting. The participants will have to bring rangoli and paint for rangoli (size 4x4). 03 best participants (boys/girls) in the competition will be awarded by Durg Police.

The participants in the competition can register themselves by sending WhatsApp messages or making a call on the traffic helpline number 94791-92029 till Friday, February 02, 2024.

## Nandini Police Station receives Best Police Station award

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** The police stations of the country are ranked every year on the basis of parameters set by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. This ranking for the year 2023 was released on January 05, 2024 during the annual DG / IGP's Conference 2024. Nandini Police Station of Durg district has been selected as the best police station of Chhattisgarh for the year 2023.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg said that Nandini Police Station of Durg district has received the award for the best police station from the Home



Ministry. Durg District Police has achieved a prestigious position in the entire Chhattisgarh state. This award will inspire all other police stations in the state and district to do excellent work. He also congratulated all the police officers and employees of the police station who are dedicated to public service and their duties.

## BMC to work on prevention of vector borne diseases

- Commissioner holds review meeting

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Devesh Dhruv chaired a review meeting on Wednesday and sought information regarding departmental works from the engineers. He questioned the officials about all the ongoing construction works as well as city sanitation works.

He gave instructions to complete the work within the time limit. While reviewing the morning visits being conducted by all the zone commissioners, he also gave instructions to monitor the construction work along with sanitation works.

In the meeting, Commissioner discussed

the open sewer chambers of the corporation area. He gave instructions to cover all the open chambers. The Zone Commissioner of Zone 02 said that 600 open sewer chambers have been identified in his area for which lids are being prepared.

Similarly, instructions were given to all other zones also. In the meeting, all zone health officers were asked to work continuously to create public awareness for prevention of infectious diseases like dengue / malaria / jaundice.

He asked for a thorough investigation of waterlogged places and putting burnt oil in drains, distribution of Temephos and killing larvae in water tanks, coolers, tyres and unused containers for prevention of vector borne diseases.



BMC Commissioner instructed the nodal officer Preeti Singh to continue the camps of Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Ayushman Card and Aadhar Updation. He added that the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana should be publicized so that maximum cit-

izens get the benefits.

In the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Ramakant Sahu, Narendra Banjare, Superintending Engineer Sanjay Sharma, DK Verma, Sanjay Bagde, Zone Commissioner Khirodra Bhoi, Yesha Lahare, Amitabh Sharma, Pooja Pillay, Executive

Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Deputy Engineer, ARO, Zone Health Officers and departmental officers were present.

Corporation Commissioner Devesh Dhruv is visiting different wards in the morning to inspect the city sanitation

works. Accompanied by Zone Health Officer, he oversaw the cleanliness work in Deendayal Colony in Ward 02 of Nehru Nagar Zone and the commercial area in Ward 04.

He prepared a route chart for the work and gave necessary instructions. During the inspection, he asked to mandatorily keep twin-bins in the commercial area and to collect the garbage from these bins.

He also gave instructions to mark the places having problems with cleanliness and do regular cleaning. Feedback on cleanliness work was also taken from the citizens of the ward. The citizens pointed out the problem of cleanliness in the backlane. Commissioner asked to prepare a route chart for cleaning the back lanes every day.

## HYU: Interview of candidates exempted from PhD entrance exam on Feb 5 & 6

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** Verification of documents and interview for the candidates exempted from the PhD entrance examination conducted by Hemchand Yadav University on December 17, 2023 will be held on February 05-06, 2024 from 11:00 hrs in Tagore Hall of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg.

Giving this information, PhD cell in-charge of the university, Dr Preeti Lal said that this verification and interview is being organized for 199 candidates in 19 subjects. On February 05, document verification and interview for can-

didates of various subjects of Social Sciences such as Economics, Geography, History, Sociology, Home Science, Psychology, Political Science, Hindi, English; various subjects of Physical Sciences like Chemistry, Geology, Physics, and Mathematics will be done.

Similarly, document verification and interview for the candidates of Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Education and Commerce subjects will be organized on February 06. Here it needs a mention that all these candidates have qualified NET/SET/JRF or other examinations conducted by UGC

and have obtained exemption in 2023 PhD Entrance Examination.

The document verification and interview will be done by a committee of subject matter experts of the respective subjects. All the participants are expected to bring a set of photocopies along with their original documents, photocopy of online application for PhD admission, marks list of each year of 10th, 12th, graduation and post graduation classes, examination passed for exemption from PhD entrance exam (Bring NET/SET/GATE/JRF and other certificates), caste certificate, domicile certificate, gap cer-

tificate (as per requirement) and Aadhaar card. It will be mandatory for candidates working in government/non-government departments to submit NOC.

Dr Lal told that for interview, candidates are required to have information and research outline related to the research topic of their interest. Besides, knowledge of research methodology is also mandatory. For detailed information related to document verification and interview, one can visit the official website of the university and for resolving doubts, one can contact Dr Preeti Lal, in-charge of the PhD cell of the university.

## Practical examination from today

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** Practical Examination for Regular and Private students of St Thomas College of the following departments commences from February 01, 2024. The departments are Psychology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Electronics, Microbiology, Botany, Zoology, Biotechnology and IT. The date of examination for BA II and BA III Psychology are February 01, 2024 and February 02, 2024 respectively.

## Encroachers near Rajendra Park seek time from DMC demolition squad

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** The anti encroachment team from Durg Municipal Corporation accompanied by police force on Wednesday reached Rajendra Park area for the removal of illegal shoe-slipper shop and warm clothes shop situated on the side of the church along GE Road near Rajendra Park. As soon as the Municipal Corporation started taking action against the illegal encroachments, the encroachers sought time from the corporation officials and mentioned that they would voluntarily remove the encroachment.

Nayab Tehsildar Dhalsing Bisen, Encroachment Officer



Durgash Gupta and Market Officer Chandan Manhare gave them an ultimatum of two days. The team also warned that if the illegal encroachment is not removed within the stipulated time frame, the corporation's team would remove the shop and confiscate the goods.

Continuous action is being taken against illegal encroachments, and earlier notice was

served to these shops for removal of illegal encroachment. But the encroachers did not pay attention to the notice and illegal shops were not removed. Therefore, the corporation's team arrived on Wednesday to take action. Assistant Market Officer Thansingh Yadav, Shashikant Yadav, Ishwar Verma, the corporation staff were present.

## NSS unit of CCET conducts eye checkup camp at Village Parasbod

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**Bhilai, Jan 31:** The National Service Scheme (NSS) of CCET organised an Eye Checkup Camp on January 31 at Parasbod, Dhamdha, District Durg, which is part of the adopted village initiative undertaken by NSS. The primary objective of the camp was to address the eye health needs of the residents of the adopted village and provide accessible healthcare services.

The eye checkup camp was successfully undertaken by the Health professionals of Sai Baba Eye Hospital. The camp provided residents of the adopted village with access to free eye care services by health professionals properly examining the eyes to detect any abnormalities or signs of other diseases.



Counselling sessions were conducted to educate participants about maintaining good eye health and seeking timely medical intervention when necessary. Individuals requiring specialized treatment or surgical interventions were referred to nearby hospitals or eye care centres for further evaluation and management.

The Eye Checkup Camp organized by NSS under the coor-

dinator Prashant Bawaney (Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department) for the adopted village yielded positive outcomes and made a significant impact on the community.

The camp witnessed active participation from a large number of residents approximately 150 residents from the adopted village, ensuring that a substantial portion of the population received essential

eye care services.

The Eye Checkup Camp conducted by NSS for the adopted village exemplifies the organization's commitment to community service and healthcare outreach. The Executive Vice Chairman Fr Dr PSVarghese, Principal of CCET Dr Dipali Soren and Vice Principal Dr Archana Chowdhury congratulated the team. By addressing the eye health needs of underserved populations and fostering health awareness, NSS contributes towards the holistic development and well-being of the community. Continued efforts in organizing such healthcare initiatives are essential to ensure sustained access to quality healthcare services and promote the health and welfare of marginalized communities.

## Annual Sports Meet organised at St Thomas College Ruabandha

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jan 31:** The 38th Annual Sports Meet of St Thomas College, Ruabandha Bhilai was held in a grand manner in the Sports Complex of the college. Dr Dinesh Kumar Namdev, Sports Director, Hemchand Yadav University, Durg was present as the chief guest on this occasion. Principal of the College, Dr MG Roymon, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Congratulating all the students Principal said that sports is an integral part of our life which not only keep us fit and healthy, but we also learn Discipline, Teamwork and to be Energetic.



Chief Guest Dr Dinesh Kumar Namdev appreciated the players of St Thomas College and said that students of St Thomas College are well known for their performance in various sports events at national and international level. He further said that exercise and physical ac-

tivities should be the part of daily routine to keep ourselves fit and healthy. Administrator of the College, Fr Dr Joshi Varghese also graced the inaugural ceremony of the annual sports meet. The college felicitated all the participants who were winners of Badminton,

Football, Cricket, Basketball, Table Tennis and represented the university at the state level. Various track events such as 100 meter, 200 meter, and 400 meter Relay Race was organised for both Men and Women category. Field events were also organized successfully for the students. The annual sports meet concluded with Tug of war which took place among the four houses. On this occasion IQAC Coordinator Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Heads of various departments, faculty members and students were present. The program was conducted by NSS Program Officer Mahendra Ikhari and vote of thanks was proposed by Sports Officer Kailash Narayan Verma.

## IT conducts raids against real estate developers, ex-Minister

**Raids 45 establishments in Raipur, Durg-Bhilai and Raigarh**

**Raipur, Jan 31:** IT Investigation Wing conducted raid against former Minister Amarjeet Bhagat and his business associates and 45 establishments of real estate businessmen in all major cities of Chhattisgarh including Raipur, Durg-Bhilai, Raigarh and Ambikapur here on Wednesday.

**Raids conducted in four cities**

The IT's investigation wing conducted raids in Raipur, Ambikapur, Durg-Bhilai and Raigarh since morning hours. In this they team raided 25 residential premises, two factories in Ambikapur and offices, totalling 45 establishments and the search is in process till the writing of these lines. In capital city Raipur, the raid was conducted in more than 20 establishments and this included MLAs Colony, La Vista, Rajiv Nagar and Telibandha.

The search in the residential premises of Director La Vista Rajiv Arora and in their office at Aishwarya Chamber at GE Road is in process. The institutions run by this Group include Alliance Infraventure Pvt. Ltd.,



Ambika Infracon Pvt. Ltd., Arora Colonizers and Builders and Arora Infraventure Pvt. Ltd and other firms. The houses of Kailash Bajaj along with Naresh-Vickky and Avinash Sherwani located in La Vista were also taken into search.

**Chouhan & Bansal Group**

The IT's investigation wing also conducted raids on residential premises and offices of real estate business Group i.e Chouhan Group in Durg-Bhilai. The Chouhan Group comprises of Chouhan Housing, Chouhan Builder Pvt. Ltd. and Chouhan Automobiles and other firms. Along with this they also raided the Bansal Group in Khurisar.

**Cash of more than Rs 1 cr found**

The IT team has recovered cash of more than Rs 1 cr in the raids conducted so far. Along with this they have also found documents related to property and other transactions in large number. The department is preparing to get the ornaments and jewellery found in the residential premises of the Group owners.

**More than 300 officers involved**

In this major action by IT department, more than 300 officers of the department were present. This included officers from Delhi, MP, Chhattisgarh. For their assistance, a team of 150 jawans was also deployed.



## I-T dept raids premises linked to ex-Cong minister Bhagat

**Ambikapur, Jan 31:** The Income Tax Department on Wednesday conducted searches at the locations linked to former Chhattisgarh minister Amarjeet Bhagat and others, including businessmen in the state, officials said. The reason behind the I-T department's action was not immediately known.

The IT team raided the official residence of Amarjeet Bhagat in Raipur and in Ambikapur; another residence at Kena Bagh area in Ambikapur and factory in Ambikapur and Lundra and started the investigations.



In Ambikapur, Bhagat has got a factory to make Cement Pipes and in Lundra has got a plant. The IT sleuths are checking the documents found in the residential premises and in the factory.

There are reports that this action has been taken in view of 'protsahan rashi' given for paddy processing and in context of a

big deal. So far no official statement in this regard has come from the department. It is learnt that IT has taken into raids about a one & half dozen establishments of the ex-Food Minister and his associates. During this the team was accompanied with team of doctors in case of any ill-health of the ex-Minister.

**Former OSD also on target**

The IT team raided the residence of OSD of former Minister Rajesh Verma in Raipur, about 40 kms from Ambikapur. Along with this they also

raided another OSD Atul Sedhe in Bangalapara in Raigarh. Another close associate SI Rupesh Narang, living near Kotwali Thana was also raided and investigations were started.

Amarjeet Bhagat, who was a minister in the previous Bhuvesh Baghel-led Congress government, is among the 35 accused named in the FIR.

According to officials, the searches were underway since early Wednesday morning in different districts including Surguja, Raipur, Durg and Rajnandgaon. A team of a dozen I-T personnel

reached the residence of Bhagat in Ambikapur city, the headquarters of Surguja district, early this morning, an official said. Police personnel were seen deployed outside his house.

Amarjeet Bhagat speaking to media persons outside his house charged that it is in order to malign his image that this IT raid has been conducted and added that since he has been appointed as co-ordinator for Rahul Gandhi's Nyay Jodo Yatra in Ambikapur and with his likely name for next LS polls that this raid has been conducted to defame him.

## Naxalites frustrated as govt has intensified fight against them: Sai

**CM Sai pays his last respects to CRPF personnel of Naxal attack**

**Jagdalpur, Jan 31:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Wednesday said Naxalites have become frustrated as the Bharatiya Janata Party's "double engine" government has intensified the fight against the Naxal menace.

He was talking to reporters after paying homage to the three personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) who lost their lives in an encounter with Naxalites along the border of Sukma and Bijapur districts of the state on Tuesday. Fifteen other personnel were injured in the incident.

The wreath laying ceremony for the martyred personnel was held at the camp of the 201st battalion of CRPF's CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) unit at Karanpur village in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district.



Sai said since the "double engine" government (of the BJP in the state and at the Centre) has been formed after his party came to power in Chhattisgarh, the fight against Naxalites has been intensified due to which they have become frustrated.

"In Tekalgudem, a new camp was set up yesterday and suddenly Naxalites attacked security personnel. But we will continue the fight. I visited two hospitals in (state capital) Raipur yesterday to meet the injured personnel. They fought courageously and their morale is high. I

pray for their speedy recovery," he said.

Sai said that by setting up police camps, his government wants to ensure the benefits of its schemes and facilities reach the people.

"We want to provide them pucca houses, electricity supply and other amenities in the interior areas," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, who also holds the Home portfolio, Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, Director General of Police Ashok Juneja and senior CRPF and police officials also paid homage to the deceased.

## State PSC exam on Feb 11th, timetable released

**Raipur, Jan 31:** The written examination of State Service Preliminary Examination-2023 will be conducted in 28 districts in two sessions on February 11, 2024 (Sunday). These districts include Ambikapur, Baikunthpur (Korea), Bilaspur, Dhamtari, Durg-Bhilai, Dantewada, Jagdalpur, Janjgir-Champa, Jashpur, Kabirdham (Kawardha), Kanker, Korba, Mahasamund, Raipur, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Balodabazar, Balrampur, Surajpur, Gariaband, Narayanpur, Kondagaon, Bijapur, Sukma, Bemetara, Balod, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi and Mungeli.

According to the timetable released by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission for State Service Preliminary Examination-2023, this examination will be held on February 11 in the first shift from 10 to 12 am in (General Studies) and in the second shift from 3 to 5 pm (Aptitude Test). The admit card has been released by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission on January 30, 2024. Candidate can download the admit card from Commission website www.psc.cg.gov.in. The Commission will not send separate admit card individually to any candidate.

## Munat-Akram faction to vote in Volleyball Federation elections

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Volleyball Federation of India has given recognition to the Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association led by President Rajesh Munat and Secretary Md Akram Khan. Returning Officer has authorized the Munat-Akram led Volleyball Association to exercise vote in the elections for the

Federation of India elections. Md Akram Khan and Satendra Pandey would be voting on behalf of Chhattisgarh Unit in the upcoming Executive Body elections.

Above development has been considered to be a significant for Volleyball activities due to controversy in the Apex Body.

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**Raipur, Jan 31:** Chhattisgarh Tourism and Culture Minister Brijmohan Agrawal paid a courtesy visit to Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy in New Delhi during which he urged him to approve funds from the Union Budget for the conservation and development of the historical heritage of Chhattisgarh. Agrawal sought cooperation from the Centre for connecting and developing the five Shaktipeeths of the state under the Shaktipeeth Project, construction of Rajim Corridor and construction of a convention center at Purkhauti Mukhtangan.

During the meeting with the Union Minister in his office, Culture Minister Agrawal informed that a proposal amounting to Rs 1965 lakh has been prepared for conducting archaeological activities including maintenance and development work of protected monuments, remains, antiquities and museums. Minister Agrawal ex-



pressed the need for development, development works and renovation of the Rajim temple complex like the grand corridor built in Ujjain and Kashi. He demanded from the Union Minister to approve an amount of Rs 75 crore for making a corridor to develop the Rajim temple complex in a grand, attractive and dignified manner.

Agrawal said that on the lines of Char Dham, important religious faith centers of Chhattisgarh will be developed under the Shaktipeeth project. Tourist facilities will be developed in a phased manner in the five Shaktipeeths of Chhattisgarh, Kudargarh in Surajpur, Chandrasini Temple in Chandrapur, Mahamaya Temple in

Ratanpur, Bamleshwari Temple in Dongargarh and Danteshwari Temple in Dantewada. He urged for approval by including it in the plan of the Ministry of Tourism.

Along with this, he approved the development works of Maa Bageshwari Temple, Kudargarh, Sirpur under Prasad Scheme and PDMC for Jagdalpur and Bilaspur destinations selected under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0 and requested for approval of funds for implementation. He also invited the Union Minister to come to Chhattisgarh for the inauguration program of Maa Bamleshwari Devi Prasad Yojana, on which he agreed to come to Chhattisgarh after February 15.

## Chhattisgarh became champion, Delhi runner up



**National School Baseball Sports Competition**

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Under the 67th National School Sports Competition 2023-24 organized in Korba district on Wednesday, Chhattisgarh achieved the honor of becoming champion by winning in all the categories in the baseball match of boys and girls of 14 and 19 years of age group. Chhattisgarh has achieved this feat by defeating Delhi in all cate-

gories. In the competition, Delhi team was the runner-up in the age group of boys, girls 14 and 19. Similarly, in boys age group of 19 years, Maharashtra bagged third position, Madhya Pradesh got fourth, in girls age group of 19 years, Maharashtra stood at third, Chandigarh in fourth position, in boys age of 14 years, CBSE is third, Maharashtra is fourth and in girls age of 14 years, Chandigarh is third and Maharashtra is fourth.

## Film 'Gaon Ke Zero, Sheher Ma Hero' to be screened on Feb 9

**Based on life of producer and actor Manoj Rajput**

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Manoj Rajput, director of Manoj Layout and producer and hero of the film "Gaon Ke Zero Shehar Ma Hero" is based on his own life. Through this film he also wants to give a message to the people of villages and cities. A song from the film "Ae Man Surbahi" was released on Sundarani YouTube channel on Sunday.

Producer and hero of the film Manoj Rajput informed that his entire childhood was spent in the village. During my youth, I came to city for employment, struggled and after coming to the city, my life changed. When I narrated the story of the film to the famous Bollywood director Uttam Tiwari, he gave his consent to make the film and kept the name of the film 'Gaon Ke Zero, Sheher Ma Hero' as the film is based on the life of Manoj Rajput. Apart from Durg and Bhilai, the shooting has been done at some places in Chhattisgarh as well as



Ramoji Studios in Goa, Kolkata and Hyderabad. He told that for the first time in Chhattisgarh, the best quality camera Phantom has been used. In the film, the magic of Hollywood artists will be seen along with Bollywood actor Bhagwan Tiwari. The heroine of the film is Neha Shukla, while the role of Manoj Rajput's father is played by Arjun Parmar, who is also the assistant director

of the film. Along with this, Hollywood artists including Ishika Yadav, Dharmendra Yadav, Pradeep Sharma, Pappu Chandrakar, Sanjeev Mukherjee, Vicky Veera have acted in the film. Music has been given by Sunil Soni, screenplay and some songs have been written by Uttam Tiwari. The playback singing is done by Sunil Soni, Anupama Mishra, choreographer - Vilas Raut. The execu-

tive producer of the film is Vikram Rajput and distributor is Tarun Soni. The songs of the film can be seen on Sundarani YouTube channel and one song 'E Man Surbahi' was released on Sunday morning at 7 am, which people are liking very much. Chhattisgarhi film "Gaon Ke Zero, Sheher Ma Hero" will be screened simultaneously in cinema halls of Chhattisgarh on February 9th.

## Film actress Mona working for women empowerment

**Along with acting and singing Got the responsibility of women's cell for the fourth time**

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Chhattisgarh Sarva Sen Samaj has handed over the responsibility of women's cell to well-known folk singer and actress Mona Sen for the fourth time. Mona has expressed gratitude to the officials of the society on her nomination. While talking to this newspaper, Mona said, singing and acting are my means of livelihood, but contribution to the society is also important. This is the reason why I have been involved in social activities for a long time. In our society, women do not come forward openly. I inspired many women to come out of the house, she added.

I have also run a mission to make daughters self-re-



liant. Its purpose is to motivate such parents who have daughters. I run awareness campaigns especially in rural areas. In this I inform the parents that not to rush for marriage of their daughters but make them self-reliant. Educate them and help them pursue their field of interest.

Mona also performs in stage programmes. She said, folk music is heard a lot in Chhattisgarh. This is the reason why a large number of music lovers attend stage programmes. Today many resources of entertainment have come but the importance of folk songs and music remains intact. My first earning on stage was Rs 150, she added.

## Ambikapur to be developed as a medical hub: Jaiswal



### Review meeting held regarding all necessary arrangements in the medical college

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal has said that efforts will be made to develop district headquarters Ambikapur as a medical hub. He inspected the medical college and gave instructions to install MRI machine there soon. He held a meeting with the Dean of the Medical

College and other senior officials regarding other important arrangements and gave necessary instructions.

In the review meeting, Jaiswal informed that an amount of Rs 10.24 crore has been sanctioned for the MRI facility in the Medical College.

Also, an additional budget of about Rs 110 crore will be made available for the posting of professors in the medical college and to complete other works.

He inspected the

Maternal-Child Health Hospital built in the District Hospital premises and discussed directly with the women and also took feedback on the facilities available in the hospital. Doctors were instructed to be sensitive while treating people. Ambikapur MLA Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Collector Mr. Vilas Bhoskar, Medical College Dean Dr. Ramesh Murthy, senior officials and local public representatives were present in the review meeting.

## Tribute paid to martyrs at Raj Bhavan

### On death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

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**Raipur, Jan 31:** On the occasion of the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, tribute was paid to the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle by

observing two minutes silence at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

In the Raj Bhavan, officers and employees paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. On this occasion, Secretary to the Governor Mr. Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Legal Advisor Mr. Rajesh Srivastava and all the officers and employees were present.



## People to get rid of Low voltage and electricity problems: Dewangan



### State Commerce, Labour and Industry Minister inaugurated the sub station

**Raipur, Jan 31:** State Commerce, Labour and Industry Minister Lakhan Lal Dewangan inaugurated the newly constructed 33/11 KV sub-station at Kharmora in Korba district. During this, he said that with the commencement of the sub-station, the electricity problem of many

wards will be completely eliminated. Especially in Dadarkhurd, Kharmora and other wards, there will be uninterrupted power supply and people will get rid of the problem of low voltage.

Minister Dewangan said that the sub station will provide relief from low voltage and power cuts during summer. New sub-centres are under construction at many places in the city. It is our endeavor that all the construction be completed soon so that the problem of elec-

tricity in the entire city can be solved. 5 thousand consumers of 4 nearby wards will benefit from this sub station. On the demand of the ward residents, Minister Dewangan directed the officials of the Distribution Department to resolve the complaints by organizing camps in the wards where there are complaints of high electricity bills. On this occasion, public representatives along with officials of the distribution company and common citizens were present.



### Collector garlands statue of Mahatma Gandhi

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh paid tribute to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary on Tuesday by garlanding his in the Collectorate premises. On this occasion officers and employees of the Collectorate paid respects to the martyrs by observing two minutes of silence. Dr Singh said that Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth and non-violence showed a new path to the entire world.

## Application process for membership of Smart Reading Room from Feb 1

**Raipur Jan 31:** Application process for membership of the smart reading room under construction in Motibagh will be started from 01 February 2024. The decision to this effect was taken at an Executive Committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh, Collector and Co-President of Nalanda Complex Management Society.

It was also decided that the youth who want to become members of Smart Reading Room Motibagh can get applications from Nalanda Campus Library and Central Library Raipur. Smart reading room



being built by Raipur Smart City in Motibagh will start soon for the youth. This library will also operate 24x7 like the Nalanda campus library.

This library under construction in G+2 has seating arrangements for 600 youth together. This fully air-conditioned library will have all the facilities includ-

ing computer system, books related to competitive exams, free Wi-Fi as well as state-of-the-art security system. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra, District Panchayat Raipur Chief Executive Officer Vishwadeep and members of the executive committee were present in the meeting.

## Revenue officers inspect paddy procurement centers

**Raipur, Jan 31:** On the instructions of Collector Dr Gaurav Singh, the paddy procurement center is being inspected by the revenue officers of the district. On Tuesday, Tehsildar Praveen Parmar inspected paddy procurement center at Bhatagaon whereas Naib Tehsildar Aman Chaturvedi inspected paddy procurement center Dondekala and Naib Tehsildar Mrs. Manimukta Patil inspected paddy procurement center Jora.

Additional Tehsildar Rajkumar Sahu inspected paddy procurement center Tulsī whereas Tehsildar Ajay Chandravanshi in-



spected paddy procurement center Datarenga and Naib. Tehsildar Vikrant Rathore inspected paddy procurement center Mana. Tehsildar BL Kurre inspected paddy procurement center Tekari while Naib Tehsildar

Vashumitra Diwan inspected paddy procurement center Gobra Nawapara and in-charge tehsildar Suresh Banchhor inspected paddy procurement center Champajhar. It was found that paddy was being pro-

cessed regularly in various paddy procurement centers. They took information about the availability and limit of gunny bags. Revenue officers gave necessary instructions regarding arrangements at the centre.

## Vishal, Surabhi win TT League championship



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**Raipur, Jan 31:** Vishal Decate, Surabhi Harsh Sahu and Shreshtha Mishra and Samaya Pandey won the late Pradeep Kedia memorial 7th Raipur District Monthly League Table Tennis tournament being organised under the aegis of Rajdhani Table Tennis Association (RTTA) at Sapre School TT Hall here. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the RTTA Secretary Vinay Baiswade

said that Vishal Decate won the Senior Men's category championship

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whereas Andrew T Williams was runner up. Similarly, Surabhi Harsh Sahu won the Senior Women' championship whereas Ahana Singh and Samaya Pandey secured second and third positions respectively. In the Under 13 category for Boys, Shreshtha Mishra won the

championship whereas Aryan Singh and Vihan Agrawal secured second and third positions respectively. Samaya Pandey won the Under 13 for Girls whereas Vedi Kachwaha and Lavanya Pandey secured second and third positions respectively.

Shalesh Daga was present as chief guest of the prize distribution function whereas Pradeep Joshi presided over the event. Chief Referee Sushant Borwankar and others were also present on the occasion.

## Dr Anil Dixit conferred Int'l fellow award

**Raipur, Jan 31:** Dr Anil Dixit Joint Director of ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management Raipur conferred with Fellow of Industry academy with in the international artificial intelligence industry alliance. Dr Dixit also conferred The Life time achievement award recently during the international conference. Dr Dixit received this prestigious life time achievement award for his outstanding contribution made during the entire career of more than 30 years in the field of Agronomy and specialized in weed science.

Dr Dixit has been conferred three fellowship award for his outstanding significant contributions in the area of Weed Science particularly in managing weeds through integrated weed management and herbicide technologies in crops and cropping systems and developed 20 weed management recommendations for major



crops for the country in past. He has brought out a National monograph in the shape of Weed Atlas in two volumes for the entire nation.

He has contributed a lot to linking scientists with farmers and contributed towards the transfer of agricultural technologies to the end-users. Dr. Anil Dixit has been received of most prestigious Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed ICAR National Award for outstanding work of tribal farming research in Chhattisgarh. Recently he has been officially deputed to Thailand to present the paper on Allelopathy in 28th Asian Pacific Weed science conference held at Phuket Thailand.

## Pratham secure placements of 62 LPA CTC at LinkedIn

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**Raipur, Jan 31:** National Institute of Technology, Raipur's final year (7th Semester) students Pratham Gandhi, Computer Science and Engineering, Palak Singh, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Palkar Aryan Chandrashekhar, Information Technology, and Ashley Mao, Information Technology have received pre-placement offers from LinkedIn, Arcesium, D.E. Shaw, and Intuit respectively.

Pratham Gandhi has received a respectable job offer as a Site Reliability Engineer on LinkedIn with 62 LPA CTC. He did an internship at LinkedIn after the third year, after



which it turned into a pre-placement offer (PPO). His preparation started from the first year itself and he received an offer from LinkedIn through an off-campus placement and by gaining knowledge through his core subjects, he focused on Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) and

Web Development. Palak Singh has received a prestigious job offer as a Software Development Engineer at Arcesium with 42 LPA CTC.

Aryan Palkar has been offered a pre-placement offer by DE Shaw under Quality Testing and Engineering (QTE) with a CTC of 52 lakhs through on-campus placement.

Ashley Mao received a pre-placement offer as a Software Development Engineer at Intuit in the 2023 placement drive and a CTC of 44.9 lakh. A hackathon was organized during the internship at Intuit that allowed him to use his skills in collaborative innovation and teamwork within the company.

## Dabur Chyawanprash launches 'Science in Action' awareness campaign

**Raipur Jan 31:** Dabur India Limited, India's leading science-based Ayurveda company, has launched an awareness campaign 'Science in Action' to make consumers aware about the benefits of Ayurveda and healthy lifestyle. It will educate the science behind Ayurveda, under which renowned doctors will share them about the proven benefits of Ayurveda. The campaign will provide scientifically tested facts about Ayurveda so that families can make informed everyday choices and stay healthy. As part of this campaign and to safeguard the health of future generations, Dabur has also launched a mega awareness initiative aimed at safeguarding the



health of children across the country. Under this initiative, Dabur Chyawanprash collaborated with a renowned doctor to conduct immunity awareness sessions to educate children about the need to build a strong immune system to fight diseases caused by changing seasons, common bacteria and viruses. The cam-

campaign was flagged off at Raipur with a special session organized for over 250 Students of VLM English Media School present for this occasion Mr Dinesh Kumar, Manager- Corporate Communications, Dabur India Ltd, Mr. Nimesh Pandey Director and Mrs. Meenakshi Pandey Principal of VLM HR.

"All Dabur products have been extensively researched and are providing solutions backed by Science. Dabur Chyawanprash has been studied scientifically over the years, for its beneficial role in boosting immunity. There are common misconceptions around Ayurveda as well as Chyawanprash, and how it is not backed by science. However, with this series 'Science in Action', we aim at bridging the gap between the current understanding of how Ayurveda and Dabur Chyawanprash have been built and the proven benefits offered. The 'Science in Action' campaign is a testament to our unwavering commitment to evidence-based Ayurveda. Dr. Parmeshwar Arora said.

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**Uma Devi Shrivastava**

**Raipur:** Uma Devi Shrivastava, R/o Gudhiyari, breathed her last here on Wednesday. She was W/o Brij Bihari Lal Shrivastava (Advocate) and mother of Leela Saxena, Sonali Nigam, Amit Shrivastava, Rupali Shrivastava and elder sister of GP Shrivastava, Rajendra Prasad Shrivastava. The final journey will leave from her residence on Feb 1 at 11:00 am to Kota Crematorium.

# Public hearing for environmental approval successfully held



### That of SCTPP at HTPS, Korba West

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Jan 31: Under the EIA Notification 2006, an environmental public hearing for the establishment of the proposed 2660 MW Super Critical Thermal Power Project (SCTPP) units of Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited will be organized on January 30, 2024, as per the guidelines of the

Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board, at the designated venue C.S. PGCL, Korba West Lal Maidan.

Wide publicity for the said public hearing was done in the concerned Gram Panchayats through various mass communication mediums like newspapers, pamphlets and public declaration through loudspeakers.

All concerned registered their presence in large numbers and freely expressed their views and opinions in the presence of the presid-

ing officer of the public hearing, Additional Collector, Deputy District Collector and Regional Officer, Environment Protection Board, Korba. On behalf of the project

proponent, Chief Engineer (Project) provided point-wise detailed information to the general public present on the issues related to the environment of the proposed project. Media personnel were also present in the public hearing. Thus the above public hearing was successfully conducted in a peaceful manner.

**Korba, Jan 31:** Another accident occurred on Wednesday morning in Gevra mine, Asia's largest coal mine, in which a driver died on the spot. The driver died after being hit by a speeding truck. After this accident, a crowd of people gathered at the spot. At the same time, it was given to Deepka police station. Where the police reached the spot and took information about the incident and started further investigation.

### Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act)

S. NO	Name of Borrower(s) (A)	Particulars of Mortgaged property/ (ies) (B)	Date of NPA(C)	Outstanding Amount (Rs.) (D)
1	LOAN ACCOUNT NO. HLLARPR0048434 1. KUNAL KUMAR VERMA PROPRIETOR PASHUPATI ENTERPRISES 2. PREETI VERMA	PROPERTY NO.1 FLAT NO. C-406, 4TH FLOOR, BLOCK - C. OM COMPLEX, MOUZA FAFADIH, RANI LAXMI BAI WARD, WARD NO. 23, P.H.NO.108/38, RAIPUR - 492001, CHHATTISGARH PROPERTY NO.2 FLAT NO. C-407, 4TH FLOOR, BLOCK - C. OM COMPLEX, MOUZA FAFADIH, RANI LAXMI BAI WARD, WARD NO. 23, P.H.NO.108/38, RAIPUR - 492001, CHHATTISGARH	04.01.2024	Rs. 39,93,543.56 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three and Paise Fifty Six Only) as on 17.01.2024

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account(s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amount. Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has been classified by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower.

In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/their liabilities towards the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take possession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Company in law.

Please note that in terms of provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 'A borrower can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time frame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property.'

In terms of provision of sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

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2.	18-12-2008	M2-171	VIKAS KUMAR AGRAWAL	Rs.4867.50	

Date: 01-02-2024 Date of Break Open: 09.02.2024 By Order Assistant General Manager  
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#### Appendix - IV - A (See Proviso to Rule 8(i)) SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" for recovery of Rs. 87,56,32,615/- (as on 03.07.2019). + interest at contracted rate till date thereon + expenses & costs (less cash recoveries, if any) due to the secured creditor from Subbandhan Infrastructure Limited (Formerly known as Prakash Constrowell Ltd.) (Borrower), M/s Atal Buildcon Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor), M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor), Shri Prakash Pusram Laddha (Personal Guarantor), Mr. Vishal Mukesh Ahuja (Personal Guarantor), Mr Aruna Laddha (Personal Guarantor), Shri. Pratulla Subhashchandra Bhat (Personal Guarantor)

The property wise reserve price will be as under:

Names of Title Deed Holders	In the name of M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd
Description of Property/ies	
Property No 01:-4 Residential Plot No A- 27 TO A 30 bearing Survey Number part of Khasra no 96,102,109 & 111 Situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 2250 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 4.05, Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.40
Property No 02:-3 Residential Plot No A- 24 TO A 26 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 17, 96, & 97 situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 1620 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 2.88 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.29
Property No 03:-3 Residential Plot No A- 21 TO A 23 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No. 16 17, & 97 situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 1620 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 2.88 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.29
Property No 04 :-4 Residential Plot No A- 31 TO A 34 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 96,97 & 99 situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 2160 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 3.61 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.38
Property No 05 :-4 Residential Plot No. NO A- 35 TO A 38 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 96,97 & 99 situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 2160 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 3.81 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.38
Property No 06 :-3 Residential Plot No A- 43 TO A 45 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 98 situated at Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 1620 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 2.87 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.29
Property No 07:-2 Residential Plot No A- 61 TO A 62 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 98 Sector 4, Rda Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 1080 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 1.95 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.20
Property No 08 :-5 Residential Plot No A- 83 TO A -87 bearing Survey Number Part of Khasra No 98 & 99 Plot: Sector 4, Rda Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 2710.8 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 4.80 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.48
Property No 09:-2 Residential Plot No A-100 TO A-101 Part of Khasra No 703 & 704 bearing Survey Number : Sector 4, RDA Scheme No. 4, Dunda & Tikra Para, Kamal Vihar Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001, (Urban), Admeasuring Total Area : 1002 Sq. Meters Owned by M/s Amisha In Sky creation Pvt Ltd	Reserve Price (Rs. In Crs):- 1.78 Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Crs) (EMD):- 0.18

Date & Time of e-Auction :- Date: 07.03.2024, Time: 300 Minutes From 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each  
Bid Increment Amount :- Rs. 1,00,000/- and in multiple of Rs. 1,00,000/-  
Date & Time of Inspection Property :-Date 23.02.2024: From 11.00 am. to 4.00 pm

Contact person/ Contact Number:- Mr. Sachin Chavan - 9987173021

This publication also serves as 30 days prior notice for e-auction to all concern parties.  
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's websites: www.sbi.co.in, https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Bank website www.sbi.co.in E-auction website

## Three Naxal monuments demolished, IED-spikes recovered



ed spikes and IEDs on the roads to cause harm to the security forces, which have been recovered and neutralized by the force.



Central Chronicle News

**J a g d a l p u r ,** (Dantewada), Jan 31: The police team has demolished a Naxal camp along with three Naxal monuments in the Maad area on the Bijapur border in the Barsur police station area of the district. Police had received information that Commander of Platoon No. 16 of Bhairamgarh and Indravati Area Committee, DVC Mesh, along with his associates, had gathered in Dantewada-Bijapur border area village Rotad Pindakapal to commit a major crime. Naxalites had plant-

On this information, DRG Bastar Fighters and CRPF 230 Young Platoon team were sent to Takal. Seeing the force coming, the Naxalites opened fire on the security forces with weapons like BGL and automatic weapons. The security forces also gave a befitting reply, due to which the Naxalites ran away. Police claim that many Naxalites have been injured in this encounter. During the return, Dantewada police team has demolished Naxalite camps including 3 Naxalite monuments. Naxalites had plant-

### Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natrix Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069  
Raipur Branch : 1A & 1B, 2nd Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandari, Raipur-492004, Chhattisgarh  
Bhilai Branch : Hall No-1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace Durg-491001, (CG)

#### POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Loan Code No. 00800002321/ Raipur Branch) Shilpa Prasad Baya (Borrower), Shanti Baya (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, House No 33 177 Sheet No.21KH No 168 9 Plot No 3127 P Plot No 7 P Ward No 33 Vill Pandarantara, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. Boundaries:- East: Other Property, West: House of Bawli, North: Road, South : House of Damodar	13-11-2023 & ₹ 6,57,172/-	30-01-2024
2	(Loan Code No. 03000000930/ Bhilai Branch) Dinesh Kumar Gendie (Borrower) Durga Gendie (Co-Borrower) Nakulram Sahu (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Plot No 249 Kh No 1222 12 P H No 15 Ward N 02 Gandhi Nagar Tah Dist Durg, Chhattisgarh, 491001. Boundaries:- East: Road, West: Nala, North: Plot No 250, South : Plot No 248.	13-11-2023 & ₹ 15,24,539/-	30-01-2024

Place : Raipur/ Bhilai Date : 01.02.2024 Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

### LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

2nd Floor, Shyam Square, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.) Ph: 2582702

(Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the securitization of financial assets & reconstruction and security interest Act 2002). (1) Sr. No. (2) Loan A/c No. (3) Borrowers Name & Address (4) Property Address (5) Sanction Amount & Date (6) O/S Amount Due.

Sr. No.	Loan Number	Name of Applicant/ Guranors and Address	Address of Property	Sanction loan in Rs Date	Amount Due in ₹
1.	120600008675	Mr. Vaibhav Waldekar Add.: Flat No. 123, Block H, Avinash Ashiyana, Kabir Nagar, Raipur, (C.G.) 492001	Fiat No. 111, Block G, Avinash Ashiyana, Kabir Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) 492001	13,00,000/- 13/11/2020	Rs. 1311166/- + Interest & other Charges.
2.	120600002088	Mrs. Nagamani Patnayakuni Mr. Manoj Kumar Patnayakuni. Add.: Qtr. No. 79/6, Type B, Road No. 12 R, WRS Colony, Raipur, (C.G.)	Khasra No. 429/4 part, PH No. 108/38, Khata No. 1437, area 700 sqft., Ward No. 7, Veer Shivaji Ward, Mouza Khamtarai, Shivanand Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)	15,00,000/- 31/01/2014	Rs. 3064438/- + Interest & other Charges.
3.	120600004428 & 120600005824	Mrs. Asha Devi, Mr. Akhilesh, Add.: Panchsheel Nagar, West Charoda, Bhilai, Durg (C.G.)	Khasra No. 265/12, PH No. 02, Panchsheel Nagar, Charoda, Near Jyoti School, Durg, 491001	14,45,000/- 18/02/2016 3,80,000/- 27/05/2017	Rs. 1809110/- + Interest & other Charges.
4.	120600002615	Mr. DHANARAJU CHOKER Add.: Sec. 4, Near Ganesh Mandir, Laxmi Kirana, Shrinagar Shivanand Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)	Near Laxmi Kirana, Sec. 4, Behind Ganesh Mandir, Shivanand Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)	10,00,000/- 22/07/2014	Rs. 2099270.08/- + Interest & other Charges.
5.	121200003681	Mr. Amar Agrawal Mrs. Mansi Kaushik Add.: Villa No. D3, California, Amleshwar, Durg (C.G.)	Villa No. D3, Villa California, Amleshwar, Durg (C.G.) 491001	1,90,00,000/- 05/08/2022	Rs. 19793031/- + Interest & other Charges.
6.	121200001948	Mrs. Kanchan Mishra Add.: House No. 687, Amdl, Nagar, Bhilai West, Durg (C.G.)	Khasra No. 364/5, Shubh Grih Nirman Sahakari Samiti, Raipura, Raipur (C.G.)	30,00,000/- 30/09/2019	Rs. 2386739/- + Interest & other Charges.

On your request we have sanctioned home loan to you in the form of financial amount as per the conditions in the agreement, which was accepted by you. (1) Details regarding the aforesaid amount of loan, date of sanction and your account number is mentioned above. (2) As you are aware that loan amount disbursed to you is secured against above mentioned (Column No. 4) Assets/ Security contact (secure asset). For this you have executed the necessary documents and pledged as security. (3) We also inform you that frequent notices were served upon you to repay the total amount of loan and you were requested orally also for the same but so far you have not settled the amount of loan you are therefore at a serious fault for the repayment of the loan (4) Upto today's date you are liable to pay the above amount column no. 6. (5) Due to the reasons mentioned above, we hereby inform you that you that you pay the total amount payable by you within 60 days of receipt of this notice, if the amount is not paid, we shall use the powers entrusted to us under section 13(4) of the securitization act. (6) The amount realised after acting under the above power firstly be used for all the expenses and charges, which in our opinion have been spent genuinely or related to the matter. The remaining amount will be used to clear our dues upto days date 29.02.2024 to execute the agreement as mentioned above and the balance amount (if any) will be paid to you (7) Under Section 13 (13) of the act be informed that you can not transfer/sale/mortgage any of the secured assets mentioned in the notice, after you have received the notice without a written and complete permission from the loan payer. (8) Under section 13 (10) of the act we also inform you that if the amount of loan given by (DRT). This Demand Notice is being published in two newspaper.

Date: 01.02.2024 Place: Raipur By Order- Authorised Officer LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

It is informed to the general public that I, Seema Kumari bhatiya D/O Dhanraj Bhatiya Resident of Sindhu bhawan, street 03, sector 4 Bhilai , Teh & Distt- Durg, Chhattisgarh have changed my old name Seema Kumari Bhatia D/O Dhanraj Bhatia so in future I should be recognized by my new name Seema Bhatia D/O Dhanraj Bhatia in all government and other documents.

**Seema Bhatia**  
Sindhu bhawan, street 03, sector 4 Bhilai, Teh & Distt- Durg, Chhattisgarh

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Date: 31.01.2024 Place: Mumbai Sd/- Authorised Officer State Bank of India

## 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' inspires young minds



Pandariya, Jan 31:

The spirit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Pariksha Pe Charcha" echoed through the corridors of Kanya Shala in the city, where a development block-level program brought together students, teachers, parents, and public representatives. This initiative was part of the Prime Minister's nationwide effort to engage with students from all walks of life.

During the event, Prime Minister Modi shared his thoughts on the challenges students face during exams and the importance of approaching them without unnecessary pressure. He emphasized that while exams are an annual occurrence, students should strive to perform well without burdening their minds

and bodies with stress.

Modi encouraged students to take a joyful and carefree approach to exams, highlighting the role of parents and teachers in this endeavour. He emphasized the significance of maintaining a balanced routine, including timely sleep, meals, and physical activity, while also urging students to protect themselves from the undue influence of mobile phones, TV, and other electronic devices.

He emphasized that using such mediums for education is essential, but it's equally important not to become addicted to them. By striking this balance, students can secure a brighter future for themselves. The block-level "Pariksha Pe Charcha" event witnessed the participation of senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Navalkishore Pandey, senior social worker Chandrakumar Soni, Councillor Anurag Thakur, Block Education Officer GP Banerjee, Principal NK Ekka, BRP Vinod Goswami, along with dedicated teachers, parents, and enthusiastic students.

## Family reunion of Officer Employees Cell organized



Dongargaon, Jan 31:

A New Year meeting and felicitation ceremony was organized by the Officer Employees Cell of the District Sahu Sangh Rajnandgaon at the Sahu Sadan in Sanskaardhani Rajnandgaon district. The event marked not only the beginning of a new year but also a celebration of unity and accomplishment within the community.

The program commenced with the inauguration by Chief Guest

Tehalsingh Sahu, President of Chhattisgarh State Sahu Sangh. The event began with the worship of Goddess Maa Karma and a flag hoisting ceremony. Presiding over the program was Bhagwat Sahu, President of District Sahu Sangh Rajnandgaon.

During the event, the State President emphasized the pivotal role played by the Officer Employees Cell in the community. He highlighted various initiatives, including free coaching classes, cleanliness cam-

paigns, environmental protection efforts, blood donation camps, educational programs, and a range of sports activities such as karate, physical training, tree plantation drives, and Navodaya/Sainik School mock tests.

The State President proudly acknowledged the remarkable achievements of Sevati Sahu, Jamuna Sahu, Bharti Sahu, and Santoshi Rajput, who excelled in the Women and Child Development Supervisor examination,

attributing this success to the dedication of Coordinator Yashwant Sahu and his entire team.

District Sahu Sangh Rajnandgaon President Bhagwat Sahu also expressed his appreciation for the Officer Employees Cell. He lauded the exemplary work of individuals such as D.S.P. Hema Sahu, TI Aman Sahu, Assistant Director of the Handloom Department Amit Sahu, and Nursing Officer Anamika Sahu, who were honored for their outstanding contributions.

## UltraTech Cement Baikunth celebrates road safety fortnight

Workers and drivers trained for safe operations

Tilda, Jan 31:

UltraTech Cement Baikunth made headlines by embracing a culture of safety during its Road Safety Fortnight celebration. During this fortnight, employees received comprehensive training on safety measures and responsible driving practices. UltraTech Cement Baikunth consistently emphasizes the importance of working safely within its factory premises to prevent accidents and safeguard the workforce.

The Road Safety Week commenced with a lively street play and informative training sessions. Exceptional performers from the previous month were acknowledged for their dedication and efforts. Drivers received encouragement through pamphlets that provided valuable insights into safe driving practices.

On the second day, an exciting chair race event was organized, highlighting the significance of safety with the addition of a red stripe on the radium stickers. In conjunction with the Road Safety Fortnight, UltraTech Cement Baikunth also conducted health checkups, including blood pressure, sugar, and eye examinations.

To foster a sense of camaraderie, a cricket match was held between the drivers and company employees, where everyone received shirts and caps as tokens of appreciation. The event culminated in a heartfelt gesture, with gifts and bouquets presented to all participants.

Dignitaries such as Uday Shankar Lal, Security Incharge of UltraTech Cement, Alok Pathak, Safety Head of the Plant, Somnath Katwar, Logistics Head of the Plant, and Dayaram Yadav were all present to celebrate this initiative aimed at ensuring a safer working environment and a stronger sense of community.

## R-Day celebration at SAGES Khorpa

Khopra, Jan 31:

Swami Atmanand Government Excellence School celebrated 75th Republic Day on 26th January with great eclat. The day started off well with morning procession where students shouted out slogans and quotes with utmost zeal and enthusiasm in every nook and corner of the Khorpa and across the village. The worthy and honorable guests and principal (Mrs. Soma Banik) were led by the parades by NCC cadets of the school to unfurl the national flag amidst loud cheers. Little tiny tots were dressed up in different freedom fighter's characters, where as the senior students enthralled the audience with their cultural items included



patriotic songs, speeches and dances. The guests and the in-charge principal (Mrs. Soma Banik) addressed the students and

urged them to do the best possible deeds in favor of the mother land and exercise the rights and duties towards the nation.

## Herd of elephants targets a house in Chotiya

No casualties reported

Korba, Jan 31:

In Chotiya area of Korba district, a herd of wild elephants have created a lot of havoc by entering a house in Banjari village. It is being told that the above incident took place in Banjari village where last night the wall of a house in Banjari village was broken at around 3-4 am on Tuesday morning. In this house, Ramkunwar Bai of Banjari village was sleeping along with her two small children. She was sitting quietly dozing off due to the sound of elephants.

On the other hand, about twenty sacks of



paddy kept in the same house were badly destroyed by a group of elephants. It is being told that a herd of around 12 to 15 elephants is roaming in the forests of Ravanbhanta area.

## Khairagarh University's Youth Utsav preparations in full swing

Students showcase talent in vibrant rehearsal event

Khairagarh, Jan 31:

The Indira Kala Sangeet University in Khairagarh is buzzing with enthusiasm as preparations for the upcoming Youth Utsav are in full swing. With a wide array of talents and disciplines on display, students are eagerly gearing up for the competition.

In a rehearsal event held at the Dr. Narendra Dev Verma Auditorium, various teams showcased their skills and creativity.

The presence of Vice Chancellor Padmashree Dr. Mamta Mokshada Chandrakar and Registrar Prof. Dr. Neeta Gaharwar added a touch of prestige to the program.

Students from diverse departments and faculties, including theatre, dance, singing, avana, music, and folk music, delivered captivating performances. The Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and other esteemed professors and deans offered guidance and congratulations to the students, boosting their spirits.

The energy and excitement continued to esca-

late throughout the event. Distinguished individuals such as Prof. Dr. Naman Dutt, Assistant Registrar Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Devmit Minj, Dr. Yogendra Choubey, Prof. Dr. Rajan Yadav, Dr. Hari Om Hari, Dr. Diwakar Kashyap, Dr. Shaikh Medini Hombal, Dr. Vivek Navre, Dr. Deepshikha Patel, Dr. Vidha Singh Rathore, Dr. Natthu Tode, Dr. Shiv Narayan More, and Dr. Sandeep Kindo, alongside teachers, researchers, students, officers, staff, and the entire university community, actively participated in the event.

## IR Machhiya re-elected as Baiga Community State President

Pandaria, Jan 31:

The spirit of unity and leadership shone brightly during the state-level general elections held on Sunday at the central office of the Chhattisgarh Baiga community, situated in the Baiga Community Building, Mazgaon, Kawardha. In a turn of events, Itwari Ram Machhiya, a resident of Amnia in the Pandaria block, was re-elected as the state president. The general election proceedings unfolded in the presence of esteemed social leaders from the Baiga community, a special backward tribe residing in various districts of Chhattisgarh. Community leaders from Kabirdham, Mungeli, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Manendragarh-



Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Bilaspur, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai districts gathered to participate in this significant event.

The General Election 2024 was skillfully overseen by Chief Election Observer Lamtu Singh Bagdaria, Baddu Sadiya, Dashmi Bai Baiga from Kabirdham, Aghnia Bai Baiga from Bilaspur, Lalsai Baiga from Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharpur, Amar Baiga from

Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, and Sitaram Baiga from Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi. The election program was executed seamlessly, and state-level officials were elected by the community leaders.

Itwari Ram Machhiya Baiga received widespread appreciation from the entire Baiga community for his exemplary work during his previous five-year tenure. He was recognized for his significant contributions to the preservation of culture, customs, traditions, employment, and the overall development of the Baiga community. The newly elected state officials are set to lead the community for the next five years, with Itwari Ram Machhiya Baiga retaining his

position as State President. Other key roles were filled by Vice Presidents Bhaglu Baiga from Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Sushila Bai Baiga from Bilaspur, Samelal Baiga from Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Premlal Baiga from Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, State Secretary Ramprasad Baiga from Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, State Treasurer Mrs. Basanta Bai Baiga from Kabirdham, and State Media Incharge Dharam Singh Baiga from Kabirdham. With the approval and recommendation of the newly elected State President, other officers will soon be nominated to support and strengthen the community in the coming days.

## R-Day celebrated in SAEEMSS

Masturi, Jan 31:

On the occasion of Republic Day, Sarpanch Mayarani Markam unfurled the flag in the premises of Government Girls Higher Secondary School and Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium Secondary School (SAEEMSS). On this occasion, Principal of the organization Kumari V.R. Samuel, Principal Jaiprakash Ojha, BJP Mandal President Vijay Anchal, Panchayat representatives, villagers and all the staff were present.

On the occasion of 75th Republic Day, District President Savitri Ramayan Rathore unfurled the flag and offered salute in the local District Panchayat premises. Also, various government semi-



government offices including the local Block Education Officer's Office, Senior Agriculture Development Officer's Office, BRC Bhawan, Office of Livestock

Development Department District President Savitri Ramayan Rathore and Vice President Nitish Singh Thakur unfurled the flag in the courtyard. On this occasion, CEO

JR Bhagat, RES SDO Amit Kumar Banjara, Program Officer MNREGA Ruchi Vishwakarma, Panchayat Inspector BL Kurre, BEO Ashwani Kumar Bhardwaj, ABO Shivram Tandon, BRC Bhagwat Sahu, Senior Agriculture Development Officer A. Of. Ahire, Dr. Yashwant Dahria, in-charge officer of Livestock Development Department, government officials, employees and public representatives were present.

BMO Anil Kumar unfurled the national flag in the premises of the local Community Health Center and Municipal Inspector Ravindra Kumar Anant unfurled the national flag in the police station premises. On this occasion, the entire staff of the department offered salute.

## PM Modi's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' 2024 telecast live

In Education City Jawanga Dantewada Collector and officials, students and teachers were present in the prog

Geedam/Dantewada, Jan 31:

'Pariksha Pe Charcha' 2024 live programme was telecast live from Bharat Mandapam, Delhi on Jan 29. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addressed the students, teachers and parents about examination related challenges and solutions. The district level

event was organized by the District Administration and School Education Department, Dantewada in the auditorium located at Education City Jawanga of Geedam block. The discussion on the examination was shown live to the students, teachers and parents of Aastha Vidya Mandir English Medium School (AVMEMS), Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Government Kanya Siksha Parisar, PM Shri Eklavya Residential School, DAV Mukhyamantri Public School, Saksham Residential Campus of Education City Jawanga. The live telecast of the



program started at 11 am by Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed with the children about the stress and pressure before and during the examination and how to answer the questions and get good results in the examination.

PM Modi said that to face the examination, one should be mentally and physically balanced, continue practicing writing, it is important to have confidence and self-confidence, one should have a disciplined family and school



and stay away from social media. And use it for the right work, discuss positive topics, how to handle family situation, parents and teachers should be open with children. In the program related to how to understand differ-

ent subjects easily, how to remove fear and stress from mind, tips for stress management and time management for exams, students asked the questions in their mind to PM Narendra Modi. Parents also asked the questions as

to why today's children are not using their brains properly and how to make children's education easier through social media. Satisfying their curiosity, Prime Minister Modi ji answered all their questions in simple words and said that they are challenging every challenge, 140 crore people of the country are together, the country is strong, analyze everything and create strength, use power and resources of the country.

Dantewada District Collector Mayank Chaturvedi, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Jayant Nahata, District Education Officer Pramod Thakur, District

Coordinator Shyamal Sori, APC Neha Nath, Cluster Coordinator Nitin Vishwakarma, Aastha Vidya Mandir Principal Gopal Pandey, Vice Principals Pramod Gupta, Ravindranath Panigrahi, PGT Amujuri B i s w a n a t h , Superintendent Raviprakash Thakur, Principals Kailash Neelam, Pramod Karma, Dr. D. Kameshwar Rao, all the teachers and students from class 6th to 12th were present. Children of Education City Jawanga took part in the Pariksha Pe Charcha competitions organized on various subjects for the year 2024.

# Imran Khan & wife sentenced to 14 years in jail in Toshakhana corruption case

Islamabad, Jan 31 (PTI):

Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi were sentenced to 14 years in prison on Wednesday in a corruption case for retaining expensive state gifts when he was in power, dealing another blow to the jailed former Pakistan premier, a day after he was handed a 10-year jail term for leaking sensitive state secrets.

The verdict, which comes eight days before the February 8 general elections, has increased the legal woes of the 71-year-old cricketer-turned-politician who is already serving a three-year jail term after being convicted of corruption.

Khan's party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) faced numerous troubles before the election starting with the denial of its election symbol, the cricket bat, to the rejection of nomination papers

**Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan along with his wife Bushra Bibi.**

of Khan, former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and several other party leaders.

Accountability Court Judge Mohammad Bashir conducted the hearing at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, where the former premier is incarcerated, in the Toshakhana corruption case. Khan and his wife were also barred from holding any public office

for 10 years and slapped with a fine of Rs 787 million each. Bushra Bibi did not appear before the court on Wednesday.

Bushra Bibi, 49, reached the Adiala jail after her conviction in the case and offered her arrest.

The Judge in the case had also convicted another former premier Nawaz Sharif in July 2018 ahead of elections. Reacting to

the verdict, PTI's current chief Gohar Khan said the judgment only served to lower the respect of the judiciary.

"The accused were not given time and the process was hurried to conclude the trial," he said, adding that the defence was not given the right of cross-examination. Last month, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) filed a fresh case against the two in an accountability court for retaining a jewellery set received from the Saudi crown prince against undervalued assessment.

Khan told the court that his wife had nothing to do with the case and was being humiliated by being forcibly dragged into it.

At the outset of the hearing on Wednesday, Judge Bashir asked Khan if he recorded his statement. To this, the former premier said that he would submit his statement once his lawyers came.

# EMMANUEL MACRON'S GALA DINNER

**From left, Sweden's Queen Silvia, Brigitte Macron, French President Emmanuel Macron and King Carl Gustaf pose for a group photo after arriving at Stockholm Palace where the royal couple gives a gala dinner for the French presidential couple, in Stockholm. French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte are on a two-day state visit to Sweden.**

# Indian-origin couple jailed for 33 years in UK

**For exporting over half tonne cocaine to Australia**

London, Jan 31 (PTI):

An Indian-origin couple in the UK, whose extradition was sought by India on charges of the murder of their adopted son in Gujarat, has been sentenced to 33 years in prison each after being convicted of exporting more than half a tonne of cocaine to Australia using commercial planes.

Arvi Dhir, 59, and Kavalijsinh Rajjada, 35, from Hanwell in Ealing were identified by the

National Crime Agency (NCA) investigators after Australian Border Force intercepted the cocaine worth 57 million pounds upon its arrival in Sydney in May 2021, the agency said in a statement on Monday.

The couple was behind a front company that had sent the drugs by plane under a cover load of metal toolboxes, according to the investigation.

Dhir and Rajjada denied exporting cocaine to Australia and money laundering. They were convicted of 12 counts of exportation and 18 counts of money laundering by a jury following a trial at

Southwark Crown Court on Monday.

They were sentenced at the same court on Tuesday.

The drugs exported by the two had been shipped via a commercial flight from the UK and consisted of six metal toolboxes which, when opened, were found to contain 514 kilograms of cocaine.

The drugs would have been worth up to 57 million pounds when sold in Australia, where prices are significantly higher than in the UK.

In the UK, a kilo of cocaine at wholesale is priced at around 26,000 pounds but in Australia, the same amount sells for 110,000 pounds.

Officers traced the consignment back to Dhir and Rajjada, who had set up a front company called Viefly Freight Services with the sole purpose of smuggling drugs.

Both defendants had been directors of the company at different points since its incorporation in June 2015.

# Pak media regulatory body ordered to provide 'unrestricted' media coverage to Imran Khan, other candidates

Lahore, Jan 31 (PTI):

A Pakistani high court on Wednesday ordered the country's electronic media watchdog to provide "free and unrestricted" media coverage to all political leaders, including jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, ahead of the February 8 general elections.

The order was passed by the Lahore High Court (LHC) on a petition filed last year by the 71-year-old cricketer-turned-politician against the ban on his name and speeches on TV channels by the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA), the Dawn newspaper reported.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party supremo challenged the ban in court, arguing that PEMRA's order was "purely driven out of vengeance", after which the LHC directed the media regulatory authority

to "ensure a level playing field for all political parties in broadcasting their content and speeches."

In a written order issued on Wednesday, Justice Shams Mehmood Mirza noted that the Electronic Media (Programmes and Advertisements) Code of Conduct directed all media channels that any political programme should be conducted objectively, guaranteeing representation of all political parties.

"Clearly, the allegation agitated before this court by the petitioner is that the media channels breached the code of conduct when his [Khan's] name was not even allowed to be taken in the programmes," the order said. It said the issue assumed greater significance as "the general elections for National Assembly and the four provincial assemblies are on the horizon".

# PM Modi's community event, temple opening in mid-Feb in Abu Dhabi

**Sends Indian officials on overdrive**

Dubai, Jan 31 (PTI):

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's February 13-14 visit to the UAE for an Indian community event and a dedication ceremony for a Hindu temple, officials from the Indian Embassy and the Consulate have gone on an overdrive as preparations gather momentum.

PM Modi is scheduled to address the Indian community summit, Ahlan Modi (Hello Modi), at Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed stadium on February 13 and is scheduled to attend on February 14 a dedication ceremony at the BAPS Hindu temple getting the finishing touches at the UAE capital.

Regarding the Ahlan Modi event, India's ambassador to the UAE,

Sunjay Sudhir, said they are expecting tens of thousands of people to throng the site of the reception.

Prime Minister Modi along with then US President Donald Trump addressed a massive community event called 'Howdy, Modi!' in Houston, Texas on September 22, 2019.

A registration portal has been set up to smoothen the process and transport is being arranged from all emirates for participants to reach the venue. The event is being organized collaboratively by 150 Indian community organisations in the UAE.

A cultural programme involving 400 local talents has been put together to add colour to the show.

During the last 3 years, over 2,000 artisans from Rajasthan and Gujarat have carved the 402 white marble pillars for the

temple. Earlier, addressing a gathering of diplomats invited to celebrate the Republic Day, Ambassador Sudhir said over 3.5 million Indians call UAE their home, thanks to the affection shown by the country's leaders.

"One of the most significant developments in bilateral relations in recent years is the construction of the BAPS Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi," Ambassador Sudhir said.

"The temple, which is expected to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi on the 14th of February, will be a spiritual oasis. Standing on top of a hillock on the outskirts of Abu Dhabi, the temple will be a testimony to the enduring tradition of peace and tolerance as inspired by our forefathers Mahatma Gandhi and Sheikh Zayed," he said.

# 15 killed in terrorist attacks in Pakistan's Balochistan

Karachi, Jan 31 (PTI):

Heavily armed terrorists launched three coordinated attacks, including one on a high-security prison, in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, leaving four law enforcement personnel and two civilians dead and triggering a gunbattle in which nine of the militants were also killed.

The attacks took place on Monday in Mach town, some 70 kilometres from the provincial capital Quetta, officials said.

A press release issued from the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Tuesday night said that on the night between January 29 and 30, "multiple terrorists, including suicide bombers, attacked Mach and Kolpur Complexes in Balochistan, which was effectively responded by law enforcement agencies (LEAs)."

Nine terrorists were killed and three injured and captured by security forces when they tried to apparently penetrate the high-security central Mach Jail where some dangerous militants and death row prisoners are incarcerated.

The ISPR also confirmed the death of four security personnel and two civilians since Monday night.

It said security forces in the vicinity were immediately mobilised and were carrying out an "ensuing operation".

"Nine terrorists, including three suicide bombers, were 'sent to hell till now' while three were injured," the statement said.

A senior police official earlier said at least 15 rockets were fired at the Central Mach Jail.

The banned separatist group the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) Majeed group has claimed responsibility for the at-

tacks. After the attacks, a heavy gunbattle lasting several hours ensued between the security forces and the attackers who tried to retreat into the mountains.

The caretaker Balochistan Information Minister Jan Achakzai said that the final clearance operation in Mach is still underway.

"The situation in the area has stabilised," Achakzai said on social media platform X.

Monday night's attack against security forces is the deadliest by militants this year. Last year in November at least 14 soldiers were killed when militants ambushed them in the port town of Gwadar.

# Taiwan holds military drills to defend against the threat of a Chinese invasion

Kaohsiung, Jan 31 (AP):

Almost every day, Chinese warships sail in waters around Taiwan and warplanes fly toward the island before turning back. What if they suddenly attacked?

Taiwan's military began a two-day drill at sea and in the air on Wednesday to practice defending against such a surprise attack. Journalists observed the training from fast boats that escorted a mine-laying ship.

"Any unilateral irrational action could very easily escalate tensions and sabotage stability in the Taiwan Strait region," Maj. Gen. Sun Li-fang, a defence ministry spokesperson, told reporters at the Tsuoying Naval Base in southern Taiwan.

China claims the self-governing island of 23

million people as its own territory and says it must come under Beijing's control. The long-running divide is a flashpoint in US-China relations.

As relations between the rivals have deteriorated in recent years, fears have grown that America could get pulled into a war if hostilities break out.

Taiwan's defence ministry, in a daily report, said that seven Chinese warplanes and four naval vessels were detected around the island in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. on Wednesday. It also reported a Chinese balloon off its northern coast.

# Norway prepares for biggest storm in 30 years

Copenhagen, Jan 31 (AP):

Norway's central Atlantic coast battered down on Wednesday as authorities warned that the country could see its most powerful storm in three decades and urged people to stay indoors.

Hurricane-force winds are expected to hit the region, as air traffic companies and ferry lines predicted disruptions. Police warned that gusts of 126 to 180 kilometres per hour were expected.

Named "Ingunn" by Norwegian meteorologists, the storm was expected to land in central Norway around midday

Wednesday before moving north Thursday.

The storm is expected to hit the same area as the 1992 New Year's hurricane, one of the strongest storms in Norway's history, the newspaper VG wrote.

Authorities issued a red warning, the highest level, for the area around the city of Trondheim, where strong winds were expected Wednesday. Another red warning also was issued for the Lofoten is-

lands, up north along the coast in the Arctic.

Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre planned to return to Oslo on Wednesday, the Norwegian news agency NTB wrote.

No flights were cancelled as of Wednesday morning, but spokeswoman Catharina Solli of the domestic airline Wideroe said that they "take it airport by airport as we go along," NTB wrote.

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Sealed tenders are invited from experienced eligible bidders for following work on labour contract basis:-

S. No.	Particulars of works	EMD (Rs.)	Last date/ time for submission of tender
1.	Job work for carrying out onsite calibration of ABT Meters of CPP-IPP feeders installed at CSPPTCL end under CEIS/S) CSPPTCL, Raipur.	21,000/-	22/02/2024 14:00 Hrs.

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**// साक्षात्कार सूचना Walk in Interview //**

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2. प्रशिक्षणी फीस को केन्द्रीय विद्यालय खैरागढ़ की वेबसाइट से प्रमाणित करने आवश्यक करके जमा करवायें।  
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**e Tender Invitation Notice**

Online Tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers/importers for supply of Veterinary Vaccine for financial year 2023-24 of Department of Veterinary services, Chhattisgarh. The detailed schedules are as follows.

S. No.	Tender Details	Name of Work	Approximate Amount
1	<b>Tender No. 440 Date 29/01/2024</b>	<b>RATE CONTRACT AND SUPPLY OF VETERINARY VACCINE</b>	<b>Rs. 12.20 Cr.</b>
2	Starting Date of online Tender Submission <b>30.01.2024</b>		
3	Pre Bid Meeting Date - <b>08.02.2024, Time 1.00 PM (Venue-DVSCG)</b>		
4	Last Date of Tender Submission <b>29.02.2024, Up to-5.30 PM</b>		

The detailed tender documents and the list of items are made available under Department-Livestock Development Department (LDD) on website <https://www.eproc.cgstate.gov.in/> and <https://agriportal.cg.nic.in/ahd>

Director  
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**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
**Procurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>**  
**(FIRST CALL)**

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 19-02-2024 at 17:30 Hour

System Tender No.	NIT No./Date	Name of Work	Amount
152078	NIT No. 18/SAC/2023-24 Machadoli, Dated 29-01-2024	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL & C.C. ROAD AT BULLER SITE COLONY AT MINIMATA BANGDAM.	Rs. 283.54 Lakhs Tender Invited As Per SOR of August 2022.
152079	NIT No. 19/SAC/2023-24 Machadoli, Dated 29-01-2024	CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE DRAIN FROM FOUNDATION GALLERY INSPECTION GALLERY TO EARTHEN DAM AT MINIMATA BANGDAM.	Rs. 250.10 Lakhs Tender Invited As Per SOR of August 2022.
152081	NIT No. 20/SAC/2023-24 Machadoli, Dated 29-01-2024	CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE DRAIN IN DIFFERENT COLONIES (MACHADOLI, ATMANAGAR & BULLER SITE) AT MINIMATA BANGDAM.	Rs. 275.17 Lakhs Tender Invited As Per SOR of August 2022.
152082	NIT No. 21/SAC/2023-24 Machadoli, Dated 29-01-2024	DIAMOND DRILLING AND GROUTING OF MASONRY DAM IN N.O.F. AND O.F. PORTION AT THE T.B. LACREST LEVEL AND REMAINING AND CLEARANCE OF POROUS BLOCK OF INSPECTION GALLERY AND FOUNDATION GALLERY OF MINIMATA (HASDEO) BANGDAM PROJECT.	Rs. 283.08 Lakhs Tender Invited As Per SOR of August 2022.

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) from Date 05-02-2024 at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.  
NOTE:- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding.

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## Crisis of Student Stress

### Approaching the Issue with Sensitivity and Care

The issue of student stress has once again come to the forefront after an 18-year-old girl took her own life in Rajasthan's Kota. This heart-breaking incident coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's annual interaction with students preparing for board exams, where he emphasized the need for students to compete with themselves rather than with their peers. While such words of wisdom are valuable, the stark reality is far more complex. The recent alleged suicide of a Class XII boy at a government meritorious school in Punjab's Sangrur, following the notification of his poor performance to his parents, serves as a poignant reminder of the immense pressure students face. The tragic loss of the Kota teenager shed light on an ecosystem that often neglects the vulnerabilities and emotional needs of our youth. They also reveal a profound sense of hopelessness and guilt, highlighting a society that seems to have lost its compassion. The rigorous examination system, soaring parental expectations, the recognition of one's limitations, and the overwhelming fear of failure can exact a heavy toll on students. Failing to acknowledge these factors and reducing the plight of young individuals to mere mental health issues is a grave oversight. It is disheartening that suicide remains the leading cause of death among those aged 15 to 30, yet it fails to capture the national consciousness as it should. It is high time for introspection. We must recognize that student stress is not an isolated issue; it is a symptom of a broader societal problem. To combat this crisis effectively, we must engage in an ongoing dialogue that involves students, parents, and educators. Creating a space where they can openly discuss their concerns and seek support from relevant groups is essential. The Kota coaching industry, estimated to be worth a staggering Rs 12,000 crore, has often placed student welfare at the bottom of its priority list. While last year's spate of suicides prompted institutes to introduce fun activities, this is merely scratching the surface of the problem. The District Collector's initiative to organize weekly dinners at hostels and discuss the challenges faced by engineering and medical aspirants is commendable, but it is not enough. What we truly need is a transformation in the way parents perceive their children. Instead of imposing unrealistic expectations and measuring success solely through academic achievements, parents should embrace their children for who they are. Every individual is unique, and their worth cannot be reduced to report cards or exam scores. Moreover, the education system itself needs an overhaul. The emphasis on rote learning and high-stakes examinations must be replaced with an approach that fosters critical thinking, creativity, and holistic development. It is essential to create an environment where students are encouraged to explore their interests, pursue their passions, and develop a well-rounded personality. Addressing the crisis of student stress is a collective responsibility that extends beyond the classroom. It requires a cultural shift in our society—one that prioritizes mental health, emotional well-being, and individuality. As we mourn the tragic loss of young lives, let us also commit to creating a more compassionate and nurturing environment for our students, where their dreams and aspirations can flourish without the burden of relentless pressure and unrealistic expectations.

## 'MAGH SNAN' RITUAL



Students &amp; priests of Swaminarayan Gurukul during the 'Magh Snan' ritual, in Surat.

## Unlocking Development Oriented Interim Budget

**SATISH SINGH**

The interim budget for the financial year 2024-25 will be presented on 1st February 2024, in which, keeping in view the general elections, Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to announce provisions to strengthen the banking sector to ensure rapid growth. It can make provisions towards ensuring inclusive growth, consolidation the financial sector, taking government facilities to the last mile, improving infrastructure sector, and properly exploiting the existing capacities. Since banks work to provide credit or financial assistance to develop all parameters of development, the banking sector will also benefit from the budgetary provisions made for other sectors. The government has been taking appropriate steps to reinforce the banking sector for a long time, the positive results of which are now visible, the most important of which is the unprecedented increase in the profits of banks in the current financial year. Also important is the significant improvement in the asset quality of banks due to the reforms undertaken by the government and the Reserve Bank of India and the reduction in the gross NPA from 3.9 percent in March 2023 to 3.2 percent in September 2023.

The infrastructure will accelerate economic activities, employment generation, demand for credit and various products. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) have come out of the negative impact of the Corona period. Now work is being done to bolster it. Therefore, a new loan guarantee scheme for MSMEs can be launched in the interim budget. Also, special funds can be allocated to boost startups, entrepreneurship, Make in India etc. in the country.

In the past, the MSME sector has benefited a lot from the Emergency Credit Linked Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS). There are more than 6 crore MSME units in the country, in which more than 12 crore people work. It is noteworthy that this sector contributes about 35 percent to the country's GDP. The loan growth rate of banks is continuously increasing. Except the large manufacturing sector, all other sectors are performing well. Non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) like Bajaj Finance, L&T Finance Holding etc. have achieved significant growth in the distribution of retail loans. The credit growth rate of banks like Bandhan Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Federal Bank and RBL has been more than 18 percent, while the credit growth rate of Punjab National Bank has been 13.5 percent. At the same time, the credit growth rate of banks in the financial year 2024 has been 11.4 percent, while the deposit growth rate has been 9 percent.

The higher credit growth rate has been possible when the repo rate was increased by 250 basis points in the period between May 2022 and February 2023. Since, the pace of growth can be accelerated by higher credit growth rate. Therefore, the Union Finance Minister may make significant provisions in the interim budget to enhance key parameters of the economy to sustain high credit growth rate. The agriculture sector is still neglected. However, this sector played an important role in keeping the growth rate intact during the Corona period. Therefore, to improve the economic condition of farmers and agricultural labourers, the assistance amount of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi can be increased from Rs.6000 to Rs.7000 in the interim budget. Also, to make the agriculture sector prosperous, the agricultural credit target can be increased to Rs.22 lakh crore to Rs.25 lakh crore.

It is noteworthy that in the financial year 2013-14, only Rs.27662.67 crore was allocated for the agriculture sector, which was increased to Rs.1.25 lakh crore in the financial year 2023-24. It is also important to do this because only the agriculture sector performed well during the Corona period. Due to lack of insurance, farmers are forced to commit suicide when their crops fail. Therefore, it is also necessary to insure the crops of those farmers who have not taken loan from the bank. It is remarkable that the farmers who have taken KCC loan from the bank, get their crops insured by the bank. Therefore, in this light, there is a need to make special provisions in the interim budget.

Since the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Scheme, the scope of the organized sector in the economy has increased because, there has been an upsurge in the membership of the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). According to EPFO's interim payroll data, 15.29 lakh members joined in the month of October 2023, which was 18.22 percent more than the same period last year. This shows that our economy is becoming formal, as after taking loan,

beneficiaries are setting up substantial business & are also providing employment to others. Therefore, in the interim budget the Union Finance Minister should enhance the target of loan distribution by banks under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Scheme.

In lieu of the Economic Survey before the Interim Budget, the Central Government has presented "The Indian Economy: A Review Report", in which an outline of the economic and social health of the country has been drawn. According to the report, in the next 3 years i.e. by 2027, the Indian economy will become a 5 trillion-dollar economy, leaving behind Germany and Japan and will be the third largest economy in the world, while by 2030, the Indian economy will become 7 trillion dollars. According to this report, India's GDP growth rate may remain more than 7 percent for the fourth consecutive year in 2024-25, whereas currently the growth rate of the world's major economies is around 3 percent. However, the inflation rate in India is expected to be 5.5 percent during the financial year 2023-24, which is high, but it cannot be called a dangerous level.

The main reason for the fast growth rate in India is the increase in domestic demand. There has been a rise in both government and private investment in the country. Continuous efforts are being made by the Central and State Governments to provide special facilities to the businessmen under "Ease of Doing Business" and "Special Economic Zone", along with other economic reforms are also being carried out. The government has set a target of making the country developed by 2047 and considering the current situation this target can also be achieved. In such a situation, it would be appropriate to say that in the interim budget, the Union Finance Minister will make such provisions, with the help of which the development of the country can get a boost; along with this, welfare provisions can also be announced keeping in mind the general elections.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bright Future for all

While progress has been made, poverty still clutches a significant portion of our nation. These individuals lack both the means for basic necessities and the ability to secure them themselves. In this critical context, transparent government scheme implementation becomes paramount. The gap between claimed efforts and tangible improvement for the poor remains vast. Bridging this gap requires a two-pronged approach: ensuring consistent delivery to those in need and effectively barring ineligible individuals from accessing benefits. This not only empowers the true beneficiaries but also curbs unnecessary scams, ultimately leading to a brighter future for all.

N Mateeni, Mumbai

### Rhino killings worrying

After an uneventful 2022, when no rhino was harmed in the famous Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve of Assam, 2023 witnessed two rhino killings, one with its horn missing, in the Kaziranga. Now, poachers have struck again by killing an adult female rhino and decapitating with its horn. The carcass of the animal was found on January 22. Local poachers, hand-in-glove with international smugglers, pose a big threat to the rhinos numbering 2613. The task force, with dedicated commandos, setup by the Assam government, did a commendable job by ensuring nil poaching of the endangered animals in 2022. So, it can safely be assumed that there was a massive breach in security or a few unscrupulous elements in the park were hand-in-gloves with the poachers that resulted in the rhino killings of late. The entire security apparatus including the CCTV cameras require an extensive examination and overhaul. At the same time, a methodical review of logistics, personnel and training would not be out of place.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

### India-France Ties

India and France have agreed to intensify their cooperation in the south-west Indian Ocean, building on the "joint surveillance missions" carried out from French La Reunion in 2020 and 2022. The two countries also welcomed the progress in bilateral dialogue and the identification of specific opportunities for using India "as a base" for the manufacture and export of defense equipment for friendly countries in the region. France is the first major Western military power with which India has conducted joint patrols with the Indian Navy's P-81 maritime patrol aircraft deployed on the French island territory of La Reunion. They also welcomed the extension of those interactions in India's maritime neighborhood. These interactions will contribute positively to the securitization of strategic sea lanes of communication.

Karan Singh, Chennai

## Upholding Ethical Values

### In Indian Politics

Yash Pal Ralhan

In the wake of recent political developments in Bihar, it becomes glaringly evident that ethics in Indian politics are in dire need of revival. The prescient words of Socrates ring true: "Democracy must fall because it will try to tailor to everyone. The poor will want the wealth of the rich, and democracy will give it to them. Young people will want to be respected as elderly, and democracy will give it to them. Women will want to be like men, and democracy will give it to them. Foreigners will want the rights of the natives and democracy will give it to them. Thieves and fraudsters will want important government functions, and democracy will give it to them. And at that time, when thieves and fraudsters finally, and democratically take authority; because criminals and evil doers want power, there will be worse dictatorship than in the time of any monarchy or oligarchy." We witness the echo of this prophecy as political leaders today seem to have lost touch with the values of honesty, morality, and integrity. The essence of politics, once rooted in the pursuit of concrete development, has evolved into a game of alliances and defections, driven by the politicians' ever-changing whims and fancies. The days of contesting and winning elections based on substantive progress are fading into the annals of history. Instead, candidates navigate the treacherous waters of caste-based politics to secure their voter base, often deviating from the path of integrity. This calculated approach allows them to escape accountability, as they amass a safe margin of votes through demographic analysis. Social media plays a pivotal role in modern elections, reducing the necessity for personal voter outreach. Consequently, leaders no longer feel the need to prove their dedication to their constituents. The values of loyalty to one's political party and electorate, as well as healthy competition, have been overshadowed by a thirst for power. The ease with which politicians defect to different parties has become a cause for concern. They justify these actions with claims of working for the betterment of their people, a well-worn political statement. The gradual decline in the quality of Indian politics is evident when leaders justify their defections with statements like, "When I asked God, He told me to join the BJP." Recent instances, such as Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's alliance switch from RJD to BJP, Eknath Shinde's coalition formation with BJP to become Chief Minister, and Ajit Pawar's factional shift in Maharashtra, raise ethical questions. Such leaders seem unable to thrive without the protective cloak of power. The argument that one cannot actively contribute to the state's development while in opposition is frequently invoked by opportunistic defectors. Does this imply that there should be no opposition in a democratic country? It appears to be the prevailing strategy of the current ruling parties. A robust opposition is a sign of a healthy democracy, but when opposition members jump ship between parties overnight, morals and ethics lose their significance. In several northeastern states, frequent defections have become a norm, rendering the concept of moral politics meaningless. These small states have acquired a reputation for political volatility that belies their size. Voters in these regions may question the sanctity of their votes when elected candidates readily defect to other parties enticed by various allurements. As a result, voters have started auctioning their votes. Ideally, voters should not allow this to influence their voting process, but when their votes hold little value even in the eyes of the courts, their frustration is understandable. The case of Shinde vs. Thackeray faction in Maharashtra underscores this issue. The Supreme Court ruled that the government could not be dismissed by law despite its unconstitutionality after Uddhav Thackeray resigned as Chief Minister. Regrettably, the votes cast by the people were not taken into consideration. Should there not be value assigned to the vote in the Constitution, and should the judiciary not consider it? Today, political leaders seem to place great faith in the buying of votes as a standard election practice. Party policies and ideologies have diminished in importance, with the focus shifting toward securing votes through alternative means. This has eroded public faith in the democratic system. In a time when trust in the country is waning, with religious divides further fragmenting the nation, it falls upon every Indian to safeguard the democratic system bestowed upon us by our Constitution. Before it crumbles under the weight of politicians' self-serving interests, we must restore the values of honesty, morality, and integrity to Indian politics. The four pillars of democracy—Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, and Media—must serve their intended purpose, fostering trust among the citizens. It is our collective duty to protect our democratic system from collapse and ensure that our elected representatives truly represent the people's interests in our legislative bodies.

## Ups & downs of Power Politics in Bihar - I

**Er. Prabhat Kishore**

After the independence of India, Bihar has witnessed ups and downs of various political parties as well as leaders. In the pre-Mandal era, i.e. before 1990, power politics was dominated by the Congress Party as a political institution and the upper castes in terms of leadership. In the post-Mandal era, the scenario completely reversed and it is being dominated by two powerful regional socialist background parties RJD and JDU under the leadership of Lalu Prasad and Nitish Kumar respectively, both belonging to backward classes.

Before the first general election in 1952, Sri Krishna Singh, a Bhumihar leader, led the provincial governments in Bihar since 20th July 1937 to

31st October 1939 and 2nd April 1946 to 1952. His leadership continued after 1952 and 1957 Vidhan Sabha elections till his demise on 31st January 1961; although, dissident activities have been unsuccessfully launched by his deputy and Finance Minister Anugrah Narayan Sinha, a Rajput leader. After the demise of Sri Babu, Deep Narayan Singh, a Rajput, served as acting CM since 1st February 1961 to 18th February 1961. Blessed with the central leadership, Binoda Nand Jha, a Brahmin, was elected as leader of Congress Legislature Party and sworn in as the CM on 18th February 1961. In 1962, third general election was fought under the leadership of Pandit Jha and he continued as CM even after the election.

The dissident activities were intensified by Satyendra Narayan Sinha, son of Late Anugrah Narayan Sinha, and consequently B.N. Jha had to step down under the "Kamraj Yojana" of the Congress Party. Following his resignation, for the first time in the history of Congress, election for the leader of the legislature party was held between two social group candidates Birchand Patel, a Kurmi (supported by B.N. Jha) and Krishna Balabh Sahay, a Kayasth (supported by S.N. Sinha). Birchand Patel lost due to betrayal of some of his close associates. K.B. Sahay led the government since 2nd October

1963 to 5th March 1967. After a long span of 20-years after independence, about 85% backward & dalit population were bereft of not only in the government services & institutions, but in every walk of life. Intensive campaign for their awakening as well as reservation in government jobs & institutions was being carried out by Congress leader Deo Sharan Singh, a Kurmi (Ex-chairman of Bihar Vidhan Parishad) under the banner of "Backward Foundation". In the meantime, experiment of "backwardism" for political control was being done by the socialists like Ram Manohar Lohia and Bhola Prasad Singh with the slogan "Sansopa Ne Bandhi Ganth, Pichhra Pawe Sau Mein Santh". Under such circumstances, the third general election of 1967 proved to be a "political Waterloo". The Congress fell short of the majority figure and lost power in several states including Bihar.

The first non-Congress government was sworn in on 5th March 1967 under the leadership of Mahamaya Pd. Sinha, a Kayasth of Jan Kranti Dal. The alliance was a mix up of conflicting ideology parties like Jansangh, Samyukt Socialist Party (SSP), Praja Socialist Party (PSP), Communist Party and Kamakhya Narayan Sinha, ex-King of Ramgarh. It was very tedious for Mahamaya Babu to keep these opposite ideology parties united for long time and

ultimately, the government fell by 13 votes in the Vidhan Sabha on 25th January 1968. Bindeshwari Prasad Mandal (the chairman of Mandal Commission) was an SSP MP and joined in Mahamaya Pd. Ministry, but was not elected as MLA or MLC. To become a member of Vidhan Mandal his 6-month deadline was only 10 days left. On the initiative of Congress, B.P. Mandal, a Yadav, formed "Shoshit Samaj Dal" to become the CM. So, first Satish Pd. Singh, a Koiri, of his Party was sworn in as the CM, whose tenure was for just 5 days (28th Jan 1968 to 1st Feb 1968) and Sri Mandal was nominated to the Vidhan Parishad through a Governor Quota. Mandal formed the government with the support of the Congress. The Congress was not convenient in supporting a backward Chief Minister. To topple Mandal Government, a break up in Congress took place and "Loktantrik Congress" under the leadership of Bhola Paswan Shastri, a Dusadh, was formed. Mandal remain in power for just 47 days (1st Jan 1968 to 22nd March 1968). Government of Samyukt Morcha under the leadership of Shastri took charge, but this Schedule Caste CM also had to resign only after 95 days (22nd March 1968 to 29th June 1968) and for the first time in the history of Bihar, President Rule came into force on 29th June 1968.

In the Mid-Term Election of 1969, the Congress got only 118 seats and remained far from the magic figure of 160. On 26th Feb. 1969, the government was formed under the leadership of Sardar Harihar Singh, a Rajput (26th Feb 1969 to 22nd June 1969) of United Forum, but he was also unable to provide stable government. Due to large-scale defection of ministers & legislatures, the Harihar Singh government was defeated in the Vidhan Sabha by securing only 143 votes against 164.

Bhola Paswan Shastri took charge for the second time through double-cross of legislatures from different parties. The Jansangh wanted to keep the Congress out of the government. Congress also did not want the leaders of Jansangh, PSP & SSP to be inducted in the government. The Congress brought a no-confidence motion in the Vidhan Sabha which was passed with the support of Jansangh, and within 9 days Shastri Govt. (22nd June 1969 to 4th July 1969) collapsed. On 6th July 1969 President Rule was imposed, which was revoked on 16th Feb. 1970, when Daroga Prasad Roy, a Yadav, of the Congress was sworn in as CM. But again the upper caste lobby of the Congress could not accept Mr. Roy for long time.

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**BRIEF**

**Credit potential**



**Shimla:** A credit potential scheme of Rs 34,490 crore has been prepared by Nabard for agriculture, MSMEs and other priority sectors in 2024-25, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Wednesday. The scheme's allocation is 8 per cent higher than the current fiscal, he added. Inaugurating the State Credit Seminar for the financial year 2024-25 organised by Nabard, he said the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has a major role in making Himachal Pradesh self-reliant.

**Appointment**

**New Delhi:** The government has appointed former expenditure secretary Ajay Narayan Jha and SBI Group Chief Economic Advisor Soumya Kanti Ghosh, and two other members of the newly-constituted 16th Finance Commission. The commission, chaired by former vice chairman of Niti Aayog Arvind Panagariya, will have 4 members, who will be assisted by Secretary Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey, two joint secretaries and one economic advisor.

**Greenfield facility**



**New Delhi:** Dabur on Wednesday said it will open a new manufacturing unit in south India and invest Rs 135 crore for this purpose. The unit will manufacture a range of Dabur's Ayurvedic Healthcare, personal care and home care products like Dabur Honey, Dabur Red Paste, and Odonil air fresheners, Dabur India said in a statement. The board of the homegrown FMCG and Ayurvedic products maker in a meeting on Wednesday "approved an investment of Rs 135 crore" for setting up greenfield facility in south India, it said.

**Taxpayer services**

**New Delhi:** The Income Tax department on Wednesday said that services for taxpayers on the e-filing portal will not be available between February 3 and early February 5 on account of scheduled maintenance. "... taxpayer services on the e-filing portal will be restricted from 2 pm on Saturday (03.02.24) to 6 am on Monday (05.02.24) due to scheduled maintenance activity, involving technical upgradation of the system," the I-T department said in a post on X.

## India sees 46 pc of world's total real-time digital transactions: President Murmu

New Delhi, Jan 31:

India has emerged as the world's second-largest producer of mobile phones and logged a five-fold increase in mobile phone manufacturing in the last decade, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday, outlining the global acknowledgement of India's prowess in digital transactions and systems. Her first address to a joint sitting of the two Houses in the new Parliament building resonated with references to the rapid expansion of the startup ecosystem, nation's AI push, speedy 5G roll-out, as well as the semiconductor sector investments. Today, 46 per cent of the world's total real-time digital transactions take place in India, she said, adding India is among the leading digital economies globally. "Digital India has made life

and business much easier in India. Today, the whole world acknowledges this as a great achievement of India. Even developed countries do not have a digital system like India has," she said. Murmu noted that a record 1,200 crore transactions were done through UPI last month.

"This amounts to a record transaction of Rs 18 lakh crore," she said. Further, India achieved the fastest 5G roll-out in the world, the President said, adding that the Digital Personal Data Protection Act will make the digital space more secure. The startup ecosystem has expanded, growing from only a few hundred startups in the country to more than one lakh today. "Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaigns have become our strengths. Today, India is the world's second-



largest producer of mobile phones. During the last decade, there has been a five-fold increase in mobile phone manufacturing," she said. Highlighting India's digital clout, she said other countries of the world are also now providing the facility of transactions through UPI. Digital India has made banking more convenient and disbursement of loans easier. The Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-

Mobile (JAM) trinity has helped curb corruption, weeding out fake beneficiaries, and Rs 2.75 lakh crore of public money was prevented from going into the wrong hands. "My government has so far transferred Rs 34 lakh crore through DBT. Thanks to Jan Dhan Aadhaar Mobile (JAM), about 10 crore fake beneficiaries have been weeded out from the system.

This has helped prevent Rs 2.75 lakh crore from going into wrong hands," the president said. The facility of DigiLocker is also making life easier, she said, adding over 6 billion documents have so far been issued to its users. Digital Health IDs of around 53 crore people have been created under Ayushman Bharat Health Account.

"The number of broadband users has increased

14 times. Nearly 2 lakh village panchayats of the country have been connected with optical fiber. More than 4 lakh common service centres have been opened in villages.

These have become a major source of employment," she said. The government has focused on building modern facilities for remote and faraway islands like Andaman-Nicobar and Lakshadweep, which had been deprived of development. "My government has developed modern facilities on these islands too. Roads, air connectivity and high speed internet facilities have been provided there. Just a few weeks ago, Lakshadweep was also connected with underwater optical fiber," she said noting that these measures will benefit the local population as well as tourists.

## India cuts import duty on mobile phone components to 10 pc

New Delhi, Jan 31:

India has slashed the import duty on spare parts used in mobile phone manufacturing to 10 per cent, from 15 per cent, a move aimed at boosting local production and exports. The finance ministry on January 30, notified the cut in duty on imports of components including screw, SIM socket, or other mechanical items of metal for cellular mobile phone. The Indian Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) Chairman Pankaj Mohindroo said this is a critical policy intervention by the government towards making mobile manufacturing competitive in India. "Electronics has improved from the 9th position few years ago to India's 5th largest export in 2024. Mobiles constitute over 52 per cent of electronics exports thanks to the Production-Linked Incentive

Scheme. This is the first industry to leapfrog out of import substitution to export-led growth within the last 8 years," Mohindroo said. Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in a post on X said the duty rationalisation would strengthen the mobile phone manufacturing ecosystem through this measure.

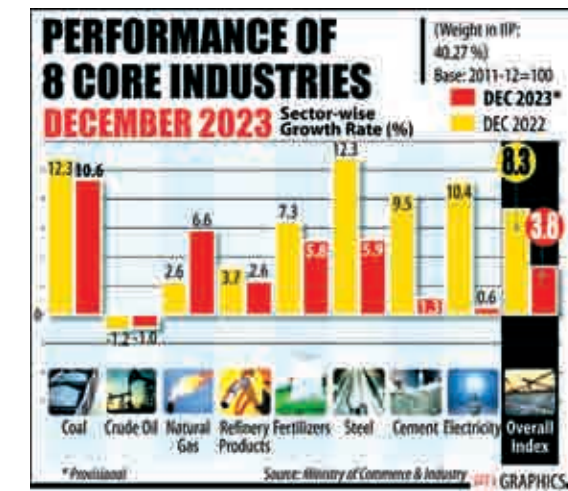
"Rationalization of customs duties brings much-needed certainty and clarity for the industry," Vaishnaw said. GTRI Co Founder Ajay Srivastava said the duty cut will have no impact on improving export competitiveness of mobile phones made in India as all inputs, parts, and components used in the making of mobile phones for exports can already be imported at zero duty under various government schemes like SEZ, Advance authorisation. Firms like Apple use these schemes.

## Key infra sectors growth slows to 14-month low of 3.8 pc in Dec 2023

New Delhi, Jan 31:

The growth of eight key infrastructure sectors slowed to a 14-month low of 3.8 per cent in December 2023, on account of poor performance of sectors like crude oil, electricity, steel and cement, according to the official data released on Wednesday. The core sector (coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity) growth in November was 7.9 per cent.

It was 8.3 per cent in December 2022. The last low was recorded at 0.9 per cent in October 2022. The growth of eight sectors was flat at 8.1 per cent year-on-year in the April-December 2023-24. The growth rate in the produc-



tion of coal, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity decelerated during December 2023. Only natural gas output rose by 6.6 per cent during the month under re-

view from 2.6 per cent in December 2022. These numbers assume significance as the eight core sectors contribute 40.27 per cent to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

## India's growth to remain strong at 6.5 pc in 2024, 2025: IMF

Washington, Jan 31:

Growth in India is projected to remain strong at 6.5 per cent in both 2024 and 2025, the International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday in its latest World Economic Outlook update.

The report pegged global growth at 3.1 per cent in 2024 and 3.2 per cent in 2025. Growth in China is projected at 4.6 per cent in 2024 and 4.1 per cent in 2025, with an upward revision of 0.4 percentage points for 2024 since the October 2023 World Economic Outlook, the IMF said, adding that in the US, growth is likely to fall from 2.5 per cent in 2023 to 2.1 per cent in 2024 and 1.7 per cent in 2025. "Growth in India is projected to remain strong at 6.5 per cent in both 2024 and 2025, with an upgrade from October of 0.2 percentage point for both years, reflecting resilience in domestic demand," the IMF said in its latest re-

port that was released in South Africa. The IMF report reflects that India remains the fastest-growing country among emerging economies.

"The clouds are beginning to part. The global economy begins the final descent toward a soft landing, with inflation declining steadily and growth holding up. But the pace of expansion remains slow, and turbulence may lie ahead," Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, Chief IMF Economist said in a blog post.

The IMF, he said, expects slower growth in the US, where tight monetary policy is still working through the economy, and in China, where weaker consumption and investment continue to weigh on activity. In the euro area, meanwhile, activity is expected to rebound slightly after a challenging 2023, when high energy prices and tight monetary policy restricted demand.

## Centre's fiscal deficit at 55 pc full-year target at Dec-end 2023: CGA

New Delhi, Jan 31:

The Union government's fiscal deficit touched Rs 9.82 lakh crore or 55 per cent of the annual Budget target at December-end 2023, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Wednesday. In the corresponding period last year, the deficit was 59.8 per cent of the budget estimate of 2022-23. For 2023-24, the government's fiscal deficit is estimated to be at Rs 17.86 lakh crore or 5.9 per cent of the GDP. The government's total revenue stood at Rs 20.71 lakh crore (76.3 per cent of corresponding BE 2023-24 of total receipts) as of December 2023. This comprised Rs 17.29 lakh crore tax

revenue (net), Rs 3.12 lakh crore of non-tax revenue and Rs 29,650 crore of non-debt capital receipts. Non-debt capital receipts consist of the recovery of loans and miscellaneous capital receipts. The CGA's monthly account data further said Rs 7.47 lakh crore has been transferred to state governments as devolution of share of taxes by the central government up to December 2023, which is Rs 1,37,851 crore higher than the previous year.

The total expenditure incurred by the Centre was Rs 30.54 lakh crore (67.8 per cent of corresponding BE 2023-24), out of which Rs 23.80 lakh crore is on revenue account and Rs 6.73 lakh crore on capital account.

### INTERIM BUDGET 2024



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Ministers of State Pankaj Chaudhary and Bhagwat Karad and her team of officials a day before presentation of the Interim Budget 2024, at her North Block office in New Delhi, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

## Govt's capex thrust key to bridge infra gap: Former NITI VC



New Delhi, Jan 31:

Former NITI Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar on Wednesday said the government needs to continue its focus on capital expenditure in the upcoming interim budget, as private investment is 'still weak' and there is a need to bridge infrastructure gap, which has been 'plaguing' the Indian economy. Kumar noted that in-

crease in capital expenditure during the Modi government period is showing results in terms of the much better quality of the infrastructure and this was needed to make Indian industry globally competitive.

He said because of rising indirect tax revenues and also the widening direct tax base, the finance minister will also achieve fiscal consolidation targets. "The capex thrust will continue because the private investment still remains a bit weak.

And also, we need to overcome the infrastructure deficit that has plagued our economy and also the logistics cost, which are very high and can only be covered by rising public capital expenditure" he told PTI in an interview.

## Mercedes-Benz sets eyes on smaller cities to fuel further growth



New Delhi, Jan 31:

German carmaker Mercedes-Benz is looking to expand its presence in the smaller cities in India where demand for luxury models is expected to grow robustly over the next few years. The automaker, which on Wednesday introduced new GLA and AMG GLE 53 models, plans to enhance its sales and service infrastructure in the non-metro cities to cater to the needs of the increasing number of customers. "We are clearly seeing that there is a lot of growth happening in mini metros in India and we are now increasing customer car parc in these cities," Mercedes-Benz India Managing Director & CEO Santosh Iyer told PTI in an interaction. To cater to the needs of the customers, the company is opening up 20 new workshops in 10 new cities like Jammu, Kanpur and Patna, he added. "So we are very clear that in these mini metros, customers should not be driving a car for more than two hours to get the service done. So you want to go closer to these customer pockets," Iyer said. The penetration of luxury cars in such cities remains low as compared to the metros and thus offers more opportunities for growth, he noted. For Mercedes, top metros currently account for around 70 per cent of the sales annually.

## Equity markets settle nearly 1 pc higher ahead of Budget

Mumbai, Jan 31:

Benchmark equity indices recovered their previous day's losses and closed nearly 1 per cent higher on Wednesday amid robust buying in HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries. Investors are eyeing the two important events lined up ahead -- the interim budget and the US Fed interest rate decision -- to derive further cues from. Reclaiming all the early lost ground, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 612.21 points or 0.86 per cent to settle at 71,752.11. During the day, it zoomed 711.49 points or 1 per cent to 71,851.39. The Nifty climbed 203.60 points or 0.95 per cent to 21,725.70. "Nifty bounced back from a weak start and closed with



gains of 204 points at 21,726 levels. Global markets will keenly await the US Fed's commentary on the rate cut timeline. On the domestic front, investor's focus will be on the Budget," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head-Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. Among the Sensex firms, Sun Pharma, Tata Motors, State Bank of India, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, Power Grid and UltraTech Cement were the major gainers.

## Gold demand dips 3 pc to 747.5 tons in 2023 on high prices: WGC

Mumbai, Jan 31:

India's gold demand witnessed on-year decline of 3 per cent at 747.5 tonnes in 2023, and going ahead the spurt in demand could be anywhere between 800-900 tonnes, if prices hold out and are not significantly volatile, the World Gold Council said in a report. The country's total gold demand stood at 774.1 tonnes in 2022, according to the World Gold Council (WGC) Gold Demand Trends report 2023. "India's gold demand in 2023 declined by 3 per cent to 747.5 tonnes, strongly influenced by rising gold prices. Although

consumer interest remained high, it lagged trade sentiment. October's price correction during Navratri stimulated a robust consumer response, boosting Diwali sales in November. "However, demand declined in December as gold prices resumed an upward trend, resulting in a 9 per cent drop in fourth quarter jewellery demand compared to the same period of 2022," WGC Regional CEO, India, Somasundaram PR told PTI.

Price of gold was volatile throughout 2023, with the yellow metal reaching a new high of Rs

61,845 per 10 gm on May 4 in the domestic market and USD 2,083 an ounce in global markets, and this trend continued with the precious metal reaching another high of Rs 61,914 per 10 grams in November 16. Looking forward to 2024, India's gold demand should benefit from ongoing positive economic conditions and if the prices hold out are not significantly volatile there is likely to be a big spurt in demand which could be anywhere between 800-900 tonnes, he said.

"The subdued demand range of 700-800 tonnes since 2019 attributable to

continuous rise in prices, increase in duties, stock market outperformance, near-term elections spending impact and acceptance of elevated price levels, suggest the potential for a spurt in demand in the near future. However, any short-term impediments to higher demand could arise from another round of sharp price hikes and volatility triggered by global factors," he added.

The total jewellery demand in India dropped by 6 per cent to 562.3 tonnes in 2023, compared to 600.6 tonnes in the previous year, the report stated.

## Chhuikhadan police launches road safety campaign

### Drivers receive health checkup and document updates

Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Jan 31:** In an initiative aimed at promoting road safety and ensuring the well-being of drivers, the Chhuikhadan police, under the visionary leadership of SP Ankita Sharma and the invaluable guidance of Additional SP Neha Pandey and SDOP Khairagarh Lalchand Mohle, launched a comprehensive traffic awareness campaign in Chhuikhadan city.

This noteworthy effort aligns with the spirit of National Road Safety Month 2024, and it saw active collaboration with the dedicated personnel of the Regional Transport Office (RTO). Learning licenses were facilitated for eager applicants, and the



team diligently corrected insurance and various vehicle documents for 36 drivers.

The well-being of 48 drivers received special attention as they underwent on-the-spot health checkups, generously provided by the skilled medical professionals of CHC

Chhuikhadan. Drivers were urged to abstain from driving under the influence of alcohol, limit passenger count to ensure passenger safety, prioritize wearing helmets and seat belts, discourage minors from taking the wheel, refrain from using modified silencers, and

avoid motor stunts.

Detailed information about obeying traffic signals and adhering to traffic rules was also shared, fostering a culture of responsibility. Chhuikhadan police station, doctors and RTO employees were present in the camp.

## Unannounced school closures spark controversy

### • BEO vows action if negligence confirmed

Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Jan 31:** On Saturday, January 27, the middle school and primary school in the village of Bhotali, located in the Vananchal area of Chhuikhadan development block, were found to be locked since the morning. It came to light that the teachers of these schools had declared January 27 as a holiday and had issued an order instructing children not to attend school.

Similarly, Bhujari Primary School faced a similar predicament. When the children arrived at the school on the morning of January 27, they were met with silence and no information from the teachers who were supposed to be present. The tribal children,



after waiting for hours, eventually returned to their homes. This episode raised concerns about the arbitrary actions of teachers in the Vananchal region regarding education. While complaints of such behaviour have surfaced before, this incident highlighted the unusual practice of declaring holidays and locking the school doors without any official authorization. Notably, the administration had not declared any

holiday for Saturday, January 27. The absence of Bhopendra Kumar Sahu and Chandraprakash Dhritalhare, teachers posted at Middle School Bhotali, along with the unavailability of Firanta Markam, the teacher at the Primary School, further added to the confusion. In Bhujari, a dependent village of Gram Panchayat Bhotali, the school was also found to be locked, with the head, Pathak Chhabilal Sahu, and

teacher Hemant Kumar Sahu both absent on January 27.

Upon receiving information about these school closures, Sankul coordinator DR Bharti expressed her surprise and concern. She stated that she had not been informed about the declared holiday by the teachers and emphasized that such actions were incorrect. She pledged to relay this matter to higher officials within the education department, leaving it to be seen whether concrete actions will be taken to address this issue.

No holiday of any kind was declared in the entire district on Saturday, January 27. If such negligence has been done in the government schools of Bhotali and Bhujari, then show cause notice will be issued to the teachers, after which appropriate action will be taken as per rules.  
- Ramendra Kumar Dadsena, BEO, Chhuikhadan

## Collector spearheads district in leprosy-free mission



Central Chronicle News

**Bijapur, Jan 31:** Collector Anurag Pandey spearheaded a significant initiative under the Vikasit Bharat Abhiyan. At the district office, he administered an oath to all officers, laying the foundation for Bijapur to become a leprosy-free district.

During this oath-taking ceremony, district officials pledged their unwavering commitment to the cause. They declared, "As part of



the Vikasit Bharat Abhiyan, we, the District Administration of Bijapur, solemnly vow to leave no stone unturned in our mission to rid our district of leprosy. Leprosy is a condition that can be easily diagnosed and effectively treated. We will work relentlessly to eliminate the stigma and discrimination faced by individuals affected by leprosy and strive to reintegrate them into the mainstream of our society." This momentous occasion

saw the participation of key figures such as Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Ajay Ramteke, Civil Surgeon Dr. YK Dhruv, Incharge CEO District Panchayat Geet Kumar Sinha, along with senior officers from the district administration, SDMs from various sections, Deputy Collectors, Tehsildars, CEO Janpad Panchayat, and the CMO of the urban body.

## Three teachers recognized for their outstanding contributions

### Honoured with Rashtriya Navchari Shiksha Ratna 2023

Central Chronicle News

**Sukma, Jan 31:** The 'Rashtriya Navchari Shiksha Ratna' Award, combined with the Educational Summit 2023, was a remarkable event organized by the Innovative Teachers Group Chhattisgarh team.

This grand gathering took place on January 28 at the District Education and Training Institute in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, where approximately 150 teachers from across the state were celebrated and their exceptional work was highlighted.

The event was marked by the recognition of Parineeta Kashyap, Sarita Yadav, and Komal Singh Thakur, hailing from Sukma district. These dedicated educators were hon-

oured with certificates, mementos, and pens for their outstanding contributions to the field of education.

Distinguished guests, including Assistant Director Dr. M. Sudhish from the State Project Office, District Education Officer Himanshu Bharti, Raipur District DMC DS Patle, Dr. SK Jain, Shri LK Verma, and Dr. Navneeta Singh from the District Education and Training Institute in Raipur, graced the event with their presence.

The success of this prestigious program was made possible through the unwavering support of Vaishali Jhanwar and Jayamala, who played crucial roles in the seamless organization of the event. The group head and dis-



tribut team emphasized the rigorous selection process that led to the recognition of educators from Chhattisgarh and other states. Over 700 nominations were received from across the nation, meticulously reviewed and shortlisted. The selection committee conducted interviews with the nominated teachers and verified their documents as evidence of their remarkable contributions.

Following rigorous scrutiny by the Higher Selection Committee and the district team, the final list of awardees for the National Innovative Education Ratna Award 2023 was unveiled, honoring teachers who have made exceptional contributions at the grassroots level.

## Successful seizure of illegally transported paddy

Central Chronicle News

**Khairagarh, Jan 31:** In a commendable effort to safeguard the region's agricultural resources, the administrative team, under the guidance of Collector Chandrakant Verma, has taken decisive action against illegal paddy transportation.

During an early morning inspection on Monday at the Salhewara-Rampur road, located near the interstate border, an administrative team intercepted a Mazda vehicle bearing registration number CG 08 AU 0531. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the vehicle was illegally transporting paddy. The team



seized a total of 200 bags of paddy, estimated to weigh 80 quintals.

The driver of the vehicle failed to produce any valid documents pertaining to the paddy being

transported. In response, the administrative investigation team invoked the Mandi Act and handed over the case to the Salhewara police station. This successful operation

was carried out with the active participation of Chhuikhadan SDM Renuka Ratre, Tehsildar Amardeep Anchal, and Food Inspector Garima Sori.

## Collector leads oath to fight drug addiction

Central Chronicle News

**Bijapur, Jan 31:** Collector Anurag Pandey took the lead in administering a solemn oath to all officers on January 30, marking Drug De-addiction Resolution Day. The officers, in a collective display of commitment, signed the resolution letter, pledging their dedication to transform Chhattisgarh into a developed state for the well-being of their families.

With an unwavering spirit of celebration, a resolute decision was made to disseminate awareness about the adverse effects of drug abuse across all sections of society. Additionally, officers pledged to personally reach



out to individuals grappling with drug addiction, motivating them to embark on a path of recovery.

The event witnessed the participation of key figures, including Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi, Incharge CEO District Panchayat Geet Kumar Sinha, District Education Officer Baliram Baghel, Assistant Commissioner Tribal KS Mashram, and senior officers from various departments. This united effort, involving SDMs, Deputy Collectors, Tehsildars, CEO Janpad Panchayat, and CMO of the urban body, underscores the collective commitment to combat drug addiction and build a brighter future for Chhattisgarh.

## DMF funds to be utilize for district development: Collector

### • Efforts to expedite pending projects in meeting

Central Chronicle News

**Korba, Jan 31:** A significant meeting of the management committee convened under the District Mineral Institute Trust, presided over by Collector Ajit Vasant, highlighted the importance of responsible utilization of funds allocated under the Mineral Development Fund (DMF).

The Collector stressed that DMF funds belong to the government and should be judiciously employed for the dis-

trict's development projects.

In the meeting, Collector emphasized the need for the concerned department to adhere to government regulations, ensuring both timely project completion and construction quality, as well as adhering to proper procurement procedures when utilizing DMF funds.

Comprehensive verification processes must be in place before final payments are made, and negligence in this regard will



not be tolerated, with appropriate action to be taken in accordance with government rules.

During the management committee meeting held at the Collectorate meeting room, the Collector reviewed vari-

ous agenda items and urged the expeditious completion of long-pending projects after fund approval.

He instructed that a list of pending projects be prepared, and government directives be strictly followed in their execution. Discussions also encompassed the allocation and payment status under the District Mineral Trust Institute, the progress of audits, and departmental proposals for the year 2023-24.

The Collector directed all departmental officers to adhere to government tender regulations for any work approved under DMF. Any deviation from the established rules or negligence would hold the respective officers accountable.

The meeting witnessed the participation of Managing Committee members, including DFO Arvind PM, Kumar Nishant, Corporation Commissioner Ms. Pratishta Mangai, District Panchayat CEO Sambit Mishra, Additional Collector Dinesh Kumar Nag, and various departmental officers and staff.

## Nagar Panchayat takes stand against illegal sand extraction



Central Chronicle News

**Dongargaon, Jan 31:** The unchecked and illegal extraction and sale of sand and minerals from the city and its vicinity have raised concerns within the community. However, a positive development emerged when the Nagar Panchayat team stepped in to address the issue and confiscated illegally dumped sand and excavation materials.

The incident involved the seizure of illegally dumped sand and excavation materials from

behind Mongra Colony. On January 29, the Nagar Panchayat took a strong stand against the illegal sand extraction, resulting in the confiscation of 7 trips of sand, 4 pieces of equipment known as "balli," and 8 iron ramps. The dedicated employees of the civic body played a crucial role in this operation. Nagar Panchayat President Heera Nishad, Councillor Satish Vaishnav, CMO D.S. Pal, Nagar Panchayat employees, and concerned citizens actively participated in the proceedings.

Notably, the seized materials were being illegally excavated from an area close to a riverbank, and the illegal activities took place during the night and early morning hours over the past few days. Information has also surfaced regarding a route from Shitala Mata temple in the city leading to the river, where unauthorized sand excavation is now occurring. Officers and employees are well aware of these activities; however, it is disheartening that they often compromise under the guise of taking action.

## BCCI secy Shah reappointed as ACC chairman for third successive term

New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI):

Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah was on Wednesday appointed as the president of the Asian Cricket Council for a third consecutive term.

Shah's extension was proposed by the Sri Lanka Cricket president Shammi Silva for the second time and the nomination was unanimously backed by all the members of the ACC at its annual general meeting in Bali.

Shah initially assumed the role in January 2021, succeeding Bangladesh Cricket Board President Nazmul Hassan.

Under Shah's leadership, the ACC successfully organised the Asia Cup in



T20 format in 2022 and in ODI format in 2023.

"I am grateful to the ACC Board for their continued trust. We must remain committed to ensuring the all-round development of the sport with a special focus on regions

where it is still in its infancy. The ACC is committed to nurturing cricket across Asia," Shah said in a release.

"Under Shah's guidance, the ACC has been instrumental in unearthing and promoting new talent in

cricketing powerhouses like Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka," Silva said.

Pankaj Khimji, chairman of Oman Cricket and vice-president of the ACC, also extended congratulations on Shah's term.

"Today, stakeholders see value in investing in tournaments that the ACC conducts, and I credit him for this major transformation, which will further fuel the growth of the game in the region," Khimji stated.

Welcoming the reappointment, Hassan said cricket in Asia will continue to prosper under Shah's leadership, emphasising collaboration with the ACC in furthering this endeavor.

## Srikanth moves to second round of Thailand Masters

Bangkok, Jan 31 (PTI):

Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth opened his campaign at the Thailand Masters badminton tournament with a straight game win over Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei here on Wednesday.

The former world number one toiled hard for 45 minutes to get the better of Wang 22-20 21-19 and enter the second round.

He will take on compatriot Mithun Manjunath who defeated Hong Kong's Jason Gunawan 21-17 21-8 in his first round men's singles match. Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian also started his campaign with a 21-14 21-17 straight game win over Leong Jun Hao of Malaysia. Sameer Verma



made a first round exit, going down to Hong Kong's Angus Ng Ka Long 14-21 18-21 while Kiran George retired after trailing 17-21 in his round of 32 match against China's Lei

Lan Xi. Malvika Bansod and Ashmita Chaliha cruised to the second round of the women's singles event. While Ashmita defeated Wong Ling Ching 21-10 21-16, Malivika got

the better of Peru's Ines Lucia Castillo Salazar 22-20 21-8. Malvika will next face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan, who knocked out India's Imad Farooqui Samiya 21-14 21-18.

## Ashwin retains No 1 spot, Bumrah moves to 4th in ICC Test rankings

Dubai, Jan 31 (PTI):

Senior India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin maintained the top spot, while compatriot Jasprit Bumrah jumped to fourth in the latest ICC Test bowling rankings released on Wednesday.

Ashwin, who had grabbed a match haul of six wickets in India's 28-run loss in the opening Test against England, is on 853 rating points, while pacer Bumrah, who also claimed half a dozen wickets, rose a rung to fourth.

The third Indian in the top 10 in the bowling charts is left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja at number six.

Jadeja also enjoys a healthy buffer at the head of the Test all-rounder



rankings. However, Joe Root, who has moved up to fourth place, might challenge him soon if the England veteran maintains his good show with the ball.

While Root is primarily known for his batting skills, the 33-year-old showcased his handy spin by taking five wickets in the Hyderabad Test. He

even opened the bowling for England in the second innings.

This effort has seen Root rise to a new career-high rating on the list for Test all-rounders and seen the evergreen England star jump one place to fourth.

Root is behind Ashwin and Shakib-Al-Hasan while Axar Patel has dropped a spot to sixth.

Virat Kohli has moved to sixth and is the lone Indian among the top 10 batters while Ollie Pope, who stunned India with a magnificent 196 in the second innings, jumped a mammoth 20 places to 15th. Pope's England teammate Ben Duckett also improved his ranking, gaining five places to 22nd after knocks of 35 and 47 against India.

## 'Bazball' comes naturally to us: Crawley

Visakhapatnam, Jan 31 (PTI):

England opener Zak Crawley on Wednesday said most of his teammates have become better players since embracing the ultra-aggressive 'Bazball' approach, which is way more compatible with their natural game than the traditional 'take-your-time' strategy.

England upstaged India by 28 runs in the opening Test in Hyderabad despite conceding a 190-run first innings lead, showcasing a fighting attitude that stunned the pre-series favourites. England are yet to lose a Test since pioneering 'Bazball' under their New Zealand coach Brendon McCullum.

"I suppose it ('Bazball') comes quite naturally as a lot of our teams are play-



ing more aggressively. The mindset when I first came to England was to back-light or take your time and build a long innings and I didn't think that came naturally to me and a few of the others," Crawley said in a press conference ahead of the second Test starting here on Friday.

"A lot of us play a bit better under this regime," he added.

In contrast, India were also battling a selection crisis in addition to finding answers to their poor performance in Hyderabad after all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and top-order batter KL Rahul were ruled out due to injuries.

The hosts are already without mainstay Virat Kohli, who has opted out of the first two Tests citing

personal reasons.

Asked what it would mean for the English team, Crawley said his team is more focussed on its performance and planning.

"...we haven't spoken about that. It sounds cliched but we stick to our own lead up ... we don't bother about what they are doing," Crawley said when asked if the absence of the duo is a boost for England.

"Two very good players missing out but I'm sure looking at their depth they have two very good players coming in. So, that won't change anything for us too much. We're just trying to play the same, read the conditions on day one and see what happens for there," he added.

India have drafted in

## Shami's absence won't increase Bumrah's workload: Irfan Pathan



New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI):

Jasprit Bumrah's workload might have increased in Mohammed Shami's absence but India's pace spearhead is in a much better shape right now in terms of fitness to handle the rigours of Test cricket, feels former all-rounder Irfan Pathan.

Bumrah, who had a lower back stress fracture in 2022, underwent a surgery in New Zealand and was out of competitive cricket for a period of 11

months. He returned during Ireland T20I series in August last year and has remained injury free since then.

But the absence of Shami, who is out with a left ankle injury since his stellar performance in last year's ODI World Cup, has definitely put extra pressure on Bumrah, who is leading India's attack against England in the ongoing five-match Test series.

"Obviously, Shami's absence does have an effect

but that does not mean chances of injury will increase for Bumrah. His action is absolutely perfect now," Pathan told PTI TV. Since his return Bumrah has increased his run-up by a step and also a bigger follow through which puts less load on the back because of his sling-ing action.

Pathan said there is definitely extra pressure on Bumrah in Shami's absence as the duo share a healthy bowling partnership.

"When there is pressure from both sides, whether it is Shami taking wickets from one side or Bumrah working quietly from one side..."

"Bumrah is taking wickets and Shami is working quietly, their partnership not only reduces the pressure on each other but also augurs well for the team," the cricketer-turned-commentator said.

## India wouldn't have lost Hyderabad Test if Kohli was captain: Vaughan

London, Jan 31 (PTI):

India wouldn't have lost the Hyderabad Test to England if Virat Kohli was their captain, according to former English skipper Michael Vaughan, who believes Rohit Sharma completely "switched off" during the game.

In a dominant position after taking a 190-run first innings lead, a Kohli-less India collapsed to a shocking 28-run defeat in spin-friendly conditions, handing England a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. It was India's first ever Test loss in Hyderabad.

Kohli missed the opening game and will also sit out the second Test in Visakhapatnam due to personal reasons.

"They missed Virat Kohli's captaincy massively in Test cricket. Under Virat's captaincy that week, India wouldn't have lost the game," Vaughan said on YouTube channel 'Club



Prairie Fire'. Vaughan was critical of Rohit's leadership during the game. "Rohit is a legend and a great player. But I felt he just switched off completely," Vaughan had also slammed Rohit for not being proactive during the series-opener last week.

"I thought Rohit Sharma's captaincy was very, very average. I thought he was so reactive, I don't think he maneuvered his field or was proactive with his bowling changes. And he didn't have any answer to Ollie Pope's sweeps or reverse sweeps," Vaughan had written in his column for 'The Telegraph'.

## Indian conditions up there with the hardest: Foakes

Visakhapatnam, Jan 31 (PTI):

England's Ben Foakes feels Indian wickets are among the hardest and require the wicketkeeper to "think on your feet".

Foakes, who made a Test comeback after 11 months, effected the stumpings of a well-set Ravichandran Ashwin and Mohammed Siraj in India's second innings that sealed their epic 28-run win in the opening Test of the five-match series.

He also scored 34 in a crucial 112-run partnership with the star of the match Ollie Pope (196) that gave England the decisive lead.

"In conditions like this, it's about trying to think on your feet and learn because it's not natural conditions (for me)," the 30-year-old was quoted as saying by 'ESPNcricinfo'.

"I've obviously kept away a lot and kept to spinners, but I find that Indian pitch-



es, with the variable bounce, are up there with the hardest. "The more extreme the conditions you know things are occasionally going to wrong so you just have to mentally strong enough to put it out of your mind," he added.

The 30-year-old is bracing up for extreme conditions in the rest of the series as well.

"There is a good chance the next one is going to be a tough one. "You're in the

game, so it's nice as a keeper. It's obviously a very hard place to keep, and you're aware of that. You're going to have some tough moments or a tough day. But you'd rather be in the game than watching the ball do nothing in front of you," he added.

In their tour of India in 2021, England had won the opening Test only to lose three in a row in the four-match series on rank-turners.

## Sarvanan qualifies for Paris Olympics in sailing

Adelaide, Jan 31 (PTI):

Asian Games bronze medallist Vishnu Sarvanan became the first Indian sailor to qualify for successive Olympics as he made the cut for the Paris Games at the World Championships here on Wednesday.

A Subedar from the Mumbai-based Army Yachting Node, the 24-year-old secured qualification for the upcoming Paris Games by finishing 26th out of 152 participants in ILCA-7 World Championship here. He thus becomes the first Indian sailor to make the cut for Paris 2024.



Vishnu secured the top rank among Asian countries, surpassing gold medallists from Singapore in the Asian Games and medallists from Hong Kong and Thailand in the Continental Qualifiers. Vishnu concluded the

competition with an overall score of 174. Following the standard rule, his least score of 49 in a race was subtracted, resulting in a net score of 125. Vishnu is the 2019 Under-21 World Championships bronze medallist.

## Aisam drops hints of playing singles against India on Saturday

Islamabad, Jan 31 (PTI):

Aisam ul-Qureshi, Pakistan's most successful tennis player, does not play singles on the ATP Tour, but when national duty demands it, he willingly takes up the responsibility, and the Indian team might have to contend with him on the opening day of the Davis Cup World Group I tie, starting Saturday.

The opening day of the tie will feature in two singles, and Aisam could play in one of those against either Ramkumar Ramanathan or N Sriram Balaji, who will most likely play on Saturday.

Aisam, 43, had even played against Indonesia in the home grass court tie

in September 2023. He also did the singles duty against Lithuania (2022), Japan (2021) and Slovenia (2020).

"I have always considered myself to play singles, but I don't do it every single time. I am preparing for everything, singles and doubles, and the same goes for everyone in the team. We will see. We have one more day of training," Aisam told PTI.

Aisam has 41-22 win-loss record in singles in 48 matches he has played in 44 nominations.

Former Davis Cup captain Hameed ul Haq also reckons that if Aisam and veteran Aqeel Khan play the singles, the tie won't be a lop-sided affair.

## Need to be patient with likes of Gill and Iyer: Vikram Rathour

Visakhapatnam, Jan 31 (PTI):

The likes of Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer deserve patience amid their current poor run, said India batting coach Vikram Rathour on Wednesday, urging his wards to tackle England's aggression with intelligence in the second Test here.

The Indians lost the opening Test in Hyderabad by 28 runs despite having a 190-run first innings lead. England managed to shock the home favourites with their 'Bazball' approach with Ollie Pope scoring a match-winning 196.

The second Test starts here on Friday. "There are



young batters in our team who have not played much Test cricket. So, we need to be a bit patient with them. Batters like (Shubman) Gill, (Yashasvi) Jaiswal and (Shreyas) Iyer will eventually start getting big runs, I'm sure of it," Rathour said at a press conference here. Although Jaiswal played a knock of 80 in the first innings of

his fifth Test, Gill and Iyer failed to fire, continuing their struggles in the format. While Gill has played 21 Tests, Iyer has appeared in 13 five-day games.

Gill hasn't scored a 50 in his last nine Test innings. Iyer has been similarly off-colour. Rathour said he expects better application from the side's batters in second Test where the home team will once again miss the services of the redoubtable Virat Kohli.

"There's a difference between playing with intent and playing attacking cricket. I want them to play with intent. If there is the opportunity to score some runs, they should take it," Rathour said.

## IT Rules On Fake News

## DISPLAY OF SKILLS

# Bombay HC's division bench delivers split verdict

Mumbai, Jan 31 (PTI):

A division bench of the Bombay High Court on Wednesday delivered a split verdict on a bunch of petitions challenging the amended Information Technology (IT) Rules dealing with fake news against the government on social media.

While Justice Gautam Patel agreed with the petitioners' contentions, Justice Neela Gokhale upheld the government's side.

"There is a disagreement between us. I have held for the petitioners and Justice Gokhale has held for the government. So now the matter will be

heard afresh by a third judge," Justice Patel said in the courtroom.

The matter would be placed before the Chief Justice of the HC who would assign it to a third judge.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta agreed to extend for ten days an earlier assurance given to the court that until the judgment was delivered, the government would not notify the Fact Checking Unit (FCU) to be set up under the amended IT Rules to identify and flag off fake, false, and misleading facts on social media. The bench accepted this statement.

Under the Rules, if the

FCU comes across or is informed about any posts that are fake, false or contain misleading facts pertaining to the business of the government, it would flag off the same to the social media intermediaries. Once such a post is flagged off, the intermediary has the option of either taking down the post or putting a disclaimer on the same. In taking the second option, the intermediary loses its safe harbour/immunity and stands liable for legal action.

Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra, the Editors Guild of India and the Association of Indian Magazines filed petitions against the Rules, terming

them arbitrary and unconstitutional and claiming that they would have a chilling effect on the fundamental rights of citizens.

The Centre, however, said it was not against any kind of opinion, criticism, satire or humour targeting the government, and the Rules were meant to only proscribe or prohibit peddling of fake, false and misleading facts on social media.

On April 6, 2023, the Union government promulgated certain amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.



Dog squad of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) display their skills during the inauguration of 'Interactive Museum Exhibits' at Shivaji Park Metro Station, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

# 'Vedanta Aluminium rated as world's most sustainable aluminium producer'

New Delhi, Jan 31:

Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, announces securing the top rank in the esteemed S&P Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings for the aluminium industry, for the assessment period 2023. This definitive benchmark reiterates Vedanta Aluminium's position as the world's most sustainable aluminium producer, outperforming its global peers on Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) practices.

The S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) is an annual evaluation of companies' sustainability

practices. It covers over 10,000 companies from around the world. The CSA focuses on sustainability criteria that are both industry-specific and financially material, and is considered the premier external sustainability assessment by leading companies. Previously, Vedanta Aluminium held the 2nd rank among aluminium industries globally as per the 2022 assessment. Over the past year, the company achieved a substantial increase across all assessed areas, namely, Environment, Social and Governance performance. This has culminated in an increase in its overall CSA assessment score, enabling the compa-

ny to secure the top rank in 2023. Leading companies across various industries undergo annual evaluations of their sustainability practices. Vedanta Aluminium scored high on the assessed criteria, especially on biodiversity, occupational health & safety, social impact, human rights, talent planning and water management practices.

Aluminium is playing an increasingly significant role in enabling sustainable applications and aiding entire economies in decarbonizing their value chains and enabling the global energy transition. Vedanta Aluminium has committed to achieve Net Zero by 2050, adopting a

two-fold strategy of reducing and offsetting its carbon footprint. In terms of reduction, the company is focused on increasing the quantum of renewables in its energy mix, enhancing its manufacturing excellence to ensure higher operational efficiencies, and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources such as biofuels. To offset its residual carbon footprint, the company is also creating substantial carbon sinks through extensive afforestation efforts. Through its operations, the company is enabling wider global access to responsibly produced, high-quality aluminium to ensure a greener future for the planet.

Research from various national and international organisations have discovered a new species of burrowing frog in Bengaluru. Named as 'Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu', this previously unknown species of frog has been thriving amidst the urban landscape of Bengaluru.

# New species of burrowing frog named 'Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu' discovered

● In Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Jan 31 (PTI):

Researchers from various national and international organisations have discovered a new species of burrowing frog in Bengaluru.

Named as 'Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu', this previously unknown species of frog has been thriving amidst the urban landscape of Bengaluru.

"The discovery marks a significant milestone in biodiversity research and underscores the resilience of wildlife in unexpected urban ecosystems," Chetan Nag K S, Associate Professor, Jain University said in a statement. The newly unearthed

amphibian exhibits distinctive characteristics that set it apart from known frog species, he said. Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu, meaning a genus of frog which welcomes rain, has been attributed to its behaviour of coming out of burrows during the early showers.

"Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu has adapted to its urban surroundings in surprising ways, displaying behaviours and physical attributes that enable it to navigate the challenges posed by urbanisation. The discovery emphasises the need for continued exploration of urban ecosystems and the preservation of biodiversity in areas heavily impacted by human activities," the statement

read. The lead researcher Deepak P stumbled upon the new frog species during a routine biodiversity survey conducted within Bengaluru city's urban environment. The team utilised advanced genetic analysis, morphological studies and bioacoustics to confirm the distinctiveness of this newly discovered amphibian.

Deepak has been quoted as saying, "This discovery challenges our preconceptions about where new species can be found. The fact that such a unique frog has been living right under our noses in the heart of Bengaluru city is truly remarkable."

The new species discovery is an outcome of multi-institutional collaborations like

Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru, Institute of Systematics, Evolution, Biodiversity (ISYEB), National Museum of Natural History, CNRS, Sorbonne University, Paris, France, Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Laboratory of Animal Behaviour and Conservation, College of Biology and the Environment, Nanjing Forestry University, Jiangsu, China and Genetics Research Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Yuvaraja College, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

# Tortured to accept Oppn link: Parl accused to court

New Delhi, Jan 31 (PTI):

Five of the six people arrested in the Parliament security breach case on Wednesday told a court that they were allegedly being tortured by Delhi Police to accept their association with opposition parties.

The submission was made before Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur, who extended the judicial custody of all the six accused till March 1.

Five of the accused -- Manoranjan D, Sagar Sharma, Lalit Jha, Amol Shinde and Mahesh Kumawat -- told the court that they were forced to sign about 70-odd blank papers.

"Accused persons were tortured/given electric shocks to sign and confess (to) the commission of crime under the UAPA and their association with

national political parties," they told the court.

The court sought a reply from police in the matter and fixed February 17 for hearing the application.

The sixth accused in the case is Neelam Azad.

In a major security breach on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament terror attack, Sagar Sharma and Manoranjan D jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery during Zero Hour on December 13 last year, released yellow gas from canisters and shouted slogans before they were overpowered by some MPs.

Around the same time, two other accused -- Amol Shinde and Neelam Azad -- sprayed coloured gas from canisters while shouting "tanashahi nahi chalegi" outside the Parliament premises.

## INT'L BOOK FAIR



Visitors at a stall during the last day of the 47th International Kolkata Book Fair, in Kolkata, Wednesday.

# Odisha's Sunapur gets Blue Flag certification for 2023-24

Berhampur (Odisha), Jan 31 (PTI): The Sunapur beach in Odisha's Ganjam district has achieved the prestigious Blue Flag certification for 2023-24 from the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE), Denmark, a nonprofit international agency. This recognition makes Sunapur the second Blue Flag beach in Odisha, following Puri, which received the status in October 2020.

The Blue Flag designation signifies an eco-tourism model aimed at providing beachgoers with clean and hygienic bathing facilities, a safe environment, and sustainable development practices. Awarded to coastal communities worldwide, the Blue Flag designation aligns with the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation, responsible tourism practices, and the promotion of clean and safe beach environments.

This acknowledgment underscores the efforts of coastal areas to uphold stringent environmental standards and contribute to the broader goals of sustainability and environmental protection.

Acknowledging this achievement, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik highlighted the significance of this globally recognised eco-label in promoting cleanliness and tourist-friendly amenities, thereby enhancing tourism in the region.

"Glad to share that

#Sunapur Beach in #Ganjam, one of the picturesque beaches of #Odisha has received the prestigious #Blue Flag certification from @FEEInt.

This globally recognized eco-label, by ensuring stringent environmental standards, cleanliness, and tourist-friendly amenities will further boost tourism#OdishaLeads" wrote Patnaik on X on Monday.

Situated at the confluence of the Bahuda River and the Bay of Bengal, approximately 30km from Berhampur, Sunapur Beach exemplifies both natural beauty and sustainable coastal tourism practices.

Covering an area of 800 metres, Sunapur Blue Flag Beach offers various

facilities, including specially designed wheelchairs for differently abled individuals, zero liquid waste discharge, lifeguard towers, trained paramedic staff, and CCTV and solar lighting systems.

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Due to change in season the Problems related to Vat - Rog increase. In such times Baidyanath Maharasnadi Kadha (Guggulu Yukta) is useful.

Helps to relieve pain, swelling, stiffness related to joints.

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An authentic herbal remedy with Chirayata

**Mahasudarshan Kadha**

Beneficial for problems faced during weather change like Cramps in arms and legs, bitter taste in mouth, loss of appetite, headache, excessive thirst, redness of eyes, body pain etc.

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