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## India, Argentina to boost ties: PM Modi

Visit marks a new chapter in India-Argentina ties.

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**BUENOS AIRES:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived here on a two-day visit during which he will hold talks with the country's top leadership to review ongoing bilateral cooperation and discuss ways to enhance India-Argentina partnership in key areas.

Modi, who reached here on Friday evening (local time), was accorded a ceremonial welcome upon his arrival at the Ezeiza International Airport. "Landed in Buenos Aires for a bilateral visit which will focus on augmenting relations with Argentina. I'm eager to be meeting President Javier Milei and holding detailed talks with him," he said in a post on X.

This is the first Indian bilateral visit at the prime ministerial level to Argentina in 57 years. It is Modi's second visit to the country as prime minister; he had visited in 2018 for the G20 Summit. It also marks



PM Modi being welcomed by members of the Indian community upon his arrival in Argentina.

**Eager to meet President Milei for talks.**

Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

the third stop on the prime minister's five-nation visit. "Celebrating the enduring friendship between our nations. PM @narendramodi has landed in the vibrant city

### HIGHLIGHT

• First Indian bilateral visit at PM level to Argentina in 57 years.

of Buenos Aires, Argentina on an Official Visit. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome on arrival at the airport. This is the first bilateral visit by an Indian PM to Argentina in 57 years, marking a new

chapter in India-Argentina ties," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in an X post.

Modi will hold wide-ranging talks with President Milei to further boost India-Argentina partnership in key areas including defence, agriculture, mining, oil and gas, renewable energy, trade and investment, according to the MEA.

## 'Law, Constitution need pragmatic interpretation'

**MUMBAI:** Chief Justice of India Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai on Saturday said the interpretation of law or the Constitution has to be "pragmatic" and in a way that suits the needs of society.

Speaking at a felicitation organised for him by the Bombay High Court here, he also mentioned that recently he had received complaints about the rude behaviour of "some of the colleagues", and urged the judges to protect the reputation of the institution.

Citing a past Supreme Court judgement, Gavai said any law or the Constitution has to be interpreted in the context of "problems faced by the present generation."

"The interpretation has to be pragmatic. It has to be one that suits the needs of society," he added.

Judges are expected to work as per their conscience, the oath of office and law, but "should never be perturbed once the matter is decided", he said. A judge should cut off his mind from the matter and forget what happens to it thereafter, he added. Talking about the appointment of judges,

the CJI asserted that "at no cost the independence of judiciary shall be compromised".

While making appointments either to the Supreme court or high courts, the collegium ensures that merit is maintained while there is diversity and inclusiveness, Gavai said.

He complimented the Bombay High Court -- where he once practiced as a lawyer and served as a judge -- for its work, and said he feels proud when people appreciate its judgements.

The CJI also said that lately he has been "receiving a lot of complaints about the rude behaviour of some of the colleagues." "Being a judge is not a 10 to 5 job, it's an opportunity to serve society. It is an opportunity to serve the nation," he stressed, and urged the judges to be "true to their oath and commitment."

"Please do not do anything which brings disrepute to this august institution, whose reputation has been so laboriously built by the devotion and dedication of generations of lawyers and generations of judges," he said.

### NEWSLINE

#### NEW DELHI

#### Economic offender

A Delhi court on Saturday declared UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari a fugitive economic offender on an Enforcement Directorate (ED) plea, officials said. The court issued the order under the provisions of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA) of 2018, they said. The order has come as a shot in the arm for the federal probe agency as it will now be able to confiscate assets worth crores of rupees of Bhandari, whose chances to come to India have been virtually nullified after a UK court recently ruled against his extradition.

#### NEW DELHI

#### Summer bird census

More than 160 bird species including endangered and migratory ones like the greater flamingo and Indian pitta have been recorded across the national capital as part of the Delhi Bird Atlas. The summer phase of the atlas -- a pioneering citizen science initiative supported by Wildlife SOS and the Delhi Forest and Wildlife Department -- reported 21 first-time sightings and saw over 600 checklists uploaded to the eBird platform, surpassing the winter documentation efforts, according to a statement.

#### Gumla

#### 3 from CG arrested

Three persons from Chhattisgarh were arrested with fake currency notes in Jharkhand's Gumla district, police said on Saturday. They were arrested during a vehicle checking drive in the Raidih police station area. "A total of 260 fake notes of Rs 500 denomination were recovered from their possession," SP Haris Bin Zaman said. The accused were identified as Sughram Yadav, 52, Goswami Chouhan, 42, and Dilip Kumar, 28.



#### FineDine

#### Foodflix 2.0: Raipur's pure veg food scene just got an upgrade!

There's something heart-warming about an old favourite making a grand return especially when it tastes just as good as you remember! Foodflix, once a beloved vegetarian hotspot on Vidhan Sabha Road, is back after a stunning renovation, and it's better than ever.

## '3-language policy linked to Mumbai separation plan'

| 'AWAJ MARATHICHA' |

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• After two decades, Uddhav and Raj shared public stage.

**MUMBAI:** MNS chief Raj Thackeray on Saturday said the three-language formula imposed by the state government was a precursor to its plan to separate Mumbai from Maharashtra as he shared the political stage with his cousin Uddhav after almost 20 years.

Addressing a "victory" rally, Raj Thackeray, in a lighter vein, said Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis has managed to bring him and Uddhav together, a feat he said even Balasaheb Thackeray could not accomplish. After two decades,



SS (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and MNS chief Raj Thackeray during a joint rally.

### Will stay together: Uddhav

Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday said he and his cousin Raj Thackeray have "come together to stay together", while sharing the political stage with the MNS chief for the first time in almost 20 years. Uddhav also said he and Raj will capture power in the Mumbai civic body and Maharashtra together. "We have come together to stay together," he asserted.

### FACTFILE

• 'Fadnis has managed to bring him and Uddhav together'.

Uddhav and Raj shared the public stage and hosted a victory gathering, titled 'Awaj Marathicha', to celebrate the rollback of two GRs issued earlier by the government introducing Hindi as a third language from class 1 in state schools.

"The Maharashtra Government rolled back the decision on the three-language formula due to the strong unity shown by Marathi people.

This decision was a precursor to the plan of separating Mumbai from Maharashtra," the MNS chief said with Uddhav seated on the stage.

## Nirav Modi's brother Nehal Modi held in US on India's request

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Nehal Modi, under Interpol Red Notice, taken into custody.



### HIGHLIGHT

• Arrest based on joint extradition plea by ED and CBI.

• The next hearing in the matter is scheduled for July 17.

**NEW DELHI:** US authorities have arrested fugitive diamondaire Nirav Modi's younger brother, Nehal Modi, following extradition requests from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), officials said on Saturday. Nehal Modi, who is the subject of a Red Notice issued by the Interpol, was taken into custody on Friday, US officials told Indian authorities. The next hearing in the matter is scheduled for July 17, during which Nehal Modi may seek bail -- a move expected to be contested by US prosecutors, the officials said. The arrest stems from a joint extradition plea submitted by the ED and the CBI. The

proceedings, led by US federal prosecutors, are based on two charges -- one count of money laundering under section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and one count of criminal conspiracy under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 201 (disappearance of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code. Nehal

Modi (46) is an accused in the alleged Rs 13,000 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud -- one of the biggest banking scams -- reportedly orchestrated by him, Nirav Modi and their uncle, Mehul Choksi. Nirav Modi had, through his companies, siphoned off approximately Rs 6,498 crore from the PNB by issuing fraudulent letters of undertaking (LoUs), while the remaining amount was misappropriated by his uncle in a similar modus operandi, according to the CBI chargesheet.

Born and raised in Belgium's Antwerp and fluent in English, Gujarati and Hindi, Nehal Deepak Modi is wanted in India for allegedly laundering proceeds of crime on behalf of his brother, Nirav Modi, who remains incarcerated in a London prison, facing extradition proceedings to India.

### RETRIAL OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS |

## Setback to Saif, kin over ancestral property

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**JABALPUR:** In a setback to actor Saif Ali Khan and his family, who inherited Rs 15,000 crore properties owned by Bhopal's erstwhile rulers, the Madhya Pradesh High Court has set aside the trial court's verdict given over two decades ago, and ordered a retrial in the

case. In its order passed on June 30, the single bench of high court of Justice Sanjay Dwivedi set aside the judgment and decree of the trial court which upheld Pataudis (Saif Ali Khan, his mother Sharmila Tagore and his two sisters Soha and Saba) to be the owners of the properties. It also directed the trial court to make



all possible efforts to conclude and decide

### NUMBER

15000

• Saif Ali Khan and his family, inherited Rs 15,000 crore properties owned by Bhopal's erstwhile rulers.

the matter within one year. Nawab Hamidullah was the last ruling

Nawab of the princely state of Bhopal. He and his wife Maimoona Sultan had three daughters - Abida, Sajida and Rabia. Sajida married Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi and became the Nawab Begum of Bhopal. Their son, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, former Indian cricket team skipper married Sharmila Tagore.

## Bomb hoax delays CG Sampark Kranti

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**JHANSI:** The Chhattisgarh Sampark Kranti Express, going from Delhi to Durg, was delayed by almost an hour after it was halted at Jhansi railway station here following a bomb threat, which later turned out to be a hoax, officials said on Saturday. After the train

left Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station in Delhi around 6 pm on Friday, an unidentified person called the railway helpline 139 and claimed that a bomb had been planted in a sleeper coach of the train, the officials said. They said the railway control room in Lucknow then took precautionary measures and started



photo Brijmohan Cutout  
Emphasis on expanding  
BSNL services in rural and  
Naxal-affected areas.

Brijmohan Agarwal  
Raipur LS MP

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

## Sanjeevani, Patidar Samaj organize Cancer awareness program



**RAIPUR:** On 5th July 2025, a grand Cancer Awareness Mega Camp was organised at Patidar Bhavan, Raipur under the joint collaboration of Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation and Patidar Samaj Raipur. The event witnessed the active participation of over 400 women, who benefited from valuable information about cancer prevention, early symptom recognition, and healthy lifestyle practices. From Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation, Dr. Mou Roy, the senior-most cancer surgeon of Chhattis-

garh and the only trained oncoplastic breast cancer surgeon in the state, and Dr. Avinash Tiwari, Pain, Palliative, and Supportive Oncology Specialist, shared their expert insights. Also playing a key role in the event were the members of Patidar Mahila Mandal Raipur, including Mrs. Vasanti Ben Nakarani (Chief), Mrs. Manju Ben Chhabhaiya (Deputy Chief), Mrs. Savitri Ben Chhabhaiya (Deputy Chief), Mrs. Jaya Ben Valani (General Secretary) and Mrs. Anita Ben Limbani (Secretary).

### FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

## Maharaja Agrasen International College's celebrates 19th Foundation Day



**RAIPUR:** Maharaja Agrasen International College, Raipur proudly celebrated its 19th Foundation Day on July 5th, 2025 at its premises, marking a significant milestone in its journey. On this occasion, a grand ceremony was organized in the college campus, in which the invited guests, college trustees, teachers, students, staff members participated enthusiastically. The event was successfully conducted under the guidance of Chairman Ramesh Agrawal, Ex-Chairman Chairman Rajesh Agrawal and Principal Dr. Shweta Tiwari. The

event was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries followed by a video presentation that depicted the milestones, achievements and major activities undertaken by the Institute over the last nineteen year. After this, the respected trustee of the college, Mr. Naval Kishore Agarwal congratulated all the professors working in the college, Mr. Rajendra Agarwal expressed happiness on the completion of 19 unmatched years of the college and said that this is a matter of pride for us.

### SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

## Oath-taking ceremony of School Parliament inspires future leaders

**RAIPUR:** Ryan International School, conducted the Oath-Taking Ceremony of its newly elected School Parliament on July 05 marking a significant step in nurturing democratic values, leadership, and responsibility among students. The event began with a warm welcome to the guest of the day Mukesh Sori (Sub Inspector, Crime Branch, Raipur) and Satish Puriya (Sub Inspector, Crime Branch, Raipur). The newly elected members of the School Parliament, including the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speaker and the council minister, took their solemn oath to uphold the values of honesty, respect, and service to the school community. The oath was administered by Mrs. Dhaneshwari Sharma the Principal, who encouraged the student leaders to lead by example and contribute



positively to the school's growth. Addressing the newly elected council the guests commended the efforts of the school in fostering leadership through such initiatives. It is heartening to see young students take on responsibilities with such earnestness and commitment. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Chairman & Managing Director Madam of Ryan International Group of Schools for their vision in developing Leadership quality amongst the students.

### OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP VILLAGES: ANUJ

## MLA Anuj Sharma performs bhoomi puja, inaugurations of devp work

**RAIPUR:** Marking a wave of development in rural Chhattisgarh, MLA Padmashree Anuj Sharma on Saturday participated in a Bhoomi Puja and inauguration ceremony of multiple infrastructure projects in village Raikheda, under the Dharsiwa Assembly constituency. The event saw the inauguration of a cycle stand worth Rs 9 lakh at the Middle School Raikheda, and the construction of a prayer shed valued at Rs 20 lakh. In addition, the foundation stone was laid for a new building at Saraswati Shishu Mandir, a project estimated to cost Rs 10 lakh. Addressing the gathering, MLA Anuj Sharma stated that these initiatives are aligned with the government's mission to ensure comprehensive development of villages. He emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister



Vishnu Deo Sai, the state is witnessing rapid progress through a "double engine government" committed to fulfilling the promises of "Modi's Guarantee." "Our government is working in line with the people's aspirations. Infrastructure projects in rural areas are being implemented with transparency and speed. The aim is to provide basic amenities, connect villages with mainstream development, and uplift the economic conditions of rural populations," Sharma said.

## 7 suspects detained in ASP martyrdom case

**RAIPUR:** In a major development in the martyrdom case of Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Akash Rao Girepunje, the Special Investigation Agency (SIA) has detained seven suspects from Konta. The suspects are currently being interrogated at a secret location, as authorities intensify efforts to unravel the conspiracy behind the deadly Naxal attack. Sources close to the investigation revealed that mobile phones containing SIM cards from Andhra Pradesh were recovered from the detained individuals. Preliminary analysis suggests these suspects were allegedly passing sensitive information about police movements to Maoist groups.

Investigators believe these suspects may have played a crucial role in aiding the ambush and are now being questioned to trace the mastermind behind the attack. Authorities are exploring all angles, including local links to Naxal operatives and cross-border communication channels. The attack took place on June 9, when a police team was conducting a search operation along the Konta-Gollapally road in Sukma district.

## Governor at Indian Red Cross Society branch



Governor Ramen Deka met delegation of Red Cross District Branch, Mahasamund on Saturday.

# Atal Digital Seva in 11,000 panchayats: Sai

Sai highlights Role of panchayats in state's progress at Leadership Training Event.

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#### HIGHLIGHT

● Training not formality, but a step to empower grassroots leaders for transparent, effective governance.

**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Saturday addressed newly appointed District Panchayat Presidents and Vice Presidents at a one-day training program held at Nimora in Nava Raipur, underlining the importance of grassroots governance in shaping Chhattisgarh's development trajectory. The event witnessed the presence of Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma, along with other senior leaders and officials.

In his address, CM Sai emphasized that true

leadership stems from a spirit of service and honesty. "When intentions are pure, public support follows," he said, recalling his own political journey marked by unopposed electoral victories. "People have trusted me as both MLA and MP because I've always worked with sincerity," he added. Calling Chhattisgarh a state full of

potential, the Chief Minister said the double-engine government has accelerated the implementation of development schemes. He strongly criticized the previous Congress administration, claiming inadequate action against Naxalism during their tenure. "Earlier, bullets echoed in Bastar; now, it's the sound of development," he stated, underscoring the state's current focus on peace and progress. Highlighting the importance of training, CM Sai called it a crucial step toward building strong leadership at the grassroots. "This is not just a formality. We

all are learners. Even our ministers have undergone training twice," he said, adding that a similar camp would be held in Mainpat soon.

A major announcement came with the Chief Minister revealing plans to launch "Atal Digital Seva" in 11,000 panchayats across the state. This initiative aims to enhance digital access in rural regions and make local administrations more tech-savvy. Reacting to a peace talk proposal from Naxalites, CM Sai reiterated the government's openness to dialogue – but only with those who renounce violence.

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DAY

## 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' a tribute to nature: Kedar

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Water Resources Minister Kedar Kashyap plants sapling, promotes tree plantation campaign at International Cooperative Day Seminar.



#### FACTFILE

● RuPay KCC cards, micro ATMs distributed to enhance digital inclusion in cooperative farming sector.

**RAIPUR:** On the occasion of International Cooperative Day, Chhattisgarh's Cooperation and Water Resources Minister Kedar Kashyap emphasized the profound message of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, calling it a living symbol of environmental protection and maternal reverence. The seminar was held at the Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Bank (Apex Bank) campus in Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar. As part of the program, Minister Kashyap planted a sapling under the campaign

and distributed RuPay Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to cowherds and fish farmers, and micro ATMs to milk cooperative societies, aiming to boost digital inclusion in the cooperative sector.

In his address, the Minister stated, "Planting a tree in the name of one's mother is a unique way to express love and gratitude. Like mothers,

nature too nourishes life selflessly. This campaign is a gift to future generations."

He added that both 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Sahyogita' symbolize collective responsibility and cooperation for social and environmental upliftment. Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on World Environment Day (June 5, 2024), the campaign urges citizens to plant trees in memory of their mothers, thereby promoting eco-consciousness and underlining the bond between motherhood and nature.

## Kharge to lead 'Kisan, Jawan, Samvidhan Sabha' in CG on July 7

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#### FACTFILE

● Event seen as major political mobilization against BJP, aims to energize farmers and party workers.

Congress to raise issues like law and order, fertilizer shortage, and tribal killings at Sabha.

**RAIPUR:** Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, along with party General Secretary KC Venugopal, will participate in the 'Kisan, Jawan, Samvidhan Sabha' scheduled for July 7 in Chhattisgarh. The event, expected to draw over 25,000 farmers, soldiers, and party workers, is being projected as a significant political mobilization aimed at challenging the policies of the central and state governments. Chhattisgarh Congress President Deepak Baij, addressing the media at Rajiv Bhawan, described the upcoming meeting as a "milestone for the coun-

try," asserting that it will serve as a platform to raise critical concerns affecting the people of the state. Flanked by senior leaders and state co-incharge, Baij accused both the BJP-led central and state governments of waging a systematic attack on farmers, soldiers, and the Constitution. He highlighted several pressing issues to be discussed at the Sabha, including the deteriorating law and order situation in the state, rising crimes against women, acute shortage of DAP and other fertilizers for farmers, and the alleged killings of innocent tribals in anti-Naxal operations.

### BAHUDA RATH YATRA

## Lord Jagannath returns from Aunt's house

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**RAIPUR:** The grand return journey of Lord Jagannath, known as Bahuda Rath Yatra, is being celebrated with immense devotion and enthusiasm in Chhattisgarh today. After spending nine divine days at his aunt Gundicha Devi's temple along with his siblings Balabhadra and Subhadra, Lord Jagannath is returning to his original abode, Srimandir, marking the completion of the



annual spiritual sojourn. In Raipur, the Bahuda Yatra is set to begin at 3 PM on Sunday, drawing thousands of devotees from across the region. The atmosphere is charged with devotion, as

temples reverberate with bhajans, kirtans, and puja rituals.

Prominent dignitaries, including Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh, Leader of Opposition Charandas

Every year, this divine return is celebrated with more grandeur and better arrangements.

**Purandar Mishra**  
President of the Jagannath Seva Samiti

Mahant, former Speaker Gaurishankar Agrawal, and BJP Raipur District President Ramesh Tha-

kur, are expected to participate in the celebrations.

Purandar Mishra, President of the Jagannath Seva Samiti, highlighted the spiritual and emotional significance of the event. "Every year, this divine return is celebrated with more grandeur and better arrangements. With the blessings of Lord Jagannath, we are ready to welcome him back with utmost devotion and discipline," he said.

# Raipur News

## 'Parliamentary journalism bridges assembly, citizens'

Speaker Dr Raman Singh calls Journalists' contribution in State's 25-Year journey invaluable

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**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Saturday emphasized the vital role of parliamentary reporters in bridging the gap between the legislative assembly and its citizens. Speaking at a day-long workshop on parliamentary reporting held at the Assembly auditorium, CM Sai extended his greetings to the people of Chhattisgarh as the state commemorates 25 years of its formation and democratic consolidation.

"Over these 25 glorious years, the Chhattisgarh Assembly has evolved as a strong institution upholding democratic values," Chief Minister Sai stated. He highlighted the benefit of recent orientation workshops for newly elected legislators and underscored the equal importance for journalists to remain well-informed about parliamentary processes. With a significant number of first-time MLAs now in the House, Sai stressed their responsibility to effectively voice public concerns.

The Chief Minister lauded the dedication



### FASTFACTS

● "Over these 25 glorious years, the Chhattisgarh Assembly has evolved as a strong institution upholding democratic values," Chief Minister Sai stated.

of parliamentary reporters, noting that their "commitment and hard work ensure that citizens know how their issues are debated and addressed by their representatives." He added that the tradition of honoring outstanding journalists encourages fair and rigorous reporting, expressing confidence that the workshop would significantly strengthen democratic discourse.

### Trivedi: Live parliament broadcasts demand more from reporters

Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi delivered an insightful speech at a parliamentary reporting workshop's closing session. He highlighted Chhattisgarh's journey from a problem-ridden state to a development success story. Dr. Trivedi noted the increased complexity for journalists due to live parliamentary broadcasts, stressing the public's need for in-depth analysis beyond raw information. He also pointed out the challenges posed by some state assemblies' unique procedures, complicating reporting for parliamentary journalists.

Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh echoed these sentiments, describing parliamentary journalism as a "highly sensitive responsibility." He acknowledged the immeasurable contribution of the media to Chhattisgarh's

25-year "golden journey." Dr. Singh emphasized that parliamentary journalism demands "maintaining confidentiality, discipline and decorum while delivering accurate, impartial information to the masses."

## Ntl Seminar on Women Empowerment from Aug 5

**RAIPUR/BILASPUR:** Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV), Bilaspur, in academic collaboration with the Centre for Narendra Modi Studies (CNMS - NaMo Kendra), is set to host a two-day national seminar on "Women Empowerment Efforts under Prime Minister Narendra Modi." The event, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), will take place on August 5 and 6, 2025, at the university campus in Bilaspur.

This significant seminar aims to bring together scholars, researchers, students, and policymakers from across the nation to discuss and analyze the various initiatives implemented by the Government of India for women's empowerment under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The discussions will delve into crucial themes such as financial inclusion, healthcare access, quality education, skill development, legal safeguards, leadership opportunities, and safety measures for women.

According to the seminar's concept note, the Modi government's approach to women's empowerment is comprehensive and integrated, addressing economic, educational, health, legal, and leadership dimensions.

## Brijmohan stresses BSNL service expansion in rural, naxal-hit areas



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**RAIPUR:** A meeting of the Telecom Advisory Committee, chaired by Raipur Lok Sabha MP and senior BJP leader Brijmohan Agrawal, was held today in Raipur to discuss the expansion and improvement of BSNL services.

During the meeting, comprehensive discussions took place regarding BSNL's current services, future plans, and network expansion. MP Agrawal directed BSNL officials to spare no effort in providing quality services to consumers. He stressed the urgent need to strengthen the network not only in urban areas but also in rural and remote regions, including those affected by Naxal activities.

MP advocated for prioritizing BSNL services in government institutions and offices and emphasized the rapid expansion of 5G services. He also advised BSNL to undertake extensive promotion and effective marketing of its products

and services to attract a wider customer base.

TK Markam, Principal General Manager (Business Area Raipur) of BSNL, provided the MP with detailed information on BSNL's 4G services, network expansion, and new initiatives. He highlighted that BSNL has successfully launched 4G services in Naxal-affected villages where no other service provider has been able to reach. Furthermore, under the Samagra Shiksha Yojana, over 700 schools have been provided with fiber connectivity.

Markam also informed the committee that under the Government of India's Extended BharatNet scheme, 1.5 crore Bharat Fiber connections will be established nationwide. He expressed gratitude for the support extended by MP Brijmohan Agrawal in this endeavor. The meeting was attended by other members of the Telecom Advisory Committee and senior officials from BSNL.

### NEWSLINE

#### WORKSHOP

**NIT workshop for Railways Loco Shed staff concludes**



**RAIPUR:** The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur hosted the closing ceremony of a two-week industrial training workshop on "Knowledge Enhancement of Loco Shed Employees" for Indian Railways personnel. The workshop, organized by NIT Raipur's Department of Electrical Engineering in collaboration with its Industry Institute Collaboration Cell and Continuing Education Cell (CEC), ran from June 23 to July 4.

The closing event was attended by Saurabh Davaggar, Senior DME, Diesel Loco Shed, SECL - Raipur division, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. S. Sanyal, Dean (CR&RM), NIT Raipur, as the Special Guest. Other key dignitaries included Dr. S. Ghosh, Chairman (CEC), Dr. Sachin Jain, Head of Electrical Engineering, and Dr. Ajay Raghuvanshi, Associate Professor, ECE. The workshop's seamless execution was overseen by coordinators Dr. Anamika Yadav, Dr. Ebha Koley, and Dr. Baidyanath Bag.

### WORKSHOP CONCLUDES

## 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat to strengthen unity'

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Jamwal explained that "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" is aimed at promoting mutual understanding and cultural integration among various states and UTs.



### FAST FACTS

● The workshop aimed to strengthen the spirit of unity across the nation, an initiative conceptualized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Minister Narendra Modi." Jamwal called upon party workers to diligently work towards translating this vision into tangible results on the ground, always remembering the motto of 'Nation First' and dedicating themselves wholeheartedly to the all-round

progress of the country.

Jamwal emphasized the favorable environment for the BJP in the country and state, urging workers to leave no stone unturned in realizing this vision. He credited the central government's welfare schemes, policies, and programs for building public trust in the BJP. Jamwal stressed the need for BJP office bearers, workers, and public representatives to work harder to further strengthen this trust in the country and the party. He highlighted the importance

of properly studying and resolving public issues and clearly communicating the vision for the nation's comprehensive development to overcome challenges. BJP State Organization General Secretary Pawan Sai also addressed the workshop, seeking information on the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' program and providing necessary guidance. Sai urged all workers to form teams for this program and emphasized the importance of promoting the glory and heritage of all states.

He likened the benefits of this endeavor to a 'Yagya' (sacred ritual), stating that just as a 'Yagya' benefits nature and all living beings, this initiative should connect with India's glorious history to advance and make the nation self-reliant.

### VAN MAHOTSAV

## Van Mahotsav at NH Goel School

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**RAIPUR:** NH Goel World School, Raipur, reverberated with the spirit of environmental consciousness as it celebrated Van Mahotsav with great enthusiasm and commitment to nature. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Principal Dr. Avinash Pandey, School Director Administrator SK Tomar, Science Co-ordinator MN Singh, and CEO Abhinandan Sinha, who inspired the gathering with their words and actions.



The celebration witnessed the enthusiastic participation of the students of Grade 8A, who were proudly accompanied by their class mentor, Ms. Shalini Hemraj. Together, they took part in a large-scale plantation drive, contributing to the

green cover by planting a significant number of medicinal and environment-friendly plants that are vital to sustaining biodiversity and enhancing ecological balance. True to the school's guiding

motto, "Kindle, Nurture, Grow," the event was not merely a ceremonial activity but a meaningful step toward instilling environmental values in young minds. The plantation drive emphasized the importance of reconnecting with nature and taking responsible actions to protect and preserve it. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Avinash Pandey lauded the efforts of the students and staff, saying, "Planting a tree today is investing in a greener tomorrow. These young learners are the true custodians of our planet."

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# Bhilai



“PM Shri scheme has brought about significant changes in the education system and the future generations will reap its benefits.”

Vijay Baghel  
(MP, Durg).

## Joint Trade Unions urge BSP workers to join strike

Labour leaders distributed pamphlets at Boria Gate regarding labour issues.



Leaders of various trade unions at Boria Gate.

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### FASTFACTS

**BHILAI:** Ahead of the nationwide strike on July 9, the Joint Trade Unions in Bhilai distributed pamphlets at Boria Gate on Saturday, appealing to employees to join the strike. Ten central trade unions have called for this strike with the aim to protest the central government's anti-labour policies as well as get the wage revision issues settled for both permanent and contract workers of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). The trade unions, including INTUC, AITUC, HMS,

- Demand expeditious wage settlement and arrears payment in SAIL.
- The unions call for measures to control inflation and rising prices.

CITU, AICTU, LOIMU and the Steel Workers Union have served the strike notice to Bhilai Steel Plant outlining a comprehensive list of demands.

The joint trade unions are demanding an end to attacks on core constitu-

### Key demands of the Joint Trade Unions

The unions are demanding the immediate withdrawal of the recently introduced labour codes; Halt to Privatization; No Disinvestment or Privatization in SAIL / RINL; Implementation of Higher Pension Scheme; Minimum Wage of Rs 26000 per month for Unorganized Sector; Restoration of Old Pension Scheme; Removal of Bonus and Gratuity ceilings; Control over price rise, etc.

tional values such as freedom of expression, right to dissent, freedom of religion, diverse cultures, language, equality before the law, and the country's federal structure. The union leaders asserted that there is growing dis-

content among workers regarding government policies and unresolved long-standing demands. The Joint Trade Unions are urging the workers to participate in the strike in maximum numbers to make their voices heard.

## Drive against single-use plastic

**BHILAI:** In a significant step toward cleanliness and environmental protection, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department, in collaboration with Bhilai Municipal Corporation (BMC), has launched a joint campaign to curb the use of single-use plastic. The initiative aims to make Bhilai a plastic-free city and promote hygiene and environmental well-being. Despite an existing ban on plastic bags, sheets, and pouches by both BSP and BMC, their continued use by hotels, shops, and street vendors remained a concern. Many vendors and customers were found using plastic bags, which were later discarded in public spaces, contributing to litter and poor sanitation.

To address this, a joint enforcement team conducted spot inspections in Sector areas and Central Avenue of Bhilai Township. Several shopkeepers and commercial operators were penalised for violating the ban. Alongside fines, the team also raised awareness among citizens and issued warnings against future violations. The campaign was led by officials from both BSP's Town Services Department and BMC, who confirmed that such drives will now be conducted weekly.

## Dist-Level Shala Praveshotsav held at JRD School



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**BHILAI:** The district-level Shala Praveshotsav (School Admission Festival) was recently held at Swami Atmanand Excelent Hindi Medium JRD Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Durg. The event was jointly organised by the District Administration and the Education Department.

Member of Parliament Vijay Baghel attended as chief guest, along with MLAs Lalit Chandrakar (Durg Rural) and Gajendra Yadav (Durg City). Collector Abhijeet Singh also graced the occasion.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp before the portrait of Goddess Saraswati. Newly admitted students of Classes 1, 6, and 9 were welcomed with tilak, garlands, and sweets. Uniforms and textbooks

were distributed, and students presented cultural performances.

MP Vijay Baghel praised the legacy of JRD School and the rising standards of government schools. He noted that despite limited resources, these institutions are delivering outcomes comparable to private schools. He also highlighted the impact of the PM SHRI scheme and administered the Ullas Navbharat Literacy Campaign pledge.

As part of the event, bicycles were distributed to II Class 9 girls under the Mukhyamantri Saraswati Cycle Yojana. Meritorious students were felicitated, and six differently-abled children received wheelchairs. Student Mansi was specially recognised for passing her board exams with first division using a writer's assistance.

### NEWSLINE

#### INITIATIVE

## Road repairs begin at Paddy Procurement Centres



BHILAI: Acting on the directives of Collector Abhijeet Singh, road repair work has commenced at the Selud and Arasnara paddy procurement centres in Durg district.

The initiative aims to improve transportation efficiency during the ongoing paddy procurement season. Potholes on the approach roads to the centres are being filled with debris and murum, ensuring smoother movement of paddy-laden trucks. This is expected to prevent vehicle breakdowns and delays, thereby expediting both the transportation and lifting of paddy from the centres. During a recent inspection, Collector Singh had instructed officials to immediately address the poor road conditions by filling potholes with suitable material. In compliance, debris is being sourced from Ahiwara and Jamul municipalities for the Arasnara centre, and from Bhilai-3 Charoda Municipal Corporation for the Selud centre. The repair work is being carried out to facilitate uninterrupted truck movement and ensure timely lifting of procured paddy.

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## SAIL inaugurates representative office in Dubai



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**BHILAI:** Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), one of India's largest steel producers with over 20 million tonnes of annual crude steel capacity, has inaugurated its Representative Office in Dubai. SAIL's first international office in the Middle East marks a significant step in its global expansion strategy. The office was inaugurated by Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries, HD Kumaraswamy, in the presence of the Consul General of India to Dubai, Satish Kumar Sivan, CMD, SAIL, Amarendu Prakash, CMD, NMDC Amitava Mukherjee, Joint Sec-

retary, Ministry of Steel, VK Tripathi and senior officials from SAIL, Ministry of Steel, NMDC and MECON. Positioned as a strategic hub, the Dubai office will help SAIL boost steel exports, deepen industry linkages, and reinforce India-UAE trade ties. Dubai's role as a gateway to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and its investor-friendly environment make it an ideal base for expanding into emerging markets. This move aligns with India's vision of enhancing the global presence of its steel industry and achieving the national steel production target of 300 million tonnes by 2030.

## EC show-cause to political parties

**BHILAI:** The Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh has issued show-cause notices to two political parties based in Durg district for remaining inactive in electoral participation over the past six years. Notices have been sent to the presidents of the Rashtriya Adivasi Bahujan Party (Plot No. 4, Pushpak Nagar, Junwani Road, Bhilai) and the Rashtriya Samajwadi Swabhiman Manch (Plot No. 33/34, Laxmi Nagar, Risali, Durg).

According to official sources, these parties have not fielded a single candidate in any Lok Sabha or State Assembly election, including by-elections, since 2019. The Election Commission has directed the party presidents, general secretaries, or key office-bearers to appear in person for a hearing on July 11, 2025, at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

## Durg surpasses Kharif 2025 seed target with 108% availability

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Seeds for paddy, arhar, soybean, urad, moong, and ragi distributed, with 94% of the stock already lifted by farmers.

**BHILAI:** In a significant boost to the ongoing Kharif 2025 season, Durg district has ensured seamless seed availability for farmers, surpassing its projected requirement by a notable margin. Against a demand of 28,167 quintals, the Agriculture Department has facilitated the supply of 29,649.78 quintals of certified seeds—achieving 108% of the seasonal target.

The available stock includes seeds for major crops such as paddy,

### SEAMLESS SEED AVAILABILITY FOR FARMERS



Seeds being distributed.

### FASTFACTS

- Durg district supplied 29,649.78 quintals against a demand of 28,167 quintals
- Officials confirmed sufficient seed availability,

arhar, soybean, urad, moong, and ragi. Of this, 27,178.10 quintals—nearly 94%—have already been distributed through the district's 87 service cooperative societies. Farmers have responded posi-

tively, with most of the stock already lifted.

In addition, 183 quintals have been allocated for departmental demonstrations, while 1,952 quintals have been supplied from the Ruabandha processing centre for seed production and direct cash sales. Certified, foundation, and breeder seeds are being provided as per farmers' needs, supporting both current sowing and future seed production programs.

Currently, 1,100 quintals remain with cooper-

ative societies and 530 quintals with the Seed Corporation. Distribution is ongoing, with field staff actively guiding farmers to access the remaining stock.

Seed Manager SK Behera confirmed that there is no shortage of seeds for any crop this season. He credited the farmer-centric policies of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai for ensuring timely access to high-quality seeds through cooperative networks. Farmers across the district have expressed satisfaction with the availability, quality, and support provided. The Agriculture Department has reiterated its commitment to ensuring a smooth and productive sowing season, with adequate resources and technical guidance in place to help farmers achieve optimal yields.

### NEW RECORD

## URM sets new production record



**BHILAI:** The Universal Rail Mill (URM) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant achieved its all-time best monthly prime production in June 2025, clocking 83,046 tonnes and surpassing the previous record of 82,964 tonnes set in March 2024. In addition to this milestone, URM posted its best-ever monthly performance across several key operational areas. The shop recorded its highest-ever figures in Rolling (10,999 nos), Finishing (86,155 tonnes), Panel Welding (5,140 nos), and Panel Inspection (5,172 nos). URM's consistent performance also translated into record achievements for the first quarter of the financial year. The shop registered its highest-ever quarterly output in Prime Production (2.31 lakh tonnes), Finished Production (2.40 lakh tonnes), and Rolling (30,805 nos). These achievements mark a significant step toward reaching URM's rated capacity, essential for meeting the growing demand of Indian Railways for high-quality rails. Rakesh Kumar, ED (Works), congratulated the URM team for their dedication and emphasized the importance of workplace safety and a motivated work culture.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY

## DAV Hudco celebrates week long Van Mahotsav

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**BHILAI:** DAV Public School, Hudco, Bhilai observed Van Mahotsav with great enthusiasm from July 1 to 7, 2025, reinforcing its commitment to environmental awareness and sustainability. The weeklong celebration aimed to instill in students a sense of responsibility towards nature and educate them on the importance of trees in preserving ecological balance and combating environmental

degradation.

The event commenced with a special assembly featuring poems, speeches, quizzes, and environmental facts, setting the tone for a week of engaging and educational activities. The celebration began with a sapling plantation drive, where students, guided by Principal and Regional Officer (CG Zone A) Prashant Kumar, Supervisory Heads Biji A Kumar (Senior Wing) and Manju Sharma (Junior Wing), teachers, and Eco Club



Students participating in sapling plantation drive.

members, planted Neem, Banyan, and Peepal saplings—species known for their high oxygen output

and ecological benefits. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of competitions

including fancy dress, poem recitation, paper bag making, poster making, and slogan writing,

all centred around the theme of Van Mahotsav and the value of trees. These activities provided a platform for students to creatively express their understanding of environmental conservation and sustainability through art, performance, and innovation.

Speaking on the occasion, Prashant Kumar lauded the students' enthusiastic participation and emphasized the vital role trees play in combating climate change and maintaining biodiversity.

He described the initiative as a meaningful effort to lend a green touch to the school environment and sensitize young minds to their role in preserving it for the future.

The Tree Plantation Programme proved to be an enriching experience for all involved. DAV Public School, Hudco, reaffirmed its dedication to fostering environmental consciousness and pledged to continue such initiatives to ensure a greener, healthier future for coming generations.

## N-E-W-S



"Negotiations for trade deal are underway with different countries including the USA, Europe and New Zealand.."

**Piyush Goyal**  
Commerce & Industry Minister

## Do Less, But Perfect: Ratan Tata

Mr. Ratan Tata was a Perfectionist, yet a bit inexpressive. However, on seeing a performance of a Young Lady, Rasika, he expressed his appreciation of the work done during 105th AGM of Tata Steel. Mrs. Rasika Kulkarni years later, even today feels that it was a Golden Moment in her life getting a pat on her back by Mr. Ratan Tata.



**PART -27**



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- Venue – Birla MatushreeSabhar, Mumbai
- Day & Date & Time – Tuesday, 14th August, 2012, 03.00pm
- Subject – Tata Steel's 105th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It was a jam-packed Birla MatushreeSabhar with all the Shareholders of Tata Steel at their peak of enthusiasm, waiting to welcome Mr. Ratan Tata. Normally, Mr. Tata would arrive on time to start the proceedings of the AGM on time. This year was most precious, since it was going to be the last AGM of Mr. Ratan Tata as Chairman, Tata Steel, who would retire as per the group's retirement guidelines by the end of the year, and he set and was not in a mood to sideline them for himself. The Shareholders, thereby, were most interested in hearing his speech last time, for they knew it well that he, like Mr. J R D Tata, would soon be Chairman Emeritus and would not like to mark his presence anymore. The Hall was well decorated with floral arrangements spreading their aroma, filling the enthusiastic minds and hearts of the Shareholders. At the entrance, Birla MatushreeSabhar, all arrangements were neatly done by a young, equally enthusiastic lady with all the maturity that for her it's the Golden Opportunity. Mrs. Rasika Kulkarni, with her Team Members of NSE Events, a Mumbai-based event management company, specialised in integrated event management, brand activations, called MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) events, and sports and entertainment events. NSE Events caters to a diverse clientele, including corporates, sports personalities, media agencies,



Mrs. Rasika Kulkarni, the Event Manager, rejoiced after getting a compliment from Mr. Ratan Tata. Also seen in the Picture Mr. Yogesh Joshi, the author of the Column

film production houses, and government entities. Rasika made a special arrangement for the Senior Citizens who would not have to wait in a long queue to get their refreshment coupons, and also saw to it that proper seating arrangements were made for them. Landscaping with a small pavilion was also set opposite the registration counter so that Shareholders could view the achievements of the Company in the last financial year, for which the said meeting was to be held. An audio-visual was supporting the entire exhibition set-up in the pavilion, highlighting the company's achievements.

As the AGM started, a senior citizen lady shareholder complimented Mr. Tata for making wonderful arrangements during this AGM, thus starting the AGM on a very positive note. There was no long queue as observed last year, making it the most difficult and a struggling moment for senior citizens to get their refreshment coupons and even to enter the venue of the AGM after waiting in a long

queue. During this AGM, many Shareholders complimented Mr. Tata on the arrangements and also extended good wishes to him and hoping to see him again in the next AGM. For them, his presence was more precious than anything at that spur of the moment. As the AGM got over, all Shareholders gathered for a photo click with him.

As Mr. Tata was coming out of the hall, I requested Mr. Tata to take a round at the Tata Steel Pavilion set-up outside, depicting the achievements of the Company, supported by an audio-visual. Mr. Ratan Tata agreed and took a complete round and was happy to see the performance well depicted in the exhibition area. He spent a few minutes watching an audio-visual and asked me casually, who made the arrangements this year? I called Mrs. Rasika Kulkarni and introduced her by giving a little background of her Institution, NSE Events, which was well received by Mr. Tata. "Commandable Job, Young Lady," said Mr. Tata, appreciating her efforts in the

smooth flow of the AGM and especially taking care of the Senior Citizens. "It's a Golden Moment to me, Sir, having sought your appreciation and blessings", Rasika responded instantly. Today, when I asked Rasika about her feelings, she replied, "It took time to sink in that I met Mr. Ratan Tata and he had praised for the work I did". I think this was one of the biggest compliments and achievements that I had received for my work. I was fortunate to organise and manage the Tata Steel AGM for five consecutive years, and our team's efforts were appreciated by Mr. Ratan Tata himself. This is the biggest recognition that I could get for the work that I am so passionate about. Mr. Ratan Tata is the epitome of simplicity and humility. In today's world, where it is all about cut-throat competition, you are likely to drift away from your principles. But, after the AGM, it assured me that what matters the most in business and personal life is simplicity, ethics, dedication, humility, and compassion for the work you do," Rasika further added.

What comes out of the story is the appreciation of Mr. Ratan Tata for even the smallest businessman. "Do less, But Perfect," the great man always used to tell me. When Mr. N.K. Mishra, a Senior Executive of Tata Steel, questioned about the work ability and the performance of a woman who had just entered her 30s. I told him, "Not to worry." Rasika proved my confidence by her action, which none other than Mr. Tata appreciated. It's not always money that can satisfy you, but a pat on the back from such legendary personalities brings more value to your business, and life is the lesson that one needs to learn from the incident. There are many Rasikas, but we require yet another Mr. Ratan Tata who takes birth once in a Millennium to pat their back.

## 'Desperate bid' to bring back political fortunes, says BJP

BJP leaders in Maharashtra have said that Uddhav and Raj Thackeray's joint rally in Mumbai was a "desperate attempt" to revive their political fortunes and recover lost ground

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** BJP leaders in Maharashtra on Saturday said Uddhav and Raj Thackeray's joint rally in Mumbai was a "desperate attempt" to revive their political fortunes and recover lost ground ahead of civic polls, adding the event was more like a "family reunion". Uddhav and Raj on Saturday shared the public stage and hosted a victory gathering titled 'Awaj Marathicha' in Mumbai's Worli to celebrate the rollback of two Government Resolutions (GRs) issued earlier by the Devendra Fadnavis-led dispensation introducing Hindi as a third language from Class 1 in state schools.

During the rally, Uddhav, who heads the Shiv Sena (UBT), said he and his cousin Raj,



the president of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS), have come together to stay united, and hinted at contesting the upcoming civic elections together. Raj took aim at Chief Minister Fadnavis, saying he managed to do what Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray and others could not by bringing the two cousins together. State minister Ashish Shelar and

BJP MLC Pravin Darekar targeted the Thackeray cousins over the event. Shelar described the Worli event as a desperate attempt by the Sena (UBT) to recover its lost political ground. "This was not a rally for the love of language but public appeasement of a brother once thrown out of the house. They remembered their brotherhood due to the fear

of BJP's strength in the civic polls," he said. The Thackerays were trying to reclaim control over the BMC in order to resume their misrule in the city, he added. The event was more of a family reunion than a protest over language issue, Shelar said, adding Uddhav Thackeray's handshake with Raj Thackeray was only meant to salvage the political ground

### HIGHLIGHT

- Uddhav and Raj shared stage and hosted a victory gathering titled 'Awaj Marathicha'.

they have already lost. Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule accused Uddhav Thackeray of duplicity in his stand on the Marathi language. "Under the guise of championing Marathi, Uddhav Thackeray today lamented the loss of power in Worli. But he has not explained why, as chief minister in 2022, he accepted a report recommending compulsory Hindi from Class 1," Bawankule said in his post on X. The senior BJP leader claimed the former CM's real agenda was not 'M' for Marathi, but 'M' for Municipal Corporation.

## Briefs

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### CM GIFTS SOUVENIRS TO PILGRIMS

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami flags off bus carrying first batch of Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrims from 11 states



**DEHRADUN:** Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday flagged off a bus carrying the first batch of Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrims from 11 states at the Tanakpur tourist rest house in Champawat district. Welcoming the pilgrims, Dhami gifted them souvenirs reflecting Uttarakhand's cultural heritage and noted that they were privileged to have the opportunity to undertake the pilgrimage. "Not everyone gets the privilege of visiting Kailash-Mansarovar. It is not just a religious journey but a path to spiritual awakening," the chief minister said. The Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra, which passes through the Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand, resumed this year after a five-year hiatus. Located in

Tibet, Mount Kailash is considered the abode of Lord Shiva, and Mansarovar is a high-altitude freshwater lake close by. Previously, the Mansarovar Yatra took seven days to complete through the Lipulekh Pass, Dhami said, adding that thanks to the infrastructure development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the journey is now possible within just a few hours. The chief minister asserted that making the journey smooth, safe and convenient for pilgrims is the state government's priority. He added that health, accommodation, food, security, and other essential facilities have been improved at every stop to ensure that devotees do not face any inconveniences. **PTI**

### COLLAPSE

4 persons dead after coal mine collapses in Jharkhand

**RAMGARH:** Four persons were killed and some others feared trapped after a portion of an abandoned coal mine collapsed during "illegal" mining in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district, police said on Saturday. The incident occurred in the early hours at Karma area of Kuju Outpost in the district. "Four bodies have been recovered from the accident site..." SDPO (Ramgarh) Parmeshwar Prasad said. Villagers, however, took away three bodies before the police team arrived at the spot, another official said. An administrative team has been carrying out relief and rescue operations since morning. **PTI**

### CRIME

Man gets 25 years imprisonment for raping 13-year-old niece

**SHIMLA :** A special court in Una district has sentenced a man to 25 years imprisonment for raping and threatening his 13-year-old niece in 2023, police said on Saturday. Special Judge, Naresh Thakur, also imposed a fine of Rs 55,000 on Kewal Krishna (43). The case was registered in November 2023, when Krishna's niece complained to the Women's Police Station, Una, accusing him of raping her. He also threatened her into remaining silent. Fed up with the uncle's antics, she told her aunt in her neighbourhood about the incident, who then accompanied her to register a complaint. **PTI**

| DELHI GOVT SETS DEADLINE |

## Encroachments near Yamuna to be cleared soon

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi government has directed agencies to remove all encroachments from the Yamuna floodplains by November under a 45-point action plan for cleaning and rejuvenation of the river, officials said on Saturday. The plan, approved by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, was discussed in a recent meeting chaired by the chief secretary. It involves key depart-



ments and agencies including the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Irrigation and Flood

**"DDA has been asked to remove all encroachments along floodplains of Yamuna by November."**

**Rekha Gupta**  
Chief Minister, Delhi

Control (I&FC) Department, and Delhi Development Authority (DDA), they said.

According to the

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the DDA has been instructed to ensure the removal of encroachments wherever necessary along the floodplains of the Yamuna by November. In the past, the agency has acted against illegal nurseries and other unauthorised structures along the river. Officials said encroachments, including waste dumping, unauthorised habitations, and illegal farming, are com-

monly reported from the floodplain areas in east, northeast, and south Delhi. In recent years, the DDA has reclaimed 224 acres of floodplain land and developed public green spaces like Asita in East Delhi. The DDA, in April, informed the National Green Tribunal that it had freed 24 acres of land from encroachment under the Yamuna Vanasthali project between Wazirabad Barrage and ISBT Kashmere Gate.

"A flood control room is being established in the Collectorate to ensure immediate response during floods and disasters in the district."

Kundan Kumar  
Collector, Mungeli



# Chhattisgarh

## Pithora-Gariaband road: A deadly delay

People living in Chhura are troubled by the bad condition of the road connecting Pithora to Gariaband.



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### FACTFILE

● After getting all the necessary approvals to get the road repaired and widened, the work has come to an abrupt stop without any clear cause.

era village. Since then, the remaining stretch has been left incomplete without any clear explanation, showcasing administrative apathy

and negligence.

This road plays a crucial role in connecting Mahasamund district with Gariaband and the neighboring state of Odisha, making it a key transport route. However, the road's narrow structure and poor maintenance are now endangering lives. During the rainy season, the situation becomes worse—two-wheelers frequently slip due to

the damaged soulder, and traffic jams are common as four-wheelers struggle to pass each other.

Adding to the risk are the overgrown bushes on both sides of the road, particularly from Sadakparsuli to Kokadi. These bushes obstruct visibility at turns and become particularly hazardous at night, increasing the chances of accidents.

### Driving ban for 43: Licenses suspended in district

**MCB:** Taking strict action on road safety, the District Transport Department has suspended the driving licenses of 43 drivers for three months. This action, based on challans issued for violating the Motor Vehicles Act and traffic rules, was taken under the Supreme Court's On Road Safety Committee's guidelines. After examining reports from various police stations and providing the drivers a chance to be heard, the District Transport Officer of Korea issued the suspension orders. During this period, the drivers are prohibited from operating any vehicle. The department has warned that repeat offenders will face a six-month license suspension in the future.

### District administration enforces helmet rule for all employees

**MCB:** An important meeting on road safety was held on Friday at the Collectorate hall under the chairmanship of the Collector. Emphasizing strict measures, the Collector and Superintendent of Police directed all district officers and staff to wear helmets while commuting and warned of challan action for violations.

## Briefs

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### ASSESSMENT

#### District heads assess law and order situation

**KORBA:** To maintain peace and law and order in the district, a joint meeting of Revenue and Police Department officers was held at the Collectorate hall on Friday, chaired by Collector Ajit Vasant. During the meeting, officials were directed to work with vigilance, alertness, and mutual coordination to prevent any disturbances.

Collector Vasant emphasized the need to focus on sensitive areas and keep a strict watch on individuals who may disrupt public peace. He instructed SDMs, SDOPs, and police station in-charges to intensify patrolling and keep their staff fully active. Strengthening the local information system and resolving issues promptly at the grassroots level were also stressed.

### MEETING

#### Empowering seniors: Women launch new association



**MUNGELI:** The women of Mungeli have shown remarkable enthusiasm by forming a district-level organization named Chetna Senior Women's Association Mungeli, aimed at uniting senior citizen women. In a meeting held for this purpose, 11 executive members were appointed. Key office bearers include President Mrs. Uma Sharma, Secretary Mrs. Manju Solanki, Treasurer Mrs. Pramila Chaurasia, Vice President Mrs. Savitri Soni, Joint Secretary Mrs. Pramila Gupta, and patrons Mrs. Sarita Bajpai, Mrs. Urmila Soni, and Mamta Thakur.

### Collector's Orders Regarding Drug Abuse Collector orders strict action against drug abuse



**KORBA:** To curb the sale and smuggling of illegal drugs in the district, the administration has decided to take strict action. In the Narcotics Coordination meeting, Collector Mr. Ajit Vasant and Superintendent of Police Mr. Siddharth Tiwari emphasized the need for continuous raids and strict enforcement to prevent drug use and distribution. The Collector instructed that tobacco, cigarettes, and other intoxicants must not be sold near educational institutions or in restricted areas. He directed all departments, including Revenue, Police, Municipal Corporation, Health, and Food and Drug Administration, to work in coordination and conduct joint operations.

The Collector also mandated the installation of at least two CCTV cameras inside and outside all medical shops for surveillance. If any shop is found selling illegal drugs, its Gumasta license will be cancelled and the shop will be sealed. The Drug Inspector has been directed to take strict action in such cases.

A coordinated campaign involving the Food and Drug Department, Municipal Corporation, Police, Social Welfare, Education, Tribal Development, Health, and Excise Department will be launched. A 100-yard ban on the sale of tobacco and intoxicants around educational institutions will be enforced.

### Collector orders district flood control room setup

**MUNGELI:** Collector Kundan Kumar has ordered the establishment of a district-level flood control room in Room No. 116 of the District Collectorate to ensure immediate response during floods and disasters. The control room, contactable at 07755-264440, will coordinate with tehsil-level control rooms and inform officials. Additional Collector Mrs. Nishtha Pandey Tiwari (Mobile: 9827986654) is appointed as the nodal officer, with staff deployed in three shifts. Tehsil-level nodal officers include Kunal Pandey (Mungeli), Chhaya Agarwal (Pathariya), Shekhar Patel (Lormi), Kamal Kishore Patanwar (Jarhagaon), Mahettar Prasad Kaushik (Lalpur), and Atul Vaishnav (Sargaon) to ensure timely local coordination.

### CHILDREN STUDYING WITHOUT BOOKS

## Study halt: Barcode issues keep books from students for weeks

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### FACTFILE

● Books of mathematics and environmental studies haven't reached schools affecting children's education.

**MUNGELI:** Even after the commencement of the new academic session 16 days ago, private school students in Mungeli district remain without textbooks, severely affecting their studies. While government schools have completed textbook distribution at the school level, private school teachers are being forced to travel to Gautauri depot in Bilaspur district to procure books from the State Textbook Corporation.

Despite spending thousands of rupees on transport and logistics, teachers are returning empty-handed due to barcode issues and logistical mismanagement. Many students are reportedly waiting without food and water at depots while teachers attempt to col-

lect textbooks. Technical glitches in the barcode system have only worsened the crisis. In some books, the barcodes are either unscannable, missing, or incorrectly linked to other schools, leading to confusion and delays.

Introduced to promote transparency and accountability, the barcode system was aimed at preventing misuse of government textbooks—a problem exposed in previous years when textbooks were allegedly sold as scrap. However, the lack of proper implementation and administrative coordination has turned

### Barcode glitch delays delivery

Teachers of private schools in Mungeli have raised serious concerns over delays in textbook distribution caused by faulty barcode scanning. Books that were due by May 10 arrived only two days ago, and even then, many subject books—especially Maths and Environment—are still missing. Teachers report that only 60% of books have reached schools, while 40% remain pending. Class 3 books pose a particular issue as changes in their pattern confuse the system, showing scan errors, wrong school details, or zero quantity. The barcode system, meant for transparency, has instead caused massive disruption, with teachers spending entire days at depots struggling to scan thousands of books as per government instructions. They've urged authorities to streamline the process immediately, warning that students' learning is already being hampered due to the lack of essential educational material.

this well-intended solution into a major bottleneck.

From Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools to smaller primary institutions, students across private schools are being

denied timely access to their curriculum. The situation has not only disrupted the beginning of the academic session but also diverted teachers away from classrooms, further impacting learning.

### THE PRISTINE BEAUTY OF KULAP WATERFALL

## Kulap waterfall: A hidden gem drawing crowds

Central Chronicle News

**MAINPUR:** With the onset of monsoon, waterfalls in the hilly areas of Gariaband district have come alive, attracting tourists to the scenic beauty of the Udanti Sitnadi Tiger Reserve. The Od-Amamora-Sikasar region offers breathtaking views of lush valleys, dense forests, and serene waterfalls, drawing nature lovers during



the rainy season. Particularly, the Kulap waterfall, located about 30-35

km from Mainpur tehsil headquarters, is a major attraction. It cascades

reaching the waterfall is challenging. Tourists must trek 6 km through dense forests from either Amalor or Jarndi-Toribhui. The region lacks paved roads and is home to wild animals including elephants, leopards, and bears, making it essential to exercise caution. Visitors are advised to contact forest officials before visiting and hire authorized guides from Amalor or village Od.

from a height of 350 meters into the Sikasar reservoir and is visible from National Highway 130C. Despite its beauty,

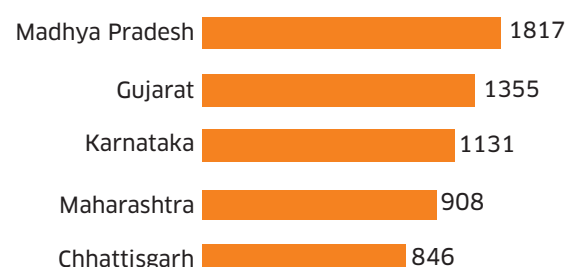


"One has to walk 4-5 km from Amalor to reach Kulap waterfall."

Varun Jain  
Deputy Director

### STATES HAVING MOST NUMBER OF LEOPARDS

### The Day's NUMBERS



Source - Statista

### BAN

#### Immediate ban on illegal construction ordered by MLA Rohit Sahu

**CHHURA:** The Nagar Panchayat Chhura Council meeting was held under the special hospitality of MLA Rohit Sahu, focusing on key developmental and administrative issues. The agenda included decisions on constructing a tin/dome shed at Sheeta Mandir with a budget of Rs. 12 lakh, transferring Mangal Bhawan in Ward No. 04 from Janpad Panchayat to Nagar Panchayat Chhura, and building a new Nagar Panchayat office at Ravanbhatha. Other topics were installing CCTV cameras, developing basement parking or a commercial complex in the market, beautifying Joba pond, and relocating the chicken market.

Discussions also covered including revenue area P.H. No. 25, Pandaripani within Nagar Panchayat boundaries, banning illegal construction, processing building transfer applications, and constructing a solid waste management facility on vacant government land near Mani Kanchan Center. An application for caste declaration was also considered.

MLA Rohit Sahu urged the Chairman and councilors to actively engage with the public and enforce a strict ban on illegal construction.

### WATER LOGGING

#### Heavy rains lead to waterlogging in Mungeli



**MUNGELI:** Heavy rains began in the city and surrounding areas from 9:30 am on Thursday, continuing as a drizzle until late night. Farmers welcomed the rain after a dry week, hopeful that farming activities will now gain momentum. The temperature dropped noticeably, providing much-needed relief from the recent heat. A total of 21.5 mm rainfall was recorded across the district.

Strong sunlight had raised temperatures for the past fortnight, but Thursday morning saw a sudden weather change with dark clouds covering the sky. Since June 1, the district has recorded 477.9 mm of rain. On Thursday, Mungeli tehsil received 5.0 mm, Patharia 6.4 mm, Lormi 8.1 mm, and Lalpur Thana 2.0 mm rainfall.

# Toppers Talk Program held to encourage youth

Collector inaugurated “Not difficult, we need right guidance – Meet IAS toppers” for preparation of UPSC and other exams

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**RAJNANDGAON :** To give shape to the energy, talent, ability and possibilities of the youth and to provide the right direction to their career, the district administration organized an unprecedented and historic event of “Not difficult, we need the right guidance - Meet the IAS toppers”. A large number of students and youth participated in the program. Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure inaugurated the program, in Padmashree Govindram Nirmalkar Auditorium. Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure in his address talked about Swami Vivekananda and encouraged all to take inspiration from his thoughts and life and imbibe his teachings. He also said that through All India Service, one gets a great opportunity to serve the country and society and told the youth to listen to the thoughts of the toppers, understand them and learn for success. District Panchayat CEO Suruchi Singh said that the youth who have come here today should achieve a position and achieve success and this program has been organized with the aim and



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● Queries of the students and youth were resolved in the Q&A session

hope that the students and youth learn something from here. Sharing his life experiences, Akash Garg, who got the 5th rank in UPSC CSE 2024, told that he has graduated in B.Tech. Seeing the role and responsibility of a district administrator during the Covid-19 infection, the trend to work on this post increased and said that if you decide in your mind, no work is difficult. He said that mistakes should not be repeated, but one should improve and learn from them and

study with a clear vision, ideas and determination. Poorva Agarwal, who got 65th rank in UPSC CSE 2024 and Chhattisgarh topper, told that keep confidence for the UPSC exam, but do not underestimate the exam. She said that our successes are visible, but we do not get any success in a day and behind this, there are also our failures, which people do not know. Aditya Vikram, who got 9th rank in UPSC CSE 2024, told that his struggle was a bit long, but he got full support from the family. He said that one should sleep for 7 hours during studies and study for about 8-10 hours and also recommended not to use mobile and stay away from social media.

Ankit Dhvani, who got 273rd rank in UPSC CSE 2024, told that he is a resident of Rajim and said that never stop trying and to use mobile as an asset and reduce screen time on mobile. Abhishek Agarwal, who got 243rd rank in UPSC CSE 2024, said that I could not go to New Delhi to prepare for UPSC and he prepared while maintaining awareness with the trend of Delhi for studies and while being in service. A little stress is also necessary for studies in life, he added. The queries of the students and youth were resolved in the Q&A session in the program. A large number of administrative officials and subject experts were present in the program.

## Financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh approved

**BIJAPUR :** District Collector Sambit Mishra has approved to provide financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family affected by natural disaster management under Revenue Book Circular 6 (4) under the provisions of Chhattisgarh Government Revenue and Disaster Management Department. Under which, in the case of death due to drowning in the drain water, financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh has been approved to the nearest heir of the deceased Gajjiram Bhogami, his wife Geeta Bhogami resident of village Dorruguda Tehsil Bhairamgarh. Instructions have been given to the concerned Tehsildar to make payment of the approved amount through direct benefit transfer in the bank account of the concerned beneficiaries.

## Physical verification of school vehicles on July 6

**GPM :** The District Transport Office is to conduct physical verification of all school vehicles and health check-up of drivers-conductors under the guidelines of the Supreme Court. In this regard, a circular has been issued to all school managers to send all school vehicles along with documents at 11 am on Sunday, July 6 at the Rakshit Kendra Amarapur.

# District Hospital inspected for amenities

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**BEMETARA :** Dr. Varnika Sharma, Chairperson of Chhattisgarh State Child Rights Protection Commission, reached the District Hospital Bemetara on Friday evening. She made a thorough observation of the delivery room, Nutrition Rehabilitation Center (NRC), SNCU ward and other medical units in the MCH building. On this occasion Nagar Palika President Vijay Sinha, Councillor Neetu Koth-

ari, Commission Member Nivedita Joshi, Prafull Sharma was also present with him. On behalf of the Health Department, District Health Officer Dr. Ashok Basod, Civil Surgeon Dr. Lokesh Sahu, Pediatrician Dr. Deepak Nirala, Matron, Hospital Chief Advisor Dr. Swati Yadu, District Media Incharge Sanjay Tiwari, Feeding Demonstrator Deepthi Dhurandhar along with other medical staff and family members of the patients were present.

**NEWSLINE**

**RAID**  
*FAD team conducts inspection*



**BALODABAZAR :** As per the instructions of Collector Deepak Soni, to prevent food-borne diseases during the rainy season, Food and Drug Administration team is conducting legal and surveillance sample checks in food outlets and 8 establishments were raided and food items were checked. In one shop, jalebi and boondi laddu were found to be substandard and were destroyed. Food Safety Officer Umesh Verma said that the investigation team tested 45 food samples from a total of 8 institutions in village Arjuni under development block Balodabazar, out of which 2 food items Bundi Laddu and Jalebi were found to be substandard and about 4 kg Jalebi and 3 kg Bundi Laddu were destroyed. He said that the Food and Drug Administration team will run continuous food testing campaign so that the sale of substandard food items can be controlled during the rainy season.

## Governor meets women SHG members

**MAHASAMUND :** Governor Ramen Deka had a cordial meeting with the women self-help groups there during his stay at Godbhal in Mahasamund district and on this occasion, the Governor appreciated the work being done by the women groups and encouraged them for business. He said that whatever business women do, they should do it with full dedication and quality. Maintain mutual cooperation and avoid internal competition. During the interaction, Gayatri Yadav, a member of Rajshree Mahila Self-Help Group, told the Governor that

her group is doing milk production, while Lilavati Patel, a member of Jayshree Mahila Samuh, gave information about her business of bag manufacturing. Madhuri Patel shared the group's expertise in handicraft, while Gomti Patel also gave detailed information about milk production. The Governor appreciated the work of the women's group and praised the efforts being made towards women empowerment. Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh and District Panchayat CEO S Aloke were also present on this occasion.

# Corporate Social Responsibility meeting held



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**BALODABAZAR :** A meeting of Corporate Social Responsibility was held in the meeting hall of the Joint District Office on Friday under the chairmanship of Collector Deepak Soni. In the meeting, a detailed review was done on the works allotted under the CSR head, rain water harvesting and tree plantation. The Collector, emphasizing on the construction of rain water harvesting structure in concrete buildings for rain water harvesting as per the instructions of the Ministry of Water Power,

directed to complete the construction of rain water harvesting structure in all the buildings located in the plant premises and the buildings of the non-residential complex by 31 July 2025. While reviewing the work and completion approved in the year 2024-25, he asked to complete the remaining works soon and start work after approval of the works proposed for the year 2025-26. While reviewing the tree plantation program in the rainy season, the Collector asked all the plants to plant trees as per the target of tree plantation.

## Placement camp on July 09

**RAJNANDGAON :** A placement camp has been organized at District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center Rajnandgaon on 9th July 2025 from 10.30 am. In the placement camp, Fire and Safety Disaster Management Institute, Ram Nagar Supela, Bhilai will recruit 20 posts of Fireman only for males, 150 posts of Security Guard, 50 posts of Security Supervisor only for males, 10 posts of Driver Heavy License only for males, 100 posts of Home Care Taker Service and Sunsoor Shrushti Enterprises, Bajrang Chowk, Tulsipur, Rajnandgaon will recruit 33 posts of Branch Manager, 10 posts of Business Development Officer and Vrinda Engineering Private Limited, Tedesara, Rajnandgaon will recruit 50 posts of Fitter, 40 posts of Welder, 35 posts of Gas Cutter, 30 posts of Grinder, 50 posts of Helper, 3 posts of SAP Operator, 2 posts of NDT Level 2, 4 posts of Assistant Engineer, 2 posts of Safety Officer, 4 posts of QA and QC Engineer.

# Governor chairs review meeting in Godbahal

| DEVELOPMENTAL STRIDES |

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Instructions given to speed up development works and ensure quality of schemes

**MAHASAMUND :** His Excellency Governor Ramen Deka, Chhattisgarh State held a review meeting of block level officers in Godbahal of Pithora to review the development works going on under the aspiring development block in Pithora. He reviewed the performance of the departments in various fields like health, education, nutrition, agriculture, skill development, financial inclusion and improvement in infrastructure and directed all the departments to work fast to reach the target of more than 90 percent in all the indicators of the aspiring development



**FASTFACTS**

● Instructions also given to complete all indicators

block. He said that all the departments should make coordinated efforts so that the benefits of the government's priorities reach the last person. The Governor gave top

priority to water conservation and said that concrete efforts should be made for water conservation in every village. He directed to complete structural works like Dabri construction, soak pit, injection well at a fast pace so that maximum rainwater can be collected and groundwater level can be improved. The Governor described

animal husbandry as a strong medium of rural livelihood and directed to promote it. He said that animal husbandry will not only increase income, but it is also important for nutritional security. Discussing the possibilities of tourism development, the Governor said that tourism should be promoted by preserving local natural and cultural heritage.

**ARRIVAL**

*Governor plants saplings*



**PITHORA :** Governor of Chhattisgarh state Ramen Deka reached Pithora Godbahal today during a one-day stay where he was given a grand welcome by the administrative officers. During his visit, he planted a neem tree in the name of 'Ek Ped Maa' in the premises of the village Godbahal Higher Secondary School, while also interacting with the students as a teacher and encouraged them to fare good in studies and extra-curricular activities.

**NAGAR PANCHAYAT**

*Ration cards distributed to women*



**ANWARI :** In accordance with the wishes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Government Vishnu Dev Sai MLA Ajay Chandrakar, special ration cards have been issued to Annapurna Yojana and various types of ration card holders under the Food Security Scheme. In Antyodaya ration card, beneficiaries are eligible to get 10 kg rice free and 25 kg rice at the rate of 1 rupee per kg per month.

| REHABILITATION PROGRAM |

# Surrendered Naxalites should avail benefits – Deputy CM

Central Chronicle News

**SUKMA :** Surrendered Naxalites from the most remote area of Sukma district are being provided mason, agricultural entrepreneur and other training under skill development. Surrendered Naxalites, who have been receiving training for the last three months, met Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma and expressed their reactions while directly communicating with the Deputy Chief Minister. Praising the

**Exposure visits will further help the surrendered naxals to acquainted**  
Deputy CM

rehabilitation policy of the Chhattisgarh government, the surrendered Naxalites said that the life of the earlier Naxal organization was a lost and misguided life and by abandoning that hollow ideology and

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● Members being trained to accustom into mainstream of society

joining the mainstream of society, they are now getting a much better life. Due to lack of knowledge of democratic systems, we had lost our way, but under the rehabilitation policy of the government, we are living a better life by surrendering. The members also opined that

today, we are being trained under skill development by the government, so that we can become self-reliant and join the mainstream of society. While Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma listened to their experiences seriously and got all the necessary documents including Aadhar card, ration card, Ayushman card, bank account made at the rehabilitation center itself to provide proper benefits of all the schemes of the Central

and State Government and also instructed that along with training, the members should also be connected with cultural and sports activities. At the same time, after getting acquainted with their daily routine in the rehabilitation center, he directed to take necessary initiatives to spread positive energy by including more activities, to take them to cities like Raipur, Jagdalpur to visit the outside world by exposure visits.

## Memorandum given for merger and salary hike

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**ARANG :** The contract lecturers, teachers and other contract employees working in PM Shri Arundhati Devi Government Excellent English Medium School Arang gave a representation to MLA Guru Khuswant Saheb for merger, salary hike and permanent employment. The union gave this memorandum under the lead-

ership of Akash Kumar Vishwas, state executive member of the executive. Giving information, he said that last month our state president Duryodhan Yadav met Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai and put forward his demands, and demanded merger under the guarantee of Prime Minister Modi, for which the CM had given assurance.

# Business



GST needs reform to benefit agrarian states like Punjab.  
Harpal Cheema  
Punjab Finance Minister

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FOREX RESERVES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 27

**India's forex reserves rise USD 4.84 bn to USD 702.78 bn**



**MUMBAI:** India's forex reserves were up by USD 4.84 billion to USD 702.78 billion for the week ended June 27, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the foreign exchange reserves had dropped by USD 1.01 billion to USD 697.93 billion. The forex reserves had touched an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September 2024. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation

of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

The gold reserves were down by USD 1.23 billion to USD 84.5 billion during the week ended June 27, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) increased by USD 158 million to USD 18.83 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF also increased by USD 176 million to USD 4.62 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

## SECTOR-SPECIFIC TAX EVASION

**State finance ministers' panel discusses ways to curb ITC frauds**

**NEW DELHI:** A panel of state finance ministers discussed tax evasions in specific sectors as it mulled over policies to check input tax credit (ITC) fraud which has reached a staggering Rs 2 lakh crore. The Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST revenue analysis under Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant also discussed comparative analysis of pre- and post-GST revenue trends, e-invoicing and IT system enhancements for better traceability.

The GoM also discussed state-specific policy suggestions for boosting revenue, and coordination between central and state tax administrations for plugging GST evasion.

"The meeting discussed state-wise revenue trend analysis, analysis of economic and other factors on GST revenue and integration of anti-evasion and compliance tool. The meeting also discussed policy recommendations for revenue augmentation," Sawant said after chairing the GoM meeting.

The GoM identified Input Tax Credit (ITC) fraud as a major issue under goods and services tax (GST) and states suggested various measures to prevent it.

## SUB-STANDARD HELMETS

**Centre asks to crack down on manufacturers selling sub-standard helmets**



**NEW DELHI:** The Centre has asked states to take strict action on manufacturers and retailers selling sub-standard helmets to ensure the safety of two-wheeler riders.

"The Department of Consumer Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) appeal to consumers across the country to use only BIS-certified helmets," an official statement said on Saturday. The department also called for strict enforcement against the manufacture or sale of helmets without BIS certification, it added.

"With over 21 crore two-wheelers on Indian roads, rider safety is paramount," the department said, adding that wearing a helmet is mandatory under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. It pointed out that the sale of sub-standard helmets compromises safety.

## WEATHER IMPACT

**FMCG makers see weather impact on topline growth in Jun quarter**

**NEW DELHI:** Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) makers are expecting their topline growth to be impacted in the June quarter due to headwinds like unseasonal rains, a brief summer span and inflation pressure on key inputs. However, the FMCG industry witnessed a sequential recovery in demand during the quarter, with an uptick in volume growth, particularly in urban markets. Margins of FMCG majors such as Marico, Dabur, and Godrej Consumer remained below the normative level, and they expect a low-single-digit volume growth in the April-June period. Godrej Consumer Products expects its margin from the India business to stay below the 'normative range' in the June quarter, but is likely to deliver high-single-digit value growth aided by volume expansion. The company's volume growth, in its standalone business, has been strongly competitive and is sequentially improving, said the Godrej Industries Group FMCG arm in its quarterly updates.

"Standalone EBITDA margin in Q1FY26 is likely to be below our normative range but is expected to improve," said Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL).

Dabur's consolidated revenue in the June quarter is expected to grow in low-single digits on account of a decline in beverages, which was impacted during the quarter due to



unseasonal rains and a short summer. Its "consolidated operating profit growth is expected to marginally lag revenue growth," said Dabur in its updates for the June quarter. However, Dabur's home and personal care (HPC) division is expected to perform well, driven by the oral, home and skin care categories.

"Key brands such as Dabur Red Toothpaste, Odonil, Odomos, and Gulabari are expected to post strong growth coupled with market share gains. Within healthcare, our brands such as Dabur Honey, Hajmola, Dabur Honitus, and Dabur Health Juices are expected to post robust double-digit growth," said Dabur.

Similarly, Marico expects a 'modest operating profit' in the June quarter as it continued to witness sequential inflation in some key raw material inputs, such as copra, which was further heightened by unseasonal rainfall patterns.

## CII Industry Interaction in Bengaluru



Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Karnataka Minister for Commerce and Industries M B Patil and CII officials during the 'Industry Interaction' organised by the CII, in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

# India urges collective Global South action at NDB meet

India pushes for collective action by Global South at NDB meet to tackle fiscal, climate, and geopolitical challenges collaboratively.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday emphasised the need for decisive collective action by the Global South to deal with multiple uncertainties arising out of fiscal constraints in several economies and evolving geopolitical dynamics. She was speaking at the Annual Meeting of Board Governors of the New Development Bank (NDB) at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil on Friday.

Cooperation, and Impact through a Multilateral Development Bank for the Global South'.

Sitharaman said the meeting is taking place at a defining moment for the Global South, as the world grapples with multiple uncertainties arising from fiscal constraints in several economies, climate transition issues and evolving geopolitical dynamics. "In response to these challenges, our collective action must be decisive, inclusive, and forward-looking," she said. The New Develop-

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India urges decisive, inclusive action by Global South amid fiscal stress and global geopolitical uncertainties.

ment Bank (NDB) has been established by BRICS nations. She noted that MDBs play a pivotal role in complementing our efforts in tackling these uncertainties. "MDBs have

a distinctive comparative advantage in their ability to catalyse both public and private investments by offering a package of technical expertise, concessional financing, and effective risk mitigation tools thereby widening our policy options," she said. In this context, Sitharaman added that NDB has emerged as a key partner -- channelising development finance, supporting resilient infrastructure, and fostering meaningful cooperation across the Global South through a pragmatic and responsive

approach. "India reaffirms its steadfast commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and innovation-led development of the global south," she said. Sitharaman said India's efforts led to the landmark inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 to ensure that the Global South plays a pivotal role in discussions about issues impacting them. She told the gathering that the Indian economy has demonstrated remarkable growth and resilience in the post-pandemic era.

## Number of poor rising: Nitin Gadkari

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Gadkari stresses decentralisation of wealth, warns against growing economic disparity and centralised affluence.

**MUMBAI:** Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Saturday expressed concern over the "rising" number of poor, and said wealth was getting concentrated in the hands of some affluent people.

There is a need for decentralisation of wealth, Gadkari said during an event in Nagpur, where he touched upon a range of issues, including agriculture, manufacturing, taxation and public-private partnerships in infrastructure development.

"Slowly the number of poor people is increasing and wealth is getting centralised in the hands of some wealthy people. It should not happen,"

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India's economic growth must create rural jobs; agriculture engages 70% but contributes only 12%.

the Road Transport and Highways Minister said. The economy must grow in a manner that creates jobs and uplifts rural areas, he said.

"We are looking at an economic option that will create jobs and (give a boost to the) growth of the economy. There is a need for decentralisation of wealth, and many changes have happened in that direction," he said. The senior BJP leader also credited former prime ministers P V Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh for adopting liberal economic policies but cautioned against unchecked centralisation. "We have to be worried about it," he added.

## Scheme to boost toy production soon: Goyal

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India now exports toys to 153 countries, aided by quality standards and policy support.

**NEW DELHI:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said a scheme to boost toy production in the country will be finalised soon after consultation with the industry. He said that huge potential is there to boost toy manufacturing and exports. "For toy production, we are coming out with a scheme soon," Goyal said here while inaugurating Toy Biz International B2B Expo 2025, organised by Toy Association of India (TAI). Further, he said the government's upcoming support measures will not be export incentives; instead, they will be based on the criteria of enhancing production



and job creation.

The scheme, he explained, will aim to help Indian toy manufacturers become world-class by enhancing design capabilities, ensuring quality manufacturing, strengthening packaging, and supporting brand building. India's toy industry, once heavily dependent on imports, is now manufacturing domestically and exporting to 153 countries, he said, adding that this shift has been made possible through consistent policy support, the enforcement

## FACTFILE

New scheme will enhance toy design, branding, and packaging to meet global market standards.

of quality standards, and the strengthening of local manufacturing clusters. The implementation of the Quality Control Order (QCO), he added, has helped make India a quality-conscious country and enabled domestic toy manufacturers to meet global benchmarks.

The minister stated that India's population of 1.4 billion offers a vast captive market, which creates a natural advantage for scaling up manufacturing. To capture the global market, Goyal stressed the need for the industry to focus on good branding, attractive packaging, and strong product design.

## TOLL RATES

# Govt slashes toll rates by up to 50% on Highways

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**NEW DELHI:** The government has reduced the toll rates up to 50 per cent for the sections of National Highways that have structures like tunnels, bridges, flyovers or elevated stretches, a move which will lower travelling cost for motorists. User charges at fee plazas on National High-

ways are collected as per NH Fee Rules, 2008. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made amendment to 2008 rules and notified a new method or formula for calculating toll charges.

"The rate of fee for use of a section of national highway comprising of structure or structures shall be calculated by



adding ten times the length of structure or structures to the length of the section of national highway excluding the length of structure or structures, or five times

the total length of section of national highway, whichever is lesser," said the notification dated July 2, 2025. 'Structure' means an independent bridge, tunnel or flyover or elevated highway.

To explain the new toll charges, the ministry has cited examples. In one of the examples, it said that if a section of a national highway has

a total length of 40 kilometers, comprising of structure alone, the minimum length shall be computed: '10 x 40 (ten times length of structure) = 400 kilometers or five times the total length of section of a national highway = 5 x 40 = 200 kilometers'. "User fee shall be calculated on the lesser length i.e. for 200 kilometers" and not 400 kilometers.

# 'SC probe in Varma case irrelevant'

Varma case not valid under Constitution; only Judges Inquiry Act applies.

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**NEW DELHI:** Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday said the Supreme Court's in-house inquiry report in Allahabad High Court Judge Yashwant Varma's case has "no constitutional relevance" as an investigation can only take place under the Judges Inquiry Act.



RS MP Kapil Sibal

Sibal, who is also a senior advocate.

Parliament can make a law, under that law an investigation will be done, and after the probe, a decision will be given on misbehaviour or incapacity of a judge, he said. At a joint sitting of both Houses, the impeachment motion has to be passed by a two-thirds majority for it to go through.

So, the investigation has to be under the judges inquiry committee set up under the Judges Inquiry Act, he said.

The Constitution does not recognise any in-house procedure, Sibal said. "On what basis are you saying that Justice Varma is guilty? Ministers are making remarks to this effect," the Independent MP said.

Sibal also pointed out that Parliament states that the motion for impeachment will be brought by members and not the government.

"How does a minister make the statement that 'I will move the motion'? The government cannot rely on an in-house procedure which has nothing to do with the impeachment motion," he said.

So, the investigation has to be under the judges inquiry committee set up under the Judges Inquiry Act, he said.

## 'Parliament states MPs, not govt, to move impeachment motion'

Though the judge claimed ignorance about the cash, the Supreme Court-appointed committee indicted him after speaking to a number of witnesses and recording his statement. Then-CJI Sanjiv Khanna is believed to have prodded him to resign, but Justice Varma dug in his heels. The apex

court has since repatriated him to his parent court, the Allahabad High Court, where he has not been assigned any judicial work. Sibal's remarks come days after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said prominent opposition parties have given their in-principle approval to support the motion to remove Varma and the process of collecting signatures could begin soon.

So, the investigation has to be under the judges inquiry committee set up under the Judges Inquiry Act, he said.

## Bullet Train project

**THANE:** From deep urban shafts to mountain tunnels and marine crossings, the Bullet Train project is progressing fast, with 80 per cent of excavation work completed at the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) station in Mumbai, an official release said on Saturday. Of the 21-km-long underground and under-sea tunnel between BKC and Shilphata in Thane district, 16 km is being excavated using Tunnel Boring Machines and 5 km with the help of the New Austrian Tunneling Method, said the National High-Speed Rail Corporation of India Limited (NHSRCL) in the release. The NHSRCL, which is implementing the 508-km rail corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, said that base slab casting has already commenced at both ends of the BKC station site, at a depth of 100 feet below ground level.

## SECRCM concludes biennial convention; Swain elected president

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A total of 24 central office bearers were elected.

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office bearers were elected. From Raipur Division, Uday Yadav and Nageshwar Rao were chosen as Additional Joint General Secretaries, while DK Swain and Pitambar Lakshmi Narayan were elected as Zonal President and General Secretary, respectively. Delegates and council members from Bilaspur, Nagpur, and Raipur divisions participated.

**FASTFACTS**

Uday Yadav, Nageshwar Rao named Addl. Joint Gen. Secys from Raipur.

Chief Personnel Officer Aditya Kumar and DRM Nagpur Deepak Kumar Gupta attended the inaugural session on July 2.

**SBI State Bank of India** Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (SARB) (10009)  
Block B-1, Pajari Chamber, Pachpedi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Ph: 0771-4919730, 8889375554, 7048119901

**(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 19.04.2023 calling upon the Borrower - **Phatus Intra Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (a company registered under Companies Act 2013), (under liquidation at NCLT Cuttack)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 53,49,147.34 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven and Thirty Four Paise only)**, as on 06.04.2023 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/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **2nd 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 property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 53,49,147.34 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty Seven and Thirty Four Paise only)**, as on 06.04.2023 and also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. thereon (minus subsequent credits 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**

**Property owned by: Smt Smiti Dewangan W/o Smt Rajkumar Dewangan**

**Property No. 1)** All that part and parcel of the land building at Kharsa No. 141/1 (Part) (New No. 141/24), Mouza - Barrasi, Ph No. 115/55, RHM - Raipur-2, Tehsil & District - Raipur (C.G.) ; admeasuring area 18500 Sq.Ft. (Covered under document Grant No. 57186, Page No. 94 - 109, Serial No. 6084, Sale Deed dated 14.01.2013 registered in the office of Sub Registrar Raipur (C.G.) ;Boundaries : North : Land of Seller, South : Land of T. Reddy, East : Road, West : Sewer. **Property No. 2)** All that part and parcel of the land building at Kharsa No. 142/1, Part of 142/4 (New No. 141/7), Mouza - Barrasi, Ph No. 115/55, RHM - Raipur-1, Tehsil & District - Raipur (C.G.) ; admeasuring area 0.240 Hectare. (Covered under document Grant No. 60637, Page No. 48 - 62, Serial No. 4122, Sale Deed dated 21.10.2013 registered in the office of Sub Registrar Raipur (C.G.) ; Boundaries : North : Road, South : Land of Buyer, East : Road, West : Sewer.

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

Date: 02.07.2025, Place: Raipur (C.G.) **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Raipur**

**South East Central Railway TENDER NOTICE**

**Tender Notice No. Sr. DEE (RS&G) BSI/POT/25-26-07 Dtd: 01.07.2025**

**Name of work :** Electrical portion of work \* Provision of Pit line for coaching trains maintenance at Korba.

**Tender Value (Approx.) :** Rs. 4270324.11/- **EMD amount :** Rs. 85400/- **Tender Closing Date Time :** 31/07/2025, 15:00 hrs.

For further details, eligibility criteria & complete details for the above work, please refer/download tender document which is available on website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in).

Sr.Divl.Elect. Engineer (RS&G) CPRI/15AM148 S.E.C. Rly, Bilaspur

## Dr Sahai receives 'Healthcare Icon of the Year' award

**JAIPUR :** Dr Ajay Sahai, famous in the region as "Messiah of the poor" and "Doctor of the poor", was honoured with the "Healthcare Icon of the Year" award by Bollywood actress Amisha Patel in a grand ceremony held in Jaipur on the occasion of National Doctor's Day. It is known that Dr Sahai has organised hun-

dreds of free health camps and awareness campaigns for remote rural areas, tribals and sensitive Naxal-affected areas and weaker sections of the society for the last four decades. He has tried his best to make the society healthy, clean and

prosperous through various means. Dr Sahai is also a film actor, screenwriter, producer and director. He has created various infotainment programmes with the aim of bringing awareness about burning health problems and social evils.

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Case No: RC 477/2020 in O.A. No. 257/2019

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**Date and Time of e-auction: 20-08-2025 Between 12:00 Hours and 13:00 Hours**

**SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE-**

a) **Naxal land bearing sheet No.18A, Plot No.-187, Patwari Circle No- 5/25, Settlement No.-491 area 139 sq.mt, situated at Ramsagar Ward, Bhatapara, District- Baloda Bazar (C.G.) ; belonging to deceased Pritam Das Gidwani.**

b) **Naxal land bearing sheet No. 18A, Plot No.-187, Patwari Circle No- 5/25, Settlement No.-491 area 166 sq.mt, situated at Ramsagar Ward, Bhatapara, District- Baloda Bazar (C.G.) belonging to deceased Smt. Nirmala Gidwani.**

**Upset Price : Rs. 33,71,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Seventy One Thousand only).**

**Conditions of Sale:** 1. Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.banksauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mihalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466, E-mail id: [mppsc@slindia.com](mailto:mppsc@slindia.com) or E-mail ID: [support@banksauctions.com](mailto:support@banksauctions.com). 2. Intending bidders are advised to go through website: <https://www.banksauctions.com> for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids. 3. Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy their self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc. by their own sources (Govt. 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Place-Jabalpur Date-30/06/2025 Recovery Officer II, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur (M.P.)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The General Public is hereby informed that to Rajendra Nathani S/o Balkrishna Nathani, Rajat Nathani S/o Rajendra Nathani both R/o: House No. 1, B. Lodhpara, Rajat Nagar, Raipur, Tehsil & Dist. Raipur (C.G.) has furnished the Property from Father's Asset Particulars S/o Nandkishor Nathani through the Registered Sale Deed which is in Property Situated at Chhattisgarh Housing Board Colony, Section-1, Under the Shikhar Nagar Zone, of M/s. Shikhar Nagar, West No. 31, P/N No. 11053, R.I.C. Raipur-Bhankar Nagar, Tehsil-Raipur, Dist. Raipur (C.G.) (Rohas Land Commercial Shop No. 29, 30 Ground Floor, Area 43 Sq.Mtr. or 484.20 Sq.Ft., Computed in Fact of Kharsa No. 24/18/81, has been acquired through the Sale Deed Registered in Sub-Registrar Office Raipur by Gven Vile Book No. A-1, Volume No. 75772, Document No. 5440, Dated 08/11/2023. Paid to Previous Transferee/Deeds to the original Transferee/Deed Not Somewhere Which is as follows: That Asset Particulars S/o Nandkishor Nathani has received from Seller Chhattisgarh Housing Board, Raipur, which was Registered in the Sub-Registrar Office Raipur on the Dated 01/05/2023. Vile Book-A-1, Document No. 3059.

All Present Rajendra Nathani S/o Balkrishna Nathani's Rajat Nathani S/o Rajendra Nathani has submitted an application for issue in Khas Kharsa Bazar L.L. Branch Raipur (C.G.) which is under consideration.

If any person, institution, bank, government or administrative body etc. has any remark/condition or objection due to the above mentioned conduct, than submit written objection along with the documents to the address given within 07 days of the general information after the period of time equitable mortgage will be taken in favor of the bank and the objection made later will be considered Beld and void and will be binding in my Client, sole to get the information.

Regur (C.G.) Date: 05/07/2025

**Ashish Kumar Sharma** (Advocate)  
C-33, Section-1, Deshpande's Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)

**NAME CHANGE**

It is informed to the general public that I, **Noopur Kohli W/o Adwait Kohli, residents of Las Vista Amlidih, Mahaveer Nagar, V.I.P. Road, Raipur Tehsil and Dist. Raipur (C.G.) have changed my old name Noopur So in future I should be recognized by my new name Noopur Kohli W/o Adwait Kohli in all Government and other documents.**

**Noopur Kohli W/o Adwait Kohli Las Vista Amlidih, Mahaveer Nagar, V.I.P. Road, Raipur Tehsil and Dist. Raipur (C.G.)**

**GENERAL NOTICE**

The public is informed that my party Smt. Preeti Mishra husband Ganesh Shankar Mishra Resident of 147 Adraah Chowk sundar nagar Raipur (C.G.) Ownership and possession of property kharsa no. 61441 plot no. 579 Area 2400 Sqft, Sundar nagar housing society Ltd which is situated at chhangorabhatta, Sundar nagar Raipur (C.G.) which my party has purchased from vikram mandhan through a registered Sale deed dated 31-03-2024. Prior to the said registered sale deed the above property was received by Vikram Madhan from his grandmother Smt. Sundan bai by registered will dated 09-12-1993, the original of which is lost somewhere in the vicinity of Gurudev fuels Mowa Raipur (C.G.) which has not been found despite much searching.

Therefore it is hereby informed through this General notice that if any person institution/Government body/ Bank party receives the said missing Will, he should kindly forward the above document to me at the address given below within 07 days of publication of this General Notice.

So Know The Information.

Raipur (C.G.) Date: 05-07-2025

**PANKAJ DIXIT, Advocate**  
Room No.-110, District Court, Raipur (C.G.)  
Mob. No. 98935-79072

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**SALE DEED (REGISTRY PAPER) LOST**

This is to inform that my client Mr. Aditya Patel s/o Shri Madhusudan Patel r/o Flat No. 302, Sahil Elite Indore MP has been lost original copy of ownership and sale deeds which were registered at sub registrar office Raipur Chhattisgarh and also registered missing information in Kabir Nagar, Raipur Police Station on dated 24/06/2025. Details of property and sale deeds are Residential Flat No. A-203, Super Builtup Area 745 Square Feet, in 2nd Floor, Block-A, Multistoried Residential Building 'AVINASH PRIDE' its Kh. No. 230/1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9, 613/1, 231/1-2-3-4, Situated in Village Jarway Urf Hirapur, Raipur Tahsil & District Raipur, CG. Reg. sale deed executed by M/s Avinash Developers Pvt. Ltd. Through Director Mr. Mukesh Singhania in favour of Mrs. Kalvinder Panaiich, Registered Vide book number is A-1, Volume number 66398, Pages from 44 to 65, Document Serial Number is 2028 (K) dated 26/03/2015

**Rajiv Lochan Tiwari** (Advocate)  
Mob. No.: 700628794, 9009388375

**SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED "A MINI RATNA COMPANY"**

**NOTICE**

All the tenders issued by SECL for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of SECL <http://www.secl.in>, CIL e-procurement portal <http://coalliantenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in> In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <http://gem.gov.in>. SECL's mining services tenders are also now available on GeM portal <http://gem.gov.in>

**कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, छत्तीसगढ़ अरण्य भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर (प्रशासन/अराजप्रति)**

☎ संच: 0771-2512817 | फ़ोन: 0771-2512817 | ई-मेल: [spgof@govil.com](mailto:spgof@govil.com)

छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग के अंतर्गत अरण्य एवं धमतीरी नोडल वनमण्डल में वनरक्षक के 1484 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती हेतु दिनांक 07.07.2025 से आयोजित दक्षता परीक्षण की कार्यवाही को अचरित्य कारणों से स्थगित किया जाता है। दक्षता परीक्षण आयोजन हेतु लिखित पृथक से निर्धारित किया जायेगा। सेप नोडल वनमण्डल में भर्ती की कार्यवाही निर्धारित तिथि के अनुरार जारी रहेगी।

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक ( प्रशा/अराज.) अटल नगर, नवा रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़

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Place-Jabalpur Date-30/06/2025 Recovery Officer II, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur (M.P.)

**RELIANCE Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.**

Corporate Office: 11th Floor, North Side, R-Tech Park, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400083.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSETS**

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (RARAC), a Trustee of "RARAC 026 Trust" is an assignee and a secured creditor of below mentioned borrowers by virtue of Assignment Agreement dated 30.12.2016 executed with Reliance Capital Limited. The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereby give notice to public in general that the below mentioned property shall be sold by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE" basis apart from other terms mentioned below.

Name of Borrower/guarantors	Outstanding dues as on 01.06.2025	Date of Symbolic Possession
1. Vikash Jain, (Borrower) (Deceased, Represented by his legal heirs) At: - H. No.22, Jaihar Colony, Tel. Bandha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 Also At: - Shop no.311-312, Lal Ganga, Shopping Mall, G.E Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001	Rs. 3,39,17,741.29/- (Rs. Three Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One and Paise Only)	13.05.2022
2. Ashish Kumar Jain, (Co-Aplicant) At: - H. No.22, Jaihar Colony, Tel. Bandha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 Also At: - Shop no.311-312, Lal Ganga, Shopping Mall, G.E Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001		
3. Payal Jain, (Co-Aplicant) At: - H. No.22, Jaihar Colony, Tel. Bandha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 Also At: - 6th Floor, Khushi Residency, Block-A, G.E Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001		

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT
Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Only)	Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)

**Details Of Auction Events:-**

Inspection Date of Property : 25.07.2025 from 11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.  
Last date for bid submission : 05.08.2025  
Date of e-auction : 06.08.2025 between 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes each)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE**

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- The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount/sale price (including earnest money already paid) immediately after declaration of successful bidder. The successful bidder shall deposit balance 75% of the bid amount/sale price within 15 days from declaration of successful bidder.
- If successful bidder fails to deposit sale price as stated above, all deposits including EMD shall deemed to be forfeited without any further notice. However, extension of further reasonable period for making payment of balance 75% may



## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

[ Winston Churchill ]

## OUR VIEW |

## Holy Walk, Political Talk

The Kanwar Yatra, a sacred annual pilgrimage undertaken by Lord Shiva's devotees during the Hindu month of Shraavan, has once again become a focal point of political debate—particularly in Uttar Pradesh. While the Yatra is a spiritual journey for millions of Kanwaris who walk barefoot to collect holy water and offer it at Shiva temples, recent administrative decisions have stirred controversy. The Uttar Pradesh government has mandated that all eateries and shops along the 540-km Kanwar route—from Meerut to Muzaffarnagar—display nameplates identifying the owners and staff. Officials claim this is to ensure transparency, food safety, and public order. However, critics argue that the move carries communal undertones, especially amid reports of Hindu groups like the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) inspecting vendors, scanning QR codes, and labelling establishments as "Hindu-friendly." Opposition leaders have condemned the move. Samajwadi Party's Dr ST Hasan likened the identity checks to intimidation, while Congress leader Digvijaya Singh warned against using religious events to spread hatred. They argue that such actions undermine India's secular values and risk deepening communal divides, especially in regions already sensitive to religious tensions. The BJP, however, has defended the directive. Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak dismissed the criticism as appeasement politics, asserting that the nameplate rule is about transparency, not discrimination. He emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring a safe and well-organized Yatra for all. The matter had reached the Supreme Court in 2024, which issued a temporary stay on the earlier directive. The Court clarified that while ensuring food safety is within the state's mandate, compelling vendors to reveal personal identity details—especially those that could lead to religious profiling—was not permissible. Despite this, reports in 2025 suggest that similar practices continue in various forms, raising concerns about legality, selective enforcement, and the role of vigilante groups acting without official sanction. As lakhs of devotees prepare for the Yatra, the challenge lies in preserving its spiritual essence while preventing its politicization. Faith must not become a tool for division. The sanctity of religious traditions must be upheld alongside the constitutional promise of equality, secularism, and mutual respect in a diverse democracy.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Zoonotic diseases warrant heightened awareness

The first rabies vaccine was administered by French scientist Louis Pasteur on July 6, 1885. This milestone brought heightened awareness about zoonotic diseases—those transmitted between animals and human beings. In addition to direct contact, insects, ticks, and contaminated food can also act as vectors for disease transmission. Anthrax, COVID-19, rabies, brucellosis, and bird flu are well-known zoonotic infections. It is important to note that while not all zoonotic diseases are vector-borne, some vector-borne diseases are also zoonotic. Malaria and dengue are classic examples. Nearly two-thirds of infectious diseases are spread from animals. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 60 per cent of known infectious diseases—whether bacterial, viral, parasitic, or fungal—originate from animals. Poor sanitation and hygiene, inadequate food safety measures, and human encroachment into animal habitats have all contributed to the rise in zoonotic diseases. Those at higher risk of contracting zoonotic infections, especially farm-



Ganapathi Bhat

ers and livestock handlers, should be made aware of the associated risk factors. In response to the growing threat, countries around the world have adopted the "One Health" approach, which emphasizes multisectoral collaboration to tackle zoonotic diseases at the intersection of human, animal, and environmental health. World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 each year to commemorate Pasteur's groundbreaking achievement and to raise awareness about the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases.

# Comment

## Scroll, Swipe, Deceive: How Social Media and AI Are Rewriting Truth in 2025

Imagine spending more than a full waking day each week scrolling, swiping, and sharing—because that's the reality for billions today. In 2025, people worldwide dedicate over 14 billion hours daily to social media. Platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook aren't just for entertainment; they're where news breaks, trends start, and opinions are shaped. With 5.2 billion active users juggling nearly seven platforms a month, social media is now the world's most influential public square. Social media now connects over 5.2 billion people—about two-thirds of the world's population—with the average user active on nearly seven different platforms each month. Platforms like TikTok, with 1.12 billion monthly users globally and surging engagement (users spend nearly 54 minutes daily), continue to grow despite regulatory challenges and even temporary bans in some countries, including the US.

India mirrors these global trends, with social media bridging urban-rural divides and transforming how news, education, and public opinion are shaped. Young Indians, in particular, are among the world's most active users. For students and schools, social media offers quick access to educational content and peer collaboration. However, it also brings significant risks: distraction, cyber bullying, and mounting mental health concerns. The pressure to maintain an online image and the easy spread of misinformation are growing challenges in classrooms.

A key concern in 2025 is the explosion of AI-generated content. Artificial intelligence now powers much of what users see online, making it easier to create and spread fake news, deepfakes, and low-quality "AI slop"—content designed to attract attention or manipulate opinion. Over half of longer English-language posts on platforms like LinkedIn



Debasmita Panicker  
Life Skills Facilitator

are now written by AI, and political operatives worldwide utilize AI to influence elections and public debate. This deluge of synthetic content makes it increasingly difficult for users to distinguish fact from fiction, eroding trust in information and amplifying the need for digital literacy and robust fact-checking. Another major concern in 2025 is the explosion of AI-generated fake news and content. Over 1,200 websites now publish articles written almost entirely by AI, often spreading false claims about political leaders, celebrity deaths, or fabricated events. For example, during India's 2024 elections, deepfake videos of deceased politicians were circulated to sway public opinion at rallies. In the US, AI-generated images and videos have been used to manipulate perceptions during election campaigns, such as fake crowd images at rallies or altered photos of political figures.

AI's ability to create convincing but false content

has made it harder than ever for people to tell fact from fiction, eroding public trust and making digital literacy essential for everyone, from students to voters. As social media's influence grows, so does the responsibility to recognize and combat the risks posed by AI-driven misinformation. The unchecked spread of AI-generated misinformation is now recognized as one of the most urgent global risks, threatening to erode public trust, deepen social divisions, and destabilize democracies.

As deepfakes and synthetic news become nearly indistinguishable from reality, even experts struggle to separate fact from fiction—58% of people worldwide now worry about their ability to discern real news from fake. In this climate, the responsibility to demand transparency, invest in robust fact-checking, and teach digital literacy is not just important—it is essential for the survival of informed societies and the health of democracy itself.

## Brain Tracks Emotional Transitions Through Music

Scientists have found that our emotional responses are not isolated reactions but are deeply shaped by the emotional context that comes before. *By Vijay Garg*



Symbolic pic Brain n Music

New research reveals how the human brain navigates emotional transitions, using music as a powerful tool to map changing neural patterns. Scientists have found that our emotional responses are not isolated reactions but are deeply shaped by the emotional context that comes before. In other words, how we feel in the present is often influenced by how we felt just moments earlier.

For instance, hearing a happy tune before a sad one changes the way the brain processes sadness, compared to when a tense or anxious tune comes first. These findings open new possibilities for treating emotional rigidity in mood disorders by targeting how the brain shifts between emotional states—something that is often impaired in people

suffering from depression or anxiety.

Context matters. Prior emotional states significantly shape how the brain reacts to new emotions. Music, in this study, served as a precise and controlled tool to evoke and track these transitions. Researchers used specially composed musical pieces to trigger emotional shifts and then monitored how the brain responded. The findings may inform future therapeutic interventions for mood disorders, particularly those involving emotional inflexibility.

In a new paper published in eNeuro, Matthew Sachs and colleagues from Columbia University used music and an advanced approach to assessing brain activity to explore the context-dependent and fluctuating nature of emotions. Their

study provides new insight into how the brain supports transitions between emotional states and how these transitions are influenced by what came before.

The researchers collaborated with composers to create original musical passages designed to evoke different emotions at specific time points. Participants listened to these compositions while their brain activity was recorded using neuroimaging techniques. The goal was to observe how the brain's emotional processing systems responded to changes in emotional tone.

Sachs and his team discovered that changes in patterns of activity in brain areas responsible for sound processing and social cognition reflected transitions between different emotions triggered by music.

Notably, these changes were influenced by the emotional state that preceded them. For example, if someone listened to a joyful passage before a sad one, their brain responded differently than someone who had previously heard a tense passage.

The researchers also found that when the previous emotion was more similar to the new one, the emotional transition in the brain occurred more quickly. This suggests that emotional shifts are not abrupt but are shaped by a kind of emotional inertia—where the brain's response is eased or complicated depending on the emotional distance between two states.

These findings suggest that the relationship between neural activity and emotional responses

is not fixed but highly dependent on context. Sachs expressed excitement about the therapeutic potential of this work, noting, "We know that people who suffer from mood disorders or depression often demonstrate emotional rigidity, where they basically get stuck in an emotional state. This study suggests that maybe we could take someone with depression, for instance, and use the approach we developed to identify neural markers for the emotional rigidity that keeps them in a very negative state."

As the science of emotion continues to evolve, this research underscores the importance of understanding not just what we feel, but how we move from one feeling to another—and how music might help guide that journey.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Japan Airlines Scare

A Japan Airlines flight cruising at 38,000 feet near Shanghai triggered panic when it suddenly plunged, deploying oxygen masks and forcing an emergency landing in Osaka. Though air travel remains statistically the safest mode of transport, such incidents are becoming alarmingly frequent. Ageing aircraft, workforce shortages, and a shrinking pool of skilled pilots and technicians in developed nations are exposing serious safety gaps. Heightened public anxiety underscores the urgent need for global aviation authorities to address maintenance and staffing shortfalls.

RS Narula, Patiala

## Language should unite not divide!

The recent language row in Maharashtra exposes the flaws in India's three-language policy. Forcing Hindi on non-Hindi states like Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra is felt to destroy cultural identity and regional languages. In contrast, learning southern languages is virtually non-existent in the Hindi-speaking area. Language learning should be based on choice, not compulsion. True unity lies in respecting linguistic diversity and letting states decide what best suits their cultural and educational needs.

D Joseph Raj, Rajnandgaon

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# Nation



"India has a huge potential in the field of medical education, research, and global collaboration."

Om Birla  
Speaker, Lok Sabha

## Muharram procession taken out in Ajmer



People carry 'tazia' during the 'Muharram' procession from the Nizam Gate of the Dargah, in Ajmer, Rajasthan. PTI

## 'All four NH projects to be completed by 2028'

The construction of three Highways is in an advanced stage and it would be completed by 2028, said Union Health Minister J P Nadda.

Press Trust Of India

**SHIMLA:** The construction of three out of four National Highways is in an advanced stage in Himachal Pradesh and major works would be completed in the next two years, Union Health Minister J P Nadda said in Bilaspur on Saturday.

About 2,593 km long, four National Highways are being constructed in the state at an estimated cost of about Rs 38,000 crore. Addressing reporters, Nadda also lashed out at the state government for not utilising the funds allocated by the Union government. "The con-

struction of three NHs is in an advanced stage and major works would be completed in 2026 and 2027 while the project for which Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under preparation would be completed in 2028", he said.

Barring the Shimla-Mator National Highway for which preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) is underway and completion is slated for 2028, the Parwanoo-Shimla, Kiratpur-Manali and Pathankot-Mandi National Highways would be completed in 2026 and 2027, he added. Nadda raised the issue of the

### HIGHLIGHT

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state government treating the construction of roads at par with industries, mandating no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Pollution Control Board every year which delays

the work and argued that setting of crushers and burning of charcoal for metalling is temporary and stops after the works are completed.

"Union Transport and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari has already discussed the issue with the state government and I will also take up the matter with chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu", Nadda said and also cautioned that if the 'dredging' of River Beas, which is responsibility of the state government was not done, the Highways constructed by the NHAI would suffer huge damage.

## UDF slams Kerala Govt over suspension of teacher

**THRISSUR:** Opposition UDF on Saturday criticised the Kerala government over the disciplinary action initiated against a teacher of an aided school for opposing its decision to introduce zumba dance in state-run schools. Based on the instructions of the general education department, the management of the aided school in Palakkad district recently suspended the teacher pending inquiry over his social media post criticising zumba. While talking to reporters here, Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan said it was not right to suspend a teacher for expressing his opinion over a matter. He alleged that no action was taken against another teacher who shared the controversial kafir screenshot which had triggered a huge political row in the state during the time of Lok Saba election. No action was taken against him then because he was a CPI(M) member, the LoP charged. Criticising the Left government's latest action, Satheesan sought to know don't a teacher have the right to express his opinion about zumba dance. "The higher education department has pressured the management to take action against the teacher. It should be withdrawn. It is not good for Kerala," Satheesan added.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### Remount Veterinary Corps Centre

## India's first globally recognised Equine Disease-Free Compartment set up in Meerut



**MEERUT:** India has set up its first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) at the Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre & College in Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh. The facility was officially recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on Thursday, marking a crucial step in enabling Indian sport horses to compete internationally in compliance with global biosecurity standards. The EDFC, developed through the coordinated efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Defence, the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI), and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, ensures strict adherence to WOAH's

guidelines for compartmentalisation. These include robust biosecurity measures, veterinary surveillance, and disease exclusion protocols. The facility has been certified free from major equine diseases such as Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Influenza, Equine Piroplasmosis, Glanders, and Surra, said the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying in a statement. Additionally, India has remained free of African Horse Sickness since 2014. This recognition opens new avenues for Indian riders and horses to participate in international equestrian competitions and enhances India's potential in equine trade, breeding, and sports.

### OBC QUOTA

## BJP, Cong trade allegations over 27 pc OBC quota in MP

**BHOPAL:** The ruling BJP and the opposition Congress in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday crossed swords over 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs). MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav blamed the Congress for legal complications stalling the implementation of such quota, whereas the opposition party said it had got in principle approval from Rahul Gandhi for a protest in Bundelkhand region on the issue. The development came a day after the Supreme Court heard pleas related to 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in the state. Around 49 per cent of MP's population are OBCs, with all BJP chief ministers since 2003 being from the category. The ruling party also accused the Congress of not giving OBCs their due when it came to appointments to the top post in the state. The Congress will launch a statewide agitation to put pressure on the BJP to implement 27 per cent OBC quota, said state unit chief Jitu Patwari and Leader of Opposition in the assembly Umang Singh. The BJP has betrayed OBCs and had spent Rs 50 crore on legal teams to stall the implementation of this quota, Patwari alleged.

### SUSPENSION

## Six CPS suspended for objectionable post on Akhilesh Yadav

**FIROZABAD:** Six policemen have been suspended in connection with an objectionable comment made on social media by a constable posted in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad district, an official said on Saturday. Superintendent of Police Saurabh Dixit said on July 2, an objectionable comment regarding former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Akhilesh Yadav was shared on social media. On July 3, Samajwadi Party district unit president Shivraj Singh Yadav and former MLA Azim Bhai met Dixit and submitted a complaint. Taking cognisance of the matter, the officer ordered an investigation by Circle Officer (Sadar) Chanchal Tyagi. Based on the findings of the inquiry, police constable Pradeep Thakur, posted in the office of the superintendent of police (rural), was suspended for posting the objectionable content as his status, which was later circulated by others.



## Protests in Kerala seeking Minister's resignation

**KOTTAYAM:** Various wings of parties in the Congress-led UDF and the BJP were staging widespread protests seeking the resignation of state Health Minister Veena George over the death of a woman when a portion of the Kottayam Medical College building collapsed two days ago. Activists of Youth Congress, Kerala Students Union (KSU), Mahila Congress, Youth League, and the BJP held protests in the state capital and various other cities, including Palakkad, Kochi, Kollam, Kannur, and Mananthavady, during the day. Protestors marched to the offices of the District Collector or the District Medical Officer (DMO) in many places and confronted the police and water cannons.

## EC holding regular dialogue with political parties: CEC

Press Trust Of India

**CEC Gyanesh Kumar has asserted that the poll panel holds regular dialogue with political parties and 5,000 such meetings have been held in past four months.**

**FIROZABAD (UP):** With opposition parties accusing the Election Commission of ignoring their concerns, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Saturday asserted that the poll panel maintains a regular dialogue with political parties and 5,000 such meetings have been held in the past four months, beginning from the



### FACTFILE

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assembly level. Replying to queries from reporters in Firozabad, where he

came to attend a private programme, Kumar said that after voters, political parties are the next important stakeholders for the EC. He was asked about the recent criticism from opposition parties, including their allegations that their concerns related to poll-bound Bihar are

being overlooked by the EC. "The Election Commission keeps having a regular dialogue with various political parties. In the last four months, all-party meetings were organised in every assembly constituency, in every district and also with every state chief electoral officer.

### GUILTY OF RELIGIOUS PUNISHMENT |

## Takht Patna Sahib declares Sukhbir Badal 'tankhaiya'

Press Trust Of India

**CHANDIGARH:** The high priests of Takht Sri Patna Sahib in Bihar Saturday pronounced Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal 'tankhaiya' (guilty of religious punishment) for failing to appear before it and ignoring its directions. Takht Sri Patna Sahib is one of the five temporal

seats of Sikhism. The Akal Takht in Amritsar is the supreme temporal seat. In August last year, Badal was pronounced 'tankhaiya' by the Akal Takht, which later in December awarded 'tankhah' (religious punishment) for the "mistakes" committed by the Shiromani Akali Dal government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017. Takht Sri Patna Sahib Jathe-

“Sukhbir Singh Badal was declared 'tankhaiya' (guilty of religious punishment) for failing to appear before the body.”

Giani Baldev Singh  
Takht Sri Patna Sahib  
Jathedar



dar and head 'granthi' Giani Baldev Singh pronounced the decision of declaring Badal 'tank-

haiya' in Bihar's Patna on Saturday. In the directive, Singh stated that the Akal Takht Jathedar and Takht Sri Damdama Sahib Jathedar had issued an "unauthorised and unconstitutional" decision on May 21 by challenging the established norms, the constitution and making undue interference in the authority of the Takht Sri Patna Sahib.

### PROBE INTO ILLEGAL MINING

## Karnataka Government forms cabinet sub-committee to probe 'illegal mining' scam



**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka government on Saturday constituted a six-member cabinet subcommittee headed by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil to look into the 'illegal mining' issue and recommend appropriate actions. The subcommittee has been asked to submit its report within a month. It comprises Home Minister G Parameshwara, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa, Social Welfare Minister H C Mahadevappa, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, and Mines & Geology Minister S S Mallikarjun. The state cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had decided to form the subcommittee during its meeting on July 2. "A cabinet subcommittee has been constituted to discuss and make appropriate recommendations on steps to be taken regarding irregularities in mining, particularly the appointment of a Recovery Commissioner and the

establishment of a fast-track court for the speedy disposal of cases," an official note said. The decision came after Patil wrote to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, expressing concern over the government's "inaction in pursuing illegal mining cases to their logical conclusion", ensuring that the culprits are punished, and recovering the state's lost wealth. In his seven-page letter, Patil pointed out that only 7.6 per cent of the cases related to illegal mining, which allegedly occurred between 2007 and 2011 and caused an estimated loss of Rs 1.5 lakh crore to the state exchequer, have been investigated thus far. The minister also noted widespread public outrage over the government's "perceived lack of sincerity and commitment" to ensuring adequate punishment for those involved and recovering the state's wealth, despite the scale of the alleged loot.

"Just because one person does something doesn't mean others have to do the same. I think parents know what's best for their children and they come with a certain thought process. If people feel that they don't want their children to be in the media, it should be respected."

Riteish Deshmukh  
Actor



# Weekend



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MOVIE REVIEW

## Metro... In Dino: Navigating modernity, embracing emotion



This week's latest Bollywood release is a musical ode to the 2007 *Life... In a Metro, Metro... In Dino*. Anurag Basu has hit all the right notes in the film and hasn't skipped a beat.



Anurag Basu's film, at its best, catches all those beats.

Anurag Basu's *Metro... In Dino* is less of a sequel and more of a spiritual echo to his 2007 ensemble drama *Life... In a Metro*. What he delivers here is an atmospheric mosaic of city lives some colliding, some slipping past each other with heartbreak, longing, and compromise as the common currency. The emotions are real, the storytelling theatrical, and the chaos strangely comforting. This time, Basu expands his playground to include Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Bengaluru, weaving together love stories across age and class. Konkona Sen Sharma and Pankaj Tripathi lead the emotional core with a tale of quiet marital ennui played with a gentle, comic sadness that's both

### HIGHLIGHT

● *Metro... In Dino* revisits the spirit of its predecessor with a modern lens and emotional depth.

heartbreaking and hilarious. Sara Ali Khan stands out as Chumki, a younger woman trying to fit herself into a mould for love's sake her arc shadowing the Kareena Kapoor-style energy we saw in *Jab We Met*, but with her own anxieties and charm. Aditya Roy Kapur, as her accidental saviour, breezes through his role with an effortlessness that grows on you. The film's most striking quality lies in its dialogue intimate, unpolished, and often beautifully mundane. Basu allows his characters to speak



like real people. Neena Gupta and Anupam Kher's mature romance adds warmth, while Fatima Sana Shaikh and Ali Fazal's subplot offers a mirror to today's conflicted urban couples.

However, not every story hits the mark. Some threads feel forced, and the final act drags under its own ambition. Still, *Metro... In Dino* pulses with heart. It's messy, a little indulgent, but unmistakably honest in capturing life's fleeting tenderness, regret, and resilience. And sometimes, that's more than enough.

### | HOLLYWOOD FILM REVIEW |

## Jurassic World: Rebirth- Back to basics, Bailey's brilliance

Central Chronicle News

This week's latest Hollywood release is the much-awaited return of *Jurassic World Rebirth*. The film showcases some jaw-dropping dinosaurs and a lot of thrills to keep audiences entertained.

*Jurassic World: Rebirth* reignites the franchise with spectacle, heart, and a welcome return to core thrills, even if it occasionally stumbles. Gareth Edwards directs this sleek new chapter with a sharp eye for scale and a clear love for the original's DNA. Set five years after *Dominion*, the story follows covert agent Zora Bennett (Scarlett Johansson), tasked with retrieving dinosaur DNA from a remote tropical island. She is joined by palaeontologist Dr. Henry Loomis (Jonathan Bailey), ex-partner



Scarlett Johansson and Jonathan Bailey share thrilling moments in *Jurassic World Rebirth*.

### HIGHLIGHT

● *Jurassic World Rebirth* Movie Review and Rating: A gripping return filled with jaw-dropping dinos, emotional stakes and Spielberg-style thrills that fans won't forget.



Duncan (Mahershala Ali), and a shady pharma executive Martin Krebs (Rupert Friend). But their scientific mission quickly turns into a high-stakes survival game as the island's prehistoric inhabitants begin to close in. Bailey is the film's unexpected heart. As Loomis, he brings wit, emotional nuance, and a

nerdy charisma that anchors the story. His wonder-filled moment with a dinosaur, tender and breathlessly quiet, is the emotional peak of the film and a reminder of what made *Jurassic Park* so magical. Johansson is fierce and agile as Zora but is given little emotional arc. Ali brings gravitas but is criminally underused. A parallel subplot featuring a shipwrecked family adds moments of warmth, particularly through young Isabella (Aurina Miranda) and her bond with a baby Aquilops, though it sometimes feels disconnected from the main plot.

Visually, the film is a stunner lush jungles, suspenseful underwater sequences, and classic Spielbergian tension are on full display. The dinosaurs dazzle, especially the mosasaur, though new additions like the *Distortus* rex lack iconic bite.

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WHAT TO WATCH AT HOME



#### The Good Wife

**Cast:** Priyamani, Sampath Raj and Aari Arujunan

**Where to watch:**

Streaming now on Disney+ Hotstar, *The Good Wife* is a gripping Indian adaptation of the popular international legal drama. Priyamani plays Tarunika, a lawyer-turned-housewife whose world is shattered when her husband is arrested in a public scandal. Forced to return to her legal roots, she must navigate complex court cases while facing emotional turmoil at home. The show blends courtroom intrigue with personal drama, offering a powerful narrative of resilience, justice, and rediscovery. Priyamani delivers a compelling performance in this layered, character-driven series.



#### The Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case

**Cast:** Amit Sial, SahilVaid, Bagavathi Perumal, Girish Sharma

**Where to watch:**

Streaming on SonyLIV, The

*Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case* is a gripping political drama based on Anirudhya Mitra's memoir *Ninety Days*. The series explores the harrowing events following the 1991 suicide bombing that killed former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Tamil Nadu. It chronicles the CBI's intense 90-day investigation to track down the masterminds. With a powerful ensemble cast and tight narrative, the series offers a chilling look into one of India's most pivotal and tragic political crimes.



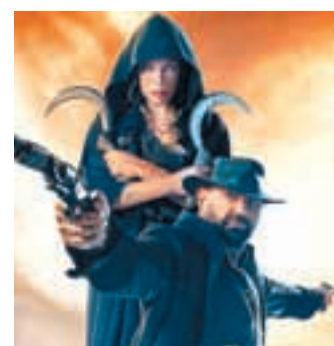
#### Kaalidhar Laapata

**Cast:** Abhishek Bachchan, Lydian Nadhaswaram

**Where to watch:**

Streaming soon on ZEE5, *Kaalidhar Laapata* is a heart-warming slice-of-life

drama led by Abhishek Bachchan. The film follows an elderly man who, upon overhearing his family's plan to abandon him, sets off on a spontaneous road trip to tick off items on his long-forgotten bucket list. Along the way, he meets Ballu, an energetic eight-year-old orphan played by Lydian Nadhaswaram. As the unlikely duo travel across India, their bond grows deeper, creating a touching story of freedom, second chances, and rediscovered joy.



#### In The Lost Lands

**Cast:** Milla Jovovich, Dave Bautista

**Where to watch:**

Streaming soon on Lionsgate Play, *In The Lost Lands* is a high-stakes fantasy adventure based on George R.R. Martin's short story. Directed by Paul

W. S. Anderson, the film follows a formidable sorceress (Milla Jovovich) who teams up with a rugged drifter (Dave Bautista) to retrieve a mystical artefact said to grant shapeshifting powers. As they journey across a perilous, mythical landscape, the two face dark magic, deadly creatures, and inner demons. Packed with action and mysticism, the film explores desire, sacrifice, and transformation in a richly imagined world.



#### Uppu Kappurambu

**Cast:** Keerthy Suresh, Suhas

**Where to watch:**

Streaming soon on Amazon Prime Video, *Uppu Kappurambu* is a quirky Telugu

satirical comedy led by Keerthy Suresh and Suhas. The film follows Apoorva, a newly appointed and idealistic village leader, who faces an unusual challenge—freeing up space in the overcrowded village cemetery. She teams up with the eccentric graveyard keeper, Chinna, to tackle the issue, leading to unexpected chaos and heartfelt humour. Blending social commentary with wit, the film promises a fresh rural tale filled with charm, laughter, and an offbeat storyline.



# FineDine

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

## Foodflix 2.0: Raipur's pure veg food scene just got an upgrade!

After undergoing a slight renovation, Foodflix is back at Vidhan Sabha Road to enthral vegetarian's taste buds with some delectable fare. So, make the most of your weekend by visiting this old-time favourite.

There's something heart-warming about an old favourite making a grand return especially when it tastes just as good as you remember! Foodflix, once a beloved vegetarian hotspot on Vidhan Sabha Road, is back after a stunning renovation, and it's better than ever. The all-new look is cosy, stylish, and totally Instagram-worthy, yet it retains the warm vibe that made it special. Foodflix is a pure vegetarian restaurant that continues to delight with flavours that feel both nostalgic and exciting. Whether you're craving rich North Indian thalis, cheesy pasta, crispy starters, or soul-satisfying desserts, every dish here is crafted to please. Don't miss their signature mocktails refreshing, flavourful, and the perfect complement to any meal. What sets the new Foodflix apart is its incredibly spacious and thoughtfully designed interiors. With soft lighting, elegant decor, and versatile seating, it's the perfect venue



A fresh new look, but the taste you've always loved!

### HIGHLIGHT

● Foodflix is back with a fresh vibe, bigger space, and all your favourite flavours intact.

for everything from kitty parties and birthdays to business meetings and cosy reunions. The ambiance strikes a balance between contemporary and comforting, making guests feel instantly at ease. This is not just a restaurant it's an experience. A place where you can linger a little longer over dessert, celebrate with loved ones, or simply enjoy a peaceful solo lunch. The team at Foodflix has poured their hearts into reviving a space that Raipur has loved for years.

So if you're a vegetarian food lover or simply someone who appreciates good food in a beautiful setting, Foodflix is where your next outing should be. The classics are back and they're dressed to impress!



### The power of pomegranate peel: Your next superfood discovery

While most of us enjoy the juicy seeds of pomegranate, its peel is often overlooked and discarded. But did you know it's a powerhouse of nutrients? Rich in fibre, antioxidants, tannins, and potassium, pomegranate peel can help improve digestion, fight inflammation, and even promote skin health. Simply sun-dry and grind it into powder to use in smoothies, teas, or face packs. With its immunity-boosting and gut-friendly properties, this natural remedy deserves a spot in your wellness routine.



| GOOD DINING |

## The ultimate sandwich book: Your tastiest page-turner



A vlogger's imaginative take on a sandwich has gone viral, and for good reason. Designed to look like a book, the sandwich is layered with omelette, cheese, ham, and lettuce, bound at one end with a noodle to mimic bookbinding. In a viral Instagram reel, the creator flips through the 'pages' and spreads ketchup-mayo sauce like a literary twist. The internet is loving the creativity, calling it a "Book Club," "genre bender," and "adorable sandwich." Some even joked about page numbers and bookmarks. It's a delightful reminder that food can be fun, artistic and even a literal page-turner!

| FAMOUS PURI-SABZI STALL AT BHOPAL |

## Bhopal's best for 73 years: The unbeatable puri-sabzi stall

Central Chronicle News

Agarwal Puri Bhandar has been serving piping hot puri-sabzi in Bhopal's Chowk Bazaar for an incredible 73 years.

In the heart of Bhopal's Chowk Bazaar stands Agarwal Puri Bhandar stall that began its journey in 1952 with a plate priced at just 15 paise. Today, priced at Rs. 60, this iconic eatery still draws crowds eager for its crisp puris and home-style potato curry. What began as a 10x12 ft rented shop by the late Shri Ram Agarwal has evolved into a cherished landmark known for its old-school flavours and consistency. Run now by his son Pradeep Agarwal and the third generation

Ayush and Aman, the shop continues to grind its own spices and maintain the soulful "bhandare-style" preparation that keeps patrons coming back. In the early days, locals would flock before 7 PM, as Jumerati Gate closed early, and the hot puri-sabzi was a pre-sundown ritual for many. Regulars recall Ram Agarwal himself cooking, serving, and chatting with customers a personal touch that still resonates through the family-run business. Over time, the menu has grown to include Gulab Jamun, Raita, Papad, and Dahi Bade, but the soul of the shop remains the same: food made with tradition, love, and home-ground masalas. Even today, the aroma of frying puris fills the narrow lanes by 6:30 AM, drawing loyal customers for a



Classic Bhandare-style meal, it continues to draw visitors from far and wide.

soulful breakfast.

Recently, the family expanded their legacy with a new outlet, Rajbhog, in MP Nagar, ensuring that the rich aroma of puris and timeless flavour reaches new corners of the city.

## FoodPick

MUST TRY WHEN TRAVEL

### Sweet dreams & custom creations

#### Bestone Raipur delivers

Located on MG Road, Bestone is Raipur's newest ice cream joint that's redefining dessert time. What sets it apart is the unique experience of creating your own customized flavour, freshly prepared on a cold slab right before your eyes. Choose your base, mix-ins, sauces, and toppings to craft a frozen masterpiece that suits your mood. It's the perfect destination to satisfy post-dinner sweet cravings or late-night indulgence. With its fun ambience, quick service, and endless flavour combos, Bestone is already turning into a local hotspot.



### Chole Paneer Paratha

#### Your morning powerhouse

If you're bored of your regular paratha routine, try this high-protein Chole Paneer Paratha for a wholesome twist. The stuffing is a delicious mix of boiled chole, grated paneer, onions, green chilli, and aromatic spices like cumin, fennel powder, and chaat masala. Just mash the chole, mix in the ingredients, stuff it into whole wheat dough, and roll it out. Cook on a tawa with a touch of ghee until golden brown. It's quick to make, rich in protein, and perfect for breakfast or lunch.



### Dev Nashta Center

#### Your go-to for lovingly crafted monsoon bites

As the monsoon finally sets in, so does the craving for crispy samosas, golden pakoras, and warm vadas. Tucked away in Raipur, Dev Nashta Center is the ultimate destination for home-style monsoon snacks fresh, hygienic, and budget-friendly. Here, a warm-hearted 60-year-old lady lovingly prepares each item right in front of you, ensuring every bite is hot and flavourful. Served with five unique chutneys, the experience is pure comfort on a rainy day. Don't miss her signature sabudana vada crispy on the outside, soft inside, and absolutely addictive.



### Sands of Time

#### Ingredients

45 ml Bombay Sapphire, 25 ml clarified saffron & orange blossom cordial, 10 ml date & caraway syrup, 1 dash saline, 90 ml sparkling water, dried orange wheel or edible flower (for garnish)

#### How to make it

Combine Bombay Sapphire, saffron & orange blossom cordial, date & caraway syrup, and saline in a mixing glass with ice. Stir gently and strain into a highball glass over fresh ice. Top with sparkling water and lightly stir. Garnish with a dried orange wheel or an edible flower.



### Mystic Melon Bloom

#### Ingredients

60 ml musk melon juice (strained), 30 ml jasmine tea (chilled), 15 ml lime juice, 10 ml lemongrass syrup, 1 dash rose water, soda water (to top), edible flower or melon ball (for garnish)

#### How to make it

In a shaker filled with ice, combine musk melon juice, jasmine tea, lime juice, lemongrass syrup, and rose water. Shake gently and strain into a chilled stemmed glass or highball filled with ice. Top with soda water and garnish with an edible flower or melon ball.



### Golden Root Glow

#### Ingredients

100 ml carrot juice, 50 ml pineapple juice, 1 tsp fresh turmeric juice, 1/2 tsp lime juice, a pinch of cayenne pepper, ice cubes, pineapple wedge (for garnish)

#### How to make it

Shake carrot juice, pineapple juice, turmeric, lime juice, and cayenne pepper with ice. Strain into a glass filled with fresh ice and garnish with a pineapple wedge. Golden Root Glow is an immune-boosting powerhouse earthy, spicy, and citrusy. It's a radiant blend that energizes your body and adds a golden glow to your day.



## Sports



I was definitely hungry to get a hundred, especially after that golden duck and missing out on 99 last game.

Harry Brook  
England batter

# England survive scare to win thriller

India's valiant chase fell heartbreakingly short as England edged out a five-run win in a gripping third T20I at The Oval, keeping the women's series alive.



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England's top-order brilliance was undone by a dramatic collapse, but their bowlers held firm in the end.

**LONDON:** England narrowly edged past India by five runs in a nerve-racking third women's T20I at The Oval on Friday night, keeping the five-match series alive with a 2-1 scoreline. Despite dominating for large parts of the game, India faltered in the death overs,

unable to chase down 172 in a match filled with drama, collapses, and missed chances.

Electing to bat, England openers Sophia Dunkley (75) and Danni Wyatt-Hodge (66) put on a blistering 137-run partnership, punishing the Indian bowlers in a commanding start. Dunkley smashed seven boundaries and a six in her 53-ball knock, while Wyatt-Hodge hit seven fours and three sixes in just 42 balls. But from 137/0, England inexplicably crumbled, losing nine

wickets for just 31 runs in a space of 25 balls.

Deepthi Sharma (3/27) began the turnaround by dismissing Dunkley with a return catch. Arundhati Reddy (3/32) then wrecked the middle-order, taking three wickets in the 17th over. Radha Yadav and Charani N Shree chipped in as England limped to 171/9 from a position of total dominance.

Chasing 172, India flew out of the blocks as openers Smriti Mandhana (56) and Shafali Verma (47) punished a sloppy

England fielding unit. The duo added 85 runs, with Shafali hammering seven boundaries in her 25-ball stay. Mandhana brought up her fifty in 38 balls, but her dismissal to Lauren Filer in the 16th over triggered a collapse.

England's bowling attack, led by Filer (2/30), Sophie Ecclestone (1/24), Lauren Bell (1/37) and Issy Wong (1/36), applied pressure in the final overs. Despite small contributions from Jemimah Rodrigues (20), Richa Ghosh, and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, India

were unable to keep the required rate in check. Needing 12 runs off the last over, India fell agonisingly short. With six required off the final ball, Harmanpreet was dismissed trying to clear the boundary, sealing a thrilling win for England. "We were in control till the 16th over but couldn't capitalise," said Harmanpreet. "Still, lots of learning and credit to our bowlers." India will look to seal the series in the fourth T20I at Manchester on Wednesday, while England aim to force a decider.

## Akash Deep is like a horse: Siraj

**BIRMINGHAM:** India pacer Mohammed Siraj credited fellow seamer Akash Deep for playing a big role in his six-wicket haul, describing the Bengal speedster as a "horse" who was just waiting for his opportunity. Siraj (6/70) and Akash Deep (4/88), who replaced a rested Jasprit Bumrah, complemented each other perfectly to bundle out England for 407 in reply to India's first innings total of 587 in the ongoing second Test here. "Akash Deep is like a horse. He was waiting for opportunity and when the opportunity arrived he has shown how hungry he was. To be honest I enjoyed a lot bowling with him," Siraj told BCCI. TV. "I love when given responsibility. My only goal was not to give runs from my end.

| SABALENKA HOLDS STRONG |

## Sabalenka outlasts Raducanu in electric centre court clash

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Aryna Sabalenka battled past Emma Raducanu in straight sets amid roaring Centre Court at Wimbledon.

**LONDON:** World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka survived a spirited challenge from home favourite Emma Raducanu to reach the fourth round of Wimbledon with a 7-6(6), 6-4 win on a feverish Friday night at Centre Court.

In front of an electric crowd, Sabalenka and Raducanu delivered a high-quality contest that lived up to expectations. Raducanu, who has been showing glimpses of her 2021 US Open-winning form,



pushed Sabalenka to the limit in both sets but couldn't close it out.

The 74-minute first set saw dramatic momentum shifts. Raducanu led 4-2 before Sabalenka surged, taking 11 of the next 12 points to go ahead 5-4. An epic ninth game featured 22 points, eight deuces,

and seven set points – all saved by Raducanu. The British star then earned a set point in the tiebreak, but Sabalenka responded with a perfect drop-shot winner before sealing the set with a composed volley.

"The atmosphere was unbelievable. I had to

### FACTFILE

- Raducanu led both sets, but Sabalenka's resolve proved decisive in key moments.

- The tiebreak thriller and crowd support pushed both players to their physical limits.

pretend all the cheers were for me," Sabalenka joked after the match.

Raducanu took a 4-1 lead in the second set, but Sabalenka again found another gear, winning five straight games to close out the match in one hour and 52 minutes. Despite the loss, Raducanu earned plaudits for her tenacity and shot-making.

| BUILDING FUTURE BENCH |

## Europe tour key to hockey depth: Sanjay

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**BENGALURU:** India 'A' men's hockey team captain Sanjay believes their upcoming Europe tour will serve as a vital platform to evaluate emerging talent and strengthen the national bench. The squad departed for Eindhoven, Netherlands on Saturday, with matches

**This tour will reveal our true potential and sharpen young players for the intensity of international hockey," said captain Sanjay.**

Sanjay Rana  
India A hockey captain

scheduled from July 8 to 20. "This tour will be



a good testing ground for us to know our strengths and weaknesses," said Sanjay. "We have a good mix of seasoned players and young players, and the tour will provide strong competition to assess where they stand."

The team is set to play eight matches across three European cities. In Eindhoven, they will face Ireland, France, and the

Netherlands twice each. One match each is scheduled against England in Amstelveen and Belgium in Antwerpen.

Sanjay emphasized the tour's value in long-term team building, adding, "This kind of international exposure will help us strengthen our main team in the future and create a good bench strength in the long run."

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

BRAND SPARKS VICTORY

### Jule Brand shines as Germany beat Poland in Euro 2025 opener



**ST GALLEN:** Jule Brand starred as eight-time champions Germany began their UEFA Women's Euro 2025 campaign with a 2-0 win over debutant Poland. After a tense first half, Brand broke the deadlock in the 52nd minute with a stunning solo goal, cutting past two defenders. Fourteen minutes later, she assisted Lea Schüller with a pin-

point cross for Germany's second. Despite the win, Germany suffered a setback with captain Giulia Gwinn sustaining a suspected knee injury. "We all hugged her in the locker room," coach Christian Wück said. Polish captain Ewa Pajor threatened Germany's lead, but goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger made vital saves on her tournament debut. **PTI**

SRIKANTH SHOCKS CHEN

### Srikanth upsets top seed Chen to reach Canada Open badminton semis



**CALGARY:** Kidambi Srikanth stunned top seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei 21-18, 21-9 to storm into the Canada Open Super 300 semifinals on Friday. The 43-minute quarterfinal win marked another strong showing from the former world No. 1, currently ranked 49th. Srikanth

started fast and maintained pressure throughout, sealing the first game with five of the last six points. He dominated the second game from 4-4, closing it out in style. The 32-year-old Indian will now face Japan's third seed Kenta Nishimoto, against whom he holds a 6-4 head-to-head record. **PTI**

GUSTO SEALS VICTORY

### Chelsea edges Palmeiras to reach Club World Cup semifinals



**PHILADELPHIA:** Chelsea booked a place in the Club World Cup semifinals with a dramatic 2-1 win over Palmeiras, thanks to an 83rd-minute deflected strike from Malo Gusto. Cole Palmer opened the scoring in the 16th minute, slotting in a smooth finish after a pass from Trevoh Chalobah. Palmeiras equalized

through 18-year-old Estêvão in the 53rd minute with a powerful angled shot. Gusto's late effort, off a short corner, deflected off both defender Agustin Gay and goalkeeper Weverton, who was credited with an own goal by FIFA. Chelsea will now face Fluminense in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on Tuesday. **PTI**

GRAND CHESS TOUR

### Gukesh takes big 3-point lead in Rapid section of Super United



**ZAGREB:** World champion D. Gukesh ended his campaign with a finely-crafted victory over Wesley So of the United States in the ninth and final round of the rapid section of Super United Rapid and Blitz Tournament, which is a part of the Grand Chess Tour. After five victories in a row on the second day, Gukesh played out a couple of draws on day 3 and even-

tually defeated Wesley to end on 14 points out of a possible 18. Overall in rapid, he had two draws, a loss against Duda Jan-Kryzstof of Poland and six wins. With the rapid section ensuring two points for each win, the Indian ace now enjoys a healthy lead over Duda who drew the first two games and was poised to draw the third one too in the day. **PTI**

Sports News

# India tightens grip on Edgbaston Test

Rishabh Pant lit up the morning session on day four with audacious strokeplay, thrilling fans and frustrating England bowlers at Edgbaston on Saturday.

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Pant's attacking 41 keeps India in control as England pacers toil under cloudy Birmingham skies.

**BIRMINGHAM:** Rishabh Pant's fearless strokeplay kept England on edge as India reached 177 for three at lunch on the fourth day of the second Test here at Edgbaston, extending their lead to a commanding 357 runs.

Earlier in the session, K L Rahul (55 off 84) was bowled by a Josh Tongue delivery that pitched on an angle and straightened just enough to uproot the middle stump - a near-unplayable ball that broke a solid partnership. Rahul had played a classy knock, decorated with elegant cover drives, before being undone.

Karun Nair (26 off 46) was the first to fall in the morning, succumbing to Brydon Carse's unrelenting pressure. After being driven through cover, Carse responded with a series of probing deliveries, eventually inducing an outside edge that flew to the keeper. The tall



English pacer also struck Nair on the helmet with a sharp bouncer, prompting a brief concussion

check. But the highlight of the session was Pant, who walked in at 131 for three

and immediately went on the offensive. Within moments, he dispatched Josh Tongue for a four

and then a stunning six over mid-off. Not one to be subdued, Pant later pulled off a falling pickup shot off Ben Stokes that had the Edgbaston crowd on its feet.

Pant's brief battle with Tongue was equally dramatic. Attempting a wild slog just before lunch, Pant lost his grip on the bat, which slipped out of his hands and flew behind. Wicketkeeper Jamie Smith showed sharp reflexes to collect the loose ball safely.

At lunch, Shubman Gill (24\* off 41) and Pant (41\* off 35) were unbeaten, ensuring that India maintained a firm grip on the match. Given the flat pitch and England's aggressive chasing record, India will likely aim for a lead of at least 500 before declaring.

Brydon Carse bowled tirelessly and was England's most impressive pacer of the morning, while Josh Tongue made the crucial breakthrough. As the game heads into its final stages, Pant's fireworks have shifted the momentum decisively in India's favour, leaving England with a daunting chase ahead.

# Arjun, Samaya win Youth TT title



Central Chronicle News

**Raipur District Monsoon League Table Tennis Tournament concludes with thrilling finals**

**RAIPUR:** The Raipur District Monsoon League Table Tennis Tournament, organized by the Rajdhani Table Tennis Association,

concluded at the Sapre School Hall with thrilling finals across age groups. Arjun Malhotra clinched the Youth Under-19 Boys' Singles title, defeating Yashwant Dekate 3-1. Samaya Pandey dominated, winning both the Under-19 and Under-15 Girls' Singles titles. Aryan Singh won the Under-15 Boys' final, while Raghav Agnihotri and Eeshi Mishra

emerged champions in the Under-11 Boys' and Girls' categories respectively. Vimal Nair, Joint Secretary of the Chhattisgarh TT Association, graced the closing ceremony as chief guest. Chief referee Ajit Banerjee and assistant Pranay Majumdar oversaw the matches, with enthusiastic participation from players, coaches, parents, and association members.

## Chhattisgarh records 175 runs win over Himachal

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Under-19 began their campaign in the Inter State Multi-Day Trophy 2024-25 with a commanding 175-run win over Himachal Pradesh in Pondicherry. Batting first after winning the toss, Chhattisgarh posted 261 in 58.1 overs, with Tejasvi Kalbhor scoring a fine 103 and Shlok Chachane adding 40. Himachal's Abhisekh took four wickets. In response, Himachal crumbled for just 86 in 40.3 overs on day two. Aditya Kataria (24) and Agrim (22) offered brief resistance. Diwakar Tamrakar starred with the ball, claiming 5 wickets, while Dhananjay Nayak and Vivek Kumar picked up three and two respectively.

| JR BADMINTON TOURNAMENT |

# Sushant, Shryas advance into semifinal of U-19 Boys category

Central Chronicle News

**Manya Gupta, Aarushi Alwa and Sanvi advance into semis in girls category**

**RAIPUR:** The pre-quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the ongoing badminton tournament saw intense competition across various age categories on Saturday.

In the Boys' Under-19 Singles Pre-Quarterfinals, a series of compelling matches determined who advanced. Sushant Uke secured a win over Aarush Sachdev with scores of 15-12, 15-12. Shreyash Yadav defeated Samarth Verma



15-4, 15-9, while Atharv Sharma overcame Abhirup Banerjee 15-5,

15-11. Divyansh Chimnani bested Vedant Yadav 15-12, 15-9, and Samarth Uke triumphed over Rishit Kochhar 15-8, 15-11. Deep Patel won against Rudraksh Tiwari 15-9, 15-6, and Nikshay Patel defeated Tanav Patel 15-4, 15-7. In a closely contested match, Shreyansh Pathak emerged victorious against Arhan Khan with a score of 15-8, 13-15, 15-3.

The Girls' Under-19 Singles Pre-Quarterfinals also delivered exciting results. Manya Gupta dominated Bhavya Sahu 15-4, 15-5. Aarushi Alwa defeated Kimaya Mukta 15-7, 15-9, and Sanvi Chhatre show-

cased her skill by beating Ananya Singh 15-1, 15-5. Arna Kaushik won against Aanvi Garg 15-7, 15-12. Rajul Kochhar secured her spot by defeating Zayna Khan 15-4, 15-13. Shanvi Gupta beat Samiksha Panjwani 15-11, 15-6, while Priyad Dwivedi triumphed over Ayesha Khan 15-10, 15-7. Ishika Poddar rounded out the winners by defeating Tanya Rani 15-1, 15-5. In the Boys' Under-13 Singles Semifinals, Taksh Ghonghede advanced to the finals by defeating Krishak Bhatnagar 21-18, 21-11. Parv Sahu also secured his spot, beating Eric Jaszani 21-11, 21-13.

| PUNCHING TOWARDS GLORY |

# Indian boxers secure six final spots at World Boxing Cup

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**ASTANA:** India's boxing contingent at the World Boxing Cup - Astana, Kazakhstan 2025 will be vying for at least six gold medals on the final day on Sunday after Meenakshi (women's 48kg), Sakshi (women's 54kg), Pooja Rani (women's 80kg), Hitesh Gulia (men's 70kg) and Jugnoo (men's 85kg) registered convincing victories to reach the finals of their respective weight categories on Saturday. India is assured of 11 medals from Astana with Abhinash Jamwal (men's 65kg) still in the



hunt for a spot in the final later in the day. Meenakshi started India's march on Saturday with an aggressive display to beat Nurselen Yalgettekin of Turkey 5:0 in the 48kg semi-final. Sakshi then displayed her prowess, landing punches regularly to dominate Feruza

Kazakova of Uzbekistan and reached the final of the 54kg weight category by an identical margin. Olympian Pooja Rani then staved off late charge Elif Guneri of Turkey in the 80kg category to reach the final with a 3:2 verdict. Nupur had already sealed her final

berth in the 80+ category on Friday, making it four Indian women boxers in the finals. Sanju (60kg) was the other Indian women's semi-finalists in action on Saturday. Though she did put her best foot forward against Viktoriya Grafeyeva of Kazakhstan, the Indian ended on the wrong side of the 0:5 verdict and will have to bring home a bronze medal. India had clinched a total of six medals in the first leg of the World Boxing Cup in Brazil earlier this year with only the men boxers competing in that leg.

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# World



“During a phone conversation with US President Donald Trump I discussed my country’s air defence capabilities and we agreed to strengthen our force.”

Volodymyr Zelenskyy  
Ukrainian President

## Leaders posing after Argentina Mercosur Summit



Argentina's President Javier Milei and Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, along with other leaders posing after the Mercosur Summit held in Buenos Aires. AP/PT

# Ukraine hits Russian airbase after its massive drone attack

Ukraine said it struck a Russian airbase on Saturday, while Russia continued to pound Ukraine with hundreds of drones overnight as part of a stepped-up bombing campaign.

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**KYIV:** Ukraine said it struck a Russian airbase on Saturday, while Russia continued to pound Ukraine with hundreds of drones overnight as part of a stepped-up bombing campaign that has further dashed hopes for a breakthrough in efforts to end the more than 3-year-old war. Ukraine's military General Staff said Saturday that Ukrainian forces had

struck the Borisoglebsk airbase in Russia's Voronezh region, describing it as the "home base" of Russia's Su-34, Su-35S and Su-30SM fighter jets. Writing on Facebook, the General Staff said it hit a depot containing glide bombs, a training aircraft and "possibly other aircraft." Russian officials did not immediately comment on the attack. Such attacks on Russian airbases aim to dent Russia's military

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● Ukraine's military General Staff said, Ukrainian forces had struck the Borisoglebsk airbase in Russia's Voronezh region,  
● Russia fired 322 drones and decoys into Ukraine overnight, according to Ukraine's air force.  
capability and demonstrate Ukraine's capability

to hit high-value targets in Russia. Last month, Ukraine said it destroyed more than 40 Russian planes stationed at several airfields deep in Russia's territory in a surprise drone attack. Russia fired 322 drones and decoys into Ukraine overnight into Saturday, Ukraine's air force said. Of these, 157 were shot down and 135 were lost, likely having been electronically jammed. According to the air force, Ukraine's west-

ern Khmelnytskyi region was the main target of the attack. Regional Gov Serhii Tyurin said Saturday that no damage, injuries or deaths had been reported. Russia has been stepping up its long-range attacks on Ukraine. Waves of drones and missiles targeted Kyiv overnight into Friday in the largest aerial assault since Russia's invasion of Ukraine began, killing one person and wounding at least 26 others.

## Craig Robinson announces he will be quitting comedy

**LOS ANGELES:** American actor Craig Robinson has announced that he is quitting comedy and will focus his time on his "true calling". Robinson, best known for starring in popular sitcoms "The Office" and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine", shared the news on Instagram where he posted two videos, saying that he is working on something new. "Just want you to hear it from me. I am quitting comedy, but not for nothing. It's been an amazing run, and y'all been amazing and wonderful. But I'm following something bigger. So, you know, thank you so much. I love you, and stay tuned," he said. In the caption, he wrote, "Life Update: I'm officially quitting comedy to focus on my true calling. Stay tuned. I'm working on something huge."

## India, Maldives hold talks to deepen trade relations

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**India and the Maldives discussed ways to explore new opportunities for economic cooperation and trade enhancement.**  
**MALE:** India and the Maldives discussed ways to explore new opportunities for economic cooperation and trade enhancement, state-run media said on Saturday. The discussion for strengthening trade was held during a meeting between India's Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal and Maldivian Economic Development and Trade Minister Mohamed Saeed here. The meeting, held at the Maldivian Economic Ministry as part of Barthwal's visit, focused on



The Maldivian Minister of Trade, Mohamed Saeed is seen interacting with Indian delegation in male.

**EASTFACTS**  
● The discussion was held during a meeting between India's Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal and Maldivian Trade Minister Mohamed Saeed. exploring new areas of economic collaboration and strengthening exist-

ing trade ties, according to Public Service Media (PSM News), the state-run media. After the meeting, Saeed said in a post on X: "Had a productive meeting today with India's Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal. We discussed strengthening trade and investment partnerships between our nations and exploring new opportu-

nities for economic cooperation." The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in a post on X, said Barthwal had "a constructive" meeting with Saeed, "focusing on enhancing trade and investment ties and exploring new avenues for economic cooperation between the two countries."

## Death toll rises to 16 in Pakistan

**KARACHI:** The death toll from a collapsed multi-story residential building in southern Pakistan rose to 16 as search operations to find survivors continued for the second day. Rescuers pulled 10 more bodies from the rubble during an overnight operation, officials said Saturday.



## Briefs

**PLUNGE**  
**Joyful Parisians take plunge into Seine after 100 years**

**PARIS:** Cries of "It is warm!" rang out across the Seine on Saturday morning as Parisians jumped into the river – legally – for the first time in more than 100 years. Public swimming was allowed in designated areas of the Seine, including two newly built wooden decks near the Eiffel Tower and the Ile Saint-Louis in central Paris. Before sunrise, a municipal officer skimmed away the last few patches of algae with a fishnet. Soon after, a line of eager Parisians formed, towels in hand, waiting for their chance to jump in. Woos and cries of joy echoed across the riverbanks as the first swimmers entered the emerald-green water. Every swimmer wore a bright yellow lifebuoy tied around their waist, part of strict safety measures enforced by a dozen lifeguards in high-visibility vests.

**DIALOGUE**  
**Zelenskyy & Trump discuss Ukraine's air defence capabilities**



**KYIV:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy discussed his country's air defence capabilities during a phone conversation with US President Donald Trump. In a social media post, President Zelenskyy said, the two leaders agreed to work together to strengthen protection of the skies of Ukraine. He said, they discussed Russian air strikes and air defence options. They also discussed defence industry capabilities and the possibilities of joint production. The conversation also covered mutual procurement and investment, diplomatic situation, and Ukraine's cooperation with the US and other international partners.

## FIGHT AGAINST CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

**Pope Leo XIV signals continuity on fighting abuse with new head of child protection board**



**ROME:** Pope Leo XIV signalled commitment to continuing the fight against clergy sexual abuse by appointing France's Bishop Thibault Verny to head the Vatican's child protection advisory commission on Saturday. Verny, 59, replaces American Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the retired archbishop of Boston. O'Malley was the founding president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, an advisory group Pope Francis established in 2014 to advise the church on best practices to fight abuse and protect children. As the abuse scandal spread globally during Francis' 12-year pontificate, the commission initially lost influence and its crowning recommendation – the creation of a tribunal to judge bishops who covered up for predator priests – went nowhere. After many years of reform

and new members, it has become a place where victims can go to be heard and bishops can get advice on crafting guidelines to fight abuse. Verny, who is currently the bishop of Chambéry, France, has been a member of the commission since 2022 and heads the child protection council of the bishops conference in France, where the church has been rocked by revelations of decades and abuse by priests and bishops. He was among commission members who met with Leo last month. The bishop has been responsible for doing an annual audit of the French church's centres for receiving victims, an initiative that was started after a devastating 2021 report into the French scandal estimated 330,000 children in France had been sexually abused over the past 70 years by church personnel.

## WILDFIRES GRIPS SYRIA

# Turkey sends firefighting aircraft to Syria

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**ISTANBUL:** Turkey sent two firefighting aircraft Saturday to help battle wildfires in neighbouring Syria as Turkish firefighters battled a blaze on their side of the border and one person was reported dead in the country's west. Eleven fire trucks and water support vehicles were also dispatched to



help beat back flames in Syria's northwest Latakia region, according to Raed Al Saleh, the Syrian minister of emergency and

**The firefighter aircrafts have successfully controlled 10 major fires in western Turkey.**  
**Ibrahim Yumakli Forestry Minister** disaster management. He posted on X, saying "suden wildfires in Turkey" delayed their arrival by almost a day. Turkey has been battling wildfires since June 26. Forestry Minister Ibrahim Yumakli said Saturday that firefighters successfully controlled 10 major fires in western Turkey, but an injured forestry worker had died, the third in the municipality of Oemis in Izmir province.

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