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Cabinet nods bill to set up authority for SCR

Agency to ensure urban development while effectively using the land and protecting the environment.

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RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh cabinet on Friday approved the draft bill for establishment of an authority for the development of the Chhattisgarh Capital Region on the lines of the National Capital Region (NCR), Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao said. The state government also decided to set up a joint venture firm in with collaboration Pan IIT Alumni Reach For India Foundation (PARFI) for the institutional development of tribal groups, poor youth, women and third gender people from other deprived sections in the state, he said.

"The cabinet approved the draft bill for the establishment of the relevant authority for the development of the Chhattisgarh Capital Region (State Capital Region) on the lines of the National Capital Region," Sao said.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai presiding over the cabinet meeting.

This authority will work to plan for the capital region, promote investment, coordinate between various government and private organisations and properly control the expansion of the city, he said.

"By 2031, about 50 lakh people are expected to live in this area, so it is important to ensure urban development while effectively using the land and protecting the environment. In this way, the Capital Region Development Authority will help in making the urban areas of Chhattisgarh better, sustainable and well-organised," he added.

FACTFILE

- In view of the rapidly increasing population and urbanisation in Raipur, Durg-Bhilai and Naya Raipur Atal Nagar, this authority will work for the systematic and planned development of this area.

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> **Arun Sao**
> Deputy CM

According to Sao, the formation of a non-profit joint venture company between the Chhattisgarh government and Pan IIT foundation was approved by the cabinet during its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan here. Through this joint venture company, scheduled tribes and poor youth, women and third gender people of other deprived communities will be empowered through institutional vocational education, skill development and rural entrepreneurship, he said.

The firm will also work for the livelihood and socio-economic change by converging the unused funds of Tribal Sub-Plan, Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan etc. for the development of deprived communities, he said. The work of training the trainers of skill development programmes will be done by Pan IIT foundation. The work of teaching foreign languages along with the necessary skills will be done to provide employment opportunities in the international market to the trained youth, he said.

Carlos Alcaraz beats Taylor Fritz to return to the Wimbledon final

LONDON: Carlos Alcaraz moved within one victory of a third consecutive Wimbledon championship and sixth Grand Slam title overall at age 22 by defeating Taylor Fritz 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (6) on Friday.

The No. 2-seeded Alcaraz takes a 24-match winning streak into the final Sunday, when he will face No. 1 Jannik Sinner or 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic.

Alcaraz beat Djokovic in the 2023 and 2024 title matches at the All England Club and is 5-0 so far in major finals. That includes a five-set comeback win over Sinner at the French Open a month ago.

The fifth-seeded Fritz, the runner-up to Sinner at last year's U.S. Open, was trying to become the first American man in the Wimbledon final since Andy Roddick lost to Roger Federer in 2009.

Fritz had two chances to forced a fifth set against Alcaraz, leading 6-4 in the fourth-set tiebreaker. But Alcaraz on the next four points to finish off the win, then rocked back on his heels, spread his arms wide and screamed.

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5 workers killed, four injured as truck falls into ravine

Five workers were killed and four others injured after a borewell drilling truck they were travelling in fell into a small ravine in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district on Friday, police said. The accident occurred in the wee hours of the day near Chata village under the Kukdur police station area, Kabirdham Additional Superintendent of Police Pushpendra Singh Baghel said.

NEW DELHI

Tremors felt in Delhi-NCR

An earthquake of magnitude 3.7 shook parts of Delhi-NCR on Friday evening, according to initial reports. The tremors were felt around 7:49 pm and the epicentre of the earthquake was at Jhajjar in Haryana. This was the second earthquake that hit the National Capital Region (NCR) in two days. An earthquake of magnitude 4.4 struck near Jhajjar on Thursday morning.

GORAKHPUR (UP):

Newborn baby mauled by stray dogs

An newborn baby was allegedly mauled by stray dogs to death and left near a drain in Hatabazar area, police said on Friday. Police said the baby was three to five days old and was found wrapped in a cloth. A girl cleaning her courtyard allegedly saw dogs attacking the baby. She immediately informed her father, Tahir, who drove the dogs away and alerted other locals. Tahir then contacted the Gagaha police who took custody of the infant's body. According to preliminary probe, the newborn appeared to be between three and five days old. A forensic team was dispatched to the site, which collected samples for examination.

| MONEY LAUNDERING CASE |

SC asks former Haryana MLA to surrender back to jail

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Chhoker, who was arrested by Enforcement Directorate officials on May 4 from a five-star hotel in New Delhi, claimed he was subjected to physical assault during the arrest.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday asked former Congress MLA from Haryana Dharam Singh Chhoker to surrender back to jail on July 12 in connection with an alleged Rs 1500 crore money laundering case as it refused to entertain his plea against an order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court granted Chhoker interim bail on medical grounds on June 19, permitting him to undergo surgery at a hospital of his choice.

However, the court explicitly stated that the bail was a "one-time measure" and ordered him to surrender before jail authorities by 5 PM on July 12. A partial working day bench comprising Justices Rajesh Bindal and R Mahadevan, which took up the plea of Chhoker, was urged by senior lawyer Ashok Aggarwal and advocate Ashish Pandey that the high court erred by not extending the time to surrender for the old leader who was assaulted during the arrest. They also assailed the high court order which said that the interim bail on medical grounds was a "one time measure". "The petitioner, a senior citizen and political adversary of the ruling dispensation in the state of Haryana, has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in complete violation of the mandate of Article 21 of the Constitution, without following due process of law," Pandey said.

FACTFILE

- Chhoker had initially approached the Supreme Court in May seeking relief, but was advised to move the high court.

The plea said the high court, while granting the interim bail on medical grounds on June 19, recorded that Chokker received injuries including a fractured hand during the arrest.

Mom sentenced to death for killing her three children

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The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2.5 lakh on Priyanka and Rs 1 lakh on Ashish.

AURAIYA: A court Auraiya, UP, has sentenced a woman to death for killing her three minor children by drowning them in the Sengar river in 2024, while her paramour was sentenced to life imprisonment in the case.

The woman's nine-year-old son, who survived the attempt on his life, provided crucial testimony in the case.

Additional Sessions Judge Saif Ahmed on Thursday found Priyanka guilty of murdering her own children and pronounced the death penalty. Her paramour Ashish alias Danny was sentenced to life imprisonment. During the trial, the government counsel argued that the act of a mother conspiring with her lover to drown her innocent children was "rarest of the rare."

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2.5 lakh on Priyanka and Rs 1 lakh on Ashish. Furthermore, the court ordered that 75 per cent of the combined fine amount be given to Sonu, the surviving child. According to the police, Priyanka was involved in a relationship with Ashish after her husband's death. On June 27, 2024, Priyanka along with Ashish took her four sons -- Sonu (9), Madhav (6), Aditya (4), and Mangal (2) -- to the Sengar river bank in Devarpur. They reportedly drugged the children before throwing them into the water one by one. While locals managed to rescue the eldest boy, Sonu, who regained consciousness and later provided crucial testimony against his mother, the three younger children drowned.

| CHHATTISGARH |

22 Naxals with bounty of Rs 37.5 lakh surrender

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NARAYANPUR: As many as 22 Naxalites, who were active in the Abhujmad area and carrying collective rewards of Rs 37.5 lakh, surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Friday, a senior police official said.

The cadres, belonging to Kutul, Nelnar and Indravati area committees under the Maad division of Maoists, turned themselves in before senior police, Border Security Force (BSF) and Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officials here.

The surrendered Naxalites told the police that they were disappointed with the "hollow" Maoist ideology and growing internal differences within the banned outfit, Narayanpur Superintendent of Police Robinson Guria said.

They were also influenced by the development work being carried out in the Maad area in the district, including rapid construction of roads, and wanted to lead a normal life, he said. Of the Naxalites who gave up arms, Manku Kunjam (33), a divisional committee member, carried a reward of Rs 8 lakh, while three area committee members, identified as Hidme Kunjam (28), Punna Lal alias Boti (26) and Saniram Korram (25), carried a bounty of Rs 5 lakh each, the official said. Eleven cadres had a bounty of Rs 1 lakh each, while seven others had Rs 50,000 each, he said.

Rahul pleads not guilty

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PUNE: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday pleaded not guilty in a defamation case pertaining to his comments on Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar in a Pune court. Judicial Magistrate (First Class) and Special Judge (MP/MLA court) Amol Sriram Shinde read out the charge, levelled by Satyaki Savarkar, a grandnephew of V D Savarkar, to which Gandhi pleaded not guilty through his lawyer Milind Pawar. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha was not present in the court and his lawyer Pawar pleaded not guilty on his behalf before the court. Advocate Sangram Kolhatkar, who is representing Satyaki Savarkar, said since the phase of recording of plea of the accused is over, the trial in the case will proceed now. The court kept the matter for next hearing on July 24.

LIFESTYLE

Dr. Nene's one-task method: A productivity game-changer

D r. Shriram Nene, a celebrated cardiothoracic surgeon and the husband of Madhuri Dixit, is known not just for his medical expertise but also for his thoughtful approach to everyday wellness.

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Now in every ward there will be direct conversation with the public twice a year, problems will be solved.

Rajesh Munat
MLA West

Rally held to introduce population control bill

Sarv Hindu Samaj organised a rally on Friday to introduce population control bill and in this concern gave memorandum to district collector in the name of Prime Minister.

People now prefer path of devp over guns: Sai

22 Naxalites surrender in Narayanpur; CM Sai emphasizes shift towards development

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RAIPUR In a major breakthrough in the fight against Naxalism, 22 Naxalites carrying a collective bounty of Rs 37.50 lakh surrendered before authorities in Narayanpur district. Individual rewards on the surrendered Maoists ranged from Rs 50,000 to Rs 8 lakh, highlighting the significance of the development. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai announced the surrender through a post on social media platform X, stating, "People now want to walk together on the path of development, not guns." He said the government's proactive approach has resulted in the surrender of 1,476 Maoists so far, underscoring growing public trust in state policies.

HIGHLIGHT

- Government's proactive approach has resulted in the surrender of 1,476 Maoists so far

CM Sai attributed the achievement to the state's new Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy 2025 and effective implementation of public welfare schemes. He specifically mentioned initiatives like 'Niyad Nellnar', which have been successful in instilling confidence among tribal populations and those influenced by extremist ideology. "This surrender is proof of the positivity created by our government's policies and welfare schemes. People are choosing to return to the mainstream and embrace peace and progress," the Chief Minister added. He also assured that the government is fully committed to supporting the rehabilitation and revival of those who lay down arms. CM Sai reaffirmed the government's strong resolve to eliminate Naxalism from the state entirely. He said the "double engine" government is working with a clear target of eradicating the menace by March 31, 2026.

Governor visits injured CRPF Jawans

RAIPUR: Governor Ramen Deka on Friday visited the injured CRPF jawans at Shree Narayana Hospital in Raipur, extending his support and best wishes for their recovery.

The jawans–Mantu Nath from Assam and Rajveer Singh from Gujarat–were injured in an IED blast carried out by Naxalites in Bijapur district on July 8. During his visit, the Governor interacted with the injured personnel, inquiring about their health and assuring them of every possible support.

He also spoke to the doctors overseeing their treatment and instructed them to ensure the best possible medical care for the jawans. Governor Deka emphasized the government's commitment to the well-being of its security forces and assured that all necessary assistance would be provided during their treatment and recovery.

Briefs
BEST OF THE REST

CG PULMOCON 2025 AT SUYASH HOSPITAL

CG PulmoCon focus on advancements in Chest disease treatment

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh state-level annual conference, CG PulmoCon 2025, dedicated to respiratory medicine, is being held at Suyash Hospital, Raipur. This prestigious workshop has brought together leading chest physicians from across the state to discuss advancements in the identification and treatment of lung diseases. The event aims to train doctors in recognizing lung conditions, using the latest diagnostic technologies, and applying modern treatment protocols. Special focus areas during the conference include tuberculosis (TB), asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and pulmonary fibrosis. Attendees will benefit from live case studies presented by expert doctors, offering real-time insight into identifying symptoms, choosing appropriate investigative tools, and initiating effective treatment plans.

Dr. Vivekan Pillai, a senior chest physician, will deliver the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of proactive lung care and innovations in pulmonary health. The Managing Director of Suyash Hospital expressed pride in hosting the event, stating, "Conferences like CG PulmoCon not only enhance medical knowledge but also directly contribute to better patient care by equipping doctors with up-to-date practices."

SUKMA'S DAUGHTERS SHINE BRIGHT

AM/NS 'Beti Padhao Scholarship' transforms lives of 2 sisters

RAIPUR: In the heart of Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, where challenges often outweigh opportunities, two sisters from Kumharras village – Niloti Nag and Muroti Nag – have emerged as beacons of hope and inspiration. With grit, dreams, and the support of AM/NS India's 'Beti Padhao Scholarship', they are rewriting the story of rural girl education. Born into a family battling poverty, Niloti and Muroti were raised by a single mother who worked as a hospital cleaner. Despite never attending school herself, she made a steadfast promise: her daughters would be educated, no matter what. That promise faced countless hurdles – financial struggles, societal expectations, and limited resources – but the sisters pressed on, completing their education till Class 12. Their journey ahead, however, seemed uncertain – until the 'Beti Padhao Scholarship', a CSR initiative of AM/NS India in collaboration with Protean eGov Technologies, arrived as a turning point. Distributed through the VidyaSaarthi portal, the scholarship offered more than just financial support – it gave the girls the confidence to dream big.

'75' REMARK

Political firestorm over Bhagwat's '75' remark: Bhupesh Baghel urges PM Modi to plan exit

RAIPUR: fresh political storm has erupted following Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent comment at a book release in Nagpur, where he implied that leaders should step aside after the age of 75. The statement has been widely interpreted as a veiled suggestion for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who turns 75 this September. Reacting strongly, former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and Congress General Secretary Bhupesh Baghel took a direct swipe at the Prime Minister. "According to what Mohan Bhagwat has said, the Prime Minister should make an exit plan, because September 17 is not very far away," Baghel told the media.

He further claimed that Bhagwat's comment reflects an internal rift between the BJP and the RSS, hinting that the delay in selecting a successor to BJP President J.P. Nadda could be a result of this tension. "It seems they want to handle both transitions together," Baghel added, calling Bhagwat's statement an expression of "internal anger."

The controversy stems from Bhagwat's remarks during a function dedicated to RSS ideologue Moropant Pingle, where he said, "When you turn 75, it means you should stop now and make way for others." Citing Pingle's views, Bhagwat added, "If you are honoured with a shawl after the age of 75, it means you should step aside and let others come forward."

INTERNSHIP TRAINING

St. Xavier students of Raipur gets internship training at SBI

RAIPUR: Xavierians visit SBI, Jai Stambh Chowk Branch to improve financial literacy among youngsters. Students learnt about different banking processes and transactions such as opening of the bank account, crediting and debiting money from account, and cheque deposition were explained to students during day long visit.

The students actively interacted with the bank staff, asked questions, and expressed keen interest in the operations. One student asked the Branch Manager about the Repo Rate.

SBI Manager, explained to the students that "RBI lends money to commercial banks.

When this rate is reduced, banks can borrow funds at a lower cost, which often leads to reduced interest rates on loans, including home loans. As a result, more people are borrowing from our bank."

This educational excursion was organized under the visionary leadership of Chairman, Dr. A.F Pinto who prioritize practical and realistic methods of learning.

HC cracks down on unrecognized schools

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RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh High Court has taken a strong stance against unrecognized private schools operating in the state. In a major order issued on July 11, 2025, the division bench of Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Ravindra Kumar Agarwal imposed an immediate ban on new admissions in all unrecognized non-government schools.

This decision came while hearing a PIL related to the implementation of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. The court also directed the Education Secretary to submit a personal affidavit explaining why schools conducting classes from Nursery to KG 2 are functioning without recognition, despite a state regulation from 2013 mandating such approval.

| PROMOTES FINANCIAL INCLUSION |

PNB conducts successful Agriculture Outreach Program in Nayakbandha

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PNB promotes SHGs, PMFME, and Agri Infrastructure schemes to boost rural financial empowerment..

RAIPUR: On 11th July 2025, Punjab National Bank (PNB) successfully organised an Agriculture Outreach Program at Village Nayakbandha, Tehsil Abhanpur, District Raipur. The objective of the program was to promote financial inclusion by supporting the farming community, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, and the PMFME (PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises) scheme.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. B. P. Mahapatra, Executive Director, Head Office, Delhi. In his keynote address, Mr. B. P. Mahapatra emphasized the importance and contribution of SHG formation, financial inclusion, and self-reliance. He also provided information about various financial loan schemes available to SHGs and encouraged the local community to connect with the bank in greater numbers. On this occasion, loan sanction letters were also distributed to selected beneficiaries. The program was graced by Dr. Gyanendra Mani, Chief General Manager, NABARD, who gave detailed information about various grant-based schemes under NABARD such as warehousing and cold storage.

Mr. Ashish Chaturvedi, Zonal Head and General Manager, PNB Zonal Office, Raipur, provided insights into agriculture-related schemes including SHGs, Bhuswami Yojana, Kisan Gold Loan, Cold Storage, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, PMFME, and others. PNB's team of experts provided valuable guidance to farmers, helping them overcome financial challenges and enhance agricultural productivity. On this occasion, local farmers and SHG members, who have benefited from the bank's various agricultural credit schemes and services, warmly welcomed the initiative and shared their feedback with enthusiasm.

HIGHLIGHT

- Executive Director B.P. Mahapatra encourages farmers to leverage banking support for agricultural development.

| AIMS TO RESTORE FAMILY LIFE |

Test tube baby facility to surrendered naxalites

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RAIPUR: In a landmark move, the Chhattisgarh government has announced a special initiative aimed at helping surrendered Naxalites reclaim a normal life – including the joy of parenthood. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma revealed today that the government will now provide free test tube baby (IVF) facilities to surrendered Naxalites who had been sterilized during their time with Maoist groups. Speaking to the media, Sharma said, "Naxal organizations not only alienated individuals from their families but, in many cases, also took away their chance to become parents through forced sterilization. We are now offering hope and a fresh start." He added that IVF, often costing lakhs of rupees, will be made accessible at no cost to those affected.

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> **Vijay Sharma**
> Deputy CM

The Deputy CM emphasized that the government's rehabilitation policy is not limited to reintegration into society but extends to helping surrendered cadres build families and futures. "We are also planning mass marriages for young people coming into rehabilitation centers," Sharma said, noting that the Women and Child Development Department will oversee such events. In a separate statement, Sharma addressed ongoing anti-Naxal operations during the monsoon season. Acknowledging the tough conditions soldiers face, he said special training is being provided in Hyderabad to prepare forces for challenges unique to this time of year. He concluded by saluting the courage of security personnel, stating, "All challenges are fading before the bravery of our soldiers."

Raipur News

CSERC revises power tariffs with balanced approach

CSERC has approved the power tariffs for FY 2025-26 for the State's generation, transmission, distribution Co's and SLDC.

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RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC) has approved the power tariffs for FY 2025-26 for the State's generation, transmission, distribution companies, and State Load Dispatch Centre. The revision has led to an average tariff hike of only 1.89% compared to last year, which officials termed as nominal. MD of the Distribution Company, Bhim Singh Kanwar, clarified that the increase is minimal and specifically structured to shield agricultural consumers, as any cost escalation in that category will be entirely borne by the State Government.

The new tariff structure also expands or maintains subsidies for several consumer categories such as temporary connections, tribal regions, Poha-Murmura units, and printing presses, ensuring widespread economic relief.

While the actual cost of electricity to the State's power companies stands at Rs 7.02 per unit, domestic consumers continue to receive electricity at heavily subsidized rates starting from Rs 4.10 per unit. Among the key features of the revised tariffs is a nominal hike of 10 paise per unit for lower-middle-class domestic consumers and 20 paise per unit for other domestic users.

In a notable move, cowsheds, stay homes, and tribal hostels in areas under the Bastar and South Tribal Development Authority and Surguja and North Development Authority have been reclassified under the domestic category, making them eligible for lower domestic rates. Temporary domestic connections, which were earlier charged at 1.5 times the standard rate, will now be billed at 1.25 times the normal tariff.

To improve telecom connectivity in Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected districts, the Commission has approved a 10% concession in energy charges for all mobile towers operating in these regions. For agricultural pump sets, the tariff has been increased by 50 paise per unit. However, this additional cost will be fully absorbed by the State Government, ensuring that farmers face no extra financial burden.

Non-domestic consumers will see an increase of 25 paise per unit in their power bills. Temporary connections in this category will also benefit from a reduced billing multiplier–brought down from 1.5 to 1.25 times the standard tariff.

FASTFACTS

- Power costs Rs 7.02/ unit but continues to be supplied to domestic users at subsidized rates starting from Rs 4.10
- Only 10-20 paise/ unit hike for domestic users; overall increase limited to 1.89%

EV charging tariff at Rs 7.02 per unit for LT connections

In a move aligned with green goals, the Commission has set the EV charging tariff at Rs 7.02 per unit for low-tension (LT) connections, matching the average cost of power supply. For high-tension (HT) consumers, the EV charging rate has been fixed at Rs 6.32 per KVAH.

The 10% energy charge discount for businesses and enterprises run by registered women self-help groups (SHGs) has been continued, further strengthening women's economic empowerment. Similarly, hospitals, nursing homes, and diagnostic centres operating in rural areas and tribal regions under the Bastar and South Tribal Development Authority and Surguja and North Development Authority will continue to receive a 5% concession on energy charges.

Rozgar Mela in Raipur on July 12

RAIPUR: Taking another historic step towards providing government job opportunities to the youth of the country, appointment letters will be handed over to more than 51,000 selected candidates by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, July 12. On this occasion, the Prime Minister will address the selected candidates and distribute the appointment letters through video conferencing at 47 locations across the country. In this series, the South East Central Railway, Raipur Division will also organize a Rozgar Mela on July 12 at 10:00 AM at the Community Hall, WRS Colony, Raipur. During the program, a total of 72 candidates from Chhattisgarh and other states will receive appointment letters for government jobs in various ministries and departments.

At the Rozgar Mela in Raipur, the selected candidates will be appointed in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health, Railways, Department of Posts, and other departments.

The posts include Technician, Pointsman, Helper, Guard, Doctor, Gramin Dak Sevak, Sub-Inspector, and Constable. The chief guest of the Rozgar Mela will be Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey.

Raipur MP Shri Brijmohan Agrawal and MLAs Shri Rajesh Munat, Shri Purandar Mishra, Shri Sunil Soni, and Shri Motilal Sahu will also grace the occasion.

RSUCC meets to enhance passenger experience

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RAIPUR: The Raipur Station Users' Consultative Committee (RSUCC) held a significant meeting today with key railway officials, including the Chief Station Manager and Chief Commercial Inspector, to discuss ongoing efforts and future plans for improving passenger amenities at Raipur Railway Station.

The meeting commenced with railway officials providing a comprehensive overview of current facilities and outlining upcoming projects designed to enhance the travel experience for commuters. Following this, the committee members, representing various user groups, put forth their valuable suggestions. Among the key points of discussion was the persistent issue of traffic congestion outside the station. While it was clarified that no obstructions exist within the station premises, the primary bottleneck occurs at the main intersection leading to the station. This matter has already been brought to the attention of higher authorities, and a dedicated survey on station traffic has been conducted to devise effective solutions.

Another important topic was the provision of enhanced facilities for senior citizens. The committee proposed the implementation of dedicated lifts and separate coaches for passengers aged 65 and above. In response, officials shared promising news: as part of the ongoing development at Raipur Station, an impressive 42 new lifts and 26 escalators are slated for installation. These additions are expected to significantly improve accessibility and comfort for women, the elderly, and differently-abled passengers.

The committee also brought up the possibility of adjusting Vande Bharat train schedules to facilitate better connections, specifically mentioning the Nagpur to Kanpur route.

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PLASTIC POLLUTION

Holy Cross School fights plastic pollution

RAIPUR: A clarion call for environmental stewardship, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Pension Bada, Raipur, on 11th July 2025, reverberated through the observance of Environment Day 2025-26, centred on the urgent theme "Ending Plastic Pollution." The event featured soulful performances, reflective addresses, and symbolic rituals, inspiring a renewed commitment to ecological responsibility.

Presiding over the event was the esteemed Principal of Holy Cross Higher Hr.Sec School, Pension Bada, Sister Maria Dias, whose visionary leadership continues to inspire an ethic of ecological mindfulness within the school community.

CGMSC

CGMSC addresses claims on surgical blade contamination

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited (CGMSCL) has issued a clarification regarding recent media reports alleging that rusted surgical blades (Blade No. 22) were supplied to Mahasamund Medical College Hospital and sent to the operation theater.

CGMSCL stated that the batch in question (Batch No. G-409) was supplied by Goldwin Medicare Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, in March 2024, with a shelf life until May 2029. The product met all quality standards upon receipt and was approved after quality control procedures before storage.

Upon receiving the complaint from Mahasamund Medical College regarding 50 rusted blades, CGMSCL immediately instructed all relevant state institutions to stop using the specified batch. Letters have been sent to the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) and the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) requesting a joint team of experts to investigate all available batches.

ILLEGAL STRUCTURE

Illegal structure on service road cleared

RAIPUR: Following instructions from Commissioner Vishwadeep, Raipur Municipal Corporation's Zone 6 team, led by Zone Commissioner Hitendra Yadav, conducted a joint anti-encroachment drive.

The operation, which included the main Municipal Corporation enforcement team and Zone 6 town planning department, cleared an encroachment over a drain on the service road leading from Katora Talab Road to New Rajendra Nagar. An illegal temporary structure (gumti) was also seized during the action.

NIT Raipur students develop simple devices for rural healthcare

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RAIPUR: Measuring children's height is a common practice in Anganwadi centers and primary schools, but it is usually done using manual stadiometers. These devices are bulky, difficult to carry from one place to another, and require two people – one to hold the child and another to take the reading.

Recently, NIT Raipur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with JSS Ganiyari. The aim is to help students understand rural healthcare challenges and develop low-cost, accessible, Indian-made medical devices. As most medical equipment in India is still imported, this initiative is a step towards reducing dependency on foreign products. The team is being guided by Dr. Saurabh Gupta, Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, NIT Raipur. Additionally, bringing the child from their place to the stadiometer is also a challenge, as children are often reluctant to come forward and do not cooperate due to fear or hesitation.

To solve this problem, two students from NIT Raipur - Rishabh Ranjan Jha and Shubham Jangir - have developed a small and simple device that can measure a child's height within 5 seconds, right where they are standing, by simply placing the device on their head. The device is lightweight and portable. It has been tested in over 10 Anganwadi centers and 2 primary schools in the Mohla-Manpur and Ambagarh Chowki districts of Chhattisgarh on more than 250 children and showed an accuracy of 99.998%. Rishabh mentioned that although digital height meters are available in the market, this device is much easier to use according to rural needs. The device also received positive feedback from Anganwadi workers.

| SURPRISE INSPECTION |

University should progress as per its name: Governor

Central Chronicle News

Governor Ramen Deka conducts surprise inspection of Atal Bihari Vajpayee University Bilaspur.

RAIPUR: Governor and Chancellor Ramen Deka today conducted a surprise inspection of Atal Bihari Vajpayee University (ABVU) Bilaspur.

During this, he told the Vice Chancellor and academic staff of the university that former Prime Minister Late. In accordance with the name of Shri Atal Bihari ji, the university should move forward while making its name in academic and other activities.

The Governor said that the process of giving timely promotion to Assistant Professors should be ensured, so that after having ten years of experience in the post of Professor, the professors of Chhattisgarh can get an opportunity to become Vice Chancellor. He stressed on better coordination between the professor and the students in the university and also asked to pay attention to the academic environment.

Governor Deka inspected the administrative building of the university and took information related to the functioning of the departments and the staff.

Shri Deka also met the students and after taking information about their problems, directed the Vice Chancellor to resolve them. Mr. Deka also held a meeting of the administrative department and department heads and discussed the courses in detail in the study division and directed to make necessary efforts to start new courses and increase the number of students.

He directed to make immediate appointments to the vacant posts of teachers in the university and to take necessary action to end the deputation of teachers sent on deputation.

He said that facilities for study and teaching should be ensured in accordance with the structure of the university and directed to follow the National Education Policy.

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Raipur News

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During this, he told the Vice Chancellor and academic staff of the university that former Prime Minister Late. In accordance with the name of Shri Atal Bihari ji, the university should move forward while making its name in academic and other activities.

The Governor said that the process of giving timely promotion to Assistant Professors should be ensured, so that after having ten years of experience in the post of Professor, the professors of Chhattisgarh can get an opportunity to become Vice Chancellor. He stressed on better coordination between the professor and the students in the university and also asked to pay attention to the academic environment.

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Shri Deka also met the students and after taking information about their problems, directed the Vice Chancellor to resolve them. Mr. Deka also held a meeting of the administrative department and department heads and discussed the courses in detail in the study division and directed to make necessary efforts to start new courses and increase the number of students.

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BILASPUR: Governor Ramen Deka conducted a surprise inspection of Dr. C.V. Raman University located in Vikaskhand Kota in Bilaspur district and conducted a meeting of the professors and assistant professors present there and reviewed the activities of the university in detail. He said that this university established in the name of the great scientist should set new standards in the field of education. For this, the university administration and academic staff should make efforts.

He said that give better educational environment to the children. The admission process should be transparent. Implement the National Education Policy. The Governor directed that emphasis should be laid on innovation and startup. The environment of the university should be such that all the women and girls studying and working here feel safe. In the 21st century where stress is common, it is our responsibility to educate the children in a healthy and good environment. Emphasis was laid on giving quality education to the children. He also inspected the lab where wooden art is made.

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Rozgar Mela in Raipur on July 12

RAIPUR: Taking another historic step towards providing government job opportunities to the youth of the country, appointment letters will be handed over to more than 51,000 selected candidates by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, July 12. On this occasion, the Prime Minister will address the selected candidates and distribute the appointment letters through video conferencing at 47 locations across the country. In this series, the South East Central Railway, Raipur Division will also organize a Rozgar Mela on July 12 at 10:00 AM at the Community Hall, WRS Colony, Raipur. During the program, a total of 72 candidates from Chhattisgarh and other states will receive appointment letters for government jobs in various ministries and departments.

At the Rozgar Mela in Raipur, the selected candidates will be appointed in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health, Railways, Department of Posts, and other departments.

The posts include Technician, Pointsman, Helper, Guard, Doctor, Gramin Dak Sevak, Sub-Inspector, and Constable. The chief guest of the Rozgar Mela will be Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey.

Raipur MP Shri Brijmohan Agrawal and MLAs Shri Rajesh Munat, Shri Purandar Mishra, Shri Sunil Soni, and Shri Motilal Sahu will also grace the occasion.

RSUCC meets to enhance passenger experience

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: The Raipur Station Users' Consultative Committee (RSUCC) held a significant meeting today with key railway officials, including the Chief Station Manager and Chief Commercial Inspector, to discuss ongoing efforts and future plans for improving passenger amenities at Raipur Railway Station.

The meeting commenced with railway officials providing a comprehensive overview of current facilities and outlining upcoming projects designed to enhance the travel experience for commuters. Following this, the committee members, representing various user groups, put forth their valuable suggestions. Among the key points of discussion was the persistent issue of traffic congestion outside the station. While it was clarified that no obstructions exist within the station premises, the primary bottleneck occurs at the main intersection leading to the station. This matter has already been brought to the attention of higher authorities, and a dedicated survey on station traffic has been conducted to devise effective solutions.

Another important topic was the provision of enhanced facilities for senior citizens. The committee proposed the implementation of dedicated lifts and separate coaches for passengers aged 65 and above. In response, officials shared promising news: as part of the ongoing development at Raipur Station, an impressive 42 new lifts and 26 escalators are slated for installation. These additions are expected to significantly improve accessibility and comfort for women, the elderly, and differently-abled passengers.

The committee also brought up the possibility of adjusting Vande Bharat train schedules to facilitate better connections, specifically mentioning the Nagpur to Kanpur route.

NEWSLINE

PLASTIC POLLUTION

Holy Cross School fights plastic pollution

RAIPUR: A clarion call for environmental stewardship, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Pension Bada, Raipur, on 11th July 2025, reverberated through the observance of Environment Day 2025-26, centred on the urgent theme "Ending Plastic Pollution." The event featured soulful performances, reflective addresses, and symbolic rituals, inspiring a renewed commitment to ecological responsibility.

Presiding over the event was the esteemed Principal of Holy Cross Higher Hr.Sec School, Pension Bada, Sister Maria Dias, whose visionary leadership continues to inspire an ethic of ecological mindfulness within the school community.

CGMSC

CGMSC addresses claims on surgical blade contamination

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited (CGMSCL) has issued a clarification regarding recent media reports alleging that rusted surgical blades (Blade No. 22) were supplied to Mahasamund Medical College Hospital and sent to the operation theater.

CGMSCL stated that the batch in question (Batch No. G-409) was supplied by Goldwin Medicare Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, in March 2024, with a shelf life until May 2029. The product met all quality standards upon receipt and was approved after quality control procedures before storage.

Upon receiving the complaint from Mahasamund Medical College regarding 50 rusted blades, CGMSCL immediately instructed all relevant state institutions to stop using the specified batch. Letters have been sent to the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) and the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) requesting a joint team of experts to investigate all available batches.

ILLEGAL STRUCTURE

Illegal structure on service road cleared

RAIPUR: Following instructions from Commissioner Vishwadeep, Raipur Municipal Corporation's Zone 6 team, led by Zone Commissioner Hitendra Yadav, conducted a joint anti-encroachment drive.

The operation, which included the main Municipal Corporation enforcement team and Zone 6 town planning department, cleared an encroachment over a drain on the service road leading from Katora Talab Road to New Rajendra Nagar. An illegal temporary structure (gumti) was also seized during the action.

NIT Raipur students develop simple devices for rural healthcare

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Measuring children's height is a common practice in Anganwadi centers and primary schools, but it is usually done using manual stadiometers. These devices are bulky, difficult to carry from one place to another, and require two people – one to hold the child and another to take the reading.

Recently, NIT Raipur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with JSS Ganiyari. The aim is to help students understand rural healthcare challenges and develop low-cost, accessible, Indian-made medical devices. As most medical equipment in India is still imported, this initiative is a step towards reducing dependency on foreign products. The team is being guided by Dr. Saurabh Gupta, Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, NIT Raipur. Additionally, bringing the child from their place to the stadiometer is also a challenge, as children are often reluctant to come forward and do not cooperate due to fear or hesitation.

To solve this problem, two students from NIT Raipur - Rishabh Ranjan Jha and Shubham Jangir - have developed a small and simple device that can measure a child's height within 5 seconds, right where they are standing, by simply placing the device on their head. The device is lightweight and portable. It has been tested in over 10 Anganwadi centers and 2 primary schools in the Mohla-Manpur and Ambagarh Chowki districts of Chhattisgarh on more than 250 children and showed an accuracy of 99.998%. Rishabh mentioned that although digital height meters are available in the market, this device is much easier to use according to rural needs. The device also received positive feedback from Anganwadi workers.

| NEW POWER TARIFF |

CSERC greenlights power tariff hike for consumers

Central Chronicle News

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Under the new order, domestic consumers will see an increase in electricity rates ranging from 0.10 to 0.20 per unit. Certain facilities like gaushalas and government-notified stay homes in specific tribal development regions will now be categorized under domestic tariffs. The charge for temporary domestic connections has been reduced to 1.25 times the normal tariff.

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Bhilai

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Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam: 48,000 saplings planted

Durg district pledges environmental protection; tree plantation campaign intensified.

Public representatives and common people planting saplings

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (One Tree in Mother's Name) campaign, dedicated to environmental conservation and honouring mothers, extensive tree plantation drives are underway in the rural areas of the district. The initiative is being conducted under the "Mor Gaon Mor Pani" (My Village, My Water) program. Ahiwara MLA DomanlalKorsewada inaugurated the program by planting jackfruit and mango saplings in Gram Panchayat Limtara. Panchayat representatives and villagers were present. A total of 352 saplings were planted in Gram Panchayat Limtara. MLA Korsewada stated, "Planting a tree in the name of one's mother is a simple yet profound act. It not only honours the contributions of mothers but also contributes to the health of the Earth. Just as a mother gives life, trees are also life-giving." In Janpad Panchayat Dhamdha, 15,305 saplings were planted at the homes of beneficiaries under the PMAY (Gramin).

FASTFACTS

- The campaign was inaugurated at village Limtara.
- Five soak pits are also being constructed in each Gram Panchayat.

Students and villagers participate

The involvement of schoolchildren in the campaign was also notable, with over 40 students voluntarily planting trees. Local villagers also contributed by planting various fruit-bearing and shade-giving trees like mango, guava, jamun, neem, jackfruit, and amla. The program saw the participation of District Panchayat Vice President, CEO Janpad Panchayat and numerous villagers.

Disaster Risk Reduction training

BHILAI: To mitigate and prevent damages caused by natural disasters such as lightning, storms, excessive rainfall, hailstorms, heatwaves, and cold waves, Durg district will organize specialized training programs. These initiatives fall under Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) capacity building and the School Safety Policy. The training will involve 25 government officials and employees in each development block. Additionally, 250 schoolchildren and teachers from each block will receive training through workshops conducted at the school level.

Free training for rural youth

BHILAI: The Bank of Baroda Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI) in Durg is dedicated to fostering self-reliance in rural areas through various skill development programs. RSETI's primary objective is to provide free residential training to unemployed rural youth, facilitating their employment and entrepreneurial growth. The institute's programs focus on self-productivity, empowerment, skill development, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

Durg Mayor inspects sanitation work in Borsi

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Mayor Alka Baghmar of Durg Municipal Corporation conducted a field inspection in Ward No. 51, Borsi, to assess ongoing sanitation efforts. Accompanied by public representatives and municipal officials, she reviewed cleanliness operations and directed immediate action to improve hygiene and infrastructure in the area.

During her visit to Vrindavan Nagar, the mayor instructed officials to draft a proposal for drain construction from Kolkata Sweets to Ishu Bari leading to the local garden. She emphasized the urgent removal of encroachments from roadsides, in front of homes and shops, and particularly those obstructing drainage channels. She also called for the clearing of bushes and grass around roadside drains to enhance the ward's cleanliness and appearance. Mayor Baghmar stressed the importance of maintaining continuous garden cleaning and inspected the door-to-door waste collection system. On-site, she issued instructions to municipal staff to strengthen sanitation arrangements and ensure prompt service delivery. Present during the inspection were MIC members Devnarayan Chandrakar and Gyaneshwar Tamrakar, Councilor Sajan Joseph, Executive Engineer Dinesh Netam, Assistant Engineer Sanjay Thakur, Sub-Engineer Vikas Damaha, and sanitation supervisors. Officials informed the mayor that garbage collection vehicles have been deployed in market areas to facilitate proper disposal by shopkeepers. Citizens found littering will face fines under municipal regulations. The Durg Municipal Corporation continues to monitor sanitation efforts closely, aiming to create a clean, organized, and aesthetically pleasing urban environment through consistent and dedicated action.

HIGHLIGHT

- Orders Immediate Removal of Encroachments.

NEWSLINE

DURG POLICE

Awareness program at SAGES

BHILAI: As part of the ongoing "Operation Vishwas" campaign against drug abuse, Durg Police reached the Swami Atmanand Government English School (SAGES) in Farid Nagar, Supela. The program focused on equipping students with self-defense techniques and raising awareness about the importance of not sharing personal information with strangers. Students were also cautioned about exercising care while using mobile phones and were educated about cyber digital arresting. During the session, ASI Sangeeta Mishra provided valuable information to students and teachers on social media safety, explained "good touch" and "bad touch," and discussed the POCSO Act. A significant portion of the program was dedicated to highlighting the problems associated with drug use and informing students about various means to overcome addiction. Essential emergency numbers, including 112 and 9479192099, were shared, emphasizing the need to keep personal information private, utilize social media's safety features, and be aware of the 1930 emergency number.

EMPLOYMENT

Career Guidance Program

BHILAI: The District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center will host a free collective career guidance program starting July 28, 2025. These sessions will be held weekly for groups of at least 20 applicants. The program aims to empower young people with career-related information and to equip them for various employment opportunities. Interested applicants can register for free by visiting the office. The guidance sessions will be organized three days a week, catering to applicants with different educational qualifications: on Mondays for those who have passed Class 10, on Wednesdays for those who have passed Class 12, and on Fridays for applicants with graduate qualifications.

OBITUARY

Vishnu Kishore Mishra

BHILAI: Madhuban Nagar Panchsheel (B) Street 7 resident Vishnu Kishore Mishra left for heavenly abode on Thursday. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at SheonathMuktidham. He was the husband of Pramila Mishra and father of Aparna Srivastava, Annu Mishra, Apendra Mishra and Bhupendra Mishra.

Atul Parvat meets UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Gorakhpur

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Atul Parvat, President of the Bhilai Can Do Parvat Foundation and a prominent BJP youth leader from Chhattisgarh, visited the sacred land of Gorakhpur, the ascetic abode of Shivavatari Mahayogi Guru Shri Gorakhnath Ji. During his visit, Parvat paid a courtesy call to Yogi Adityanath, the popular public leader of Uttar Pradesh and one of India's esteemed Chief Ministers, known for championing Hindutva and spearheading development in the state. Parvat sought blessings from the Chief Minister and presented him with a memento - a "Kalpavriksha" (wish-fulfilling tree) artifact, symbolic of Chhattisgarh's Bastar region. Expressing his gratitude, Atul Parvat stated, "I extend my sincere thanks to Honourable Chief Minister Yogi Ji for granting his valuable time to a humble party worker like me."

Four held for assaulting pregnant

BHILAI: Jamul Police have arrested four individuals in connection with the assault of a pregnant woman in Rajiv Nagar, Chhawani, which tragically resulted in the death of her unborn child.

Asharfi Devi, a resident of Rajiv Nagar, Jamul, had filed a report at Jamul Police Station. She stated that her neighbors, Amarjeet, Samarjeet, Akash, and Vikash, were verbally abusing in a drunken state. When she and another victim, Sonmati, intervened and asked them to stop, the accused collectively assaulted them, causing injuries.

During the investigation, it was discovered that Sonmati, who was two months pregnant, suffered a fatal blow to her abdomen, leading to the death of the fetus. Police arrested Amarjeet Rajak alias Baitha (55), Samarjeet Rajak (35), Akash Kumar Rajak (27), and Vikas Kumar Rajak (24), all residents of Rajiv Nagar, Chhawani.

| WORLD POPULATION DAY |

JLN Hospital hosts Awareness Drive for Population Day

Central Chronicle News

Awareness, Art, and Action Mark World Population Day.

BHILAI: World Population Day 2025 was marked with a series of awareness programmes at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre, Sector-9, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. This year's theme was "Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancies for Planned Parenthood." The event began with the ceremonial lamp lighting by Chief Guest Dr M Ravindranath, ED (Medical & Health Services), joined by Chief Medical Officers Dr Vinita Dwivedi, Dr Kaushalendra Thakur, Dr Saurabh Mukherjee, and Dr Uday Kumar. Dr Ravindranath inaugurated a poster and slogan exhibition and released a special awareness pamphlet addressing population growth.

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FASTFACTS

- Nursing students from three colleges participated in a poster competition,
- DNB doctors performed a skit and street play

Students from PG College of Nursing, Shri Shankaracharya College of Nursing, and Apollo College of Nursing participated in a poster competition, creatively highlighting facts, challenges, and social messages on population control. In his address, Dr Ravindranath emphasized, "Population growth is a serious challenge for our nation and the world. No policy can succeed without public awareness. Today's event is a concrete step in that direction."

A compelling skit and street play on population awareness was performed by DNB doctors including Dr Archita, Dr Sonali, Dr Annapurna, Dr Tanya, Dr Geeta, Dr Sadhir, Dr Shraddha, Dr Parul, and Dr Akash.

| MOR ZAMEEN MOR MAKAAN SCHEME |

MLA Lalit Chandrakar distributes housing permits to 90 beneficiaries

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: In a significant step toward fulfilling the housing aspirations of citizens, Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar distributed construction permits to 90 beneficiaries under the state-run "Mor Zameen Mor Makaan" scheme in the Risali Municipal Corporation area. The event, held in the presence of Mayor Shashi Sinha, also saw 33 families successfully claim homes through a lottery draw under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Addressing the gathering, MLA Chandrakar emphasized the transparency of the housing initiative and reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring every citizen has access to basic necessities, including shelter."Every individual dreams of owning a home. The state government under Chief Minister Sai is dedicated to turning that dream into reality. Our Prime Minister, who considers himself the chief servant of the people, has resolved that no citizen should live in a temporary dwelling but in a permanent home of their own," Chandrakar stated. Mayor Shashi Sinha and Leader of Opposition Shailendra Sahu acknowledged the importance of the moment in the beneficiarieslives. The lottery event was attended by several dignitaries, including MIC members Anil Deshmukh, Ranjita Bounua, Rohit Dhankar, Councilor Rama Sahu, Mandal President Raju Janghel, and Anupam Sahu. Commissioner Monika Verma welcomed the guests, while Chandrapal Harmukh conducted the proceedings. According to municipal data, a total of 348 houses are currently under construction in Pradipti Nagar and 36 in Lakshminagar. Of these, 72 and 17 homes have already been allotted respectively. On Friday, an additional 27 homes in Pradipti Nagar and 6 in Lakshminagar were distributed through the lottery system, leaving 249 units pending allocation.

In a notable move, the Risali Municipal Corporation became the first civic body to issue laminated contract papers on glossy sheets to beneficiaries, setting a precedent for formal and dignified documentation in public welfare schemes.

Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar distributing construction permits.

N-E-W-S

"NASA has announced that our return journey under the Axiom-4 mission will begin on July 14 ."

Shubhanshu Shukla
Indian Astronaut

Kanwar Yatra begins in Haridwar

'The devotees of Lord Shiva- popularly called Kanwariyas', carry holy water during 'Kanwar Yatra' in the holy month of 'Shravan', at Har Ki Pauri, in Haridwar on Friday.

Death toll rises to 19 in Gujarat bridge collapse

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Press Trust Of India

VADODARA : The death toll in the Mahisagar river bridge collapse in Gujarat's Vadodara district climbed to 19 on Friday after one of the injured persons succumbed to injuries at a hospital, officials said. The search for the two missing persons is still underway, they said. Several vehicles plunged into the river after a segment of the four-decade-old bridge, connecting Anand and Vadodara districts, collapsed near Gambhira village close to Padra town on Wednesday morning. "Forty five-year-old Narendrasinh Parmar, a resident of Dahevan, who was one of the five injured persons undergoing treatment at the SSG Hospital died on Friday," an official said. Eighteen bodies were recovered till Thursday night, and the operation resumed on the third day with efforts being made by the teams engaged at the site to trace two more persons, who are missing, Vadodara Collector Anil Dhameliya said. On Thursday, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel suspended four engineers of the state's Roads and Buildings Department in connection with the bridge collapse. State minister Rushikesh Patel visited the site of the tragedy and informed the media that action has been taken on the basis of a preliminary report submitted by a committee set up by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. A high-level probe committee of the state's roads and buildings department will submit a detailed report in 30 days, he said. Out of the 7,000 bridges in the state that have been surveyed, the government has identified those that need repairs or require construction of a new one. Action is taken on them accordingly, he said after the visit. "As per the preliminary report of this investigation committee, it has been recorded that the bridge collapsed due to pedestal and articulation crushing. A detailed report will be given by this committee of the Roads and Buildings Department within 30. days," he said.

HIGHLIGHT

- Several vehicles had plunged into the river after a segment of bridge collapsed near Gambhira village.
- Taking stern action Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel suspended four engineers after the tragic mishap

MP CM launches 'Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam' drive

INDORE : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday launched the 'Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam' campaign in Indore to increase greenery in urban areas. As part of the scheme, 51,000 saplings will be planted on a 5-acre plot to create a "nagar van" or urban forest. Yadav launched the campaign by planting a sapling in Kesharbagh Road area here and also performed 'bhoomi pujan' of the nagar van. "Indian culture and tradition has been giving the message of conservation of nature for thousands of years. In such a situation, it is our responsibility to save the environment by planting a large number of trees for the coming generations," Yadav said. "Today, when the world is witnessing different wars, India is the only country which gives the message of live and let live through its liberal culture," he added.

| IIT MADRAS 62ND CONVOCATION |

No target missed in Pakistan; no damage in India, says Doval

Press Trust Of India

NSA Ajit Doval praised the Indian armed forces for carrying out precision strikes on terror infrastructure inside Pakistan.

FACTFILE

- Doval said satellite imagery provided clear proof of what happened between May 6 and May 10.

CHENNAI : National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Friday delivered a sharp rebuke to the foreign media's reporting on Operation Sindoor, challenging it to produce any credible evidence of damage on the Indian side. Speaking at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, Doval praised the Indian armed forces for carrying out precision strikes on terror infrastructure inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in under 23 minutes. Doval said satellite imagery provided clear proof of what happened between May 6 and May 10, yet foreign outlets continued to claim there was damage on the Indian side – without being able to produce a single image, not even of a broken window. "Foreign press said that Pakistan did this and that. You show me one photograph, one image, which shows any damage done to any Indian structure – even a glass pane being broken," Doval stressed. "These satellite images are available all over the world. They (The New York Times and others) brought out images and published them. The images only showed that 13 airbases in Pakistan before and after May 10 were destroyed, whether in Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan or Chaklala," he said. "I am only telling you what the foreign media put out on the basis of imagery – where is the damage? We are capable of doing that (destroying terror bases and inflicting damage on Pakistani airbases)," Doval added. Indian security forces launched Operation Sindoor in the intervening night of May 6-7, decimating nine terror camps, including the headquarters of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen, inside Pakistan as well as in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The strikes were carried out in retaliation for the deadly terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, in which Pakistan-sponsored terrorists killed 26 civilians. He said India had got all the information regarding targets and under the 'Operation Sindoor', Indian forces performed with accuracy and precision, to cause maximum damage to targeted destinations in the Pakistan. Despite supports from China and Turkiye Pakistan could not cause any damage to Indian force, he asserted.

| INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE HANDBALL |

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HIGHLIGHT

- Several vehicles had plunged into the river after a segment of bridge collapsed near Gambhira village.
- Taking stern action Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel suspended four engineers after the tragic mishap

MP CM launches 'Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam' drive

INDORE : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday launched the 'Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam' campaign in Indore to increase greenery in urban areas. As part of the scheme, 51,000 saplings will be planted on a 5-acre plot to create a "nagar van" or urban forest. Yadav launched the campaign by planting a sapling in Kesharbagh Road area here and also performed 'bhoomi pujan' of the nagar van. "Indian culture and tradition has been giving the message of conservation of nature for thousands of years. In such a situation, it is our responsibility to save the environment by planting a large number of trees for the coming generations," Yadav said. "Today, when the world is witnessing different wars, India is the only country which gives the message of live and let live through its liberal culture," he added.

| KARNATAKA LEADERSHIP ROW |

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It is only after checking of work after rains that final payment from DMF funds will be made.

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Chhattisgarh

Grand Shala Praveshotsav marks Guru Purnima

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MCB: On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, a grand Cluster Level School Admission Festival and Samadhan Camp was organized in the grounds of Higher Secondary School Bundeli, under Manendragarh development block. The event was graced by Chhattisgarh's Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal as the chief guest, with District Panchayat member Ramjit Lakra presiding. Many dignitaries, including Zilla Parishad member Surendra Singh Markam, Sarpanch Hema Raghunath Singh Poyam, and SDM Lingaraj Sidar, attended alongside local representatives and a large number of villagers.

FACTFILE

- Our work is for everyone, everyone's development and everyone's trust: Health Minister.

The program began with the garlanding and lamp lighting before the statues of Chhattisgarh Mahtari and Maa Saraswati. Newly admitted students were welcomed traditionally with tilak, flower showers, sweets, and gifts like study material, uniforms, and bags.

Top-performing students from classes 5 to 12, including Rita, Muktan Singh, Khushi, Sita, Sanjana Devi, and Vinod Kumar, were honored with mementoes. Similar felicitations were extended to newly admitted children at the Anganwadi Centre.

During the Samadhan Camp, caste certificates were issued to 14 students, and 34 eligible beneficiaries received forest rights pattas. Admissions were recorded for 22 students in class 6 and 5 in class 7.

Mandatory verification for pension scheme beneficiaries

BILASPUR: The Government of India's Rural Development Department has launched the Beneficiary Verification App to verify recipients of pension schemes under the Social Assistance Program. In the first phase, central pension schemes like the Indira Gandhi National Old Age, Widow, and Disabled Pension Schemes will be covered, followed by state schemes in the second phase. Gram Panchayat Secretaries and relevant staff will be trained for the process. Beneficiaries must appear in person with their Aadhaar card, bank account copy, and mobile number. All are urged to complete verification promptly to ensure uninterrupted pension disbursal.

Appl invited for Anganwadi Sahayika posts

BILASPUR: Under the Integrated Child Development Project (ICDP) Sarkanda, applications are invited from July 14 to July 28 for the vacant post of Sahayika at Anganwadi Center No. 3, Khamtarai, located in Ward No. 58, Rani Durgavati Nagar. Interested candidates can submit their applications either by registered post or in person at the ICDP Sarkanda office during working hours within the given dates.

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TRAGEDY

Youth succumbs to electrocution while repairing borewell wire

BASNA: A 28-year-old youth, Jagdish Barik, son of Mohan Barik, resident of Khusrupali village under Bhanwarpur police outpost of Basna police station, died due to electrocution while going to sow paddy in the field. The tragic incident occurred around 11:00 am when Jagdish stepped into Khubchand's field, located a short distance from the village, where a borewell service wire carrying live current had fallen.

Jagdish came in contact with the live wire, resulting in a severe electric shock. He collapsed on the spot and began writhing in pain. Villagers and family members rushed to the location and immediately arranged transportation to shift him to the Community Health Center, Basna, where the doctors declared him dead upon arrival.

PLANTATION CAMPAIGN

'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign plants over 46,000 saplings in a

GAURELA PENDRA MARWAHI: In response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a green and clean environment, the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' tree plantation campaign was launched with enthusiasm across GPM district. A remarkable 46,516 saplings were planted in a single day under the campaign led by the district administration. In Dongaria village, 1,000 saplings were planted at the RIPA campus, Eklavya Adarsh Residential School, and local schools. Additionally, 30,472 saplings were planted in all village panchayats across the district. 15,044 saplings were distributed to PM Awas Yojana beneficiaries to be planted at their homes. Residents from all sections of society planted trees with plaques bearing their mother's names, symbolizing personal commitment to environmental protection.

'Shala Praveshotsav'

Grand 'Shala Praveshotsav' held in Vijay English Medium Higher Secondary School

MANENDRAGARH: Vijay English Medium Higher Secondary School (VEMHSS), Manendragarh, recently hosted the Grand Shala Pravesh Utsav, a vibrant celebration marking the beginning of a new academic year 2025-2026. The event was filled with excitement and energy. VEMHSS continues to shine, producing meritorious students for the third time in a row in the state board examination. This achievement is a testament to the school's dedication to providing quality education and nurturing talented students. As we embark on this new academic year, we are excited to see our students grow and thrive like never before. We believe that this celebration will set the tone for a year filled with learning, growth, and achievement', informs Indra Sengar, Principal VEMHSS, in a press release.

Disabled students to receive vocational training

BILASPUR: The Social Welfare Department is offering free vocational training for disabled students (orthopedically and hearing impaired) aged 15 to 35 years at the Government Ashrayadatta Karmshala, Tifra.

Training will be provided in armature winding and electrical, sewing and cutting, beauty parlor, computer, and screen printing trades. Educational qualifications range from 5th to 10th pass, depending on the trade.

The training program will commence from July 15. Interested candidates are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain skills for self-employment and career development. For more details, contact the Social Welfare Department.

| DEMAND FOR JUSTICE |

Will ensure justice to victimized girl's family: Sori

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SWC member Advocate Deepika Sori reached Chintakonta village with her women team and met the family members of the deceased.

SUKMA: According to the information received, the death of a girl in Chintakota village under Dhondhra Panchayat of Konta block in Sukma district has shocked the entire area. The deceased has been identified as Pusam Raje, who was living in Sukma for the last one year and returned to her native village on Sunday, July 6. According to the family, her health started deteriorating shortly after reaching home, but she did not tell anything about any problem. She vomited several times till late evening. The family tried to take her to the hospital but the girl refused. The next day at 4 am when she went to the bathroom and did not return for a long time, the family saw that she was lying unconscious. She was hurriedly taken to an RMP doctor in Konta, but the clinic was closed. After this, she was taken to Chittoor Hospital in Andhra Pradesh, where doctors told that the girl was 8 months pregnant and she died shortly after. Police have handed over the case to Konta police station. The post-mortem of the body was done and the last rites were performed in the native village. The family members of the deceased - father Pusam Rama, mother Pusam Veera, elder brother Pusam Kanna, younger brother Pusam Lakshmaiya and elder sister Pusam Bajari called this incident deeply saddening and demanded justice.

FACTFILE

- CWC member assured the family that a high-level inquiry will be conducted into the case and the culprits will not be spared under any circumstances.

The Day's NUMBERS

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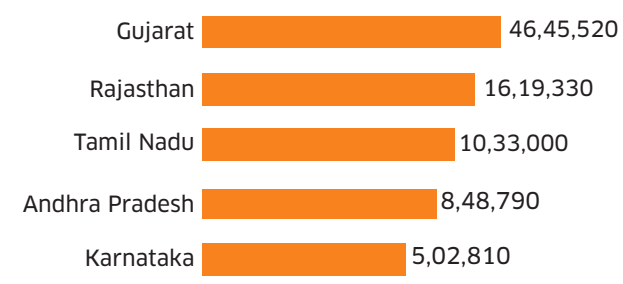

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SUSPENDED

Intoxication incident leads to head teacher's suspension

MUNGELI: Head Teacher Satnamdas Patre, posted at Government Primary School Singhanpuri, Vikaskhand Mungeli, has been suspended with immediate effect for locking himself inside the school building under the influence of intoxicants and disrupting educational activities. The action was taken based on a report submitted by the Block Education Officer (BEO), Mungeli. The incident occurred on Wednesday, when other teachers arrived at the school around 11:30 am and found the school door locked from inside. Despite repeated efforts, the door remained shut, raising fears of a serious situation. The BEO reached the spot at 12:30 pm, forced the door open, and found the head teacher in an intoxicated state. He was immediately taken to the District Hospital, Mungeli, where medical tests confirmed drug consumption. Due to this misconduct, educational activities were hampered, and crucial programs like the Mid-Day Meal Scheme were disrupted. According to the BEO, the teacher's actions violated Rule 3 and Rule 23 of the Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965, and he failed to respond to a show-cause notice.

ROAD

Durgesh Rai meets CE NHAI for repair of dilapidated road

SUKMA: State Congress Committee Secretary Durgesh Rai met Chief Engineer, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) Raipur Chhattisgarh Shriman (Uraon Sir) and Regional Officer Government of India Road Transport State Highway Shriman (Pareek Sir) regarding the repair of the dilapidated road between National Highway (NH) 30 Tongpal to Kaislur. Durgesh Rai told that the road between National Highway 30 Tongpal to Kaislur, which is called the lifeline of Bastar, has reached a very dilapidated state. Big potholes have formed. It has become difficult to walk on the road in the initial days of rain. There are chances of heavy rain in Bastar in the coming two months. In such a situation, the condition of the road will become worse. The people of Sukma depend on the divisional headquarters Jagdalpur and the capital Raipur for other important works including health.

| CONGRESS' RESPONSE TO BJP'S ATROCITIES |

Cong begins 'Jan Nyay Yatra' in Mainpur

Central Chronicle News

MAINPUR: Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee President Deepak Baij inaugurated the 147 km Jan Nyay Padyatra from Mainpur to Raipur Raj Bhavan, launched by the Youth Congress and NSUI to raise issues concerning the failures of the BJP government and the basic problems of Bindranawagarh Assembly constituency. Baij received a grand welcome with music, garlands, and fireworks. The event began with a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Addressing the crowd, Baij criticized the BJP for neglecting farmers, students, and the poor, alleging misgovernance, school closures, forest exploitation, and women's insecurity.

He accused the government of selling Bastar's iron ore and Surguja's coal mines, and of cutting thousands of trees in Raigarh.

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MLA Janak Dhruv also slammed the government for poor infrastructure and healthcare in Bindranawagarh, citing unelectrified villages and lack of roads and doctors. Other leaders including Bhavsingh Sahu, Shailendra Sahu, and Sukchand Besra also addressed the gathering.

Baij flagged off the padyatra and marched 5 km to Gaurghat and Warehouse, encouraging the workers. The event saw massive participation, requiring heavy police deployment.

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Business

Signature Global confident to meet Rs 12,500 cr pre-sales target in FY26.

Pradeep Aggarwal

Chairman, Signature Global

IICA North-East Conclave 2025 in Meghalaya

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman with Meghalaya CM Conrad K Sangma during the IICA North-East Conclave 2025 at IIM Shillong, in Meghalaya, Friday. PTI

Industry must promote gender, caste diversity: VP

Industry must promote gender, caste diversity and support MSMEs to drive growth.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India Inc must now expand its global presence, not just in markets, but in ideas, standards, and solutions, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said on Thursday, calling upon the industry to be a force for inclusion by supporting MSMEs and promoting gender and caste diversity in leadership. Addressing the 19th Edition of the CII-ITC Sustainability Awards, Dhankhar called for building "Brand India" on four pillars -- quality, trust, innovation, and ancient wisdom reimagined for modern relevance -- while exhorting the private sector to go for greenfield projects. "Industry, friends, must be a force for inclusion by supporting MSMEs, promoting gender and caste diversity in leadership. It's easier said than done. Gender and caste diversity has to be appreciated in the right sense. "When it comes to gender, we champion affirmative action but the real problem is when gender discrimination is subtle, when gender discrimination cannot be imparted in words by the normal desire to dominate," the vice president said. He underlined that the private sector must embrace its role not just as an economic actor but as a co-architect of India's future. We are not mercenaries, we don't stand for exploitation. We believe in the positive unleashing of our energy to realise our dreams for the benefit of society at large.

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- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar urges Indian industry to foster inclusivity, support MSMEs, and lead sustainable development through innovation and responsibility.

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BEST OF THE REST

HOW THE MARKETS BEHAVE TODAY?

Sensex, Nifty tumble nearly 1 pc on selling in IT, auto stocks

MUMBAI: Key benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined for the third session in a row on Friday, dropping nearly 1 per cent, dragged by heavy selling in IT, auto and energy stocks. Tariff-related uncertainties amid mixed global market trends also added to the pressure, analysts said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 689.81 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 82,500.47. During the day, it fell 748.03 points or 0.89 per cent to 82,442.25. Similarly, the 50-share NSE Nifty dropped 205.40 points or 0.81 per cent to 25,149.85. From the Sensex firms, Tata Consultancy Services declined 3.46 per cent after reporting its June quarter earnings. The country's largest IT services company on Thursday reported a 6 per cent growth in June quarter net profit at Rs 12,760 crore, helped by a jump in non-core income even as revenues grew at a tepid pace. The rupee revenue grew 1.3 per cent to Rs 63,437 crore during the quarter.

AVENUE SUPERMARTS Q1 RESULTS

Profit flat at Rs 773 cr, revenue grows 16% YoY

MUMBAI: Avenue Supermarts Ltd, the parent company of D-Mart, reported a subdued performance for the quarter ended June 2025, with net profit flat at Rs 773 crore, compared to Rs 774 crore in the year-ago period.

Revenue rose 16.3% year-on-year to Rs 16,359.7 crore, up from Rs 14,069 crore in Q1 FY25, while EBITDA grew 6.4% to Rs 1,299 crore, compared to Rs 1,221.2 crore a year ago. However, profitability remained under pressure as EBITDA margins contracted to 7.94% from 8.68% in the same quarter last year, reflecting shifts in product mix and elevated input costs. The company had earlier disclosed in its June business update that standalone revenue had grown 16% YoY, slightly below Street expectations.

| FIRST WOMAN CEO |

Priya Nair named CEO-MD of HUL effective August 1

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Priya Nair becomes HUL's first woman CEO, brings 30 years of rich leadership experience.

NEW DELHI: Priya Nair will become the first woman CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) effective August 1, 2025, with India's largest FMCG firm announcing her appointment on Thursday. Nair, currently President, Beauty & Wellbeing, Unilever, has been appointed for a period of five years. She replaces Rohit Jawa who will step down as CEO and MD on July 31, 2025 to pursue the next chapter in his personal and professional journey, the FMCG major said in a statement.

Jawa took over as the CEO and MD of HUL in 2023. Nair will also join the HUL Board, subject to necessary approvals, and continue to be a member of the Unilever Leadership Executive (ULE), the company added. "Priya has had an outstanding career in HUL and Unilever. I am certain that with her deep understanding of the Indian market and excellent track record, Priya will take HUL to the next level of performance," HUL Chairman Nitin Paranjpe said. Nair joined HUL in 1995 and held several sales and marketing roles across home care, beauty & wellbeing, and personal care businesses. Her significant contributions led her to become the Executive Director, Home Care, HUL, between 2014 and 2020, thereafter, the Executive Director, Beauty & Personal Care, HUL, from 2020 to 2022.

Subsequently, she went on to become the Global Chief Marketing Officer, Beauty & Wellbeing at Unilever. Since 2023, Nair has had a successful tenure as President of Beauty & Wellbeing, one of Unilever's fastest growing businesses. During his tenure of over two years, the company delivered volume-led competitive growth, HUL stated. "On behalf of the Board of HUL, I would like to thank Rohit for leading the business through tough market conditions and strengthening its foundations for success. The Company took decisive actions to sharpen the portfolio and further stepped up its market leadership over the last two years," Paranjpe said.

FACTFILE

- Nair to succeed Rohit Jawa, aims to elevate HUL's growth with deep market insight.

| EXPERIENCE CENTRE |

Tesla's 1st experience centre in India

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NEW DELHI: Global EV giant Tesla is all set to officially enter India with the opening of its first experience centre at Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex next week. The Elon Musk-led firm has sent out select invites presenting the inaugural event as the "launch of Tesla in India". Tesla could not be reached for comments. Last month, Tesla India took on lease 24,565 square feet warehousing space in Lodha Logistics Park in Mumbai for a period of five years. In June, Union Heavy Industries Minister H D Kumaraswamy stated that the electric carmaker is not interested in manufacturing cars in India but keen on establishing showrooms in the country. US President Donald Trump has said that if Tesla were to build a factory in India to circumvent that country's tariffs, it would be "unfair" to the US. Tesla CEO billionaire Elon Musk had said in April last year that his visit to India had been delayed due to the company's heavy obligations. The electric car maker was seeking an initial tariff concession that would allow it to offset 70 per cent of customs duty for cars priced less than USD 40,000, and 100 per cent for cars of higher value. However, earlier this year, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal stated that India will not tailor its policies to suit Tesla, and its laws and tariff rules will be formulated to attract all-electric vehicle manufacturers from across the globe to set up a base in the world's fastest-growing economy.

Birthday Special: July 12, 2025

From Rs 5,000 to Rs 1.75 Lakh cr

The silent rise of Radhakishan Damani, India's 'Retail King'

In the stock market, it's not the loudest voice but the deepest understanding that earns big. And no one embodies this better than Radhakishan Damani – the man behind India's most trusted retail chain, DMart, and one of the country's most admired investors. With a net worth of Rs 1.75 lakh crore and DMart's market value crossing Rs 2.85 lakh crore, Damani is a living example of how calm conviction can beat the noise.

The Quiet Billionaire who changed Indian retail

He doesn't give interviews, avoids media glare, and prefers simplicity over spectacle. Yet, Damani's philosophy – "In the market, the one who understands earns, not the one who speaks" – has shaped one of the most remarkable success stories in Indian business.

Born in 1954 in Bikaner, Rajasthan, Damani dropped out of commerce college to follow his instincts. After a short stint in the ball-bearing business, he turned to the stock market following his father's death. Armed with just Rs 5,000 and lessons from value investing legend Chandrakant Sampat, he began his journey.

Turning Market Crashes into Opportunities

During the Harshad Mehta era, when markets collapsed, Damani made bold short-selling bets and earned huge profits. Later, he invested Rs 400 crore in HDFC Bank's IPO, betting early on India's banking boom.

The DMart Revolution

In 2002, he launched DMart in Mumbai's Powai – no ads, no celebrity ribbon-cutting, just a simple promise: "Har Din Sasta Daam." His model was radically different:

- Company-owned stores (not rented)
- No middlemen, direct supplier relationships
- Full payment to suppliers within 10 days
- A limited, essential product range

The result? Trust, efficiency, and unstoppable growth. In 2017, DMart's IPO tripled investor money and catapulted Damani into India's billionaire club. Today, DMart runs over 300 stores nationwide.

India's Warren Buffett

Damani is often called the 'Warren Buffett of India' – and rightly so. His investing mantra: spot good businesses, buy at a fair price, and hold with patience. "Money isn't made fast," he believes, "It's made with wisdom and waiting."

Life of Simplicity, Legacy of Greatness

Always dressed in white, vegetarian, soft-spoken, and grounded – Damani's personal life mirrors his business philosophy. His three daughters – Madhu, Manjari, and Jyoti – are actively shaping DMart's future. The family recently purchased a Rs 1,001 crore bungalow in Mumbai – without headlines or fanfare, staying true to their quiet legacy.

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala: "I am just a disciple"

India's most flamboyant investor, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, often credited Damani for his own growth. "Damani ji is the real Big Bull," he would say. "He taught me that investing is about discipline, not greed."

A Legacy that Teaches Without Speaking

Radhakishan Damani's life is a masterclass in business, humility, and vision. No branding, no showmanship – just clarity of thought, sharp decisions, and simple living. He is proof that in India, greatness doesn't need noise – just depth, discipline, and direction.

Happy Birthday to the man who speaks less, but inspires endlessly.

Nation News

'BJP attempting to omit secularism, socialism from Constitution'

Kharge said the Congress had introduced the Forest Rights Act in 2006 to protect the poor and tribals.

Press Trust Of India

Hitting out at the Centre, he also said that the Congress governments set up 160 PSUs in India, while the BJP dispensation "privatised 23 of those".

BHUBANESWAR: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday alleged that the BJP-led central government was attempting to omit secularism and socialism from the Constitution, and weakening legislations meant to protect the poor and tribals.

Addressing the party's 'Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh' here, Kharge also said that tribals, dalits, women and youths of the country will have to learn to fight for their rights under the BJP rule.

"The saffron party has a mission to change the Constitution... The BJP government at the Centre is attempting to omit secularism and socialism from our Constitution," he asserted.

Kharge said the Congress had introduced the Forest Rights Act in 2006 to protect the poor and tribals.

However, the Narendra Modi-led government is trying to weaken the legislation, he alleged.

"In the name of industry, the BJP government is destroying forests everywhere... They will also wipe out dalits, tribals and youths unless they learn to fight for their rights," he claimed.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge speaks during the party's 'Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh', in Bhubaneswar.

HIGHLIGHT

- Continuing his attack on the central government, Kharge alleged that constitutional institutions do not operate according to the Constitution but "at the behest of the BJP".

Kharge also accused BJP supporters in Odisha of attacking dalits and government officers in Odisha. "Two dalit men were recently tonsured, made to crawl on their knees, forced to eat grass and drink dirty water in Odisha's Ganjam... A government officer in Bhubaneswar was also assaulted in full public view," he alleged.

"Modi ji is selling public assets created by the Congress to his friends. He has only one agenda - to destroy the Constitution. During the last Lok Sabha elections, he had urged voters for 400-plus seats so that he could change the Constitution," the Congress president said.

Later in a post on X, Kharge said during the Congress governments, the Paradeep Port, Rourkela Steel Plant, Hirakud Dam, NALCO, NTPC, Chilika Naval Academy, Rail Coach Factory in Mancheswar, HAL in Koraput, and the Ordnance Factory were established.

"Under Congress rule, AIIMS, NISER, Institute of Physics, and many educational institutions were set up in Bhubaneswar. A plan was made for the transformation of Kalahandi, Balangir, and Koraput KBK districts. But what is happening today? "Modi ji is handing over the hard-earned money of Odisha's people to his billionaire friends. All government factories, government companies, mines, port, airport, forests, land - everything is being given to a few of Modi ji's friends," he claimed.

Kharge, Rahul Gandhi ask Odisha leaders to fight unitedly against BJP

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party stalwart Rahul Gandhi on Friday gave a clear message to the party leaders in Odisha to fight unitedly against the BJP government in the state.

Kharge and Gandhi held closed-door meetings with state party leaders shortly after addressing the 'Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh' here. Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal also joined the two senior leaders. The first meeting was attended by the members of the party's political affairs committee, while the second one was attended by Odisha's legislators and office bearers.

Though the Congress ruled the state for about four decades in the past, the grand old party has remained out of power since 2000.

During the meetings, Gandhi advised Congress leaders to strengthen the party's base in the coastal region of Odisha and fight against the BJP with all strength, said Koraput MP Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka.

"Gandhi expressed concern over infighting within the state unit, for which the party lost previous elections.

He said that the party would be revived when all leaders work in tandem," Ulaka said after attending the meeting.

'Mere protest for voicing dissent hallmark of democracy'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has discharged 10 TMC leaders in a case linked to a protest outside the Election Commission of India despite prohibitory orders, saying a mere protest for voicing dissent was the hallmark of democracy.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Neha Mittal said the prosecution could not establish that the gathering of the accused persons was an unlawful assembly, nor could they prove that they were commanded to disperse because of prohibitory orders being promulgated. The court was passing its order on framing of charges against TMC leaders Derek O'Brien, Mohammed Nadimul Haque, Dola Sen, Saket Gokhale, Sagarika Ghose, Vivek Gupta, Arpita Ghosh, Santanu Sen, Abir Ranjan Biswas and Sudip Raha. In an order dated June 10 which was made available on Friday, the court said, "The allegations against the accused persons are that they were protesting on April 8, 2024, in front of main gate, Election Commission of India, New Delhi, without permission and that the said protest violated order dated March 14, 2024, by the ACP Parliament Street whereby shouting of slogans or holding of any demonstration or dharna in any public place was prohibited."

Three locations at J-K raided in terror-funding case involving cryptocurrency

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The raids were part of an ongoing investigation under FIR No 12/2022, registered under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and the Indian Penal Code.

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Friday raided three places in the Union Territory in connection with a terror funding case involving the use of cryptocurrency.

Three suspected locations in Jammu, Doda and Handwara were searched, a police spokesperson said.

He said the searches were aimed at collecting critical evidence to unravel a conspiracy involving cross-border funding through cryptocurrency for fuelling terrorism and destabilising peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The search operations were also aimed at identifying individuals inciting youth against the Union of India, thereby threatening national security," the spokesperson said.

The raids were part of an ongoing investigation under FIR No 12/2022, registered under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and the Indian Penal Code.

FASTFACTS

- The recovered articles and electronic devices are expected to aid the SIA Kashmir in identifying and apprehending co-conspirators

"The search operations yielded vital evidence, marking a breakthrough in exposing the clandestine financial networks that keep the pot of terrorism boiling in Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

NEWSLINE

KENDRAPARA

Fraudsters pose as vigilance officials, dupe octogenarian doctor

Six men posing as vigilance wing officers carried out a fake raid at the home of an 80-year-old doctor in Odisha's Kendrapara district, making off with cash, gold ornaments and other valuables, police said on Friday. According to police, the imposters barged into the house of Dr. Jalil Ahamad Khan at Oldhi village on Thursday and conducted a search operation to detect assets allegedly disproportionate to his known income.

Khan, a retired government medical college physician from Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, has been living in his native village for the past two decades, serving the local community. Police said the self-styled vigilance officers furnished fake proof of identity to impress upon the physician that they were conducting raids on specific feedback on accumulation of ill-gotten assets. They later made away with Rs 1.5 lakh cash, 500 grams of gold ornaments.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, KAVITA HEMRAJ KOCHE D/O LATE HEMRAJ SHIVAJI KOCHE, resident of PLOT NO. 65, STREET NO. 01, ANAND NAGAR, JUNWANI, BHILAI (C.G.) have changed my old name KAVITA HEMRAJ KOCHE D/O LATE HEMRAJ SHIVAJI KOCHE, so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is KAVITA ADARSH JAMBHULKAR W/O ADARSH NAKTU JAMBHULKAR in all Government and other documents.

KAVITA ADARSH JAMBHULKAR

PLOT NO. 65, STREET NO. 01, ANAND NAGAR, JUNWANI, BHILAI DISTT.DURG (C.G.)

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: WRS/R/09/OT/25-26/RSP/BVZI/06 Dtd: 07.07.2025 **Name of Work:** Works for Upgradation of Brake Vans during periodical overhauling at WRS, Raipur (C.G.). **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹ 14,37,81,000/- (Rs. Fourteen Crores Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty One Thousand only) Including GST @ 18%, **Quantity & Contractual Period:** As per annexure enclosed for a period of 03 years, **Earnest Money:** ₹ 8,68,900/- (Rs. Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred only), **Cost of Tender Form:** ₹Nil, **Tender Closing Date & Time: 28.07.2025** at **15:00** Hrs., **Bidding Start Date: 14.07.2025, Eligibility Criteria:** Can be seen on the website.
Manual Tenders shall not be accepted. The details of the tender are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy. CME - II, WRS - S.E.C. Railway., Raipur

PR/R/WRS/FL/95 South East Central Railway @secrail

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
"A MINI RATNA COMPANY"

SECL INVITES APPLICATION FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

"SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED INTEND TO ENGAGE **FRESHER APPRENTICES** IN OPTIONAL TRADE IN UNDERGROUND MINES, OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS OF SECL FOR ONE YEAR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN FY 2025-26 AS PER THE DETAILS MENTIONED BELOW.

Sl.No	FRESHER APPRENTICE TRADE	TOTAL SEATS
1	OFFICE ASSISTANT	20
2	GENERAL DUTY ASSISTANT (HEALTH CARE)	40
3	ASSISTANT MINE SURVEYOR	40

THE APPLICATION FROM ELIGIBLE ASPIRING CANDIDATES ARE INVITED IN ONLINE MODE ONLY THROUGH NAPS PORTAL (https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in) FROM MONDAY, **14TH JULY 2025 TO TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2025.** FOR DETAILS VISIT OUR WEBSITE secl-cil.in->HumanResource->HRD-Apprentice

SECL/25-26/90 GENERAL MANAGER (HRD)

SBI State Bank of India
SARB, Block B-1, Pujari Chamber, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Ph: 8889375554, 8878888925

(RULE - 8 (1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 02.04.2025 calling upon the **Borrower- M/s Shree Vishnuvandana Manufacturing (OPC) Private Limited, Directors- Shri Rabish Kumar Singh & Shri Dhirendra Singh Baghel, Guarantors- Shri Shildhwaj Singh Baghel, Shri Rabish Kumar Singh, Shri Dhirendra Singh Baghel, Vandana Singh & Shri Ravendra Singh** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ **1,71,76,383.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three only)** as on 02.04.2025 and interest from 03.04.2025 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) 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 properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **8th day of July of the year 2025.** The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of ₹ **1,71,76,383.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three only)** as on 02.04.2025 and interest from 03.04.2025, costs, etc. thereon.(Minus subsequent credit, if any).

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(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.

Description of the immovable properties

A) Property owned by: Shri Shildhwaj Singh Baghel S/o Shri Ugrabhan Singh Baghel. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of diverted Residential Land & Building bearing:- **Property No. 1)** Khasra No. 230/8, admeasuring 0.022 Hectare = 2400 Sqft= 223.04 Sqmt, situated at Village Borsi, Ward No. 51, PH No. 19, RNM Durg-1, Tehsil & Distt. Durg (C.G.). Vide sale deed dated 02/08/2006, Book No. A 1, Granth No. 16134, Page No. 50 to 56, Sr. No. 3261. Bounded (As per sale deed):- North: Land of Nirbhay Ram, South: 25 Feet Road, East: Plot of Keolin Devid Yona, West: 20 Feet Road. **Property No. 2)** Khasra No. 230/10, Rakba 0.022 Hectare = 2400 Sqft= 223.04 Sqmt, situated at Village Borsi, Ward No. 51, PH No. 19, RNM Durg-1, Tehsil & Distt. Durg (C.G.). Vide sale deed dated 02/08/2006, Book No. A 1, Granth No. 16134, Page No. 43 to 49, Sr. No. 3260. Bounded (As per sale deed):- North: Land of Nirbhay Ram, South: 25 Feet Road, East: Plot of Uikey, West: Plot of Devid.
B) Property owned by: Shri Rabish Kumar Singh S/o Shiladhwaj Singh Baghel . All that part and parcel of the property consisting of diverted Industrial Land/ Factory Land & Building bearing:- **Property No. 1)** Khasra No. 100/3, admeasuring Rakba 0.056 Hectare, situated at Village-Sankara, PH No. 05, RNM & Tehsil- Tilda, Distt.- Raipur (C.G.). Vide sale deed dated 29/07/2021, Book No. 1, Granth No. 3293 , Page No. 337 to 358, Vilekh No. 781, e Regisration ID No. CG6305929072021019, within the registration Sub District- Tilda Neora and District- Raipur. Bounded (As per sale deed):- North: Land of Banshi & Others, South: Land of Kamlesh & Others, East : Land of Santosh & Others, West: Land of Manrakhan & Others, **Property No. 2)** Khasra No. 102/3, admeasuring Rakba 0.159 Hectare, situated at Village- Sankara, PH.No. 05, RNM & Tehsil- Tilda, Distt.- Raipur, (C.G.). Vide sale deed dated 29/07/2021, Book No.1, Granth No. 3293, Page No. 359 to 389, Vilekh No. 782, e Registration ID No. CG6305929072021020 within the registration Sub District- Tilda Neora and District- Raipur. Bounded (As per sale deed):- North: Land of Bhukhan, South: Land of Banshi, Others & Govt. Grassland East: Land of Ramkushal & Others, West: Land of Manrakhan & Jagannath

This notice is also being published in Vernacular Language. The English Version shall be final in any case of interpretation arises.

Date: 08.07.2025, Place: Raipur/Durg (C.G.) Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Raipur

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that Shri Milind Singh Tomar, son of Dr. Gajendra Singh Tomar, is a resident of U-26 Sector 02 Ward No. 28 Avanti Vihar, Telibandha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh and my Aadhaar number is 3782-8067-0194.
1. That the name of Shri Milind Singh Tomar in Aadhaar card, PAN card, voter ID it is mentioned as Milind Singh Tomar and also in my 10th and 12th marksheet my name is mentioned as Milind Singh.
2. That Milind Singh and Milind Singh Tomar are the same person, this general information is published to verify the authenticity of the above mentioned names.

Therefore, if any institution, unit or person has any objection in the above context, then contact my office within 07 days.

Place: Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
Date: 11/07/2025

Saurabh Mishra
Advocate
Plot No.67, Sector-1, Geetanjali Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)
Mobile 9039888146

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
Bank of Baroda, Regional Office Bilaspur, T.R. Complex, 1st Floor, Opposite SBI Rajkishor Nagar Branch, Lingiyadih, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) Pin: 495006

PREMISES REQUIRED FOR NEW BRANCH

Bank of Baroda invites offer from the owners/ Power of attorney holders of premises on lease/rent for its new branch.

S. No.	NAME OF THE BRANCH	PREMISES REQUIRED AT	REQUIRED AREA CARPET FOR PREMISES IN SQ FT
01	Shivrinarayan Branch, Dist- Janjgir-Champa (C.G) Pin code- 495557	Shivrinarayan, Dist- Janjgir-Champa (C.G) ON GROUND FLOOR	1200 - 1330

Premises at **ground floor** available with all facilities including adequate power/water etc. The premises shall be ready for possession or likely to be ready for possession within a period of **2 to 3** months. The intending offerers shall submit their offers in two separate sealed cover superscribed Technical bid and Financial bid to **"The Assistant General Manager, Bank of Baroda, Regional Office Bilaspur, T.R. Complex, 1st Floor, Opposite SBI Rajkishor Nagar Branch, Lingiyadih, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) Pin: 495006"** on or before **01.08.2025**. Priority would be given to the premises belonging to public sector units/Govt. Departments. (For details please login to the tender section of our website: **www.bankofbaroda.in/resources/tenders/zonal-regional-offices.htm**)

- The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning reasons thereof.
- Last date for submission of the offers is **01.08.2025 @ 4:00 PM.**
- Corrigendum/Addendum (if any) shall be issued in Bank's website only.

Date: 11.07.2025, Place: Bilaspur (C.G.) Asst. General Manager Regional Office, Bilaspur

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SECL INVITES APPLICATION FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

"SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED INTEND TO ENGAGE GRADUATES AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF ENGINEERING / GENERAL STREAM IN OPEN CAST AND UNDERGROUND MINES AND ESTABLISHMENTS OF SECL FOR ONE YEAR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN FY 2025-26 AS PER THE DETAILS MENTIONED BELOW.

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4	Graduate Apprentices in Mechanical Engg.	30
5	Graduate in Elect. And Tel. Engg.	10
6	Graduate in Administration (BBA)	25
7	Graduate in Computer Application (BCA)	100
8	Graduate in Commerce (B. Com)	47
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Tatibandh Branch, Raipur (C.G.)

Redemption cum Pre-Sale notice under Section 13(8) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002(For Immovable property)

Whereas:

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank**, the secured creditor, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act and Rules made thereunder, issued notices to discharge in your liabilities to **Canara Bank**, the secured creditor. The details are as under.

No.	Details of Borrower / Guarantors /Branch Name	Property Details	Date of 13(2) / Date of 13(4)	Demand Amount
01	**Mrs. Arshi Hingora W/o. Mohammad Imran Hingora**, House No. 218, Tikrapara Behind Raza Apartment, Raipur-492001; **Mrs. Sabana Mohammad Rafik Khan**, Indrayani Housing Society, Uchgaon Karvir, PO- Uchgaon, Hatkanangle, Kolhapur- 416005. **Branch: Tatibandh, Raipur.**	All the part & parcel of residential land & building situated at Khasara No. **237/7**, Mouza Tikrapara, Ravindra Nath Tagore Ward No. **51**, P.H. NO. **69/70**, RNM Raipur-1, Tehsil & District- Raipur (C.G.), Property UID: RPR651B0461A Area - **1400 SQFT**. **Boundaries: North-** House of Mansingh, **South-** Road, **East-** Road, **West-** House of Sahu Ji.	16/04//2025 / 21/06/2025	₹ 51,28,158.89

You are requested to repay Bank's dues along with future interest, all costs, charges and expenses etc. within 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice and/or at any time before the date of publication of the notice for public auction etc. Thus, your attention is invited to redeem the secured assets in terms of Section 13(8) within the aforesaid stipulated time.

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Please note that this is without prejudice to Bank's rights and contentions available under the law(s) for the time being in force.

Date: 11.07.2025 Place: Raipur (C.G.) Authorised Officer/ Canara Bank

कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई (छ.ग.)
निविदा सूचना

क्रमांक/लो.क.वि./जोन-4/2024/ /464/135 भिलाई, दिनांक 10/07/2025

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4	जोन क्र. 04 वार्ड क्र. 42 गौतम नगर सड़क 17 से 26 एवं रविंदर सिंह घर से गौतम नगर चौक तक विभिन्न स्थानों में पुलिया एवं नाली का स्लोप संधारण कार्य।	3.92	23.07.2025	31.07.2025
5	जोन क्र. 04 वार्ड क्र. 51 मंगल भवन में बी.पी.ओ. सेंटर में सीपेज को रोकने हेतु वाटर प्रूफिंग कार्य।	8.86	23.07.2025	31.07.2025
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8	जोन क्र. 04 वार्ड क्र. 46 मिलावट पारा एवं कबीर मंदिर चौधरी मोहल्ला में बोर खनन एवं जी.आई. पाईप लाईन बिछाने का कार्य। द्वितीय बार	4.00	23.07.2025	31.07.2025

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[Martin Luther King Jr.]

| OUR VIEW |

Jan Suraksha Bill: Tightrope Between Security & Civil Liberty

The Maharashtra Assembly's passage of the Jan Suraksha Bill (Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, 2024) has stirred intense debate. Framed as a tool to combat urban Naxalism and extremist ideologies, the bill aims to strengthen internal security–but critics warn it may erode civil liberties. Introduced by the Devendra Fadnavis-led government, the bill targets organizations and individuals threatening public order and constitutional values. With 64 active left-wing extremist groups reportedly operating in Maharashtra, the government argues that central laws like the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) fall short, as they require direct proof of terrorism. Jan Suraksha seeks to bridge that gap. Key provisions include declaring organizations unlawful–only after approval from a three-member Advisory Board (a High Court judge, District Judge, and senior police officer). Investigations must be led by a Deputy Superintendent of Police, and individuals can only be arrested if proven to be active members. The bill also empowers the government to freeze bank accounts and seize assets of banned groups. After receiving over 12,500 public suggestions, the government revised the bill, adding safeguards. A Joint Committee, including opposition members, reportedly found no dissent–a rare moment of consensus. Yet concerns persist. Prakash Ambedkar of the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) called the bill "draconian," warning it could criminalize dissent and undermine Maharashtra's progressive legacy. He argued that under such a law, historic movements like the Mahad Satyagraha or texts like Gulamgiri might be deemed unlawful. The bill's timing also raises political questions. In an era where dissent is often equated with disloyalty, laws like Jan Suraksha risk becoming instruments of suppression. The challenge lies in balancing national security with democratic freedoms. As the bill awaits approval from the Legislative Council and Governor, Maharashtra stands at a critical juncture. Its success will depend not just on legal safeguards, but on ethical governance and vigilant civil society. Security must never come at the cost of silencing voices that shape a just democracy.

| GUEST VIEW |

75 and Out? The Political Drama of India's Senior Leaders

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat recently stated that retiring at 75 is ideal, sparking speculation about his and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's future—both born in September 1950. The question arises: did Bhagwat subtly hint at Modi's retirement? After all, Modi previously sidelined senior BJP leaders like Advani, Joshi, and Jaswant Singh under the same age rule. As the Bengali proverb goes, "Apani sikhaye dharma, parke sikheye" (Charity begins at home). Will Modi follow his own precedent? Critics argue he won't. Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi rightly noted, "Preaching without practice is dangerous." The Margdarshak Mandal was retired at 75, yet the current leadership seems exempt. In 2024, when AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal raised similar concerns, BJP leaders J.P. Nadda and Amit Shah dismissed them, claiming no such age rule exists in the party's constitution. Now, RSS appears to differ. Retirement at 75 is a sound principle. Elders should step aside, offering guidance rather than clinging to power. The Hindu Vedic system advocates vanaprastha and sanyasa—withdrawal from worldly affairs. As India approaches the political drama of "Come September 2025," perhaps it's time for Modi and Bhagwat to embrace sanyasa and make way for the next generation.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

Employment Linked Incentive Scheme Boosts Jobs and Growth Nationwide

With the world fast moving towards automation, the Government of India's recently approved Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme, comes as a very timely and measured step. With an outlay of nearly Rs 1 lakh crore, it is a bold policy intervention in India's evolving employment landscape especially in manufacturing sector. Designed to support the creation of more than 3.5 crore jobs over the next two years, the ELI Scheme is not just an economic measure—it is a strategic investment in the future of India's workforce, directly supporting the Government's Viksit Bharat@2047 vision. ELI is going to be a major catalyst of job creation in the country.

Unlike many other countries where population would soon start reducing or have started reducing, India still has a large working-age population which needs to be supported by more job opportunities. The ELI Scheme seeks to bridge the persistent gap between job seekers and job creators, and more importantly, between informal work and formal employment.

Beyond the immediate employment outcomes, it is important to note that the ELI Scheme also strengthens India's progress towards several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly in SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), by incentivising formal, long-term employment; in SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), by offering targeted financial support to low-wage earners and first-time jobseekers.

The linkage of the scheme to EPFO registration and disbursal through Aadhaar-enabled DBT systems ensures that it not only generates jobs but also expands social protection coverage, which is critical for building a just and inclusive economy. Recognising such efforts by India, ILO recently acknowledged India's achievement and officially published on its dashboard that 64.3% of India's population (as against 19% earlier in 2015), i.e. over 94 crore people, are now covered under at least one social protection benefit.

The emphasis on manufacturing is particularly welcome. As global value chains undergo realignment, India is fast emerging as a trusted alternative in sectors such as textiles, electronics, automobiles, consumer goods, and pharmaceuticals. By supporting long-term employment generation in these sectors, the ELI Scheme complements existing initiatives like PLI schemes, Make in India, and Skill India, and would accelerate industrial growth in both urban and semi-urban clusters.

By Jyoti Vij

Director General, FICCI

For MSMEs, which often face constraints in scaling up formal hiring due to cost concerns, the scheme offers critical relief. The employer-side incentives reduce the marginal cost of new hiring, thereby encouraging expansion, formalisation, and workforce upgradation.

Globally, wage-linked incentive schemes have proven effective in promoting employment. Countries like Germany offer employer subsidies for apprenticeships and long-term hiring; South Korea provides targeted wage support to employers of young and older workers; and Singapore ties financial assistance to upskilling and employment retention. The United States has the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), which rewards employers hiring individuals from disadvantaged groups. India's ELI Scheme incorporates global best practices while customising for local needs—such as our large informal labour market, demographic dividend, and expanding digital infrastructure.

The ELI Scheme reflects a maturing of India's employment policy—shifting from short-term relief to long-term labour market development. In the face of global megatrends like ageing populations as well as the digital and green transitions, such effective policies are crucial to grant more people access to quality jobs. We at FICCI urge our members to come forward to use this scheme. Employers—especially in the MSME segment—must recognise this as more than a financial benefit. It is a tool for scaling operations, tapping into young talent, formalising payrolls, and creating lasting economic value. As the apex industry chamber, FICCI stands committed to support this cause.

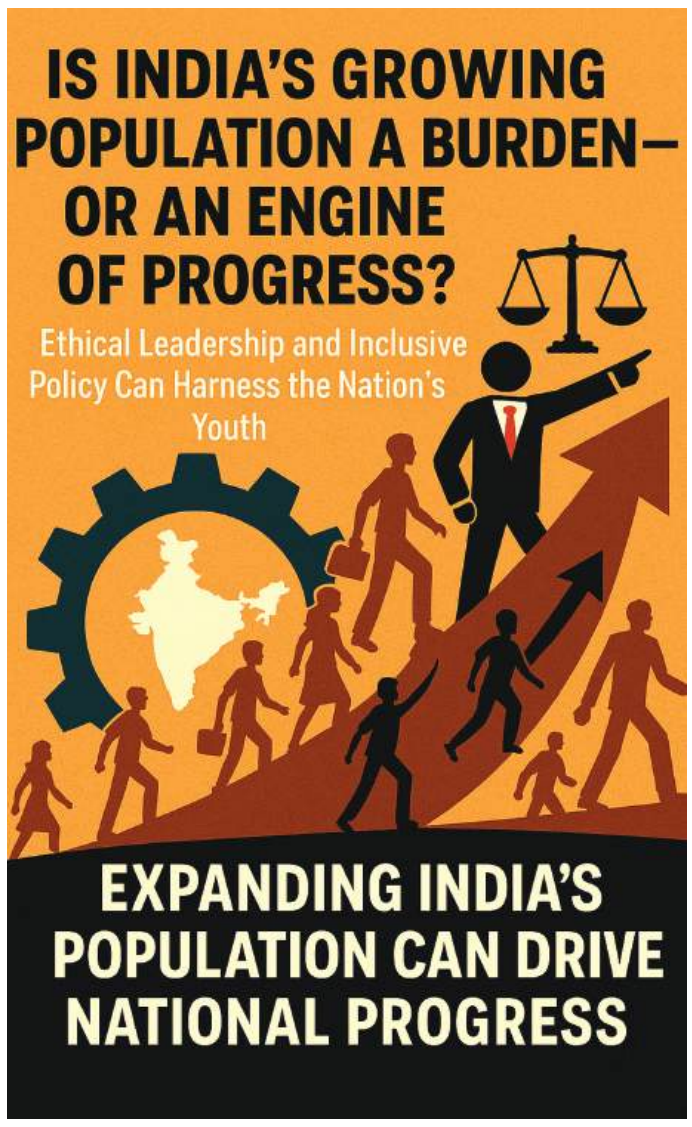
Demographic Power: Turning India's Population into Progress

Currently, India's population exceeds 1.43 billion, with nearly 65% under the age of 35, presenting an immense opportunity. *By Dr Manmohan Prakash, Independent Journalist*

India stands at a defining juncture in the 21st century. It faces the pressing challenge of rapid population growth, yet also holds the distinct advantage of being the world's youngest nation. This paradox raises a vital question: Is India's growing population a burden–or, with ethical leadership and inclusive policy, can it become the engine of national progress?

Currently, India's population exceeds 1.43 billion, with nearly 65% under the age of 35. This demographic composition presents an immense opportunity. However, population isn't just a number–it carries deep social, economic, and ethical implications. Aligned with purpose and responsibility, India's youth can become its greatest asset.

Policies such as the National Education Policy 2020, Startup India, Skill India, and Digital India demonstrate the government's effort to place youth at the center of progress. These initiatives envision young citizens as not just recipients, but contributors to growth. Yet their success hinges on effective implementation. Are rural and marginalized youth truly benefiting? This is where inclusive, responsive governance plays a crucial role.



Policy must evolve beyond documents. It should be inclusive, practical, and ethically grounded. More importantly, it should engage in meaningful dialogue with the people it serves–especially the youth, whose aspirations and awareness levels are higher than ever before.

Ethically, introspection is key. Are today's youth merely claiming rights, or are they embracing responsibilities? In an age of digital empowerment, Indian youth are more vocal, self-aware, and socially conscious. Their rising concern for climate change, mental health, corruption, and gender equality signals a positive shift.

However, certain concerning trends have emerged. The excessive use of technology, social media addiction, and diminishing family values point toward a growing moral vacuum. Freedom without responsibility may not only worsen overpopulation but also fragment society. It is necessary to promote the idea that ethics and conscience should guide progress–not just rules or fear of punishment. It is essential to emphasize that restraint, discipline, and social awareness are vital tools for population control. Laws and awareness campaigns succeed only when supported by a strong ethical foundation. Alongside education and technology, values such as empathy and responsibility must be taught and lived.

Leadership, too, must be fostered deliberately. Is today's youth preparing to lead–not just in startups or tech–but socially and morally? Encouragingly, many young Indians are carving out unique paths in freelancing, entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, and innovation. A "glocal" mindset, combining local identity with global perspective, is defining their journey.

However, leadership shouldn't be limited to economics and tech. Social leadership–founded on empathy, dialogue, and collective responsibility–is equally critical. Only then can India's population be converted from challenge to opportunity.

Youth must commit to leadership not just through speeches but through action, integrity, and values. True leadership, after all, is measured by example. India's future lies in how effectively today's youth prepare for tomorrow. In conclusion, if India's youth act with awareness, dialogue, and restraint; if policymakers deliver ethically-rooted education; and if society creates space for responsible leadership–India's population will not be a hurdle but a highway to growth. The nation will not merely confront challenges–it will turn them into global opportunities.

India is poised to play a leadership role on the world stage. But to fulfill this vision, a vital truth must be embraced: In a country with finite resources, population control is essential–not through isolated steps, but through holistic policy, awakened ethics, and exemplary leadership.

YOURLETTERS

Animesh Kujur: Breaking Barriers in Indian Sprinting

India's sprinting scene gets a boost with Animesh Kujur, who clocked 10.18 seconds in the 100-meter event, setting a national record at the Dromia International Sprint & Relays in Greece. Hailing from Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh, Kujur represents India's rising athletic youth. His training in Switzerland and determination to break the 10-second barrier reflect his immense potential. With proper support, Kujur could redefine India's place in global athletics and inspire the next generation of sprinters.

Joseph Raj, Rajnandgaon

When Self-Reliance Is Misunderstood

Self-reliance and embarrassment must be understood in the right context; otherwise, they can turn harmful. A daughter earning and supporting her family should never be a source of shame. Tragically, India's rising tennis star Radhika Yadav was killed by her father in Gurugram after refusing to shut down her tennis academy, due to a neighbour's taunt about financial dependence. This heartbreaking incident has shaken the sports community and exposed the dangers of pride, shame, and societal pressure.

Tousik Rahman, South 24 Pgs

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"The 31st edition of cycling drive will take place in more than six thousand locations across the country ."

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Minister for Youth Affairs

MP CM Mohan Yadav joins Kanwad Yatra

Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav takes part in a 'Kanwad Yatra' on the first day of the holy month of 'Shravan in Ujjain on Friday. | Photo: PTI

Arunachal highway through tiger reserve given nod

National Board for Wildlife has cleared a proposal to divert 310 hectares of forest land in Namdapha Tiger Reserve for the construction of Arunachal Frontier Highway.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife has cleared a proposal to divert 310 hectares of forest land from the core area of Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh for the construction of the Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH-913). The decision comes even as some members flagged serious concerns over inadequate wildlife mitigation measures and the planned felling of over 1.5 lakh trees. The project in the Changlang district, connects NH-215 near Kharsang to the Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar road, a stretch of the strategic NH-913 corridor close to the India-Myanmar border, according to government records. The Public Works Department (PWD), Arunachal Pradesh, had sought 248.79 hectares (ha) of forest land for intermediate laning and 61.21 ha for muck disposal. On June 26, member secretary of the committee said a meeting regarding the project proposal had been held with committee members H S Singh and R Sukumar, along with the state's chief wildlife warden (CWW). It was observed that "the mitigation measures proposed, including underpasses, are quite rudimentary when compared to earlier proposals". The member secretary added that the animal passage plan lacked adequate site specific research and several proposed structures follow "standard PWD culvert or causeway designs rather than designs tailored for effective wildlife movement." "There was consensus that a comprehensive, research-based animal passage plan is necessary, one that clearly specifies the appropriate design, location, height and length of underpasses and overpasses based on actual animal movement patterns," he said.

HIGHLIGHT

- The project in Changlang district, connects NH-215 near Kharsang to Miao-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar road,
- The Arunachal Pradesh PWD, had sought 248.79 hectares of forest land for intermediate laning in this project.

Two of family die due to food poisoning

TEZPUR: Two members of a family died due to suspected food poisoning in Assam's Sonitpur district, a top official said on Friday. Both the victims fell ill after consuming home-made 'pithas' (rice cakes). Sonitpur district commissioner Ankur Bharali said the family had the 'pithas' for breakfast on Monday, after which 53-year-old Nirupama Devi fell ill.

She was taken to the state dispensary at Basseria on Tuesday after her condition deteriorated, where she was diagnosed as hypoglycaemic and referred to Tezpur Medical College Hospital (TMCH). Though she was discharged after symptomatic treatment, her condition worsened and she breathed her last at TMCH, where was admitted for the second time, around Wednesday midnight, officials said.

Bharali said the cause of death has been mentioned as acute bowel obstruction and septicaemia. The second victim, nine-year-old Dikshita, was admitted to Basseria state dispensary on Wednesday after continuous vomiting.

"She was referred for advanced treatment and died on way to Guwahati," the DC said. Bharali said officials of Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and Basseria state dispensary visited the house on Thursday for case specific investigation. Rice and water samples have been collected for testing, Bharali added.

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Drinking water project.

Karnataka Deputy CM calls meeting with Union Jal Shakthi Minister on irrigation projects 'fruitful'

BENGALURU: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday said his meeting with Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil in New Delhi regarding the state's key irrigation projects was fruitful.

He said the Union Jal Shakthi minister has assured that the Centre would consider the state's request for funding the Yettinahole drinking water project. "It was a fruitful meeting...We discussed many aspects with Union Jal Shakthi Minister C R Patil including releasing the gazette notification for increasing the height of Alamatti dam and approvals for Mekedatu project," he told reporters here. Shivakumar also met with Union Minister for Environment Bhupendra Yadav to discuss the environmental clearance for the Kalasa-Bhanduri project.

Extension in service

Centre extends Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan's tenure till Aug 2026

NEW DELHI : The Centre on Friday extended the tenure of Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan till August 22 next year, according to an official order. The extension comes at a time when the country is preparing for the mega census with caste enumeration and amid the MHA's resolve to end Naxalism by March next year. India's 16th Census with caste enumeration will be carried out in 2027, with the reference date of October 1, 2026, in snow-bound areas like Ladakh and March 1, 2027, in the rest of the country. Mohan, a 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Sikkim cadre, was named the Union Home Secretary in August 2024. He took over the charge from Ajay Kumar Bhalla on completion of his tenure on August 22 last year. The ACC has approved Mohan's extension in services as Home Secretary beyond the date of his superannuation on September 30 up to August 22, 2026 or until further orders, in terms of the provisions of Fundamental Rules or FR 56 (d) and Rule 16 (1A) of the All India Services (Death-Cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958, said the order issued by the Ministry of Personnel. The rules have provisions to extend the services of such officers. With this extension, Mohan will have two years' tenure on the crucial post mandated with mainly ensuring internal security matters among others. He was serving as the Union Culture Secretary before being named as the Home Secretary.

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Two injured after pipe falls at Kollam station

KOLLAM: Two people were injured on Friday when a scaffolding pipe fell from a construction site at Kollam Junction Railway Station, Southern Railway said.

The incident occurred at around 9.47 am near platform no 1, when a pipe from the construction site of the station's redevelopment project became dislodged. It passed over the high-level safety fencing.

Despite the presence of mandated safety structures such as fencing and protective mesh, the impact resulted in injuries to two people, the railway said in a statement.

| SERENDIPITY ARTS FESTIVAL |

Shubha Mudgal & other curators to lead Serendipity Arts Festival

Press Trust Of India

Serendipity Arts Festival will mark its 10th edition this year, curated by 35 curators, including singer Shubha Mudgal.

NEW DELHI: Serendipity Arts Festival will mark its 10th edition this year with a multidisciplinary programming curated by a total of 35 curators, including singer Shubha Mudgal, actor Lillete Dubey, dancer Geeta Chandran, musician Ehsaan Noorani, food historian Odette Mascarenhas, and chef Manu Chandra. The "largest-ever edition" of the festival will take place in Panaji, Goa, from December 12 to 21 across heritage venues in Panjim including the Old GMC Complex, Art Park, Promenade and Gazebo, Kala Academy, Excise Building, Directorate of Accounts Building, Azad Maidan, Santa Monica Jetty, Yoga Promenade Jetty, and The Arena at Nagali Hills Ground, the Serendipity Arts Foundation has said.

Marking a decade of "celebrating the arts and fostering creativity, collaboration, and inclusivity", the 10th edition will feature artists across disciplines like visual arts, dance, music, theatre, design, and culinary innovation. Sunil Kant Munjal, founder and patron of Serendipity Arts, said that the festival was imagined as a place "where canvasses, workshops, stages, cuisines, cultures, and audiences could come together in a seamless mix".

FACTFILE

- The "largest-ever edition" of the festival will take place in Panaji, Goa, from December 12 to 21.

| BLAMES BJP FOR CRIME |

Law & order collapsed in UP, alleges Akhilesh

Press Trust Of India

LUCKNOW: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Friday hit out at the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh and alleged that law and order has completely collapsed and criminals are operating without fear under the present regime. The former chief minister said the BJP government had once claimed that criminals would either give up crime or leave Uttar Pradesh, but in reality only criminals feel safe in the state today.

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"This tune has in so many ways defined the song of my adult life... I was 19 when I danced in the rain with children... the first visual that introduced me as an actor to the audience. With a film title that defines the very essence of the hope one carries into this journey called LIFE,"

Dia Mirza
Actress

&Glitters

OTT Watch

Beyond the gloss: Sonali & Munawar get real about love

Get ready for love, laughter, and chaos as COLORS launches 'Pati Patni Aur Panga' on August 2. Hosted by Munawar Faruqui and judged by Sonali Bendre, the show puts real couples through real-life relationship challenges.

Hunter: Justice unleashed

Suniel Shetty returns as ACP Vikram in the gripping teaser of Hunter Season 2, facing new enemies, darker truths, and intense action across Mumbai and Thailand as his past resurfaces with deadly force.

Maharani: Grace in every grain

The trailer of Maharani unveils a fresh, heartfelt comedy about the unique bond between a modern woman and her house help, with humour, emotions, and role reversals packed into everyday moments.

Vows, lies & Madea's justice

Madea heads to the Bahamas in her 13th outing, bringing laughter and chaos to her grandniece's destination wedding, where unexpected drama makes the bride question everything stream Madea's Destination Wedding now on Netflix.

Zero hour: The making of 12th Fail

Vidhu Vinod Chopra's documentary Zero Se Restart is now streaming on Prime Video. It offers a raw, inspiring behind-the-scenes look at the making of 12th Fail a journey of courage, creativity, and persistence.

CLOSE UP

Chitrangda Singh enters the Battle of Galwan alongside Salman Khan

Chitrangda Singh joins Salman for Apoorva Lakhia's gripping war drama, Battle of Galwan.

Central Chronicle News

Inspired by real events, the film marks a high-stakes pairing and a powerful story of resilience.

Chitrangda Singh is Salman Khan's leading lady in Battle Of Galwan.

Chitrangda Singh is set to star opposite Salman Khan in Battle of Galwan, a gripping war drama directed by Apoorva Lakhia. Based on the real-life conflict at the India-China border, the film marks the first collaboration between Chitrangda and Salman a pairing that has already sparked intrigue. Director Apoorva Lakhia, known for his gritty storytelling in films like Shootout at Lokhandwala, shared his excitement, saying, "I've wanted to work with Chitrangda ever since Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi. She brings a rare blend of emotional depth and strength that perfectly complements Salman Sir's silent intensity." Set against the backdrop of one of India's most critical military standoffs, Battle of Galwan promises both action and emotional resonance. The casting of Chitrangda is being hailed as a refreshing and powerful move, with Lakhia emphasizing her ability to portray resilience with grace. Sources close to the production revealed that Chitrangda's expressive presence in her recent photos at India Gate helped seal the deal.

Battle of Galwan: The human cost of courage

This big-budget film will showcase not just the bravery of soldiers but also the emotional landscape behind the uniforms. With filming scheduled to begin later this year, Battle of Galwan is poised to become one of the most talked-about releases, blending real-life heroism with cinematic grandeur. The buzz is real and with Chitrangda joining Salman for the first time, audiences can expect a powerful new dynamic on screen.

| HOLLYWOOD |

The Superman we need: James Gunn's return to hope

Central Chronicle News

James Gunn's Superman isn't just about super strength or saving Metropolis it's a heartfelt call for optimism in a cynical world. Known for injecting sarcasm and chaos in earlier hits like Suicide Squad and Guardians of the Galaxy, Gunn pivots toward sincerity with this reboot, painting the Man of Steel as a beacon of kindness and hope. The film follows Superman three years into his heroic journey, where he confronts moral complexities in a world suspicious of good intentions especially through his dynamic with arch-nemesis Lex Luthor. David Corenswet's portrayal brings emotional depth, shaped by Gunn's direction to focus on vulnerability over transformation. "Bring yourself to the role," Gunn advised making Clark Kent less of a myth and more of a man searching for belonging. The ensemble cast supports this tone. Rachel Brosnahan's Lois Lane highlights the importance of journalism, while Beck Bennett and Skyler Gisondo bring urgency to their newsroom roles, treating truth-telling as heroic as saving the day. Even Will Reeve, son of iconic Superman actor Christopher Reeve, makes a meaningful cameo linking legacies of hope across generations. Actors like Isabela Merced (Hawk Girl) and Edi Gathegi (Mister Terrific) echo the film's emotional impact, calling it a salve during turbulent times. Wendell Pierce, who plays Perry White, sums it up: superhero stories aren't just fantasy they're mirrors of who we are and what we believe we can change. With his signature dog Krypto, a new "Justice Gang," and a deeper sense of purpose, Gunn's Superman doesn't just lift cars he lifts spirits.

Superman might do more than just save Metropolis.

HIGHLIGHT

- Superman returns not just with super strength, but with a mission to restore hope in a world clouded by cynicism.

Cine Briefs
BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Wednesday's new nightmares: Season 2 first look

Netflix has unveiled the trailer for Wednesday Season 2, with Jenna Ortega back as the gothic, deadpan Wednesday Addams. The trailer hints at darker mysteries and emotional stakes, including a disturbing vision where Wednesday sees her best friend Enid dead and possibly by her own hand. New characters include Barry Dort (Steve Buscemi), Nevermore's overly cheerful new principal, and Grandmama, played by Joanna Lumley. Returning favourites like Thing, Uncle Fester, and Tyler are back, while Lady Gaga's rumoured role still lingers.

Hot Pair

Decoding Aditya and Georgina: New couple or PR buzz?

Aditya Roy Kapur seems to have moved on post his split with Ananya Panday and fans are buzzing about his rumoured new flame, Goan model Georgina Dsilva. The two have been spotted liking each other's posts and even follow one another on Instagram. Aditya's recent photo featuring a mystery hand with white nails had fans convinced it belonged to Georgina. Their chemistry may not be "Instagram official" yet, but all signs point to a soft launch. With Georgina's low-key charm and Aditya's heartthrob appeal, this new duo is quickly becoming one of the most talked-about rumoured pairs in B-town.

Fashion

Esha Gupta dazzles in metallic magic on the Paris runway

Esha Gupta turned heads at Paris Couture Week in a stunning silver-toned Tony Ward ensemble that screamed power and polish. The blazer-style mini dress featured structured shoulders, a plunging neckline, and a cinched waist that flared into an A-line silhouette. What made it unforgettable was the sheer, feather-embroidered train flowing behind her, adding movement and elegance. With sleek sunglasses, diamond studs, and black stilettos, her accessories stayed minimal yet impactful. A sharp bob and dewy makeup completed her look. Blending bold structure with ethereal details, Esha proved once again that glam and grace can share the same runway.

Trending on Insta

@vickykaushal09

Fans go wild over Vicky Kaushal's latest post-workout snap

Vicky Kaushal set the internet ablaze with a gym mirror selfie, flaunting his sculpted abs and post-workout glow. The actor, who will next be seen as Lord Parshuram in Mahavatar, has fans eagerly awaiting Christmas 2026.

Lifestyle

PRODUCTIVITY METHOD DISCUSSED BY DR. NENE

Dr. Nene's one-task method: A productivity game-changer

Dr. Shriram Nene has shared a productivity method which he calls one-task-at-a-time method. He feels doing just one task at a time can bring more success than doing multiple things at once.

Dr. Shriram Nene, a celebrated cardiothoracic surgeon and the husband of Madhuri Dixit, is known not just for his medical expertise but also for his thoughtful approach to everyday wellness. With years in high-pressure surgical environments, Dr. Nene has cultivated a deep understanding of how focus and calm can shape outcomes not only in the operating room but in life beyond it. One of his most valuable takeaways? A productivity method he swears by: serial sequential tasking. Unlike the chaotic rhythm of multitasking, serial sequential tasking is all about finishing one task completely before moving to the next. Dr. Nene describes it as creating a mental operating field where only one priority holds your focus, allowing everything else to wait its turn. This technique, he says, reduces the noise in your head, brings clarity, and helps conserve mental energy. Instead of juggling everything at once and doing it all half-heartedly this method channels your attention to one goal at a time, improving the quality of your work and reducing stress.

HIGHLIGHT

- Dr. Shriram Nene believes that the secret to getting more done lies in doing just one thing at a time.

The beauty of this habit lies in its simplicity. Start by listing out your tasks, rank them by priority, and work through them one by one. Turn off distractions yes, even that group chat and give each item your full attention. Add short breaks in between to keep your mind fresh. Whether you're in a boardroom or running a home, this subtle shift in mindset could be the difference between burnout and balance. In a world that constantly demands more, Dr. Nene's advice is a refreshing reminder that doing less one step at a time might just help you achieve more.

Dr. Nene advocates serial sequential tasking over multitasking.

HEALTH

Skip the espresso: How to master afternoon focus (naturally)

That dreaded afternoon slump can leave you drained, foggy, and tempted by another coffee or sugary snack. But there are healthier ways to restore energy without relying on caffeine or sweets. Experts recommend starting your day with a protein- and fibre-rich breakfast, staying hydrated, and eating a light, balanced lunch to avoid post-meal crashes. Smart snacking like boiled eggs, roasted makhana, or Greek yoghurt can keep you alert. Incorporating short walks, sunlight exposure, and mindful breathing throughout the day also helps reset your focus. And don't forget quality sleep and stress control they're the real game-changers when it comes to sustained energy.

RELATIONSHIP

The gentle parenting revolution: Finding calm in the chaos

Gentle parenting is redefining modern child-rearing with its focus on empathy, respect, and emotional connection instead of punishments or rewards. It encourages stronger emotional awareness in children, helping them understand and regulate feelings with trust-based communication. Instead of controlling behaviour, it nurtures long-term change by addressing emotional needs. However, this approach has its challenges blurry boundaries, emotional fatigue, and pushback from older generations. Yet, for many parents, the philosophy resonates because it prioritises human connection.

| LIFESTYLE |

Safeguarding elegance: Protecting your home's luxury investments

Central Chronicle News

The monsoon brings cool breezes and a refreshing vibe but also a hidden enemy for your luxury furniture: humidity. While the rain nourishes nature, it can quietly damage prized interiors, especially pieces made from wood, leather, stone, or rich upholstery.

Luxury furniture isn't just décor it's a long-term investment, and the season demands care rooted in both attention and intuition. Start with placement. Keep wood or fabric-upholstered items away from windows, damp walls, and leaky corners. Add moisture absorbers or silica gel sachets in drawers, cabinets, or behind wall units to ward off mould. High-end pieces with embedded artwork or natural stone require even more caution. Make sure artwork is sealed properly and framed with moisture-resistant materials, while marble or onyx surfaces need to be wiped dry often and sealed annually. Experts also recommend simple, natural maintenance. A light coat of beeswax or coconut oil on wood helps retain its sheen and resilience. Don't press furniture flush against walls leave space for airflow. Vacuum upholstery regularly and give cushions some sun time to ward off mustiness. For leather, apply a nourishing balm and keep it uncovered so it can breathe. Metal legs or trims?

A quick WD-40 polish helps prevent rust. Interior expert Sajal Lamba introduces the idea of "material mindfulness." That means tuning into each material's unique response to moisture wood may swell, textiles trap dampness, metal corrodes. Avoid rugs under heavy wooden pieces, air out storage often, and observe how your furniture feels and reacts.

HIGHLIGHT

- Monsoon care for luxury furniture starts with smart placement and thoughtful material upkeep.

Protect your finest pieces with smart, stylish seasonal upkeep.

GadgetPick

TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

Instant Pot Duo Plus: 9-in-1 Smart Cooker

About:
The Instant Pot Duo Plus is a smart, space-saving appliance that combines 9 cooking functions in one. Designed for busy kitchens, it offers speed, versatility, and convenience with a sleek touch.

Key Features:
Pressure cook, sauté, steam, make yogurt, and more all with 15 one-touch smart programs. Its intuitive control panel features a steam release switch and progress bar for clear cooking updates. The 3-ply stainless steel pot ensures even heating. With 10+ safety features and dishwasher-safe parts, cleanup is a breeze. Bonus: it's eligible for a 50% OFF discount.

Samsung Galaxy Z Flip7

About:
The Samsung Galaxy Z Flip7 is a compact yet powerful foldable phone designed for smart multitasking. With an edge-to-edge FlexWindow, advanced AI features, and durable craftsmanship, it redefines convenience and style.

Key Features:
The 4.1 Super AMOLED FlexWindow offers 120 Hz refresh and 2,600 nits brightness for quick glances and smooth visuals. Built with tough glass and metal, it slips easily into your pocket. A larger battery supports long use, while AI handles reminders and updates hands-free. Dual 50 MP + 12 MP cameras ensure stunning selfies—even on the cover screen.

Xiaomi MIX Flip 2

About:
The Amazon Echo Spot is a sleek, voice-enabled smart alarm clock that does more than just wake you up. With Alexa built in, it personalizes your mornings while keeping your space stylish and connected.

Key Features:
Customize your clock face and colours for a morning view that fits your style. Its directional speaker offers rich sound for music, podcasts, and audiobooks. Control smart home devices with simple voice commands. With a microphone off button and 36% recycled materials, it's designed for both privacy and sustainability. Bonus: eligible for 44% OFF.

JLab GO POP+

About:
The JLab GO POP+ earbuds combine long-lasting battery life, customizable sound, and smart connectivity—all packed into a pocket-friendly design perfect for on-the-go lifestyles.

Key Features:
Enjoy 9 hours of playtime per earbud, plus 26 extra hours from the charging case. Customize your sound and touch controls using the JLab app. Dual Connect lets you use one or both earbuds, while MEMS microphones ensure clear calls. The slim case and 3 eartip sizes offer a snug, portable fit. With Google Fast Pair and Find My Device support, setup and tracking are effortless.

Philips Norelco Multigroom 7000

About:
The Philips Norelco Multigroom 7000 is a premium all-in-one grooming tool built for versatility and precision. Designed for face, head, and body, it delivers salon-quality results from the comfort of your bathroom.

Key Features:
DualCut technology offers sharp, smooth trims every time, while a powerful metal motor ensures consistent torque. Enjoy up to 5 hours of cordless use with its long-lasting battery. The stainless steel frame with rubber grip provides excellent control, and reinforced guards maintain an even trim without slipping.

Samsung Galaxy Watch8 Series

About:
The Samsung Galaxy Watch8 Series blends advanced health tracking with a slim, stylish design. Built for everyday wear, it delivers real-time wellness insights with intuitive AI-powered support.

Key Features:
Get personalized sleep tips based on 3-day patterns and start mornings right. After a 12-minute run, receive detailed feedback and a performance plan from the built-in running coach. Track antioxidant levels via the BioActive Sensor and monitor vascular load for a holistic health view. With Google Gemini voice support and a 0.34-inch cushion-fit profile, it's made for effortless wellness day and night.

Sports

Reddy brings balance to the side, can break crucial partnerships, and offers valuable rest periods for frontline quicks without losing control.

Anil Kumble
Spin great

Anisimova stuns Sabalenka, sets final with Swiatek

Amanda Anisimova's incredible comeback story continued at Wimbledon as she stunned world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka to reach her maiden Grand Slam final, where she'll meet Iga Swiatek.

Press Trust Of India

Swiatek crushed Bencic 6-2, 6-0 to reach her first Wimbledon final, dominating with power and precision.

LONDON: Just a year ago, Amanda Anisimova's world ranking was too low to make the main draw at Wimbledon, and she exited in the qualifiers. Now, in a dazzling turnaround, she's through to her first Grand Slam final after toppling top-seeded Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 on Centre Court in a thrilling semifinal.

Anisimova, who paused her career in 2023 due to mental health struggles, produced a spirited, aggressive performance to outlast Sabalenka in a two-hour, 36-minute battle under punishing heat. Her reward: a title clash with five-time major champion Iga Swiatek, who breezed past Belinda Bencic 6-2, 6-0 in just 71 minutes in the other semifinal.

Swiatek, the current world No. 8, had never reached a Wimbledon final before but was dominant throughout, hitting 26 winners and serving at up to 119 mph. The Polish star, known for her clay-court brilliance, now proves she's just as capable on grass. "Tennis keeps surprising me," Swiatek admitted. "Playing well on grass for the first time feels really special."

Anisimova, seeded 13th and still only 23, becomes the eighth consecutive first-time women's Wimbledon finalist. The New Jersey-born Floridian's backhand was a major weapon, and she held her nerve even when Sabalenka, 0-3 in Wimbledon semifinals, threatened a comeback. Anisimova saved 11 of 14 break points and eventually closed it out with a forehand winner.

"This doesn't feel real right now," Anisimova said. "I was absolutely dying out there. I don't know how I pulled it out."

Her triumph denied Sabalenka the chance to reach a fourth straight Grand Slam final – a feat last achieved by Serena Williams a decade ago. Sabalenka's powerful game saw her hit serves up to 120 mph, but inconsistency at crucial moments – including a double fault to lose the first set – cost her dearly.

The match was characterized by short, aggressive rallies with both players seeking first-strike dominance. Of the 214 total points, 167 lasted fewer than five shots. With temperatures soaring to 88°F (31°C), play was briefly halted twice due to spectators feeling unwell.

Despite dropping the second set and being broken at the start of the third, Anisimova never wavered. She surged to a 5-2 lead before closing out the match after a brief wobble.

Whether she lifts the trophy or not, Anisimova is guaranteed to break into the top 10 – a remarkable ascent for someone who, not long ago, was unsure if she'd return to tennis at all.

Pak to review security before India hockey tour

KARACHI: Pakistan will assess India's security situation before deciding whether to send its national hockey team for the upcoming Asia Cup and Junior World Cup. Rana Mashood, chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Development and Sports Program, stated that players would not be sent if any threat exists. He cited India's recent Operation Sindoor as a reason for concern. The Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has sought formal clearance from the government to proceed, as the Asia Cup also serves as a World Cup qualifier. PHF secretary-general Rana Mujahid said past tours to India had occurred, but rising tensions now demand caution. He noted the federation is monitoring social media threats directed at players.

| BOLD SPIN SUPREMACY |

India women target emphatic end to England T20 series

Press Trust Of India

With the series sealed, India women eye a strong finish in fifth T20I versus England.

BIRMINGHAM: With an unassailable 3-1 lead, the Indian women's cricket team will aim to finish the five-match T20I series on a high against England on Saturday. Having already clinched their first-ever T20I series win over England, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side carries both momentum and confidence into the final clash at Edgbaston.

India's dominant performance in the fourth T20I, particularly in the field, sealed the series. Arundhati Reddy's three catches and Radha Yadav's all-round brilliance helped restrict England to 126/7, setting up a six-wicket victory. That fielding effort was a statement of intent, adding sharpness to India's already lethal spin-heavy bowling attack.

Spinners have been central to India's success, snaring 22 wickets so far. Deepti Sharma, the most successful T20I spinner, has led the charge with precision, while newcomer N Shree Charani emerged as the leading wicket-taker in the series.

In the batting department, Smriti Mandhana remains India's top scorer, while Shafali Verma's 19-ball 31 in the fourth T20I set up a rapid chase and earned her a recall for India A's Australia tour.

FACTFILE

- India's spinners dominated England, taking 22 wickets across four games in the T20I series.
- Shafali's explosive starts and Jemimah's stability have powered India's batting to consistent success.

Jemimah Rodrigues has provided middle-order consistency, accumulating 107 runs and striking the winning runs in the last game. However, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur will look to regain rhythm before the ODI leg.

England, without captain Nat Sciver-Brunt due to injury, have lacked batting direction.

| FOCUS GRIT EXECUTION |

Reddy focused on bowling gains after Aus tour

Press Trust Of India

LONDON: Nitish Kumar Reddy fulfilled a vow he made after the Australia tour–to enhance his bowling–and it paid immediate dividends on day one of the third Test against England at Lord's.

After bowling 44 overs in Australia, Reddy had limited opportunities in the IPL, raising doubts about his all-rounder credentials. But in a remarkable first over on Thursday, he dismissed both England openers Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley, underlining his progress.

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He also credited conversations with Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins and India bowling coach Morne Morkel for helping him grow. "Pat told me to observe conditions and play my game. I've had great chats with Morne, and I'm enjoying working with him," he added.

Meanwhile, England finished the day at 251 for four, playing unusually cautiously.

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BEST OF THE REST

YOUNG BOLD BRILLIANT

Gaupset scores twice as Norway beat Iceland in Euro 2025 thriller

THUN (SWITZERLAND): Signe Gaupset became the youngest player to score twice in a Women's European Championship match, guiding Norway to a thrilling 4-3 win over Iceland. At just 20 years and 22 days, Gaupset broke Vivianne Miedema's 2017 record, scoring twice within 26 minutes and assisting both of Frida Maanum's second-half goals. Although Iceland was already eliminated, they fought hard. Sveindís Jónsdóttir gave them an early lead, while Hlín Eiríksdóttir and Glódís Viggósdóttir struck late, the latter via a stoppage-time penalty. Norway, topping Group G with nine points, will face the Group B runner-up – either Spain, Italy, or Portugal – in the quarterfinals. Switzerland joined them after a 1-1 draw with Finland. Iceland exited with zero points. **PTI**

RELIEF PASSION PROGRESS

Switzerland strike late to reach Euro 2025 quarterfinals against Group B winner

GENEVA: Switzerland secured a dramatic 1-1 draw with Finland to reach the Women's Euro 2025 quarterfinals, thanks to Riola Xhemaili's stoppage-time equalizer. Down 1-0 after Natalia Kuikka's 79th-minute penalty, Switzerland attacked relentlessly. In the second minute of added time, substitute Xhemaili redirected Géraldine Reuteler's low shot to send the home crowd into celebration. Veteran coach Pia Sundhage opted for an attacking strategy, fielding three teenage forwards who stretched Finland's defense. Despite conceding a penalty, Switzerland's second-half dominance paid off. Switzerland will now face the Group B winner–most likely Spain–in the quarterfinals on July 18 in Bern. **PTI**

FIDE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Humpy ousts Khamdamova, Harika also in third round

BATUMI (GEORGIA): Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy advanced to the third round of the FIDE Women's World Chess Cup after drawing her second game against Uzbekistan's Afruza Khamdamova, securing a 1.5-0.5 victory. D Harika also progressed, defeating compatriot P V Nandhidhaa with a composed performance, eliminating her from the tournament. R Vaishali added another win for India, beating Canada's Ouellet Maili-Jade, while Divya Deshmukh overcame Georgia's Kesaria Mgeladze. K Priyanka held Poland's Klaudia Kulon to consecutive draws, pushing their contest to the tiebreaker. Meanwhile, Vantika Agrawal, who had earlier stunned ex-world champion Anna Ushenina, lost the return leg, forcing a tiebreaker showdown on Friday. **PTI**

DISCIPLINE OVER DARING

Pope explains England's shift from Bazball against relentless Indian attack

LONDON: England vice-captain Ollie Pope defended the team's cautious approach on day one of the third Test against India, saying the surface didn't allow for aggressive 'Bazball' tactics. "This wasn't a surface where you could come out swinging. The Indian attack held their lengths well," said Pope, who scored a patient 44 off 104 balls. England reached 251/4 at stumps, with Joe Root on 99 and Ben Stokes unbeaten on 39, though Stokes suffered a groin niggle. Nitish Kumar Reddy impressed with 2/46, while Bumrah, Siraj, and Akash Deep tightened the scoring. Pope emphasized the importance of adapting to conditions. "It's about reading situations better as a team," he said, hoping Root's knock turns into a "monster." **PTI**

Rahul stands firm after Bumrah show

Jasprit Bumrah's fiery five-wicket haul and KL Rahul's unbeaten fifty ensured India remained competitive after Joe Root's century powered England to 387 on day two at Lord's.

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LONDON: A gripping day of Test cricket at Lord's saw Jasprit Bumrah return to his fiery best with a five-wicket haul and KL Rahul anchor India's response with a calm, unbeaten fifty, as the visitors closed day two of the third Test at 145 for three, still trailing England by 242 runs.

Bumrah, who resumed the day with just one wicket overnight, tore through England's middle and lower order to finish with figures of 5 for 74, his 15th five-wicket haul in Test cricket and second consecutive in the ongoing series. England were bowled out for 387, having resumed at 251 for four.

Joe Root stood tall amid the collapse, crafting a fluent 104 off 199 balls – his 37th Test hundred. Root showed supreme control during his knock, stitching vital partnerships, including one with No. 9 Brydon Carse, who hit a defiant 56. Jamie Smith also impressed with a gritty 51 as England's lower order added a valuable 84 runs across the final three partnerships.

India's reply began cautiously. Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, fresh from his Leeds heroics, fell early for 13 to Jofra Archer, who marked his return to Test cricket with a spirited burst. Captain Shubman Gill, seeking to surpass Rahul Dravid's record for most runs by an Indian batter in a Test series in England, perished for 16, edging behind to Jamie Smith, two short of the milestone.

KL Rahul remained solid at one end, showing maturity in his unbeaten 53 off 113 balls. He shared a vital 61-run stand with Karun Nair, who contributed a handy 40 before Joe Root's sharp one-handed catch at slip brought his stay to an end. The catch was Root's 211th in Test cricket, surpassing Rahul Dravid's record of 210 for the most catches by a non-wicketkeeper in men's Tests.

India ended the day with Rahul and Rishabh Pant (19*) at the crease, facing a crucial task on day three to reduce the first-innings deficit and gain control in the evenly poised contest.

The series, currently tied 1-1, promises further twists after India's commanding 336-run win at Edgbaston.

Sinner beats Djokovic to reach final against Alcaraz

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Jannik Sinner halted Novak Djokovic's Wimbledon dominance with a commanding straight sets semi-final victory.

LONDON: World No. 1 Jannik Sinner stunned seven-time champion Novak Djokovic with a dominant 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 victory in the Wimbledon 2025 men's singles semi-final. The Italian outplayed Djokovic from the start, breaking him twice in the first set and once in the second, taking a firm 2-0 lead. In the third set, Sinner again broke Djokovic twice, holding on for a 5-4 lead before serving out the match.

This victory ends Djokovic's remarkable run of five consecutive Wimbledon finals and denies the 38-year-old a chance at a sixth straight final appearance. Sinner, on the other hand, has now reached his first-ever Wimbledon final, marking a career milestone at the All England Club.

He will face Spanish star Carlos Alcaraz in the title clash, after Alcaraz defeated American Taylor Fritz in four sets earlier in the day. With this win, Sinner stakes his claim as the new face of men's tennis.

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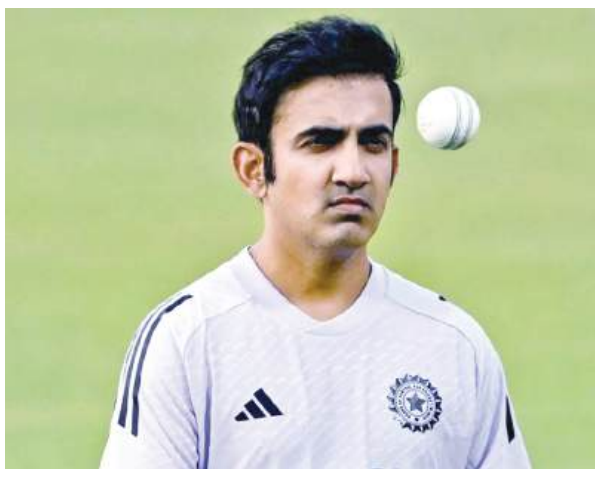

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LONDON: Jasprit Bumrah once again proved why he is India's premier pace spearhead, claiming a magnificent five-wicket haul to help restrict England to 387 in their first innings on Day Two of the third Test at Lord's on Friday. The Indian reply was measured as they reached 44 for 1 at tea, with KL Rahul (13*) and Karun Nair (18*) unbeaten at the crease after losing Yashasvi Jaiswal (13) early.

The day began with Joe Root on 97, and he wasted no time in bringing up his 37th Test hundred – his eighth at Lord's, the most by any batter at the venue. But the spotlight quickly shifted to Bumrah, who dismantled England's middle order with a fiery spell. Root (104), Ben Stokes (44), and Chris Woakes (0) were dismissed in quick succession as Bumrah tore through the lineup, reducing England to 271 for 7 at one point.

Bumrah's figures of 5 for 74 marked his 15th five-wicket haul in Tests and the 13th on foreign soil, surpassing Kapil Dev's long-standing Indian record. It also continued his stunning run of form, having claimed a five-for in the previous Test he played at Leeds.

One of Bumrah's best deliveries of the day came to dismiss Stokes – a seaming beauty from around the wicket that kissed the top of off-stump. Root fell immediately after his century, playing forward to a delivery that nipped in, took the inside edge, and uprooted the middle stump. Woakes was caught behind the very next ball, giving Bumrah a shot at a hat-trick.

However, England's lower order offered resistance through Jamie Smith (51) and Brydon Carse (56), who stitched together an 84-run stand to take their team past the 350-mark. Smith survived a chance on 44 when KL Rahul dropped him off Mohammed Siraj.

Amidst the gripping action, controversy erupted over the condition of the ball. Indian skipper Shubman Gill requested a change of the relatively new Dukes ball, which led to heated exchanges with umpires and a second replacement later in the session.

Despite the morning drama, India finished the session in a composed manner. Archer marked his return to Test cricket by removing Jaiswal, but Rahul and Nair carefully negotiated the English pace attack. While Nair looked slightly uncomfortable against Archer and Carse, the pair saw India safely to tea, trailing by 343 runs with nine wickets in hand.

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BIRMINGHAM: Star batter Smriti Mandhana has credited India's historic T20I series win in England to outstanding bowling and sharp fielding, calling the victory a result of collective hunger and clarity in execution.

India clinched the series 3-1 with a match in hand, marking their first-ever T20I series triumph on English soil. Speaking in a BCCI video, Mandhana praised the bowlers for maintaining discipline, especially in pressure situations.

"The way our bowlers performed in all four matches was incredible. Even in the third T20, the way they bounced back and conceded just 25 runs in the final overs was commendable," she said.

Mandhana highlighted the team's high energy and fitness. "Everyone is looking much fitter now. The fielding was tight and focused. It's clear that a lot of credit goes to the bowlers and fielders," she added.

Recalling the moment before the fourth match, Mandhana revealed that the team was fully aware of the historical significance. "We spoke in the huddle about the chance to make history. There was hunger in everyone's eyes, and you could feel the vibe," she said.

India's six-wicket win at Old Trafford was the clincher, with the team outplaying England in all departments. "What the girls have achieved is amazing. They came into the series under pressure but responded like champions," Mandhana concluded.

India will look to cap off the landmark series with another win in the final match on Saturday.

FAST FACTS

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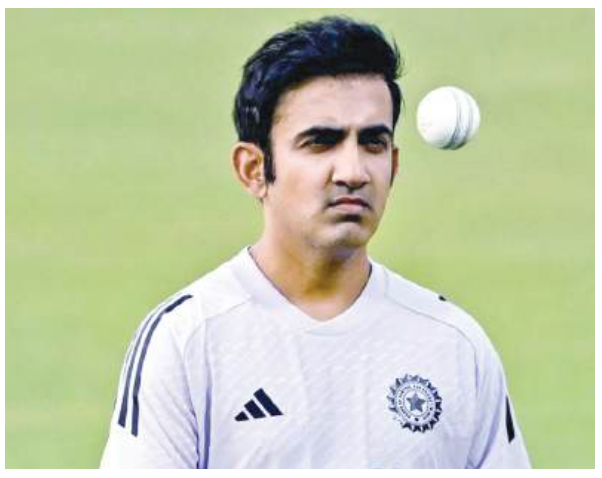

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WASHINGTON: Just months after President Donald Trump returned to office vowing mass deportations, the share of US adults saying immigration is a "good thing" for the country has jumped substantially – including among Republicans, according to new Gallup polling.

About 8 in 10 Americans, 79 per cent, say immigration is "a good thing" for the country today, an increase from 64 per cent a year ago and a high point in the nearly 25-year trend. Only about 2 in 10 US adults say immigration is a bad thing right now, down from 32 per cent last year.

During Democratic President Joe Biden's term in office, negative views of immigration had increased markedly, reaching a high point in the months before Trump, a Republican, took office. The new Gallup data suggests US adults are returning to more pro-immigrant views that could complicate Trump's push for sweeping deportations in his second term. Americans' views of immigration policies have shifted dramatically in the last year – including among Republicans, who have become much more content with immigration levels since Trump took office but who have also grown more supportive of pathways to citizenship for people in the country illegally.

The broader trend also shows that public opinion is generally much more favourable to immigrants than it was decades ago. Americans' more positive view on immigration is driven primarily by a shift among Republicans and independents. About two-thirds of Republicans now say immigrants are "a good thing" for the country, up from 39 per cent last year. And independents moved from about two-thirds last year to 80 per cent this year.

HIGHLIGHT

- The percentage of Americans wanting decreased immigration has dropped substantially from 55% to 30%, indicating a softening of anti-immigrant sentiment.

UK boosts Sri Lanka garment exports

COLOMBO: After the US' 30 per cent tariff on all Sri Lankan imports, the island nation's economy got a boost on Friday as the UK government announced to allow garments manufactured here to enter Britain tariff-free.

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BANGLA ECONOMIST ARREST

Ex -Janata Bank chairman held in loan fraud during Awami League tenure

DHAKA: A prominent economist, who served the chairperson of the largest commercial bank in Bangladesh during the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government, has been arrested in a 297 crore Taka (approx USD 24.4 million) fraud case, a media report said Friday. Abul Barkat, who was the chairperson of the Janata Bank, was detained by the Dhaka Metropolitan Detective Branch (DB) from the capital's Dhanmondi area around 11.30 pm on Thursday, DB Joint Commissioner Nasirul Islam said. Barkat, a former chairman of the Economics Department at Dhaka University and ex-president of the Bangladesh Economic Association, is among 23 individuals named in the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on February 20 the Dhaka Tribune said. **PTI**

LEBANON ISRAEL

Lebanon's president reveals country's stance on relations with Israel

BEIRUT: Lebanon has no plans to have normal relations with Israel at the present time, and Beirut's main aim is to reach a "state of no war" with its southern neighbour, the country's president said Friday.

President Joseph Aoun's comments came as the Trump administration is trying to expand the Abraham Accords signed in 2020 in which Israel signed historic pacts with United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. **PTI**

US TRUMP NETANYAHU

As Trump seeks to be peacemaker, Netanyahu leaves Washington without breakthrough on Gaza deal

WASHINGTON: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's trip to Washington this week netted President Donald Trump another nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize he covets, but the ceasefire the US leader sought for the war in Gaza didn't emerge.

Despite Trump throwing his weight behind a push for a 60-day truce between Israel and Hamas, no breakthrough was announced during Netanyahu's visit, a disappointment for a president who wants to be known as a peacemaker and has hinged his reputation on being a dealmaker. "He prides himself or being able to make deals, so this is another test case," said Rachel Brandenburg, the Israel Policy Forum's Washington managing director and senior fellow.

Trump's ability to strike a ceasefire deal in the 21-month war will reveal the boundaries of his influence with Netanyahu, especially after their recent joint strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities that both leaders touted at the White House this week.

Beyond the back-to-back meetings Trump and Netanyahu had at the White House this week, there was little public evidence of progress at a time when the Republican US president is pushing to end the fighting. **PTI**

POLAND LAWMAKER

Polish Prosecutor Investigates Lawmaker Over Auschwitz Comments

WARSAW: Polish prosecutors launched a preliminary investigation after a far-right lawmaker described the gas chambers at the Auschwitz death camp as a "fake." Grzegorz Braun, a member of the European Parliament, has previously been accused of antisemitism and extinguished Hanukkah candles in parliament with a fire extinguisher in 2023. He was a presidential candidate who won more than 6 per cent of the votes in the first round of the election earlier this year. Speaking to Poland's Wnet radio on Thursday, Braun said that "ritual murder is a fact, and such a thing as Auschwitz with its gas chambers is unfortunately a fake," news agency PAP reported. The reporter then ended the interview. Some Christians in medieval Europe believed that Jews murdered Christians to use their blood for ritual purposes, something which historians say has no basis in Jewish religious law or historical fact and instead reflected anti-Jewish hostility in Christian Europe. **PTI**

WAFRICA AID

UN food agency curtails West, Central Africa aid over funding cuts

LAGOS: The World Food Programme said Friday it is suspending food and nutritional assistance across crisis-hit West and Central African countries as a result of US aid cuts, which are grinding the organisation's operations to a halt. While the timeline varies, food stocks are projected to last until around September for most of the affected countries, leaving millions of vulnerable people potentially without any emergency aid, according to the WFP. **PTI**

Myanmar airstrike kills 23 at Buddhist monastery

BANGKOK: An airstrike on a Buddhist monastery in Myanmar's central Sagaing region killed at least 23 people who were taking shelter in the compound, separate sources said Friday. The overnight aerial attack on the monastery in Lin Ta Lu village, in Sagaing region's Sagaing township, injured about 30 other people, of which 10 were in a critical condition, according to a member of a resistance group. The resistance member – who spoke on condition of anonymity – told The Associated Press that 23 civilians including four children were killed after a jet fighter dropped a bomb around 1 am on a building in the village's monastery where more than 150 people from nearby villages were taking shelter to avoid fighting in the region in recent weeks.

| RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR |

Russian drones damage Kharkiv maternity hospital, injuring nine

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A Russian drone barrage targetted the centre of Kharkiv on Friday, injuring nine people and damaging a maternity hospital in Ukraine's second-largest city, officials said.

KYIV: Mothers with newborns were being evacuated to a different medical facility, Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov wrote on Telegram. He didn't say whether anyone at the hospital was among the injured.

Russia's recent escalation of long-range Shahed drone attacks on Ukrainian cities, which often also include ballistic and cruise missiles as well as powerful glide bombs, has brought renewed urgency to efforts to improve Ukraine's air defences after more than three years of war.

"There is no silence in Ukraine," Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said after the Kharkiv bombardment. Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, has endured repeated and intensifying drone attacks in recent weeks, as have many other regions of the country.

June brought the highest monthly civilian casualties of the past three years, with 232 people killed and 1,343 wounded, the UN human rights mission in Ukraine said Thursday. Russia launched 10 times more drones and missiles in June than in the same month last year, it said.

At the same time, Russia's bigger army is pressing hard on parts of the 1,000-kilometre front line, where thousands of soldiers on both sides have died since the Kremlin ordered the invasion of neighbouring Ukraine in February 2022.

HIGHLIGHT

- Zelenskyy urged Ukraine's Western partners to quickly enact pledges of help they made at an international meeting in Rome on Thursday.
- Trump said late Thursday that the US is sending weapons including Patriots to other NATO countries, which are paying Washington for them and giving them to Ukraine.

| AUSTRALIA GERMAN BACKPACKER |

German tourist rescued after 12 days lost in Outback

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MELBOURNE: German tourist Carolina Wilga was found alive in Australia's remote Outback on Friday, 12 days after she went missing and a day after her abandoned van was discovered, police said.

The last known sighting of the 26-year-old backpacker, and the last day family and friends heard from her, was June 29. She was seen at a general store in the wheat farming town of Beacon, 320 kilometres northeast of the Western Australia state capital Perth. Beacon had a population of 123 during the 2021 census.

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