

Flyover construction on NH to be completed by Mar 31

Bhilai, Feb 14:

Four flyovers are being constructed on the Durg - Raipur National Highway. Kumhari, Transport Nagar, Power House and Chandra Maurya Supela flyover work is in progress at a cost of Rs 349.03 crore. Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary inspected the flyover construction work with NH officials. She directed the officials to complete the remaining construction work of the flyover soon. Officials informed that the flyover work in Kumhari towards Durg has been completed. Traffic has temporarily started on the left carriageway. Similarly, the work of bow-stream and



slope from Durg towards Raipur and the rectification work of bow-stream on the right side are likely to be completed by March. Finishing work is in progress. The remaining work of this flyover, drain work on 1050 meter length on both sides has not started. Work is in progress on 1050 meter length on both sides of the service road and bridge load test and finishing work on the bow-stream slab has not started. Approach work in Transport Nagar flyover, complete finishing and bridge load test work is in progress. The remaining work of the said over-bridge, drain work and service road work of 400 meters length on both sides is in progress. Work on

Power House flyover is complete and traffic movement has started temporarily. Its remaining work, drain work and service road work of 1660 meter length on both sides is in progress. Similarly, after the completion of work on Chandra Maurya to Supela flyover, traffic movement has started temporarily. Its remaining work of 1990 meters on both sides, drain work and service road work is in progress. Officials said that the entire work of the flyover will be completed by March 31, 2024. On this occasion, Executive Engineer of National Highway BS Rao, Project Manager P Parthi, BK Shah and other officials were present.

Trainee officers from other states visit Patan

Bhilai, Feb 14:

A team of officers from different states of the country undergoing training related to MGNREGA visited Patan block of Durg district on a study tour on Wednesday. This team of officers associated with MGNREGA included officers from six states, who are currently serving as trainees. During the visit, they oversaw the water treatment plant in village Patana. Detailed information about this project was given to them.

All the team members reached village Chhata of Patan block. In village Chhata, information was given about how farmers are saving rain water and using it in their farming. The work of the drain dam



and stop dam done under MGNREGA was shown to them. MGNREGA Project Officer, Block Program Coordinator, Dalim Lata and RES SDO RS Gaur gave detailed information to the entire team. Along with technical information, they also gave information about the work done in the field and how farmers have

benefited from it. He said that this project has increased the irrigation capacity for about 265 acres and the water source has also improved. After reaching village Patana, they saw the work of a water treatment plant. The water treatment plant here has also been honoured by the Central Government.

On this occasion, a large number of Patan block officials and MGNREGA employees were present. Trainee officers from many states across India including Mizoram, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and Chhattisgarh participated in this trip.

SSV celebrates Basant Panchami

Bhilai, Feb 14:

Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sec-X celebrated Basant Panchami on 14th February, 2024 with great religious zeal. The Sankara family worshipped Goddess Saraswati, by performing puja in the school temple. The atmosphere was filled with an aura of religious fervour by worshipping Goddess Saraswati. It is believed that without her blessings, the world would be shrouded in ignorance, as she represents enlightenment and is also considered the deity of knowledge, wisdom, music, and performing arts. Saraswati Vandana was sung by Vandana Mishra, Devyani Vyas, Doman



Verma, Rupali Sakhre with a group of teachers. V Ramachandran (President- SSES) expressed his views and gave best wishes for Basant Panchami. Principal Bipin Deshmukh, S Swaminathan (Secretary

Homeopathy can do miracles in genetic disorders : Dr Wankhede

Bhilai, Feb 14:

Under the aegis of Sanjeevani Arogya Vahini Welfare Society, a homeopathic seminar was organized at a hotel in Nehru Nagar on Sunday, Bhilai. Homeopathic doctors from different cities including Bhilai, Korba, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Dhamtari and Sakoli attended the seminar. Famous homeopath Dr Sahdev Wankhede from Akola, Maharashtra was the keynote speaker in the seminar. Dr Wankhede remembered the fathers of homeopathy, Dr Heinemann and Dr Prafulla Vijaykar. He lit the lamp and garlanded their portraits before starting his presentation.



The topic of the seminar was Miracles of Homeopathy on which Dr Sahdev Wankhede gave a demonstration on the treatment of genetic disorders and auto-immune related diseases through predictive homeopathy, which included Lichen Planus, Schizophrenia, Brain Haemorrhage, Rheumatic Arthritis with Hard Disease, Acute Renal Failure and Neck Tumour.

He described in detail the treatment of homeopathy on various diseases. In the seminar, Durg MLA Lalit Chandrakar was present as the chief guest. Special guest was senior homeopathic doctor of the state and former Principal of Raipur Homeopathic College, Dr Satyajit Thakur. Principal Dr Dilip Pimple, Vice Principal Dr Nirmal Bhoi, Dr Uttam Chawla, Industrialist

Umesh Chitlangya (social worker), District Judge Qureshi, social worker Manoj Thackeray, social worker Neeta Chaurasia, BJP district in-charge Dr Sunil Sahu and were present as special guests.

President of Sanjeevani Arogya Vahini, Dr Laxprad raised a demand of establishing a Government Homeopathic Medical College in Durg Bhilai area. He emphasised on the need of opening Government Homeopathic Dispensaries in the state. He urged the government to pay maximum attention to the development of Homeopathy. MLA Lalit Chandrakar assured that he will initiate to fulfil the demands and discuss the issues with the Health Minister and con-

cerned officials. Special Guest Umesh Chitlangya appreciated the organisers and said that homeopathy is an easy and simple method of treatment.

Dr Laxprad presided over the programme. Dr Subhash Rajpal and Dr Mansa Dwivedi completed the program. Dr Ranu, Dr Sarvashree, Dr Leena Vora, Dr Dilip Dewangan, Dr Ajay Devgan, Dr Rakesh Rathore, Dr Anuradha, Dr Nirmala Gupta and Dr Anjali played a vital role in making the program successful. Dr Narendra Saini, Dr Rajesh Soni, Dr Chandan Agrawal, Dr Badri Prasad, Dr Santosh Sahu, Khedu Das and students of Homeopathy Medical College attended the seminar.

DAV IPS organises health camp

Bhilai, Feb 14:

DAV Ispat Public School organized a health camp for its students from classes Nursery to XII. This health camp was divided in two slots for effective and smooth management for its students. The first phase was held on 09 January 2023. The school had invited an Ophthalmologist Dr Pratik Jain and a Dentist Dr Durgesh Soni. The students underwent a thorough and detailed check up of their height, weight, body mass index and oral hygiene. The team of doctors handled the students very gently dealing with them with the utmost care and affection. The observation of the doctors was mentioned by them in the health cards of each and every student which was provided by the school.



On 24 January 2024. The school maintains a health card for its students right from the time of the admission of the child. The card reflects a detailed and brief summary of his/ her vision and oral condition with suitable remarks by the experts if any needed for further check up and follow up. The details of the observation as found by the Doctors were mentioned in written in the health cards of the students duly signed by them.

The main motto of the school in organising such health check ups every year is to make the students aware of their physical health and to try to stay healthy by following a good food habit. Such health camps also ensure the well being of each and every child and in case any is not well (if observed) they can go for further check up to the specialists. The children, through such yearly check ups, come to know about their own physical

health and well being and in a way are motivated towards following a regular check up in all the other fields of health.

Principal Priyanka Shukla, expressed her gratitude towards the team of Doctors who had consented for a visit to the school with the purpose of a free check up of the students. The Doctors stated that it was very nice of the school to organise every year such free health camps for the students.

Book Fair at St Thomas College



Bhilai, Feb 14: St Thomas College, Bhilai has conducted a Book Fair on 9th February at the college campus. The event featured a diverse range of students academic, reference books and various literary works by renowned authors. The Fair was hosted by Central Book House, Raipur and Bhagwati Bhawani Book Depot, Durg. Staff and students had the opportunity to explore various genres and love reading books. The College administrator Rev Fr Joshi Verghese and Principal Dr MG Roymon supported the event.

SP#3 crosses 20,000 T mark in daily production

Bhilai, Feb 14:

Maintaining its upward trend in production, Bhilai Steel Plant's Sinter Plant 3 that produces sinter for the blast furnaces of the Plant has crossed the 20,000 Tonnes production figure on 13th Feb 2024. Highest ever production of 20,025 Tonnes was recorded by Sinter Plant 3 on 13th Feb 2024, surpassing the previous best figure of 19,960 T recorded on 5th Jan 24.

On 13th Feb 2024, best ever A Shift production of 6680 T and best ever C Shift production of 6640 T was recorded in SP 3. AK Dutta, CGM (Sinter Plants) thanked all associated shops and departments for their support that enabled SP 3 to achieve this milestone production on 13th Feb 24.



Director In-charge Bhilai Steel Plant, Anirban Dasgupta, Executive Director (Works) Anjani Kumar congratulated the entire Team of SP 3 and all associated shops and departments for crossing the 20,000 T milestone in daily production, urging them to maintain the upward trend. Senior officers of the plant also congratulated the leadership and collective of SP 3.

It is worth mentioning that best ever production of 4.88 Million Tonnes (MT) has been recorded by SP 3 during the April to

January ten month period of current fiscal, surpassing the previous best of 4.43 MT recorded in corresponding period of last fiscal year 2022-23. This enabled the plant to achieve highest ever sinter production of 7.21 MT from both SP 2 and SP 3 for the April to January period of current fiscal year, surpassing previous best of 6.62 MT in corresponding period of last fiscal year 2022-23. SP 3 also achieved its best ever monthly production of 5,38,154 T in the month of Jan 24, surpassing the previous best of 5,38,095 recorded in March 23.

JLNH & RC Doctors win laurels at All India Steel Medical Officers' Conference

Bhilai, Feb 14:

The 43rd All India Steel Medical Officers Conference-2024 was held recently in Tata Main Hospital, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. As many as 500 delegates from around the country, including renowned speakers, had gathered on this occasion. Chanakya Choudhary, Vice President (Corporate Services) Tata Steel inaugurated the Conference.

12 Doctors from the Medical and Health Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant took part in the five-day Conference, along with seven other Steel Plant Hospitals. There were seven categories of competitive papers in the Conference, including Long Paper, Short Paper, OHS Paper, TQM Paper, MBBS Poster, and PG Posters, along with

Debate, Symposium, and Panel Discussion.

Chanakya Choudhary, in his address, appreciated the Doctors' role in providing quality healthcare to Steel Employees and stated that such conferences shall aid the Medical Fraternity to keep pace with the advancements in medical science, and by staying informed the Medical Professionals shall contribute to creating a sustainable healthcare system.

In his Welcome Address, Air Vice Marshal (Dr) Sudhir Rai, GM (Medical Services-Tata), welcomed the delegates and stated that I hope all the doctors will strive towards fostering a harmonious balance between the well-being of our workforce, the community at large and the environment, in line with the theme of the conference.

Participating in the debate, Dr Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS-BSP) made an impactful presentation at the conference on the topic 'Pharmaceuticals- a Boon or Bane'. Dr Pramod Binayake, CMO (M&HS-BSP) shared his insights in the panel discussion titled 'Sustainable Health for Steel Employees', and elucidated various aspects of life style diseases among Steel Employees and steps to be undertaken to overcome the morbidity associated with it, to sustain a healthy steel industry. Dr Pratiba Issar, ACMO (M&HS-BSP), and HoD of Radiology, took part in the panel discussion as an expert of Radio-diagnosis and gave insights on the topic 'Breast Cancer - Diagnostic Modalities and Treatment'. Dr Subodh Saha, ACMO (M&HS-BSP)



effectively co-ordinated the team's participation at AISMOC and also chaired a talk on 'Abnormal Bleeding - Who, Why, Where and When' by Dr Sukesh Nair. Dr Gurmeet Singh, Senior Consultant (M&HS-BSP)'s talk on 'Artificial Intelligence and its impact on the future Healthcare' was appreciated at the conference. Dr Mala Choudhary,

Senior Consultant (M&HS-BSP) presented a Research Paper titled, "Occupational Heat Stress - An invisible threat impacting steel workers" and bagged the first prize in the OHS category. Dr Anirudh Mene, Deputy CMO (M&HS-BSP) presented his work titled "Improving waiting time for dressing at Burn Unit- A 6 sigma approach" in the

TQM category and bagged the second prize, while Dr Manish Dewangan, Chief Consultant (M&HS-BSP) presented a Scientific Research Work of Department of Surgery on Laparoscopic Surgery of Inguinal Hernia and was awarded the third prize in the Long Paper award category. Dr Amit Agrawal presented the experience of the Department of Anaesthesia on the topic, Surgical Management of Fracture Clavicle using the Clavicle Fascia Plane Block and was awarded Third Prize in the Short Paper Category.

Dr Vidhan Sarkar, Senior Medical Officer (M&HS-BSP) gave a presentation on the outcome of Nutritional Support provided to Tuberculosis Patients under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Programme, Dr Palash Tewari, ACMO

(M&HS-BSP)'s MBBS poster on 'Interesting Cases Presenting As Metastasis in Oral Cavity', and Dr Santosh Nashine, Dy. CMO (M&HS-BSP)'s, presentation on the 'Determination of Pulmonary Hypertension in Patients with End Stage Renal Disease' in the PG poster category was highly appreciated.

Various HoDs of Medical Departments debated on various issues in the Medical field, at the unique PRO-CON Debate session organised under the All India Steel Medical Officers' Conference-2024. The Conference provided an enriching academic experience through talks from eminent faculties from across the country. The Steel Oration address by Air Marshal (Dr) Rajan Choudhary titled "The COVID Story" and Keynote Address by Air Marshall

(Dr) Pawan Kapoor on 'Sustainability in Healthcare through Quality Intervention' were appreciated by the delegates. Various cultural events were also held during the five-day Conference.

Dr Minakshi Mishra, Organizing Secretary AISMOC-2024 in Vote of thanks appreciated the Doctors' team from Bhilai Steel Plant for setting a benchmark and re-activating the AISMOC post COVID. She also thanked BSP's Medical and Health Services Collective for guiding the Tata Team in organizing this year's All India Steel Medical Officers' Conference. The Conference concluded with a resolve to follow up on the sustainability theme, quality and OHS initiatives and with a forthcoming AISMOC plan tentatively at IGH Rourkela in 2025.

CM to visit Ramlala along with entire cabinet

In March after assembly session; flags off 'Aastha' train with 1344 pilgrims



Ramlala. "On February 14, 1889, the first passenger train from Raipur to Bilaspur departed on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchmi. In an auspicious coincidence, 1,344 devotees departed to Ayodhya for the darshan of Lord Ram Lalla on the same occasion on Wednesday," the chief minister said.

As soon as Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai flagged off the Aastha train going towards Ayodhya Dham at Raipur

Railway Station. The whole atmosphere echoed with the chants of Jai Shri Ram. This echo continued till the last bogie of the train departed. 1344 Ram devotees left for Ayodhya Dham for the darshan of Ram Lala through this train.

People were so excited on the occasion that it was difficult for them to express it in words. He said that building a grand temple in Ayodhya Dham was the dream of all of us. PM Modi completed it. Also, it

was the dream of all of us to have darshan of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya Dham, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai today fulfilled the dreams of the people. Shri Ram is our nephew, hence we have love and affection for him, said CM

Bhagwat Nirmalkar, a traveler going from Tilda Nevra to Ayodhya Dham, said that we are going to Ayodhya Dham from Mata Kaushalya's place. Ramlala is our nephew, hence we also have affectionate feelings towards him.

On this occasion, MP Sunil Soni, MLA Dharamlal Kaushik, Rajesh Munat, Khushwant Saheb, Anuj Sharma and other public representatives were present. Also IG Amresh Mishra, Commissioner Public Relations Mayank Srivastava, Collector Gaurav Singh, SP Santosh Singh and other officers were present.

Govt to close down Rajiv Mitran Clubs: Verma

• BJP members question the significance of Club

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 14: Chhattisgarh Government would close down the Rajiv Mitran Club scheme launched by the erstwhile Congress government. Announcing this in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly during the Question Hour, the Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare Tankram Verma said that the state government would also probe into the expenditure incurred during the previous regime.

Minister Verma made



the above statement while replying to a question raised by the Congress MLA Savitri Manoj Mandavi. Minister informed that nearly one lakh Rajiv Mitran Club was formed by Congress government through which various sports events including training programme and Ramayan Mahotav were organized.

He further informed that Budgetary provision of nearly Rs 132 crore was made for the Mitran Club and added that nearly Rs 40 crore is remaining.

Ruling BJP Members Ajay Chandrakar, Dharmjeet Singh and Rajesh Munat questioned the significance of formation of Rajiv Mitran Club and also sought in-

vestigation into the working of the Clubs.

Rajesh Munat from Raipur West alleged that Youth Congress workers resorted to political use of the funds through the Mitran Club which was strongly opposed by Savitri Mandavi, Sangeeta Sinha and Kunwar Singh Nishad claiming that Club helped in the encouragement of local and traditional sports.

Munat reiterated demand for the closure of Mitran Club. In his reply, the Sports Minister Tankram Verma said that Rajiv Mitran Clubs would be closed down and the investigation would be carried out on all the expenditure done.

BJP MLA alleges embezzlement of cash from liquor shops

Alleges that there is no checking of records of daily sales and deposit made in treasury

Demands action against those involved

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 14: BJP MLA Dharmjeet Singh said that there are 700 IMFL and country liquor shops operational in the state and the employees from the placement agencies are employed in it. Though security guards have been deployed for safety in these shops, but due to lack of monitoring by the departmental officers, the agencies are dictating their own terms.



posing and showing expenditure on their own.

Citing an incident of theft of cash of more than Rs 25 lakh from liquor shops of Kanker, Surajpur and Dantewada on 31/12/2023, Singh said that the reality is such that there is no confirmation of the fact, as to whether the daily amount of sales made is deposited in the treasury or not and no responsible is paying any attention towards it. It is only in the name of surprise inspection that hefty amount is being recovered from each shop.

MLA Dharmjeet Singh charged that the irregularities in cash transactions in the IMFL and country liquor shops all over the state is going on since 2019 and not only officers, but even the placement agencies are

taking the Excise department for a ride. It was during the winter session of VS from Nov 25 to Dec 6, 2019, a case was unearthed on Nov 26 in Vidhan Sabha that a total of Rs 2856 cr worth of amount has not been deposited in the treasury and it was shown as one for miscellaneous expenditure and for payment of those working for Placement Agency. This is sheer violation of government rules and part of economic embezzlement of funds and crime as well. Since no accountability was fixed for this, therefore the Placement Agency and officers are openly running the liquor shops as per their dictats and this in turn is posing huge revenue loss and scam worth crore, with no action on the accused.

BJP's Devendra Pratap files nomination for Rajya Sabha



Raipur, Feb 14: The Bharatiya Janata Party's Devendra Pratap Singh on Wednesday filed nomination papers for the only Rajya Sabha seat from Chhattisgarh for which election will be held on February 27.

The ruling party chose Singh as its candidate in place of its incumbent Rajya Sabha member from the state, Saroj Pandey.

He submitted his papers to assembly secretary and

election officer Dinesh Sharma in the afternoon.

Singh was accompanied by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, other ministers and Saroj Pandey as he reached the Vidhan Sabha complex.

Formal announcement of his nomination would be on February 20 as he is the only person to file nomination.

Earlier, he reached Assembly premises from the State BJP office situat-

ed at Kushabhau Thakre premises during which the party workers congratulated him over his nomination.

Devendra Pratap Singh is a scion of the erstwhile Gond tribal royal family and an active member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. His great grandfather Raja Chakradhar Singh was famous as a patron of classical dance and music.

Singh is at present a member of the Zila Panchayat of Lailunga in Raigarh district. He is also a member of the Railway Hindi Advisory Committee.

Of the five Rajya Sabha members from Chhattisgarh, BJP MP Pandey's term is set to expire. The other four MPs are KTS Tuli, Phulodevi Netam, Ranjeet Rajan and Rajiv Shukla, all from the Congress.

In the 90-member Chhattisgarh assembly, the ruling BJP has 54 MLAs while the Congress has 35. The Gondwana Gantantra Party has one member.

Chhattisgarh Vyapam releases exam calendar

Raipur, Feb 14: Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board has issued notifications for entrance examinations. Dates have been fixed for 11 entrance examinations. The first entrance exam will be held on May 30th in the morning for Pre-MCA and Post Basic Nursing.

The examination for MSc Nursing will be held on May 30th in the evening whereas the entrance examination of Pre-B.Ed and D.El.Ed will be conducted in different shifts on June 2. PET exam will be held on June 6, PPHT exam on June 6, B.Sc. Nursing on June 13, Pre-BA B.Ed., B.Sc. B.Ed. exam on June 13, PAT, PVPT exam on June 16 and PPT exam will be held on June 23. The entrance examination will start from May 30th and continue till June 23rd. More than three lakh candidates appear for the entrance examinations. The examination will be held in two shifts, but the time has not been decided yet. The date of the application process has also not been decided yet, which will be announced later. Right now only the date of entrance examination has been decided. For more information, students can visit Vyapam's website vyapam.cgstate.gov.in.

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BJD backs Vaishnav in RS polls; no tieup, says BJP

Bhubaneswar, Feb 14 (PTI):

The ruling BJD in Odisha on Wednesday announced that it will support BJP's Ashwini Vaishnav in the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections in the state. Earlier in the day, the candidature of Union minister Vaishnav was announced by the BJP. Soon after the development, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, in a statement said, the BJD supports Vaishnav's candidature for the "larger interest of the state's railways and telecom development".

state's railways and telecom development in the ensuing election to Rajya Sabha-2024," Patnaik said in the statement. Vaishnav was elected to the Upper House of Parliament with the BJD's support in 2019. The Congress lambasted both BJP and BJD, alleging that "they are together and betraying the people of Odisha." He arrived at Biju Patnaik International Airport here on Wednesday. Speaking to PTI, he said, "I am a disciplined worker of the BJP. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the party leadership and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving me an opportunity to serve once again." The BJP, however, said it

has not sought BJD's support for Vaishnav. Speaking to media persons here, Odisha BJP president Manmohan Samal said, "Our candidate Ashwini Vaishnav will file his nomination papers tomorrow for the RS elections. We have sufficient numbers and will win the polls in the prevailing political scenario in Odisha." He also claimed that the "BJP has not sought support from anybody". "In politics, if somebody extends support, why shall we refuse? The BJP will fight and if anyone wants to contest, one can file a nomination," Samal said. He, however, asserted that there will be no alliance between the BJD and the BJP and said his

party will fight the upcoming state elections and Lok Sabha polls alone in Odisha. AICC in-charge of Odisha, Ajoy Kumar, and state Congress president Sarat Pattanayak strongly criticised the BJP and the BJD over the ruling party's support to Vaishnav. In a post on X, Kumar said, "BJP-BJD bonhomie! The tactical larger plan of the two erstwhile married alliance is on the move! BJD always backed BJP. Now the Odias understand why CBI-ED never conducted a raid on the CM and his close aide Mr Pandian even though the state witnessed massive scams." The Congress leader recalled the train accident in Balasore in June last year while attacking the BJD.

FOOT MARCH



RSS volunteers take part in a 'Path Sanchalan' on the foundation day of Banaras Hindu University and 'Basant Panchami', in Varanasi, Wednesday.

Darul Uloom Deoband bars politicians until LS polls

Saharanpur (UP), Feb 14 (PTI): Darul Uloom, an Islamic educational institution located in Deoband, announced on Wednesday that its 'Ulemas' will not meet with leaders of political parties or click photographs with them until the Lok Sabha elections. Ashraf Usmani, a spokesperson of Darul Uloom Deoband, described the step as being taken under the direction of the institution's 'Mohtamim' (head) Abul Qasim Nomani. Usmani told PTI that crores of people in the country follow the decisions of Deoband Darul Uloom. At the time of elections, many political leaders often turn to Darul Uloom, take photos with the Ulemas and share them on social media to woo voters.

CBSE issues advisory for students appearing in board exams

In view of traffic restrictions in Delhi

New Delhi, Feb 14 (PTI):

The CBSE issued an advisory on Wednesday for the students appearing in the board exams in view of the traffic restrictions imposed in Delhi, advising them to leave their homes early to arrive at the examination centres in time. Traffic restrictions are currently in place in the national capital in view of the farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' march. The board exams for Classes 10 and 12 will commence from Thursday.

More than 39 lakh students will appear in the exams this year from India and 26 other countries. In Delhi, more than 5.8 lakh students will take the exams at 877 centres. "As the examination starts at 10.30 am, hence, all the students have been directed to reach their examination centres on or before 10 am," the advisory read. It cited the current situation in Delhi and said it is expected that there will be traffic issues that might cause a delay in reaching the examina-

tion centres. "Hence, all the students are advised to leave their homes early so that they can reach well on time as per instructions issued by the CBSE. It is advisable to use metro services to reach the examination centres which are playing smoothly," it read. The advisory also requested all the students of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) across India and other countries to plan their journeys to reach the examination centres on or before 10 am, looking into the local conditions, traffic, weather conditions, distance etc., as the students will be allowed to enter the centres only up to 10 am and thereafter. "All schools are requested to help and guide the parents and students. Students are once again advised to visit their examination centres in advance and make a plan for their travel so that they can arrive before or on time on all examination days," it added.

Dalit seer, farmer leader among BJP's four RS poll candidates from MP

Cong fields local functionary

Bhopal, Feb 14 (PTI):

The BJP on Wednesday nominated four candidates, including a Dalit seer and a farmer leader, while the Congress fielded its local functionary for the upcoming elections to five Rajya Sabha seats from Madhya Pradesh. All the candidates are likely to get elected unopposed. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) nominated the party's Tamil Nadu leader and Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan for the Upper House of Parliament from Madhya Pradesh. Apart from him, the saffron party also fielded Dalit seer Umesh Nath Maharaj, backward class woman leader Maya Naroliya and farmer leader Banshilal Gurjar.

The Congress nominated its state party unit treasurer Ashok Singh. A total of five seats are falling vacant in the state and as per the numerical strength, the BJP is set to win four and the Congress one. The elections are scheduled to be held on February 27. Umesh Nath Maharaj is the Peethadheshwar of the Shri Kshetra Valmiki Dham Ashram in Ujjain. He belongs to the Scheduled Caste (SC) cate-

gory. During the last Simhastha (Kumbh) mela held in 2016, Union Home Minister Amit Shah not only took a holy dip with Umesh Nath Maharaj and his fellow seers on the Valmiki Ghat in the Ujjain district, but also ate food with them, sources in the Dham said. "I lead a normal life and I have taken it in a normal manner. Saint life is first and foremost for me. That's why everybody, the entire nation and Avantika (Ujjain) is happy about it," Maharaj said. He described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a man of high thinking, who takes everyone along. "Everybody asks the meaning of 'taking everyone along', but there is no need to express it in words," he said. Party's another candidate, farmer leader Banshilal Gurjar from Mandasaur said, "The party has given such a big honour to a farmer leader like me. I am grateful for it. I have worked for the cultivators all my life and will continue to do so for their welfare."

'PM criticised MGNREGA before Covid, realised its importance after pandemic'

Garhwa (Jharkhand), Feb 14 (PTI):

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh remarked on Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticised the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) before the Covid-19 pandemic but recognised its importance later. Ramesh made these comments while interacting with MGNREGA workers at Ranka block in Jharkhand's Garhwa district. He highlighted that the PM had strongly criticised MGNREGA before the pandemic, but later realised its

significance as a crucial tool for providing employment opportunities. "Prime Minister had strongly criticised MGNREGA before Covid pandemic. But, after the pandemic, he realised that there is no alternative to MGNREGA in the hands of the government to provide jobs," he said. Ramesh was accompanied by Jharkhand Congress president Rajesh Thakur, Jharkhand in-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir, NSUI national in-charge Kanhiya Kumar, and several other leaders during the interaction.



Jairam Ramesh

Though Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was scheduled to participate in the programme as part of the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, the second leg of his yatra in the

Palamu region was cancelled. Ramesh emphasised that MGNREGA was passed by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in 2005 when Manmohan Singh was Prime Minister and Sonia Gandhi was chairman of the national advisory council. He outlined the three objectives of the scheme, including securing jobs for jobless families, ensuring wages credited to workers' bank accounts within 15 days, and strengthening public properties in every block and district. Ramesh acknowledged

the role of Belgian-born Indian welfare economist Jean Dreze in conceptualising MGNREGA, who was also present during the programme. NSUI national in-charge Kanhiya Kumar highlighted two major issues identified during the public hearing. "Workers want the guarantee that the scheme will be implemented properly and they will get the wages on time. A Jharkhand minister said they do not receive the state's share against the scheme from the Centre on time and the state government has to give wages from its other funds.

At 71.09 lakh, Delhi Metro records highest-ever daily ridership on Feb 13

New Delhi, Feb 14 (PTI):

The Delhi Metro on February 13 registered the highest-ever count of daily passenger journeys at 71.09 lakh, a record achieved on a day when huge traffic jams were reported in the NCR amid heavy security arrangements in view of a farmers' march to the national capital. The urban transporter shared the data in a post on X on Wednesday, saying it has surpassed its previous milestone accomplished last September.

through other gates. The figures on February 12 stood at 70.87 lakh which rose to 71.09 lakh on February 13, officials said. Journey or line utilisation is calculated by the number of corridors passengers use to reach their destinations. On weekdays, the average count of daily passenger journeys in Delhi Metro stands at around 65 lakh, a senior official said.

The count of daily passenger journeys in Delhi Metro had stood at 71.03 lakh on September 4 and 69.94 lakh on August 29 and 2023 around Raksha Bandhan festival. On Tuesday, the Delhi Metro had regulated passengers' entry and exit at nine stations by shutting some gates for several hours in view of the farmers' march towards Delhi. The commuters were allowed to enter or exit these stations

Advertisement for Punjab National Bank featuring a demand notice for a borrower named Mr. Rahmat Ali, CO Borrower - Mr. Faiyaz Hashmi, regarding a residential house situated at Deen Dayalawas Yojana in Chhattisgarh. The notice details the amount outstanding and the steps being taken for enforcement.

Advertisement for C.G. Rajya Sahakari Bank Mydt. (APEX BANK) featuring a possession notice for a borrower named Smt. G. Jyoti, wife of Shri Gundbala Krishnamurti, regarding a property in Raipur. The notice includes details of the property and the borrower's obligations.

Advertisement for State Bank of India featuring a possession notice for a borrower named Mr. Sanjay Poragade, regarding a property in Raipur. The notice details the amount outstanding and the steps being taken for enforcement.

Advertisement for Grihum Housing Finance Limited featuring a possession notice for a borrower named Kamla Pandey, regarding a property in Raipur. The notice includes details of the property and the borrower's obligations.

Meeting held for preparation of Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela

Rajim, Feb 14:

Secretary of Religious Trust and Endowment Department, Anbalagan P, Raipur Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alang, Managing Director of Tourism Board Jitendra Shukla, Director of Culture Department, Vivek Acharya jointly took various measures regarding the preparations for organizing Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela here. In the meeting, Rajim instructed the officials of the department related to Kumbh Kalp Mela to ensure necessary arrangements at the fair venue also took stock of the construction works being done for the development of Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela.

Dhamtari Collector Namrata Gandhi, Gariaband District Senior Superintendent of Police Mr. Amit Tukaram



Kamle, Dhamtari Superintendent of Police Anjaneya Vaishnav, Dhamtari District Panchayat CEO Roma Srivastava, Gariaband District Panchayat CEO Rita Yadav and other officials were present. It is noteworthy that Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela, starting from 24th February Magh Purnima, is pro-

posed till Mahashivratri 08th March 2024. During the inspection, Divisional Commissioner Alang, while observing the updated status of preparation at Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela site, noted construction and repair of roads at the fair site, construction of temporary helipad, parking

arrangements at the fair site, parking arrangements for traffic control, repair of approach roads of Rajim Mela, patch repair of Jatmai-Ghatarani, repair of roads leading from Gariaband to Panchkoshidham, Bhuteshwar Nath Dham and all religious places under Gariaband.

Negligence of contractor of NH-930

Dalli-Rajhara, Feb 14:

Due to the negligence of the team of contractor Kanhaiya Lal Agrawal of the famous National Highway 930 of Balod district, the residents of the area are suffering the consequences in such a way that the number of accidents on National Highway 930 has crossed double digits and the number of deaths in accidents in road accidents has increased too. It is known that during the Congress rule, Kanhaiya Lal Agrawal had got the work of construction of almost all the National Highways of Chhattisgarh which includes Kawardha, Khairagarh, Narayanpur areas. Complaints have been received about Kanhaiya Lal Agrawal being negligent in the National Highway work everywhere.

Similarly, National Highway 930 of Balod district from Jhalmala to Chandrapur Maharashtra has been in

What Project Manager says

The work on National Highway 930 is being expedited. The work of installing sign boards will be done on the diversion route and due to shortage of labourers, work is incomplete at some places on the route.

Sunil Sharma
Project Manager KLA

the news since the beginning due to negligence in the work. Due to the nexus of contractors and departmental officials, hundreds of potholes have appeared on the highway up to Gram Panchayat Bhainsbod, Danitola, Kusumkasa, Armurakasa and Manpur Chowk, due to which road accidents are happening every second day. It may be noted that a few days ago, a constable posted at Rajhara police station had died in a road accident near Armurkasa. Even after that the departmental officers did not open their eyes.

The villagers of Khamhartola in Manpur Chowk, along with District Panchayat mem-

ber Sanjay Bais, protested and demanded action against the contractor. Due to the assurance of the administration, the movement was postponed. But due to the nexus between the contractor and departmental officials, the negligence again reached its peak.

SP SR Bhagat asures FIR

Taking serious note of the continuous negligence on the National Highway 930 in Balod district and the road accidents taking place on bad roads, Balod District Superintendent of Police SR Bhagat has blamed the contractor of National Highway 930 and the departmental officers for the death of a

The contractor of National Highway 930 has less number of workers. Sometimes they come for work, sometimes they don't, due to which the work is going on at a slow pace. The work will be expedited soon.

Wasim Shaikh
Engineer-National Highway 930 Balod

constable posted at Rajhara police station. Considering him a co-accused, he has given assurance that the crime will be registered under Section 304 (A) and taken into investigation. Superintendent of Police SR Bhagat said that the contractors and officials of National Highway 930 should rectify their negligence, otherwise due to negligence in the road accidents occurring on National Highway 930 and being the root cause of the accident, he has assured to register a crime and take action.

Free facility of X-ray, sonography and ECG in district hospital

Bilaspur, Feb 14:

The executive meeting of Jeevandeep Committee of the District Hospital was organized under the chairmanship of Collector Avnish Sharan and in the meeting, it has been decided to make X-ray, ECG and sonography facilities free for all patients. This facility is already available free of cost to pregnant mothers in the hospital.

The Collector directed to provide free facility of Sonography, Purchased an ambulance in the hospital, made better arrangements for beds in the Nutrition Rehabilitation Center and gave instructions to complete the work of



Hummer Lab soon and necessary instructions were given to Civil Surgeon Dr. Anil Gupta in this regard. Corporation Commissioner Amit

Kumar, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Anil Srivastava, MLA representatives, doctors and other members of the committee were present in the meeting.

Health Department meeting concludes

Dhamtari, Feb 14:

A meeting of the Health Department was concluded here under the chairmanship of Collector Ms. Namrata Gandhi, and on the Collector conducted a detailed review of the departmental schemes. Under the eradication programme, all block medical officers were instructed to motivate their medical contacts like medical stores, private nursing homes, NGOs to become Nikshay Mitras.

During the review of leprosy eradication program, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. S.K. Mandal said that the number of patients registered in the district is 99 PB cases and 96 MB cases under treatment. On this, the Collector directed that if any new case is registered, the people around it should be surveyed and necessary medicines



should be provided immediately to reduce its impact and publicity should be done to create awareness among the people.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Janman Yojana, the Collector has given instructions to make 100% Ayushman cards by coordinating with the sub-divisional officers. In the meeting, evaluation of quality under Kayakalp, N.QAS, Lakshya, Muskaan program to all the government hospitals of the district, was also accommodated.

Bright Spark Academy's annual festival concludes

Khairagarh, Feb 14:

The annual function of Bright Spark Academy concluded with attractive presentations where the spectacular performances of the young students enthralled the citizens along with their parents. Social worker Anjana Verma, from Adishakti Sansthan, Social workers Mrs. Deepa Verma and Akanksha Verma, were present as the chief guest. Director of the organization, Mrs. Harpreet Kaur Suri, presided over the discussion with the parents while giving information about the positive activities of the organization.

In the fest students of Nursery, PP-1, PP-2, Class-1 and Class-2 gave a captivating dance performance on traditional western and religious songs, while comedy dances and Children also gave attrac-



tive presentations on Chhattisgarhi songs which were highly appreciated. In the last session of the function, students of classes 3, 4 and 1, 2 presented a group drama filled with public spirit which enlivened the function. On this occasion, the students selected in the Olympiad examination were honoured by the guests with gold medals and citations.

Teachers Amita, Ekta, Alkama and Latika were

honored by school director Mrs. Harpreet Kaur Suri with citations for their special work. The ceremony was conducted and vote of thanks was given by Ms. Tejaswini Patkar. Principal Mrs. Amata Srivastava, Ekta Yadav, Latika Shastri, Dhvani Kataria, Riya, Arsia, Alkama, Neha, Jagriti, Deepti and other teachers of the institution had commendable contribution in making the event successful.

Collector inspects crops affected by hailstorm and unseasonal rain

Kawardha, Feb 14:

District Collector Janmejay Mahobe along with Revenue, Horticulture, Agriculture and Crop Insurance Company here visited various villages of Kawardha, Pipariya and Sahaspur Lohara tehsil to inspect the damage caused to Rabi crops due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm. The Collector reached village Baiji, Dudhiya, Sahaspur Lohara tehsil Gorakhpur, Sighori, Bazaar Charbhatha, Gaidpur, Danighatoli of Pipariya tehsil, discussed with the farmers there and reached their fields. After the in-



spection, the Collector told the farmers that based on the damage to the crops, the damage will be assessed under the Insurance Company and Natural Disaster Revenue Book

Circular and a case will be prepared to compensate the farmers as per the rules. On the instructions of the Collector, SDM PC Kori also inspected the wheat crop in Gaidpur.

Mega Mock Drill by NDRF for CBRN Defence held

■ Showcases preparedness and collaboration

Sipat, Feb 14:

The 3rd battalion of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Cuttack, Odisha, successfully conducted a district level Mega Mock Drill at NTPC Sipat on Feb 14, focusing on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) defence strategies and collaboration. A preliminary table top meeting was held on 13.02.2024 with various stakeholders, including district administration authorities, State Disaster Response Force, CISF Security & Fire wings, and NTPC Management to identify various roles and responsibilities as per Onsite Emergency



Plan and ensure smooth conduct of the drill in coordination with various agencies/authorities.

On Feb 14, a live demonstration was given to protect against chlorine gas leakage. The preparedness drill is testament to the com-

mitment towards proactive crisis management. At the end of the program, Shri Anil Shankar Sharan, GM(O&M) extended his gratitude to NDRF, SDRF and CISF teams participating in this drill and praised them for their

dedication and hardwork during the mock drill. Shri Shiv Kumar Kanwar, Dy Collector Bilaspur, Shri S K Thakur, DIG, SDRF, and Shri Pawan Joshi, DC, NDRF and Shri Vijay Singh Potai, Asst. Dir, IHS, Bilaspur applauded the seamless collaborative conduct of the drill. Other officials from District Administration, GMs and HODs of NTPC Sipat and NTPC employees were also present during the drill.

The Mega Mock Drill served as a vital platform to test and evaluate the efficacy of existing protocols while identifying areas for improvement. Moving forward, NTPC Sipat remains steadfast in its mission to strengthen preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities, thereby safeguarding the well-being of our communities and nation.

BJP District V-P LK Rayudu is committing assault: Rathore

Bijapur, Feb 14:

District Congress Committee President Lalu Rathore, while addressing the press conference in Bijapur on Wednesday, said that senior Congress worker of District Congress Committee and MLA representative of Bhairamgarh block Abhishek Thakur. While going to the SBI Bank branch of Bhairamgarh, Bharatiya Janata Party Bijapur District Vice President Luv Kumar Rayudu reached on the road and while abusing Abhishek Thakur, he attacked Abhishek Thakur fatally with an iron rod due to which Abhishek suffered injuries on his chest and hand. In a peaceful



area like Bijapur, this act of Luv Kumar Rayudu is definitely a matter of concern. Such incidents deteriorate mutual harmony. The administration should take this incident seriously and take immediate legal action against BJP District Vice President Luv Kumar Rayudu. Otherwise, the District Congress Committee will agitate regarding such incidents for which the entire responsibility will be on the government administration. Addressing the press

conference, District Congress Committee President Lalu Rathore further said that BJP District Vice President is closest to former MLA Mahesh Gagda and this is the reason why Luv Kumar Rayudu has the full protection of former MLA Mahesh Gagda. That Luv Kumar Rayudu is engaged in hooliganism by beating people in broad daylight. Ever since the BJP government was formed in the state, people with criminal tendencies like Luv Kumar

Rayudu have got the protection of former MLA Mahesh Gagda. In the press conference, Lalu Rathore said that on one hand BJP gives the slogan of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, while on the other hand, people with criminal tendencies like Luv Kumar Rayudu are engaged in beating people under the patronage of former MLA Mahesh Gagda in the district. Congress Committee wants to ask Bijapur BJP whether they support the act of Luv Kumar Rayudu, who spread violence by beating with rods under the protection of former MLA Mahesh Gagda, or will they take action against Luv Kumar Rayudu?

CECians Arpita and Yash grabbed package of 5.70 LPA

Bilaspur, Feb 14:

Chouksey Group of Colleges, Bilaspur is delighted to share the selection news of Arpita Tiwari and Yash Sinha, students from the Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) branch, Session 2023-24, being selected in Campus Recruitment Drive by Learning Routes Pvt. Ltd. with a lucrative package of 5.70 LPA. Yash Sinha's remarkable academic journey at Chouksey Group of Colleges has been a testament to his dedication and proficiency in the field of Computer Science and Engineering. His hard work and commitment have not only



earned him recognition within the academic community but have now opened doors to a promising career with Learning Routes Pvt. Ltd. Arpita Tiwari's outstanding academic performance has caught the attention of the selection team. Her exemplary skills and commitment, as recognized by mentors and peers, have positioned her as an exceptional talent in the field.

Expressing joy on this achievement, Arpita and Yash Sinha stated, "We are honored to be selected by Learning Routes. Company has given an exciting opportunity to us to advance in our educational and career pursuits." On this occasion of selecting an outstanding student, the management team of Learning Routes highlighted the significance of selecting an outstanding student. The company hopes that selected students will further contribute to excellence by showcasing their talent and resilience in overcoming challenges. Learning Routes, a leading education technology company, identified Arpita's and

Yash's potential during the selection process and extended them an offer with a competitive package of 5.70 LPA. This accomplishment is not only a testament to their academic excellence but also to the quality of education and guidance provided by Chouksey Group of Colleges. Expressing his gratitude and excitement, Yash Sinha said, "I am thankful for the education and support I received at Chouksey Group of Colleges, which has played a significant role in my success. Arpita Tiwari said, "Joining Learning Routes is a fantastic opportunity, and I am eager to contribute my skills to the company."

SRRSSS mobilizes support for cow welfare project

Progress made in identifying land for Gauthan and cattle care facilities

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Feb 14: Shri Ram Rama Sushrusa Seva Samiti convened its monthly meeting, showcasing another stride in their commitment to Gau Seva (cow service) in Khairagarh. Where in the earlier meeting of the committee running in the name of Shri Ram Gau Seva Kendra, it was informed that with public cooperation, about 13 acres of land has been selected by the committee for the Gau Seva work and necessary efforts are being made to purchase it.

The committee shared plans to utilize this land for the establishment of Gauthan (cow shelters) and other facilities aimed at the comprehensive care of cattle. While the land has been identified, the process of acquiring it is



still underway, with efforts being made to secure the necessary funds through public cooperation.

The envisioned facilities on this land will provide ample space for grazing, as well as the treatment of injured cows, fulfilling the objectives of the Gau Seva initiative. Committee offi-

New employment opportunities

New employment opportunities will be created in village income by the operation of Cow Seva Kendra. After the meeting, active members of the committee, Nitesh Jain and Ramakrishna Shastri (Maruti) said that the villagers of the area will also get the opportunity to create new employment. For this purpose, manufacturing of items made from cow dung and cow urine is also included in the action plan of the committee.

cialists stressed the importance of community support in realizing this project, urging donors to contribute towards the purchase of the identified land. This initiative underscores the collaborative spirit of the community in safeguarding the welfare of cows and reflects the continued dedication of Shri Ram Rama Sushrusa Seva Samiti towards this noble cause.

Rural tourism initiative

The committee will make every effort to promote rural tourism by including a Vedic school and a temple along with the operation of a Gau Seva center in the village income. For which preliminary preparations are being made and a meaningful action plan has also been made in the meeting.

Rlys to develop Uslapur station to increase punctuality of trains



New platform and yard overhaul promises swift and efficient service

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Feb 14: Uslapur station is undergoing a remarkable transformation, poised to emerge as the shining example of modern railway infrastructure in Bilaspur. As part of the ambitious Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, comprehensive enhancements are underway, aimed at not only

improving operational efficiency but also fostering commercial development.

Plans have been laid out to construct a new platform along with a meticulous remodelling of the station yard, ensuring smoother train operations and reduced congestion. Additionally, a second entry, ticket house, parking facilities, lifts, and an expanded FoB bridge are among the planned upgrades, all designed to elevate the passenger experience to new heights.

One of the key highlights of this endeavour is the im-

plementation of a Bilaspur-Uslapur flyover line, facilitating the seamless movement of passenger trains towards Katni direction.

This innovative approach not only addresses the issue of cross-movement at Bilaspur station but also promises enhanced punctuality, a boon for commuters and stakeholders alike. Moreover, the expansion of facilities at Uslapur station is expected to catalyze economic growth in the region, attracting businesses and investors keen on leveraging the improved connectivity.

OPERATION AMANAT

SECR's remarkable campaign for passenger security

Goods worth over Rs 2 cr restored to owners

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur/Raipur, Feb 14: In a testament to its commitment to passenger welfare, South East Central Railway has launched the "Operation Amanat" campaign, led by its Railway Protection Force (RPF). With a focus on reclaiming lost and left luggage, this initiative underscores the railway's dedication to ensuring a seamless and secure travel experience for passengers.

Over the past 10 months of the current fiscal year 2023-24, the RPF of South East Central Railway has executed an exemplary feat by recovering belongings of 960 passengers across Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur. These recovered items, valued at more than Rs 2 crore, were diligently re-



turned to their rightful owners, showcasing the integrity and diligence of the railway personnel.

The success of "Operation Amanat" is attributed to the concerted efforts of RPF posts stationed in various locations including Bilaspur, Champa, Korba, and many others. Through vigilant train and station patrolling, railway personnel ensured the safe deposition of left luggage, upholding the highest standards

of honesty and transparency.

Passengers whose belongings were missing during their journey availed various channels to report their losses, including lodging complaints with TTEs, RPF, station masters, or through digital platforms like the Rail Madad App and helpline number 139. Prompt action by railway authorities facilitated the swift recovery and return of valuables to their rightful owners.

Concerns raises over encroachment crisis

In Baldevpur Gram Panchayat

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Feb 14: The Baldevpur Gram Panchayat, adjacent to the district headquarters, finds itself embroiled in a battle against rampant encroachment, despite holding the legal authority to address such issues. Concerns have been raised by the youth of the village, alongside the Sarpanch, highlighting the urgent need for intervention to reclaim public spaces.

The escalating encroachment crisis has reached a tipping point, leaving no room for the construction of essential infrastructure such as playgrounds. Village streets have become choked with encroachments, hindering the movement of agricultural equipment and posing significant challenges for rural beneficiaries.



Despite possessing the rights enshrined in the Panchayat Raj Act, the Gram Panchayat has found itself constrained in its efforts to tackle encroachment effectively. Section 56 of the Chhattisgarh Panchayat Raj Act 1993 explicitly empowers the Gram Panchayat to manage public land and combat en-

croachment. However, despite the provision for action, the encroachment persists, prompting the youth and leaders of Baldevpur Gram Panchayat to seek assistance from the Collector.

Sarpanch Shyam Sundar, along with youth members including Dinesh, Sunil, Kewal, Kumbhkarani, and

Vote bank politics stalls action against encroachment

Silence among public representatives due to vote bank politics. Not a single public representative has raised voice against encroachment in Baldevpur, that is why today the situation is that there is no space left for building construction and sports grounds. Public representatives have not made any complaint yet due to vote bank politics. The conscious youth of Baldevpur have given a memorandum to the Collector but even after a week has passed, no action has been taken yet.

Bhuvan, have submitted a memorandum to the Collector, urging swift action to address the encroachment crisis within the Panchayat area.

There are many encroachments in the village. A building worth Rs 7 lakh has been approved in the Panchayat and I am looking for a place to build it. I've earnestly communicated with our community, stressing the importance of refraining from encroaching upon public spaces. While the Panchayat holds full authority in this matter, the familial ties among our villagers sometimes pose a challenge to enforcing regulations. However, buoyed by the unwavering support of conscientious youth, I am committed to leading initiatives aimed at upholding the integrity of our village.

- Shyamsundar Sahu, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Baldevpur

Collector inspires students in surprise visit to JEE, NEET coaching center

Commitment to academic excellence and future opportunities

Central Chronicle News

Sukma, Feb 14: Collector Haris S conducted a surprise inspection at the JEE NEET Coaching Center, engaging with students and offering valuable guidance for their preparation towards the JEE and NEET entrance examinations. The visit aimed to bolster the confidence of students from classes 11th and 12th, providing them



with essential encouragement and insights into succeeding in these competitive exams.

Emphasizing the Chief Minister's vision to empower the district's youth in the fields of medical and engineering, Collector motivated students to

strive for success in challenging examinations like Medical and JEE. The visit underscored the administration's commitment to nurturing talent and providing opportunities for educational advancement. Notably, under Collector's guidance, 108

students from the district are undergoing rigorous preparation for medical and NEET entrance exams. They benefit from residential facilities and online monitoring through the Jio Embibe platform, receiving expert training from qualified instructors. The presence of Nodal Officer Ashish Ram, Saurav Kumar Fellow, Principal M. Santoshi, and dedicated teachers further highlights the collaborative effort to support aspiring students on their academic journey.

CEO district panchayat inspects Gangrel Dam

Instructions issued to amplify women's livelihood and tourist experience

Central Chronicle News

Dhantari, Feb 14: In response to directives from Collector Namrata Gandhi, Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, Roma Srivastava, undertook an inspection of Barua Garden situated at Gangrel Dam. During the visit, Srivastava emphasized the importance of enhancing livelihood opportunities for women through tourism and self-help groups.

Srivastava articulated the need for meticulous planning in the development of Barua Garden to ensure convenience for tourists and sustainable livelihoods for



women's groups. She underscored the significance of incorporating features such as children's play areas, tribal-themed welcome gates, lush green spaces, and amenities like water coolers and seating arrangements to elevate the tourist experience.

Furthermore, Srivastava directed officials to prioritize infrastructure elements including food stalls, parking facilities, and cleanliness initiatives led by local women's groups and voluntary organizations.

To expedite the technical aspects of garden develop-

ment, the Sub-Divisional Officer of Rural Engineering Services, Dhantari, was tasked with preparing a comprehensive technical estimate.

Present during the inspection were Municipal Corporation Commissioner Vinay Poyam, Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Dr. Vibhor Agarwal, Avinash Masram, Deputy Director Panchayat, Assistant Project Officer Dharam Singh, District Coordinator of Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) Ravindra Verma, along with other officials from the District Panchayat and various departments.

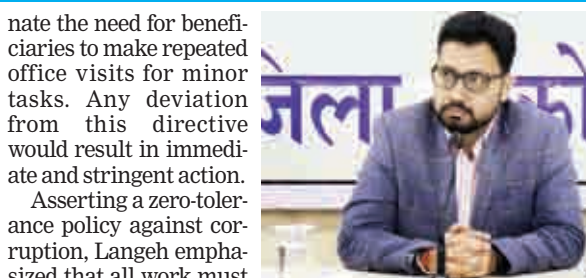
Collector sets deadline for resolving pending cases

Stringent measures against corruption in administrative processes

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Feb 14: In a decisive move towards expediting administrative processes and ensuring transparency, Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh chaired a meeting at the Collectorate meeting room. Addressing the gathering, Langeh underscored the imperative to resolve pending cases related to land division, demarcation, and transfers within stipulated timeframes.

He directed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Tehsildars, and Revenue officers to streamline operations and elimi-



nate the need for beneficiaries to make repeated office visits for minor tasks. Any deviation from this directive would result in immediate and stringent action. Asserting a zero-tolerance policy against corruption, Langeh emphasized that all work must adhere strictly to established rules. He warned against any form of solicitation for monetary gain in exchange for services, emphasizing the obligation to serve all segments of society equitably. Specifically addressing issues raised in the Jan Chaupal, Langeh in-

structed Tehsildars to swiftly address instances where Patwaris demand illicit payments for land measurements or documentation.

During the review of schemes such as Mahtari Vandan Yojana and PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Langeh emphasized the im-

portance of maximizing beneficiary enrollment and promptly registering applications through the designated portal. According to the information, more than 50 thousand applications have been received so far under Mahtari Vandan Yojana. Langeh gave instructions to motivate the youth for recruitment in Agni Veer and Army so that the youth can come forward to serve the country.

The meeting also saw a comprehensive review of major government schemes including Swachh Bharat

Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, MNREGA, and Jal Jeevan Mission. Langeh took stock of pending cases from the Honorable High Court, advocating for their swift resolution. Additionally, he sought updates on initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the procurement and distribution of paddy.

In closing, Langeh reiterated the urgency of addressing grievances received through Jan Chaupal, PG Portal, and Public Grievance Portal, emphasizing the need for timely redressal.

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Sukma, Feb 14: Ensuring inclusive governance and community engagement, Collector Haris S chaired a comprehensive meeting addressing various developmental initiatives in the district. Among the key directives issued, the Collector emphasized the completion of door-to-door survey work in Chhindigarh and Sukma blocks, aiming to expedite the distribution of government scheme benefits to eligible beneficiaries. Under the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, instructions were given to streamline the application process to achieve 100 percent coverage of eligible beneficiaries within the district's target. Additionally, the Collector directed



the three block CEOs to oversee applications under this scheme diligently. Focusing on the empowerment of traditional craftsmen and artisans, the Collector instructed the registration of individuals associated with traditional professions under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana. Motivating beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to com-

plete sanctioned houses and prioritizing their construction were also highlighted. In preparation for the upcoming Ramaram on February 20th and the district fair on February 21st, the Collector emphasized the importance of proper management. Officials and staff from relevant departments were instructed to ensure their presence during the fairs, with detailed directives issued to facilitate seamless execution. The meeting also reviewed various departmental works including the ODF status, undisputed demarcation, caste-resident applications, forest rights recognition certificate, Jal Jeevan Mission, and health department initiatives under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

India seek quick middle-order solutions against fearless England

Rajkot, Feb 14 (PTI):

India will need to be ruthless and tactful in equal measure while dealing with an unpredictable England when the third chapter of a riveting Test series begins here on Thursday. After England shocked India in the series opener at Hyderabad, the hosts came back strong in Vizag to get on level footing, leaving the five-match series perfectly poised.

The brilliance of Yashasvi Jaiswal (321 runs) and Jasprit Bumrah (15) allowed India to make a comeback in the series but concerns remain over a misfiring middle-order, which will now be relying on the young talent to deliver the goods.

Skipper Rohit Sharma's form with the bat before the eight-day break only added to the growing concern surrounding the Indian batting, which will be without K L Rahul in this game and Virat Kohli for the entirety of the series.

Over the last one year or so, Rohit's aggressive approach with the bat has not yielded him big scores and the current situation



India's Shubman Gill with batting coach Vikram Rathour during a practice session.

demand the Indian skipper to perhaps contemplate changing gears.

Rahul's unavailability for the third Test has put forth the possibility of Mumbai batter Sarfaraz Khan getting his long awaited debut in the longest format. The domestic run machine could be teaming up with one-Test old Rajat Patidar to occupy two of the most

coveted batting spots in the middle order.

Wicketkeeper KS Bharat's persistent failures with the bat has raised the possibility of India turning to Uttar Pradesh's 23-year-old Dhruv Jurel, who is known for his aggressive batting. With an average of 46.47 in 15 First-Class matches, Jurel has given a fine account of himself.

Time: 9:30 AM IST.

With the pitch here at Rajkot not expected to be a rank turner, a debut here would only help Jurel ease into the world of top flight cricket.

For England, it would be all about taking the right steps as they have done so far in India. Back from their Abu Dhabi base where the players spent time away from the game, the relaxed mood in the camp is easily perceptible.

Tom Hartley's confidence has grown manifold from the time he stepped on the Indian shores. His probing line and lengths have persistently questioned the Indian batters and with the bat, his aggressive approach has matched the team's philosophy. It remains to be seen if sharing spin bowling workload is taking more out of Joe Root than it should, but England will have no other option but to lean on the seniormost batter for wickets given Jack Leach is ruled out of the series with a knee injury. He will also be expected to get back to his consistent ways with the bat.

Mooney to captain Gujarat Giants in WPL season two

New Delhi, Feb 14 (PTI):

Australia's Beth Mooney will captain Gujarat Giants in the Women's Premier League beginning on February 23, the franchise announced on Wednesday.

Mooney was named captain for the inaugural season as well but got injured after the first game and could not take further part in the competition. India all-rounder Sneha Rana had led the side in her absence.

Rana has been named vice-captain for season two.

Gujarat had finished last in the five-team competition in 2023.

"They (Mooney and Rana) will be part of the leadership group with head coach Michael Klinger, mentor and advisor Mithali Raj, and assistant coach Nooshin Al Khadee," said the team in a statement.

Gujarat Giants will open their campaign against Mumbai Indians in Bengaluru on February 25.

India stun China 3-2 in BATC women's competition



■ Sindhu making winning return

Shah Alam, Feb 14 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic-medallist P V Sindhu made a winning return from a lengthy injury lay-off as India stunned formidable China 3-2 in the women's competition of the Badminton Asia Team Championships here on Wednesday.

With just two teams in Group W, India were assured of a knock-out round berth even before their opening match but the team made its mark in style with the shock win

over the top-seeded Chinese team.

Sindhu, who was missing in action since October last year due to a knee injury at the French Open, led the way as she beat higher-ranked Han Yue 21-17 21-15 in 40 minutes to give India 1-0 lead in the tie.

The 28-year-old, who won a silver in the 2016 Olympics followed by a bronze in the Tokyo Games, is currently ranked 11th while Yue is world number eight.

The pair of Tanisha Castro and Ashwini Ponappa then lost to Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning 19-21 16-21, followed by

Ashmita Chaliha's 13-21 15-21 loss to world number nine Wang Zhi Yi as India trailed 1-2 after three matches.

India were on level terms when Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand beat the Chinese duo of Li Yi Jing and Luo Xu Min 10-21 21-18 21-17 in one hour and nine minutes in the women's doubles.

In the deciding match, Anmol Kharb punched way above her weight as the 472nd-ranked Indian emerged 22-20 14-21 21-18 winner over world number 149 Wu Luo Yu in a gruelling one hour and 17 minute contest to give India a memorable win.

Top-100 dream realised, Sumit Nagal eyes Olympic glory next



Bengaluru, Feb 14 (PTI):

His dream of being inside the global top-100 has been realised but Sumit Nagal is nowhere close to being a content man as the Indian tennis ace says he now faces the challenge of improving or holding on to his standing for direct entry into Grand Slams

about being in the top 100 from a very young age and it felt very good when it happened. It was certainly an emotional day after working for years," Nagal told PTI in an interview after his first-round win in the Bengaluru Open on Tuesday night. The 26-year-old, who is seeded second here, entered the second round of the tournament with a breezy 6-2, 6-2 win over Frenchman Geff Blancaneaux. But he is not ready to rest on his laurels and has set his eyes on bigger achievements. "Yes, it was a big moment (entering top 100). But now I am in a new tournament, you know, tennis, you need to take it week by week. So, emotions have come down now. While in Bangalore I am focusing on this tournament.

"But the real goal is to go and represent my country in the Olympics. It's one of my goals, and it really motivates me and I really want to play the Olympics, and take a medal back for the country," he said. Top 56 players in the ATP (men) and WTA (women) rankings, as on June 10 this year, will get direct qualification for the July-August Paris Games provided the number per country does not exceed four.

and the Paris Olympics.

Nagal's victory in the recent Chennai Open propelled him to a career-high world No. 98, and he is the first Indian to achieve the feat since Prajnesh Gunneswaran did that in 2019.

"Every tennis player dreams about being in the top 100. I have dreamt

Ramkumar Ramanathan shocks top seed Luka Nardi to enter quarterfinals



Bengaluru, Feb 13 (PTI):

Indian Davis Cupper Ramkumar Ramanathan made a remarkable comeback to shock top seeded Luka Nardi to enter the singles quarterfinals of the Bengaluru Open here on Wednesday.

Ramkumar, a wildcard entrant, prevailed over the Italian 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 in little over two hours in their pre-quarterfinal match at the KSLTA Stadium.

The match began on an ominous note for the Indian star as Nardi broke his serve in the very first game of the opening set.

From that point onwards, Ramkumar was not able to offer any kind of

fight to his higher-ranked opponent, who used a heavy first serve and precise ground shots to choke his opponent. While Nardi landed a whopping 86 per cent of his first serve inside the box, Ramanathan barely managed to cross the 50 per cent mark. But Ramkumar seemed a totally transformed player in the second set as he engaged Nardi more effectively in rallies, exploring the deeper areas of the court to keep the Italian pinned on the baseline. The salient feature of Ramkumar's transformed game was the improvement in his first and second services, as he found more zip in them in this set.

Thakur hands over Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest



FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich, former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand and Hungarian chess legend Judit Polgar during Chess Olympiad Torch hand-off ceremony, in New Delhi, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

New Delhi, Feb 14 (PTI):

Sports minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday handed over the Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest, the Hungarian capital, which will host the 45th edition of the prestigious tournament this year.

During a function at the Dhyanchand National Stadium here, Thakur handed over the torch to the FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich and representatives of the host

city. The tradition of organising the torch relay was first initiated by India in June, 2022 ahead of the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad in Chennai in July-August.

More than 2500 players had taken part in the Olympiad in Chennai and India had finished with nine medals, including historic women's team bronze.

"Chess is an intellectual legacy that India probably offers to the world, and it

is not merely a sport, but a reflection of strategic depth and philosophical wisdom. The elegant sport not only sharpens the mind but also teaches invaluable lessons of patience and resilience and takes one onto the path of intellectual pursuit of strategic mastery," said Thakur during the ceremony.

Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand and Hungarian GM Judit Polgar were also present during the ceremony.

Bumrah poised to unleash reverse swing magic in Rajkot: Zaheer Khan



New Delhi, Feb 14 (PTI):

Former India pacer Zaheer Khan feels the Rajkot pitch will be similar to the ones in Hyderabad and Vizag, hinging reverse swing into play once again. Jasprit Bumrah put up a reverse swing masterclass in Vizag for a match haul of nine wickets as India levelled the series.

"I hope the pitch is on similar lines to the one in Hyderabad and Vizag,"

Zaheer told JioCinema.

"On that kind of a surface, we should be able to see a good contest between bat and ball for the first two days and spin comes into play on the third day.

"You'll see some reverse swing as well. And on the fourth and fifth days, you'll have the spinners dominating. If that is the pattern, it will make for a nice viewing experience for all the spectators and the fans will enjoy."

South Africa bowls out New Zealand for 211, leads by 31 in the 2nd cricket test

Hamilton, Feb 14 (AP):

Dane Piedt took a career-best 5-89 as South Africa bowled out New Zealand for 211 to take an unexpected first-innings lead Wednesday on the second day of the second cricket test. South Africa was bowled out for 242 after resuming Day 2 at 220-6 and New Zealand conceded a 31 run lead as bowlers dominated and 14 wickets fell in the day.

New Zealand had been 183-9 and the deficit might have been greater but for a late innings of 33 by the redoubtable Neil Wagner.

Piedt reached the high point of a checkered test career as he captured the wickets of Tom Latham, Kane Williamson, Will Young and Glenn Phillips to highlight an excellent bowling performance by the Proteas. Dane Paterson took the wicket of Devon Conway (0) in the first over of the New Zealand innings and finished with 3-39.

Four batters, two from each team, were out bowled off an inside edge



South Africa players celebrate the dismissal of New Zealand's wicket keeper Tom Blundell.

and another was caught behind off an inside edge onto the pad on a day of inconsistent bounce at Seddon Park. There were signs the usually seamer-friendly pitch wasn't performing to character when part-time spinner Rachin Ravindra

bowled 21 overs for New Zealand on the first day. Off-spinner Piedt came into his own in the middle session when the ball turned sharply and he asked questions even the best New Zealand batters couldn't answer:

England are not difficult to beat, they just play differently: Jadeja

Rajkot, Feb 14 (PTI):

India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja on Wednesday said England are not a difficult side to beat and the hosts only need to get used to their ultra attacking style of play to secure the five-match Test series.

England shocked India in the series opener in Hyderabad before the hosts came back strong in Visakhapatnam to get on level footing. The third Test begins here on Thursday. "I won't term England as (one of the most difficult) teams. It hasn't been easy for other teams to come to India and win. They have an aggressive style of play. We need to get used to that and plan accordingly for them," said Jadeja on the eve of the game.

"If it wasn't for small mistakes in the second innings of first Test, we wouldn't have lost," said the player who missed the second Test due to a hamstring injury. Jadeja said it was imperative



for India to stick to their plans and not try playing differently against England's aggressive tactics.

"It is better to keep the (bowling) lines as simple as possible in Test cricket because their batters look to play their strokes at every opportunity," he said.

"If we adjust according to that, it is possible that we may end up giving more runs and not get wickets as well. We will keep it simple and let them do whatever they want to, we have our game plan and if we stick to it then there are chances of being successful," Jadeja said.

