



### BRIEF



A youngster jumps into a canal to beat the heat on a hot summer day, in Jalandhar, Friday.

### Conversion bid

**Kotdwar:** A 22-year-old man and his father have been arrested for allegedly trying to convert a young woman to Islam in Pauri district here, police said on Friday. Mujeeb Khan (22) and his father Babu Khan (45) were arrested on Wednesday evening from Rishikesh Railway Station, Srinagar Circle Officer Shyam Dutt Nautiyal said on Friday. According to the police complaint, accused Mujeeb Khan, in complicity with his father Babu Khan (25), taught the woman to wear a hijab and offer namaz besides giving an assurance of marrying her.

### Constable sacked

**Jaipur:** Amid the ongoing deadlock between the administration and the family members of a Dalit woman who was allegedly gang-raped and murdered in Bikaner, a police constable accused in the case has been terminated from service, officials said on Friday. Police have been trying to get the family members to accept the body, which is currently at the mortuary after post-mortem, but the family members have resisted all such attempts and are demanding the arrest of the accused.

### Man lynched

**Banda (UP):** A man was allegedly lynched in a village here by the husband and in-laws of a woman over a suspected affair, police said on Friday. The incident happened in Mahokhar village on Thursday night when Nand Kishore Verma (24) went to the woman with whom he was having an affair, Superintendent of Police Abhinandan said. Verma was caught by the woman's husband, brother-in-law and others, who thrashed him, he said. Police received a call on the emergency response number in the night that a thief was caught in the village and was badly beaten up, Abhinandan said.

### Woman charred

**Jalna:** A 32-year-old woman was killed and her husband injured when their car caught fire after an accident in Maharashtra's Jalna district on Friday, police said. The incident took place at Karla in Mantha tehsil of the district in the early hours of the day, an official said. Amol and Savita Solunkhe were travelling on Lonar-Mantha road when a pick-up van hit their car from behind, inspector Sanjay Deshmukh of Mantha police station said.

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### Patna meet

## 17 parties meet vow to fight 2024 LS polls together

Patna, Jun 23 (PTI): As many as 17 opposition parties on Friday resolved to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections unitedly to defeat the BJP and work with flexibility by setting aside their differences and will meet in Shimla next month to chalk out a joint strategy.

Addressing a joint press conference after an almost four-hour meeting during which leaders of these parties expressed their views, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said they will meet in the next few days to give final shape to their plan of



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with RJD chief Lalu Prasad, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi during the opposition parties' meeting, in Patna, Friday.

fighting together. "We had a good meeting and several leaders expressed their views during the meeting. Seventeen parties have decided to work together and contest the Lok Sabha elections unitedly," he told reporters. The meeting is viewed as a starting point for Opposition unity

ahead of Lok Sabha polls to unitedly take on the Narendra Modi-led BJP.

Kumar, who hosted the meeting, said they were working in the national interest and accused the BJP of acting against the country's interest as it was trying to change India's history.

### Multi-headed selfish alliance, like pack of wolves whose prey is India's future: BJP

New Delhi: As more than a dozen opposition parties came together against the BJP on Friday, the ruling party called it a "multi-headed selfish alliance" and compared it with wolves hunting in packs. Addressing a press conference here soon after the opposition unity meeting in Bihar's Patna, BJP leader and Union Minister Smriti Irani said this coming together of the parties was not targeted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi but the country's coffers.

### BJP MLA Vidyaratn Bhasin dies after prolonged illness

Raipur, Jun 23 (PTI): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA in Chhattisgarh, Vidyaratn Bhasin, died on Friday at the age of 76 after a prolonged illness in Raipur, a party functionary said.

Bhasin was admitted to a private hospital in the state capital for the last two weeks, where he died around 2.45 am, he said.

The two-time legislator, who represented Vaishali Nagar constituency in Durg district, is survived by wife and two daughters. His funeral will be held at Ramnagar Muktidham in Bhilai, he said.

Bhasin, who was a transporter and civil contractor by profession, started his political career in 1984 as BJP's Durg district unit secretary.

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### Centre asks all depts to ensure employees mark attendance through Aadhaar-enabled biometric system

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

The Centre on Friday asked all its departments to ensure that employees working under them mandatorily mark their attendance through an Aadhaar-enabled biometric system.

The move came after it noticed laxity on the part of government departments and the employees who are not marking attendance despite being registered on the system.

During a recent review of the implementation of the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), it has been observed that a large number of government employees posted across ministries/departments/organisations of the Government of India (GOI), are not marking their attendance using the system, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry

said. Taking a serious note of the inattentiveness/laxity on the part of ministries/departments/organisations and the employees (who are not marking attendance despite being registered and active), it has been decided that "ministries/ departments/organisations (MDOs) shall ensure that the employees posted there to mark their attendance using AEBAS without fail", it said. All ministries and departments have been asked to ensure that the biometric machines remain functional at all times; and heads of departments (HODs) shall periodically monitor the marking of attendance to ensure punctuality and sensitise their employees to adhere to the instructions relating to office hours, late attendance etc., said the order issued to all central government ministries.

### Cool retail prices

## Centre to sell 4 lakh tn of wheat, 5 lakh tn of rice in open mkt

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI): The Centre will sell 4 lakh tonnes of wheat and 5 lakh tonnes of rice from buffer stock to bulk consumers and traders in the first round of auction to be held shortly as part of its measures to control rising retail prices of these two foodgrains.

The government will take all possible measures to bring down retail prices and this includes a reduction in the duty of wheat, an official said on Friday.

Food Corporation of India (FCI), the government's nodal agency for procurement and distribution of foodgrains, will conduct an e-auction of wheat on June 28 and that of rice on July 5 to boost domestic supplies and control prices. The tenders will be floated soon.

"We are seeing an inflationary trend in retail prices of wheat and rice. The government has directed us to start Open Market Sale Scheme

(OMSS). The focus is on bringing down retail prices," FCI Chairman and Managing Director Ashok K Meena told reporters here.

On June 12, the government imposed stock limits on wheat with immediate effect till March 2024 in a bid to check hoarding and contain rising prices. It also decided to offload 15 lakh tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers and traders from the central pool under the OMSS.

### AMBUBACHI FESTIVA



Women smear each other's face with vermilion during the Ambubachi festival, in Agartala, Friday.

## 13 Paki nationals charge-sheeted in arms, drugs smuggling case

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday charge-sheeted 13 Pakistani nationals in a 2022 case related to cross-border smuggling of weapons and drugs via Gujarat to fund terrorist activities in India.

Ten of the 13 charge-sheeted accused were arrested in December last year with a huge consignment of drugs and arms, hidden in gas cylinders, from a Pakistani fishing boat, the federal agency said. It said the seizure included 40 kg of heroin, six foreign-made pistols, six magazines and 120 cartridges, along with documents such as Pakistani identity cards, mobile phones and

Pakistani currency. The charge-sheet was filed in an NIA special court in Ahmedabad.

The 10 arrested accused are Kadarbaksh Umetan Baloch, Amanullah Musa Baloch, Ismail Sabzal Baloch, Allahbaksh Hatar Baloch, Goharbaksh Dilmurad Baloch, Ammal Phullan Baloch, Gul Mohammad Hatar Baloch, Andam Ali Boher Baloch, Abdulgani Jungiyan Baloch and Abdulhakim Dilmurad Baloch, the NIA said.

The remaining three Pakistani accused charge-sheeted in the case — Hazi Salim, Akbar and Karim Baksh — are absconding.

According to the NIA's investigation, the consignment of imported so-

phisticated weapons was being smuggled into India by the accused for delivery to India-based absconding accused Harun.

"Harun had hatched the conspiracy to illegally smuggle the consignment of weapons and contraband from Pakistan to India to provide funds to terrorist outfits and gangs operating in Punjab and north India," the agency said.

It said the conspiracy was exposed after Gujarat's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) received credible inputs that one Pakistan-based drug smuggler, Salim, was trying to smuggle huge consignments of contraband drugs and illegal weapons from Pakistan through Okha.

### Making reel atop goods train lands duo behind bars

Noida, Jun 23 (PTI): Two college students, who were seen posing for a social media reel while standing atop a moving goods train in Greater Noida on International Yoga Day, have been arrested by the Railway Protection Force, officials said on Friday.

The video showed the two bare-chested men, aged 19 and 22, flexing their muscles as the train crossed a water body.

The duo, natives of Jarcha in Greater Noida, was held on Thursday after the video clip went viral on social media.

"Police took immediate cognizance of the video in which two youths are seen performing stunts on the goods train. Both of them have been arrested by the RPF," a police spokesperson said.

An official of the local Jarcha police station said the accused are college students. "They told police that the video was made by them on June 21, which was International Yoga Day as they wanted to become popular on social media," the official told PTI.

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# BMC conducts mega campaign for Ayushman card

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** Officials are visiting door to door for making Ayushman cards in the limits of Bhilai Municipal Corporation. Anganwadi workers have also been given responsibility in this work. A meeting of Anganwadi workers was held to give a thrust to this campaign. They were asked to visit each house and complete the target.

The Ayushman card made earlier was also reviewed in the meeting. The workers were asked to make more efforts. It is worth mentioning that on the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Meena and Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas, Ayushman cards are being made for every person.



The workers are visiting every house for this purpose. BMC is conducting a ward wise survey to collect information about the number of Ayushman cards made, information whether the person's Aadhaar card is updated or not, information about whether the ration card is made or not, Aadhaar card was available at the time of making Ayushman card, whether any member has died in the family, whether

the family member lives outside the city in search of work or for some reason, etc.

All this information is being collected and its record is being kept so that this data can be kept safe on Aadhaar and further action can be taken accordingly. During the meeting, BMC officials sought information about the difficulties faced by the Anganwadi workers during the survey. They were

given tips to remove the technical problems.

In case the Aadhaar is updated, it should be updated from the head office of the corporation as well as from the corporation office of Nehru Nagar, zone office Vaishali Nagar, zone office Mother Teresa Nagar, zone office Khursipar and zone office Sector 6.

Not only this, ration cards can also be made from all zone offices. Municipal Corporation Bhilai appealed that every person should get his Ayushman card made and take advantage of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Nodal Officer Preeti Singh, PRO PC Sarva and Mission Manager Aman Patle and others were present in the meeting.

# Yoga Diwas celebration at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector-X

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector-X, observed the 9th International Yoga Diwas in the school premises, on a virtual platform to convey the message of keeping mind and body fit through the asanas.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and garlanding the portraits of Goddess Saraswati, Guruji and Sage Patanjali. The day began with the chanting of shlokas and mantras. The entire atmosphere reverberated with the soft and melodious chanting of shlokas.

The Principal, Bipin

Deshmukh in his address added to the valuable knowledge about Yoga, that how Yoga can trans-

magical role that Yoga can play in stressful modern life. He said that apart from

everyone about the importance of Yoga and Meditation in their lives. Students Devishu (IX-A),



form one's life and maintain a balance between mind, body and soul. He also emphasized upon the

keeping the body fit and healthy, Yoga also purifies the soul. Dr Vandana Sharma enlightened

by wishing them a happy and healthy life and concluded the program by proposing 'Vote of Thanks'.

# Divisional Commissioner reprimands officials for delay in JJM projects

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kavre chaired a meeting on Wednesday to review the construction works being done in the division. Jambhulkar, Chief Engineer, Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited Durg, Dinesh Bhargava, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Durg Division; Sanjeev Brijpuria, Superintending Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Durg Division; and Bhanupratap, Superintending Engineer CREDA was present.

Divisional Commissioner instructed the Chief Engineer of the Electricity Department to complete the repair work before the rains. Along with this, he asked to maintain stock of transformers and complete the target of pumps soon

under the Mukhyamantri Krishi Pump Yojana. In Jal Jeevan Mission, instructions were given to complete the pending electricity connection immediately and to complete the pending work for electrification at RIPAS. Along with this, the Divisional Commissioner gave clear instructions to solve the complaints received through the WhatsApp groups.

During the review of works of the Water Resources Department, the Superintending Engineer informed that in 159 contracts (amounting Rs 677 crore 41 lakh) conducted in the department till date, an amount of Rs 348 crore has been spent, in which 70 works have been completed by June 30 and the remaining works will be completed by the end of the finan-



cial year. The Divisional Commissioner gave instructions to ensure the quality of work and safety of dams.

During the review of the works conducted under the Public Health Engineering Department, the Superintending Engineer informed that under Jal Jeevan Mission, tender for water supply in 4315 villages in the division has been completed. Work order has been issued for 4014 villages. The

Divisional Commissioner expressed strong displeasure due to non-commencement of work in 324 villages. He instructed them to start the work immediately. Along with this, instructions were given to cancel the contract of the contractor.

Similarly, out of 994817 domestic connections under the scheme, 584071 connections (58 percent) have been completed so far. A target of 1800 to 2000 per day has been set.

So far, water supply work has been completed in 488 villages. The Divisional Commissioner asked the officials to collect certificates from the Gram Sabha. Under the Group Water Supply Scheme, tenders have not been done for 24 works. Kavre instructed to issue work orders soon.

The Superintending Engineer of CREDA informed that 1011 pumps have been installed against the target of 1147 under Saur Sujala Yojana, the remaining work will be completed soon. Similarly, under Jal Jeevan Mission, 512 works were completed against 536 works in Phase-1 and 265 works against 783 in Phase-2 are at the foundation level and remaining works in progress. Clear instructions have been given by the Divisional Commissioner to complete the works soon.

# MLA Vidyaratn Bhasin cremated with state honours

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** BJP MLA from Vaishali nagar, Vidyaratn Bhasin left for heavenly abode at the age of 76 years in the wee hours of Friday. He was ailing for the past several months and about two weeks ago, he was admitted to Ramkrishna Care Hospital in Raipur with complaints of urinary tract infection.

A large number of BJP leaders, dignitaries and common people gathered at his residence to pay their last tributes to the veteran leader. Prior to the funeral, he was accorded a guard of honour by the state armed police force. His daughters Divya Makkad and Shakti Khera lit the funeral pyre. He is survived by wife Chandar Bhasin, two daughters and



Vidyaratn Bhasin

family. Vidyaratn Bhasin was born on December 27, 1947. He was a transporter and contractor by profession. Later he joined BJP and worked in the party organisation. In 2005, he was elected as Mayor of Bhilai Municipal Corporation. In the year 2013, BJP fielded him as MLA candidate from Vaishali Nagar. Bhasin was elected MLA

for two consecutive terms in 2013 and 2018. Meanwhile, he also contested for the post of Bhilai Mayor in 2015 but was defeated by Congress Candidate Devendra Yadav. During the Congress wave in the year 2018, he was the only BJP candidate in Durg District who won the election and defeated the Congress candidate by a huge margin of over 18000 votes.

Former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh, BJP State President Arun Sao, Former VS Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey, MLA Shiv Ratan Sharma, Ajay Chandrakar, leader of opposition Narayan Chandel, Congress State President Mohan Markam, MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal and other political leaders attended the funeral.

# JLNHRC accorded with Ni-kshay Mitra for contributions under TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's JLN Hospital & Research Centre (JLNHRC), has been recognized for its exceptional contribution to Tuberculosis eradication under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan. JLNHRC has been accorded with Certificate of Appreciation by TS Singh Deo, Health Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh, Department of Health & Family Welfare for its commendable work as Ni-kshay Mitra.

Dr Pramod Binayake, CMO (M & HS), Dr Trinath Dash, ACOM (M & HS) and Shivrajan, GM (CSR) received the certificate on behalf of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, at the Felicitation Programme held at Circuit House Raipur on June 20, 2023. Under the Ni-kshay Mitra



Project, JLNHRC, since March 04, 2023 has become one of the Donors (Contributors) among the individuals, corporates, political parties, NGOs, institutions which has adopted On-Treatment TB patients and will provide additional support to those individuals to improve their treatment outcome. Durg is one of the worst TB-affected Districts in Chhattisgarh. Under its CSR initiatives, BSP provides Monthly Ni-Kshay Poshan, to the TB patients which is about 6.5 kg of highly nutritious food packets,

for a period of 6 months. Regular Medical follow-up is also maintained by the hospital to ensure their clinical improvement along with data preservation for further research. Till date, 125 TB patients have registered under this ongoing project. UN's World Health Organisation has made a strategy that envisions a world free of TB by 2030. India is among the worst TB affected countries, with approximately 4 lakh annual deaths due to TB. India has also launched a National TB Elimination

Programme, namely Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, which is strengthened to meet the goal of ending the TB epidemic by 2025. Ni-kshay Mitra is a nationwide TB eradication project implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.

This recognition is a testament to CSR and JLNHRC's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to individuals affected by Tuberculosis. The department of Respiratory Medicine is equipped with all modern facilities and has well-trained doctors and paramedical staff, committed to advance the prevention and treatment of respiratory diseases through integration of patient's care, biomedical research and professional education.

# DAV Hudco celebrates International Yoga Day

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** DAV Hudco celebrated the 9th International Yoga Day on the theme "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" for the year 2023 in the school premises. The theme highlighted the message of 'One Earth, One Family and One Future'.

Every year this day is observed to raise awareness about this ancient practice and to celebrate the physical and spiritual prowess that yoga has brought to the world. It is not just a physical exercise, but a holistic approach to wellness and self-care.

The event began with a brief introduction on Yoga Day by the instruc-



tor who spoke about 'The Positive Framework of Yoga' with the help of saying 'Kare Yog Rahe Nirog' which was followed by step by step demonstration of different asanas like Pranayama, Suryanamaskar, Kapalbhati, Alom-Vilom

etc prior to which few warm up asanas were displayed by the Yoga instructor which helps in controlling individual's mind, body and soul.

The Principal and Deputy Regional Officer, CG Zone, Prashant Kumar with all the staff members took active par-

ticipation in the celebration. Gracing the event Principal Prashant Kumar, enlightened everyone how every day practicing Yoga improves concentration, flexibility, relaxation of our mind, body and helps in boosting the immune system.

He further added that as the principles of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam offer a roadmap to a better future by promoting unity, co-operation, and mutual respect, in the same way the DAV family is marching towards creating a world that is more peaceful, harmonious, and inclusive. The day was celebrated with full spirit and joy. Finally the program concluded with Shanti Path.

# Bhilai Maitri College celebrates International Yoga Day

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Jun 23:** Bhilai Maitri College, Risali has taken an initiative to go live on youtube, on the occasion of International Yoga Day by organising virtual cum demonstration under title "Ek Vishva ek Swasthya" on June 21, 2023.

Yoga Teacher Arunima Patnaik demonstrated various asanas Pranayam, Yog Nidra and meditation during the session with valuable guidance on Yoga. Yoga Practices were based on "Sayananda Yoga Teachings" conducted by Arunima Yog Guru, Yogashram Sector 10.

It was an effort to spread the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi



to keep India fit by incorporating yoga in our daily life. All teachers and students participated on this virtual platform. Principal Dr Surekha Vinod Pail addressed the students online and motivated them to make yoga a part of their life.

President MECA Rajam Sudhakaran, Directors of

MECA, Dr Sajitha Thambi, S Sajeew, S Sajan appreciated members of organising committee, Dr Aporva Shukla, Smita Singh, Dr Shalini Verma for the success of the event and Jitendra Dewangan for technical support and encouraged all participants to adopt yoga as a part of daily life.

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**Bhilai, Jun 23:** In Hemchand Yadav University, Durg, the admission portal has been reopened on June 23 after the expiry of the time given till June 22 to the applicants of the first list for the first year in graduation. This admission portal will remain open till June 29. During this, such applicants who could not apply for online admission in the past due to any reason can apply till June 29.

Along with these, the names of the students that could not be included in the first admission list are also not being removed by the university. In the second admission list which will be released after June 29, the

such candidates of the first list will also be included on the basis of merit.

Dr Rajamani Patel, Deputy Registrar of Examinations of the University said that in the second phase also, those who applied online have been given the freedom to choose 05 colleges of their choice. Dr Patel told that the admission portal has been opened from June 23 to June 29 for M Com first semester and M Sc first semester of postgraduate level.

After the release of BA final result, the portal will be opened for admission in MA first semester. Dr Patel said that information was continuously being received from various student organizations, parents, and college principals

# 7 more results of annual examination 2023 declared

Hemchand Yadav University, Durg (HYU) declared 07 more results of annual examination 2023. Including these, a total of 40 exam results have been declared by the university so far. The university administration is making every possible effort to declare the remaining 16 exam results by June 30. Giving this information, University Deputy Registrar Examination, Dr Rajamani Patel and Dean Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava jointly said that in the declared examination results, along with the examination results of B Com first and B Com second year, BA BEd Part 02, BSc BEd Part 01, 02 & 03 and MA Sanskrit pre exam results are included. Dr Patel told that out of 7056 candidates who appeared in the B Com Part 01 examination, 3879 candidates were declared passed while 1005 candidates were eligible for supplementary, 23 candidates had a cheating case. Thus the result of the examination was 55 percent. Out of 7819 candidates who appeared in the B Com Part 02 examination, 3951 candidates were declared passed while 1350 candidates were eligible for supplementary. There was a case of cheating of 22 examinees. Thus the result of the examination was 51 percent. Out of 38 candidates appeared in BA B Ed Part 02, 36 were successful, whose result was 95 percent. Out of 157 candidates who appeared in MA Sanskrit Previous, only 39 candidates were successful. 95 out of 99 candidates appeared in BSc B Ed Part 01 and 94 out of 98 candidates in BSc B Ed Part 02 and 92 out of 97 candidates in B Sc B Ed Part 03 passed. The result of these three classes was around 95 percent.

that due to holidays in schools, students are not getting transfer and character certificates and migration certificates, due to this they are not included

in the admission list. Despite joining, the concerned applicants are not able to take admission. Keeping this in mind, the portal has been opened by

the university for the second time and till then the students included in the admission list will get the desired documents from the schools.



## 'CSCI will be transformed into a World-Class Centre of Excellence'



**CM Baghel lays the stone for the expansion work of the Sickle Cell Institute. Sickle Cell Institute's Centre of Excellence in Raipur will also benefit patients from neighbouring states as well. Sickle Cell Research to thrive in Raipur's Centre of Excellence**

**Raipur, Jun 23:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the bhumpoojan for the Chhattisgarh Sickle Cell Institute's (CSCI) Centre of

Excellence at Raipur's Devendra Nagar. Spanning 2.96 acres, the institute will cost Rs 48.12 crore and offer world-class facilities. The centre aims to benefit not only the state's residents but also those in neighbouring states.

During a program, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel highlighted the significant advancements made in the healthcare sector over the past four and a half years. The initiatives taken for the expansion of healthcare facilities through Haat Bazar and other means have greatly benefited the people of the state. Notably, the Malaria Mukta Bastar Abhiyan and Malaria Mukta

Chhattisgarh Abhiyan have contributed to a 65% reduction in malaria cases. Sickle cell disease affects around 10% of Chhattisgarh's population, posing a major challenge. To address this issue, the government is committed to upgrading the state's Sickle Cell Institute as a 'Centre of Excellence', enhancing facilities, and accelerating research. Alongside treatment, raising awareness about sickle cell prevention is crucial. Timely initiation of appropriate treatment and timely availability of medications can minimise physical complications and enable patients to lead longer lives. Early identification of the disease is of utmost

importance, and providing necessary counselling to individuals with the sickle cell trait can help curb the spread of the disease.

The Sickle Cell Institute currently offers free examinations, consultations, treatment, and medications for sickle cell patients. Starting from October 2022, sickle cell test and counselling centres have been established in all district hospitals and government medical colleges across the state. This initiative is now being expanded to lower levels with the setup of testing and counselling centres in community health centres at the development block level. Furthermore, the plan is to extend these centres to primary health centres as well. The identification of sickle cell patients will be carried out at the village level through Mitaniins (community health workers), followed by the provision of necessary treatment.

Health Minister TS Singh Deo, announced the upgrade of the Sickle Cell Institute of Raipur to a Centre of Excellence. Spanning 2.96 acres, this project will cost Rs 48 crore and focus on providing modern facilities to

benefit patients in the future. The centre will accommodate 100 beds and include essential amenities such as an emergency ward, operation theatres, intensive care units, outpatient departments, male and female wards, and a paediatric ward. Additionally, a dedicated research laboratory building will be constructed, equipped with various labs for genetic-level research. This will enable extensive studies on treatment methods for the disease and contribute to advancements in sickle cell research.

The program was presided over by Health Minister TS Singh Deo, Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Housing Board Kuldeep Juneja, Chairman of Raipur District Panchayat Domeswari Verma, former MP Nandkumar Sai, Padmashree Dr. A.T.K. Dabke, Director General of the State Sickle Cell Institute Dr. Usha Joshi, Dean Dr. Tripti Nagaria, and Commissioner of Medical Education Mohammad Qaiser Abdulhaque were present.

## SKATING THRILL



Kids are enjoying skating skill during pleasant weather in the presence experts and teachers here on Friday.

## Monsoon advances into Chhattisgarh

**Red alert issued for very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall and thunderstorm at isolated places over Chhattisgarh**

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 23:** After a long wait monsoon has entered into Chhattisgarh on Friday. With this the

IMD has issued red alert for heavy to extremely heavy rainfall and thunderstorm with lightning at isolated places over Chhattisgarh on June 24. The IMD also warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall and thunderstorm with lightning at isolated places over Chhattisgarh during the next three to four days.

It has rained heavily in Bilhal on Friday. According to the information received from the

Meteorological Department, monsoon reached Chhattisgarh via Ratnagiri, Bijapur, Nizamabad, Durg, Daltonganj, Buxar and Siddharth Nagar. Conditions are favorable for further advance of Monsoon during the next two days, it said. In Raipur the sky remained overcast throughout Friday bringing respite from heat. The maximum temperature in the capital was 36 degree Celcius.

## VHP leaders gather in Chhattisgarh

**Important meeting from 24th to 26th**

**Raipur, Jun 23:** Several top leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) are gathering in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur for an important meeting of the organisation to be held on June 24 to 26. VHP informed about its meetings and upcoming programmes through a press conference here on Friday.

According to VHP National General Secretary Milind Parande said VHP's Central Committee meeting is held every 6 months, and this time this meeting is being held in Raipur.

VHP is about to complete 60 years, during which 72 lakh well-wishers have joined the organization. It has set a target of connecting one crore well-wishers. Discussions will be held in the meeting over measures

to check conversion, love jihad, cow slaughter and freedom from government acquisition of temples. Vishwa Hindu Parishad is going to start a 'Jan Jagran Yatra' of all saints across the country. Saints will go to common people, Dalit settlements to create awareness about Hinduism. Bajrang Dal's 'Shaurya Jagran Yatra' will also be taken out.

The first day of the meeting will be held with participation of top 13 office bearers of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad national group. The most prominent names like VHP National President RN Singh, Working President Alok Kumar, General Secretary Milind Parande, Organization Minister Vinayakrao, Patron Dinesh Chandra, Vice President Champat Rai are likely to attend the meeting. The work plan of the upcoming conference will be discussed in the central group meeting.

On second day meeting of the Central Management Committee of Vishwa Hindu Parishad will be held with participation of 170 office bearers from across the country. The meeting of the Central Extension Committee will continue for the next 2 days, in which apart from all the members of the Central Management Committee, about 100 other members will also participate.

The meeting of the Central Extension Committee will be concluded by June 25. Subsequently a meeting of the Central Management Committee will be held again on 26th June to review the works finalized in the national conference held six months ago and action plans will also be prepared for the next six months.

## Attach properties of Ministers of erstwhile Raman govt: Markam

**To repay of loss to depositors in Indira Priyadarshini bank scam**

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 23:** PCC Chief Mohan Markam said that the properties of the then Raman government should be attached and be compensated for the scam in Indira Priyadarshini Bank scam. The amount of the depositors lost in the bank scam should be refunded. From the Narco test of the Bank's manager it is clear that the then chief of BJP government ex-CM Raman Singh, along with Brijmohan Agrawal, Rajesh Munat, Amar Agrawal, Ramvihar Neam, and other Ministers have



taken bribe worth crores, so as to influence inquiry into the same and those involved in the scam can be saved.

PCC Chief Mohan Markam charged that the then Ministers of the Raman government during 15 yrs of BJP rule in the state are now prospering with due protection of BJP leaders. Be it the Bank scam or Chit Fund scam, there was close association of all BJP lead-

ers. The inauguration of Chit Fund companies and its promotion happened in the presence of BJP leaders and Ministers of Raman government. Markam charged that the Raman government in the name of employment in the Chit Fund companies, used to target innocent youth in the state and used to help them and Chit Fund Co's through Rojgar Melas.

In the same way in order to save the directors of the Indira Priyadarshini Bank the Raman government's minister took crores as bribe and cheated with the depositors of the Bank and influenced its inquiry.

PCC Chief Mohan Markam said that the

Manager in Indira Priyadarshini Bank Umesh Sinha in his Narco test have disclosed the names of Raman Singh and others and police was having information about it and it was not produced in the Court, despite the fact that the test was carried out on Court's order. The hearing into the court's case No. 614/07 was held on 4/6/2007 and as per Chief Judicial Magistrate's Raipur order dated 25/01/2007, Narco test of Umesh Sinha was done in Bengaluru. It was based upon the Narco test report, such free & fair investigation against the chief of the state government and power ministers by the Police is simply not possible. In the

NARCO test there is information about disclosure of names of ex-CM Raman Singh, Brijmohan Agrawal, Rajesh Munat, Ramvihar Netam, Amar Agrawal for taking bribe. In such condition no inquiry was done against anyone of them, Markam claimed.

Markam charged that the true character of BJP is that of looting and filling their own coffers and that is the only work which the BJP government did in its 15 yrs rule, then be it the scams in the government schemes or works, looting poor public and for Chit Fund co's scam or Indira Priyadarshini Bank scam, the only intention was to help scamsters, he alleged.

## Vaani Kapoor inaugurates Kalyan Jewellers' new showrooms

**At Bhilai and Bilaspur in Ch'garh. Outlets located at Nehru Nagar East in Bhilai and Agrasen Chowk in Bilaspur**

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Jun 23:** The cities of Bilaspur and Bhilai came to a standstill as crowds jostled to catch a glimpse of the Bollywood star Vaani Kapoor at the inauguration of the brand's showrooms in the respective markets. With these launches, Kalyan Jewellers marks its presence across three locations in the state of Chhattisgarh.

The newly-launched showrooms are located Nehru Nagar East in Bhilai, whereas the showroom in Bilaspur is located at Agrasen Chowk. These showrooms, inaugurated by actor Vaani Kapoor, will offer a luxurious shopping experience to customers, with a wide array of jewellery designs. The company has been consistently expanding its brand footprint and operations in the region, to supplement its growth and make the brand more accessible to patrons in



Actor Vaani Kapoor inaugurated Kalyan Jewellers showroom in Bilaspur. (L-R): Atish, Ankit and Amit Agarwal along with Shikha and Siddhi Agarwal in the frame

Chhattisgarh. Addressing the enthralled crowd, Bollywood star Vaani Kapoor said, "I am delighted to be part of the celebrations here in Chhattisgarh, where we are launching two new showrooms at Bhilai and Bilaspur. I am grateful for such a warm welcome from fans and patrons of brand Kalyan Jewellers. The array of collections presented by the brand embodies sheer elegance, and among them, my personal favourite is the wedding jewellery line - 'Muhurat', which celebrates brides from different parts of the country. I am immensely proud to represent this esteemed brand that places utmost

importance on values such as trust, transparency, and customer satisfaction. I am confident that Kalyan Jewellers will be wholeheartedly supported by patrons in the region."

Talking about the new showroom, Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Executive Director of Kalyan Jewellers, said, "As a company, we have achieved huge milestones and taken major strides towards creating a holistic ecosystem to enhance the customer shopping experience. We are delighted to announce the launch of our two new showrooms in Chhattisgarh, at Bhilai and Bilaspur respectively. As we embark on this next phase of our growth jour-

ney, consistently expanding our geographical footprint in the region, we are committed to continue offering best-in-class shopping experience to our customers while staying true to the company's core values of trust and transparency in times to come."

The newly-launched showrooms will feature an extensive range of designs from Kalyan Jewellers' jewellery collections, presented in a world-class ambience. Additionally, the "Kalyan Special Gold Board Rate", which is the lowest in the market and standardized across all company showrooms, will apply, ensuring a seamless and service-backed shopping experience.

In celebration of the showroom launch, Kalyan Jewellers is offering a unique promotion of 0% making charges on half the purchase value for customers shopping for a minimum of Rs. 1 lakh. These offers are valid for a limited period only.

The jewellery retailed at Kalyan Jewellers is all BIS hallmarked and goes through multiple purity tests. Patrons will also receive Kalyan Jewellers' 4-Level Assurance Certificate, which guarantees purity, free lifetime maintenance of ornaments, detailed product information, and transparent exchange and buy-back policies. The certification is part of the brand's commitment to offering the very best to its loyalists.

The showroom will also stock Kalyan's popular house brands, such as Lila - diamonds & semi-precious stone jewellery, Tejasvi - Polki jewellery, Mudhra - handcrafted antique jewellery, Nimah - temple Jewellery, Glo - dancing diamonds, Ziah - Solitaire-like diamond jewellery, Anokhi - uncut diamonds, Apoorva - diamonds for special occasions, Muhurat - wedding jewellery, and Rang - precious stones jewellery.

**Chronicle APPOINTMENT**

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur**  
An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India

No. RC/NF-R/3/2023 Date: 17.06.2023

**DIRECT RECRUITMENT**

AIIMS Raipur invites online applications from the Indian nationals for the following positions on Direct Recruitment Basis:-

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NF/23/3/1	Tutor / Clinical Instructor	A	Level - 10	6	3	1	1	1	12	1	-
NF/23/3/2	Senior Nursing Officer	B	Level - 8	52	34	19	9	12	126	4	-
NF/23/3/3	Senior Hindi Officer	B	Level - 7	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
NF/23/3/4	Dietician	B	Level - 7	5	3	1	-	1	10	-	-
NF/23/3/5	Librarian Grade III	B	Level - 6	3	1	-	-	-	4	1	-
NF/23/3/6	Occupational Therapist	B	Level - 6	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
NF/23/3/7	Store Keeper	B	Level - 6	5	2	1	-	-	8	1	-
NF/23/3/8	Technical Officer (Dental) (Dental Technician)	B	Level - 6	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
NF/23/3/9	Pharmacist Grade II	C	Level - 5	12	7	4	2	2	27	1	3
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NF/23/3/12	Dispensing Attendants	C	Level - 4	3	1	-	-	-	4	-	-
NF/23/3/13	Electrician	C	Level - 4	5	1	-	-	-	6	-	-
NF/23/3/14	Dissection Hall Attendants	C	Level - 2	5	2	1	-	-	8	-	1
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## State govt is working continuously for welfare of women & children: Bhediya

**Anila Bhediya participated in a workshop 'Right to Education Act - Implementation of the Act in remote rural areas, challenges and solutions'**



Anganwadi workers, and Supervisors affiliated with the Women and Child Development Department for their outstanding contributions to child safety, nutrition, and education. Minister Bhediya stated that development work is progressing at a fast pace in the newly formed Mohla - Manpur - Ambagarh-Chowki district. The state government is constantly working to improve the lives of women and children.

The state government runs numerous initiatives for the overall development of children through the Department. English-medium schools are run to provide quality education to poor and rural children. The execution of public welfare initiatives by the state government has made it possible for children from low-income families to get into English-medium schools. People in society should contribute to the growth of

children as well. Mrs. Bhediya further added that continuous work is done in the fields of education, health, nutrition, and security for children, aiming to strengthen the future of the children by securing their childhood. Various schemes are introduced to make women self-reliant and financially strong by giving them employment in their local area. She added that the state government is deter-

mined to make women financially independent and wants them to play a leading role in society. She said that there is no dearth of skill among women; they just need to be given a platform and opportunity. The Parliamentary Secretary and MLA, Indrashah Mandavi, also addressed the occasion and said that with a strong childhood, the entire future of the child moves forward with strength. The state government has realized this and is paying special attention to the health and development of children. Khujji MLA Chhanni Chandu Sahu, Chairperson of Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Tejgunwar Netam, Chairperson of District Panchayat Rajnandgaon, Geeta Sahu, and Collector S. Jayawardhan were present on the occasion.

## Ch'garh's artist RK Sahu shines bright

- At Kashi International Art Exhibition
- Receives special accolade from UP Governor



**Raipur, Jun 23:** Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel honoured Rakesh Kumar Sahu with a special award for his remarkable artistic talent at a programme organized in Varanasi on Thursday. Hearing-impaired Sahu is a student of the Government Divyang Mahavidyalaya located in Mana Camp, Raipur. This prestigious award was bestowed upon Sahu for his exceptional artwork in the field of painting, recognized during the Kashi International Art Exhibition and Competition organized by the Institute of Fine Arts, Varanasi. Among the numerous artworks ex-

hibited, seven artists representing both India and abroad were chosen for recognition and awards and two artists were chosen for the special awards. Rakesh Kumar Sahu's painting, which shed light on grave issues such as poverty and hunger, captivated the attention of the judges, leading to his deserving selection for this esteemed accolade and acknowledgement. The exhibition, inaugurated by Governor Anandiben Patel on June 22, will remain open for the public until June 23. It showcases artworks by several artists from India and abroad. It is worth mentioning that Rakesh Kumar Sahu is a student of the Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Government Divyang Mahavidyalaya in Raipur, which is run by the Department of Social Welfare. A total of nine differently-abled students from the college have been selected to participate in the art exhibition. The selected students include Navin Verma, Praneet Sarkar, Shival Pudo, Dhanesh Patel, Paras Verma, Trilok Thakur, Pratap Gadge, Lingshwar Patel and Rakesh Sahu.

## 9th Int'nl Day of Yoga celebrated



**At IIIT Naya Raipur**  
Central Chronicle News  
**Raipur, Jun 23:** The N.S.S. Unit of IIIT-NR, in association with the Student Activity Center (S.A.C.) of IIIT-NR, celebrated the 9th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2023. Mrs. Akanchha

Chandrakar, renowned Yoga Instructor, conducted the session and enlightened the participants on the importance of yoga in our daily lives. The session was attended by Lt. Col. Rajesh Kumar Mishra, Registrar; Prof. Rajesh Ingle, Dean (Academics); Prof. Srinivasa K.G., Dean R&D; and faculty, staff, their

family members and the student fraternity. At the end of the session, the Dr. Lakhindar Murmu, N.S.S. Program Officer, expressed his gratitude to the yoga expert and sincerely thanked the officials for their active participation in making students more aware of the importance of yoga in daily life.

## Students of Allons celebrated IYD-2023

**Bemetara, Jun 23:** The International Yoga Day (IYD) was celebrated on June 21st, 2023 at Allons Public School, Bemetara. The programme was started by worshipping the goddess Saraswati and lighting a lamp in front of its statue by Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal & Teachers. The celebration of the International Yoga Day is an initiative proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. The day aims to raise awareness about the many benefits of practicing yoga and to promote its holistic approach to physical and mental well-being. Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal started his speech saluting Mahayogi Lord Shiva, the great sage Maharshi Patanjali, Yograj



Rishi Arvind Ghosh, Thakur Ram Krishna and Swami Vivekananda etc. According to him this day reminds us of the universal appeal and transformative power of yoga. Today, we come together to acknowledge and embrace this ancient practice that has become a global phenomenon. He said that a well-rounded education must include a focus on the overall development of our students. The education goes beyond textbooks and classrooms; it involves nurturing the mind, body, and

spirit. And this is where yoga comes into the picture. Yoga has a profound impact on our physical health. Through asanas and pranayama, it strengthens our bodies, improves flexibility, and enhances our overall fitness. The regular practice of yoga promotes good posture, increases stamina, and boosts immunity. It is a path to a healthier lifestyle that can benefit us all. The Yoga is not just about the physical aspects. It is equally important for our mental well-being. Through medi-

tation and mindfulness, yoga enables us to develop focus, concentration, and emotional resilience. He encouraged the students to explore the benefits of yoga, to incorporate it into their daily routine, and to inspire others to do the same. The Yoga is for "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, 2023" describes desire for one earth, one family and one future. He praised all the teachers, instructors, and practitioners who have dedicated themselves to spread the wisdom and benefits of yoga. The Shanti Mantra was recited by all the students, teachers and the Principal. The Yogiraj Mahadeva Shiva Dance was performed by the girl students with their dance teacher Khileshwari Thakur of the Natraj Club. Poorvi Soni, a student of class-V sang a song - AaoYog Kare. Kamaljeet Arora, Chairman, Pushkal Arora, Director, Sunil Sharma, Director and teachers also wished for the healthy and peaceful lives of the students on this occasion.

## Three-day workshop concludes in Chouksey Group of College

**Bilaspur, Jun 23:** A three day workshop on "Advanced Analytical Instrument and Data Interpretation" was organized at School of Pharmacy, Chouksey Engineering College. About 100 students participated in the program organized by the department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, School of Pharmacy. In which Managing Director of Chouksey Group of College Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, OSD Sharad Kaushik, Principal of School of Pharmacy Dr. Dheeraj Ahirwar, Principal of Chouksey Engineering



college Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Principal of Science and Commerce Dr. Mantosh Sinha, Principal of Chouksey College of Pharmacy Dr. Sweety Lanjhiyana and Administrative officer Dr. Nitin Jain were present as Chief guest. School of Pharmacy. The programme was inaugurated with the

lighting of the lamp. After that Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, Managing Director of Chouksey Group of College, provided information about the work and usefulness of the Advanced Analytical Instruments. He extended his best wishes for organizing a successful workshop on this important topic and inspired to organize such

program in future. Principal of School of Pharmacy Dr. Dheeraj Ahirwar gave a brief description on the use of Advanced Analytical Instruments. Program coordinator Dr. Satish Sahu threw light on the outline of the three day workshop. Teachers like Dr. Ritesh Jain, Anish Chand, Pravin Sahu, Bhagyashree Agarwal, Reenish Jaiswal, Rajesh Meshram, Pushpraj Ogr, Pankaj Kathle, Basudha Gautam, Anju Mishra, Geetanjali Sahu, Urvashi Soni and Vaishali Tiwari etc. played important role in making the workshop successful.

## CM pays tribute to Veerangna Rani Durgavati

**On her Martyrdom Day**  
**Raipur, Jun 23:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has paid tribute to Veerangna Rani Durgavati on her Martyrdom Day, which is observed on June 24. Baghel stated that Rani Durgavati is among the courageous women of India who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our motherland. She has set a remarkable example of valor and courage, and her acts of bravery and sacrifice will continue to inspire the people of our nation.

## Governor meets Chhattisgarh's youth

**Selected in Indian Navy, extends greetings**  
**Central Chronicle News**  
**Raipur, Jun 23:** Five brave and courageous youths from Chhattisgarh, who have successfully completed their training at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun, have been commissioned as Lieutenants and are now ready to serve the nation. Today, these young soldiers had the privilege of meeting the Governor B i s w a b h u s a n Harichandan, at the Raj Bhavan. The Governor congratulated them and extended his best wishes for their bright future. These



selected Lieutenants for the Indian Navy include Lieutenant Saurabh Kapoor, Lieutenant Chinmay Thakur, Lieutenant Kushagra Garg, and Lieutenant Dhananjay Sahu.

## CM fulfills his promise to Varsha

**Successful surgery of hearing-impaired Varsha in AIIMS Raipur**  
**Family members express their gratitude to the Chief Minister**  
**Raipur, Jun 23:** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is visiting all the state as-



sembly constituencies under the Bhent Mulaqat program. Varsha Mishra, an eight-year-old girl studying in the 3rd standard, attended the Bhent Mulaqat program in Manendragarh Assembly with her family members. The Chief Minister called Varsha on stage and spoke to her family members. Varsha's father, Mukesh Mishra, told the Chief Minister that his daughter was hearing-impaired and needed treatment. The Chief Minister Mr. Baghel had promptly given instructions for Varsha's treatment. Varsha, a resident of Haldibadi Chirimiri, required cochlear implant surgery. In accordance with the instructions of the Chief Minister, Varsha was admitted to the All

India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur. The skilled doctors of AIIMS conducted a successful cochlear implant surgery on Varsha. The surgery has completely restored Varsha's hearing. Varsha's father, Mr. Mukesh Mishra, and other family members are extremely delighted after her successful surgery and have expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

## Renovation of Lal Talab brings happiness to the village

- Women's SHGs adopting pisciculture as a livelihood activity
- Irrigation facilities on about 4 to 6 acres of land are now available for farmers in the village



**Central Chronicle News**  
**Gaurela, Pendra, Marwahi, Jun 23:** The renovation work of Lal Talab under the 'Amrit Sarovar Yojana' in Gram Panchayat Sadhwani of Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district brought prosperity to the village. Villagers have regular employment through renovation work, which

has led to their economic stability. Addressing the demand of the villagers, the renovation work of Lal Talab was started with a sanctioned amount of Rs 14 lakh 82 thousand under MNREGA in the year 2022-23, which will be completed soon this year. This pond is built on an area of about 1.6 acres

and has a storage capacity of around 31 thousand 500 cubic metres. The farmers of the area are getting the benefit of this renovation work, as irrigation facilities are now available to them for about 4 to 6 acres of land around the village. The women of the Rajiv Gandhi Self-Help Group are adopting pisci-

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**Chronicle**



# WRD starts canal lining work before villagers' protest

### Work started due to warning for chakka-jam: Agrawal

Central Chronicle News

**Dongargarh, Jun 23:** The farmers will now get water for irrigation from Devkatta reservoir (Nigo dam), as the WRD has started the work of canal line repair. It is notable here that the villagers have warned of staging chakka-jam on Thursday, if their demand is not fulfilled.

But the WRD started the work prior to it and with start of the work, the villagers along with JCC (J) Gen. secy. and state core committee member Naveen Agrawal went to the site and conducted its inspection.

Villagers informed that due to high flow of water, the drains of canal have broken and due to which the dam's water is not reaching the farms and it is going directly into the 'nullahs'. Seeing the work getting started, the villagers called off chakka-



jam and they asked the authorities to carry out the canal lining work keeping quality of construction work in mind.

Among those who accompanied Naveen

Agrawal included Gram Patel Satish Kanwar, Secy. Ram Kanwar, Mulchand Patel, Ramshankar Kanwar, Uddhav Singh Kanwar, Puran Verma,

Govardhan Patel, Birendra Yadav, Manharan Patel, Palak Sen, Padum Kanwar, Shyamratan Koshare, Shivram Kanwar, Dhanu Patel and others.

# Practice Yoga to remain healthy: Rishi Sharma

### Yoga prog held in the District-level Yoga in Kawardha

Central Chronicle News

**Kawardha, Jun 22:** On occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, the district-level Yoga practice programme was held at Chirpani Ground in Kawardha. This year on the theme of 'one world one health' that Yoga session was held on occasion of World Yoga Day in entire district. This district-level programme started with lighting of traditional lamp before Chhattisgarhi 'Mahatari' and singing the state song 'Arpa Pari ke dhaa...'

In this Yoga programme, Nagar Palika President Rishi Sharma, Collector Janmajay Mohabe, SP Dr Abhishek Pallav, DFO Chudamani Singh, District Panchayat CEO Sandeep Agrawal, and other noted citizens and representatives and



school students, Fore Academy Players also practiced yoga asanas. In the Yoga programme, the Yoga Teacher made people practices different postures of Yoga viz. 'Kapalbharti', 'Pranayan', meditation and all other postures. Yoga day was also observed at block level, urban bodies, Janpad panchayat level as well.

On this occasion, Nagar Palika President Rishi Sharma in his message said that in order to remain healthy, one should include Yoga in his daily routine on regular basis. He said that Yoga has its

importance right since the ancient times. Even the birds and animals remain healthy by doing various Yoga exercises in their own way. We all should practice Yoga in order to remain healthy both in mind and body, as Yoga not only keeps one mentally fit, but also makes the mind peace, powerful and energetic.

Collector Janmajay Mohobe extending greetings on International Yoga Day said that Yoga gives maximum benefits to both mind and body and all citizens should adopt Yoga in day-to-day life. If every person do Yoga be-

fore sunrise or after the sunset, then he will remain fit and healthy for his lifetime.

SP Abhishek Pallav asked all to make Yoga as inseparable wing of one's life, as with regular practice of Yoga relieves one of many old and even complex diseases.

In this district level programme, the noted citizens of city, teachers of educational institutions, students, and district-level officers and employees took part in large number. On practice group yoga, CEO District Panchayat Sandeep Kumar Agrawal proposed vote of thanks.

# Int'nl Yoga day celebrated in GKBCC



Central Chronicle News

**Dongargarh, Jun 23:** At Government Kunj Bihari Choubey College (GKBCC) Lalbahadur Nagar, International Yoga Day was celebrated as per instructions by the Principal Dr RK Thakur and under leadership of Programme

Officer BR Chandravanshi. In this total of 30 students of the College were present.

In the College premises, teachers and NSS workers performed various Yoga Asanas and this included warm-up, PT, 'Virkshasan', 'T a d a s a n a', 'B h u n j a n g a s a n a',

'Bhramari', 'Anulom-Vilom', 'Padasana', 'Matsyendrasana', Surya Namaskar and others. In the above programme, Arun Sahu, Suryakant Verma, Gupteshwar Dhurve, Gautam Ragade, Tejram Yadav, Komendra, Yogesh, Dilip, Vedprakash and others were present.

# Collector met 'Bastar Greenman' Damodar Kashyap

### Collector also saw the field of 400 trees grown by Green Man Kashyap

**Jagdulpur, Jun 23:** Collector Vijay Dayaram K. on Wednesday, during the inspection tour of Bakavand development block, met Damodar Kashyap, popularly known as Bastar Green Man, at Sangharkarmari village.

During the meeting, the Collector expressed his desire to meet Kashyap and to see the trees grown by him. The Green Man - Kashyap gladly agreed and the Collector inspected the 400 trees planted by Kashyap in 600 acres near village Baikaguda, bordering the state of Odisha.

Collector Vijay honored Green Man Kashyap by giving him a Shawl and Shrifal. Collector appreciated the work done by him for environmental protection. Taking inspi-



ration from his work for environmental protection, he appealed others to cooperate in environmental protection.

It is to be known that the story of Bastar Green Man Damodar Kashyap has been given a place in the social science text

book of Class 9th for saving the forest.

Green Man Kashyap said that the work of saving trees and forests started from the 1970s, which is continuing even today. A rule has been made by the village that no one will take wood from the

forest, a fine is taken from the person who takes the wood.

The forest is inspected and monitored daily by three different men. He told that apart from this, a nursery has been made with the help of the villagers of the village to

preserve the trees and plants of the local species. These saplings were distributed to the nearby gram panchayats. This year also many saplings have been prepared which will be planted.

**Women welcomed the Collector in a traditional way**

Collector Vijay, who reached village Baikaguda for the first time, was welcomed by the women of the village in traditional way and with garlands. All the women of the village had reached the place to preserve the trees. On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, SDM Bastar Om Prakash Verma and other officers were present.

# Camp for 'Divyangjans' organised

Central Chronicle News

**Kotami/Pendra, Jun 23:** A camp for examination of 'Divyangs' (differently able persons) and identification for type of callipers and assistive equipments was held in Gram Devari Kala of Kotami under Pendra block here on Thursday. In this the officers and employees of the social welfare department and doctors from the medical board identified the type of deficiency/disorder in the 'Divyang' and for assistance equipments, more than 150 'divyangs' got their examination done.

On this occasion Orthopedician Dr Hemant Pawar,



Ophthalmologist Dr Ragini Marawi, officer from Social Welfare deptt Jiten Shrivastava, Sunil Mishra, from MRW - Narendar Kashyap, Dhannu Rathore, Komal Soni and Vkiram Kal were present. The Mitans went to the residence of 'Divyangjans' and examined about the type of equipments or device re-

quired by them and gave information to them about this camp. Along with this the 'Divyang mitans' working in the Gram Panchayat too have brought 'Divyangjans' to the camp and in this more than 150 'Divyangjans' were examined and after which the Social Welfare deptt GPM distributed lunch packets to them.

# LS MP Chunnilal Sahu welcomes HM Amit Shah

Central Chronicle News

**Fingeshwar, Jun 23:** LS MP from Mahsamund Chunnilal Sahu welcomed Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Swami Vivekanand Airport in Raipur along with other senior party leaders and MLAs on Thursday. It is notable here that HM Amit Shah had come to Durg to address a public meeting on completion of 9 yrs of PM Narendra Modi's government.

LS MP Chunnilal Sahu informed that after formal introduction at the Airport, he held brief talks with HM Amit Shah. In this Sahu informed him about the



preparations going on for BJP's forthcoming Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha polls. On this occasion Sahu assured Amit Shah with full confidence and enthusiasm about party's victory in the forthcoming VS and LS polls. Among other leaders present at the Swami Vivekanand Airport included BJP State in-charge Om

Mathur, Union Minister Giriraj Singh, former CM Dr Raman Singh, BJP state President Arun Sao, former Minister and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal, Rajesh Munat, former VS Speaker Gaurishankar Agrawal and others.

# Crowd of devotees throng Birkoni Sheetala Mata Mandir

**Birkoni, Jun 23:** A crowd of devotees thronged here in Birkoni Sheetala Mata Mandir, to celebrate the festival of Mata Satchani. Women offered rice, gram dal, turmeric, pepper, neem leaves, flowers, coconut etc and prayed for their wishes to be fulfilled by Adi Shakti Maa Sheeta. During this, prasad was distributed to the devotees and from 3 pm to 8 pm, the village congregations presented songs and service songs. Sheeta committee played an important role in making the program successful and all the children, elders, women, men and elders of the village joined in large numbers.

**SBI** Sector-1, Bhilai, Mob. No. 8602681646, 8962960968

**PLEGGED GOLD ORNAMENTS FOR AUCTION**

The following A/C Holder has pledged their Gold Ornaments and has raised the loan against it from State Bank of India, Bhilai Main Branch. Notices have been sent, but loan was not paid. Therefore the Auction of the gold ornaments will be conducted as per the present market value at our SBI, in branch premises on 27.06.2023 at 4.30 pm.

Sr.No.	CUSTOMER NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	GROSS WEIGHT	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
1.	Mrs. Urvasi Devi W/o. Shri Anand Kumar Tripathi	41089591120	50.30 gm.	1,38,618/- Intt.

Chief Manager

# Adventure sports to be arranged in Amritdhara: Collector

**Manendragarh, Jun 23:** Under the chairmanship of District Collector Narendra Kumar Dugga, a review meeting was held, in which the development of tourism in Amritdhara Waterfall was discussed in detail. The Collector said that to promote digital payment in Amritdhara, installation of payment scanners at parking lots and other places will be done.

While reviewing the education department, the Collector directed to complete the works of Nawa Jatan as soon as possible and said that the rainy season is due therefore unfinished work should be quickly completed.

**आम सूचना**

मै अन्ने पक्षकार को ओर से पाचे दूजे अधिकार व निदेश के सूचित करत हू कि मेरे पक्षकार द्वारा पदनामपत्र दुरु, तहसील व जिल्ला दुरु सिखा चु-काएत एवं भवन स्वामी केमेलि चन्द्रकांत महाल पति स्व. एम.एल. सागल निवासी: एम.आई.जी.-226 पदनामपत्र दुरु, तहसील व जिल्ला दुरु से किया गया है, तथा उपरोक्त सौदागत भूमि एवं भवन का मेरे पक्षकार द्वारा बाका प्रतिकर देकर विक्रय पर का निगमदन एवं नवीकरण भूमि एवं भवन स्वामी केमेलि चन्द्रकांत महाल पति स्व. एम.एल. सागल से कराया जाना है इसलिये इस सौदा के संबंध मे तिसर किन्ही भी व्यक्ति या संस्था को किसी प्रकार से भेजे डरार या दावा हो, तो इस आम सूचना प्रकाशन के सात दिवस के भीतर मेरे पते पर माय दस्तावेज के करे अन्यथा उपरोक्त अधिकार को समाप्त के बाद यदि किन्ही व्यक्ति या संस्था द्वारा कोई डरार या दावा किया जाता है तो उसके लिए मेरा पक्षकार किसी प्रकार से जवाबदार नहीं होगा

सूचना जारी।  
दिनांक: 23.06.2023

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फौरतला कामपलेखक के समने,  
पचरीपारा, स्टेशन रोड, दुरु (छ.ग.)

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

It is inform to the general public that I RAKESH KUMAR MISHRA S/o AVADHESH KUMAR MISHRA resident of A14, dev nagri residency amleshwar, teh- patan Distt. Durg (C.G.) pin 491111 have changed my old name RAKESH KUMAR MISHRA S/o AVADHESH KUMAR MISHRA in future I should be recognised by my new name that is RAKESH MISHRA S/o AVADHESH KUMAR MISHRA in all government and other document.

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**APPENDIX IV[See Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]**

**Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)**

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice Dated 23.02.2022 calling upon the borrowers - Mohammad Kalim, Parveen Bibi And Salim Mohammad to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being INR 14,45,533,94/- (Rupees Fourteen Lac, Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three and Ninety-Four Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 22nd Day of June of the year 2023. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of INR 14,45,533,94/- (Rupees Fourteen Lac, Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three and Ninety-Four Paise Only) and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the 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 Property**

All That Land Along With Raw House Admeasuring About 600 Sq Ft., KH No. 507/B (P), PH No. 104-57, Ravi Nagar-4, Ward No. 68, Madhav Rao Sagar Ward, Vill Raipur, Dist. Raipur (Cg), Chhattisgarh 492013.

Date: 22/06/2023  
Place: Raipur  
Authorised Officer  
Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank** Canara Bank, Specialised ARM Branch, Plot no. 4, PSP Area, Near AIIMS, Saket Nagar Bhopal Tel.: 8989914648

**E-AUCTION (SALE NOTICE)**

**Appendix-IV-A** [See provision to rule 8(6) & 6(2)]

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) & 6(2) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 31/07/2023 for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor)

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Property	Demand Notice Dt. Possession Dt. Outstanding Amt.	Reserve Price EMU Amt. Bid Increment Amt.
Borrowers: M/s Ganpati Industries Prop- Mrs. Sandhya Ashish Gupta, Industrial Plot No 134/B & 134 (H), Light Industrial Area, Bihali, Durg, CG.	1) Industrial plot no 134/B & 134/H, Light Industrial Area Village, Chhawani Bihali, Durg (CG). Plot No 134/B Bounded by: East - Part of Plot No 134, West - Road, North - Plot No 134/A South - Part of Plot No 134, Plot No 134/H- Bounded by: East - Plot No -134/E, West - Plot No 134/B, 134/C & 134/D, North - Plot No 134/G, South - Plot Nala	30.04.2021 05.08.2021 as on 31/05/2023 ₹ 3,94,63,911.57 + Intt. & other charges	₹42.82 Lakh ₹ 4.30 Lakh ₹ 10000/-
Mrs. Sandhya Gupta W/o Mr. Ashish Gupta	2) Plant & Machinery situated at Plot No 134/B & 134/H, Light Industries Area, Village Chhaoni, Bihali Durg (CG)	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	₹ 8.16 Lakh ₹ 1.00 Lakh ₹ 10000/-

Last date for submission of online bids is on or before 27/07/2023 upto 5.00 p.m.

**Date and Time of e-auction: 31/07/2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each)

Account Detail for EMD Submission: Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, SPLSD ARM Branch (6816) Bhopal OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, SPLSD ARM Branch, A/c No 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0006816

For sale proceeds of Rs. 50,00,000 (Rupees Fifty Lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (https://www.canara-bank.com) or may contact Mr. Ranjan Kumar Paril, Chief Manager, SPLSD ARM Bhopal, Canara Bank, Plot no. 4, PSP Area, Near AIIMS, Saket Nagar Bhopal, Contact No. 8989914648 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bhopal, Date: 23-06-2023  
AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK



**BRIEF**



Farm workers use pitcher and buckets for irrigation at a village in Hubballi, Friday.

**Ashadhi Ekadashi**

**Solapur:** Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Nara Chandrababu Naidu and members of his cabinet will visit renowned temple town Pandharpur in Solapur district in Maharashtra to pray at the Shri Vitthal Rukmini Mandir on June 27, two days before Ashadhi Ekadashi. Bharat Rashtra Samithi Maharashtra in charge and former MLA Shankar Anna Dhondge said flowers will be offered to the palanquins of Sant Dnyaneshwar and Sant Tukaram. Several devotees from Telangana make the pilgrimage to Pandharpur by foot, he added.

**Inmate suicide**

**Gwalior:** A 24-year-old undertrial inmate allegedly hanged himself in a sub-jail in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior district, police said on Friday. The incident took place at the sub-jail in Dabra on Thursday night, an official said. The inmate allegedly made a noose out of a bedsheet and tied the other end to a ventilator to hang himself, Dabra's sub-divisional officer of police (SDOP) Vivek Sharma said. The accused was lodged in jail in a case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, he said, adding that the police were probing the suicide.

**Rainfall alert**

**Ranchi:** The southwest monsoon which set foot in Jharkhand on June 19 covered 23 out of 24 districts on Friday, after slow-rolling of the system for about three days, a weather official said. The weather department has also issued heavy rainfall alert for parts of the state on June 25 and June 26, which might cause damage to standing crops and water-logging in low-lying areas, the official said. The monsoon hit Jharkhand this year after a delay of nine days and covered four districts of Santhal Pargana. Thereafter, its progress partially slowed and covered 10 districts till Thursday.

**Tractor-trolley**

**Agra:** Three people, including two minors, were killed while eight sustained injuries when their tractor-trolley fell into a canal here on Friday, police said. The injured are under treatment at a hospital in Agra, said Somendra Meena, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East). The people were returning from a ceremony when the accident occurred on the Saiyaan-Iradatnagar road. The children died on the spot while the man succumbed to injuries at a hospital, police said. "The reason behind the accident will be known after a probe."

## Delhi HC asks NCERT to respond to plea challenging online bids from empanelled firms

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI)

The Delhi High Court has sought response of the Centre and the NCERT on a plea challenging online bids from firms currently empanelled for supply of items of the new kit 'Jaadui Pitara' developed by the organisation.

The petition claimed that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) while issuing corrigendum has set the one-sided and biased criteria of eligibility conditions and other requirements for bidders.

The plea was listed before a vacation bench of Justice Amit Mahajan which asked the Ministry

of Education and NCERT to file reply to the petition.

Petitioner Samit Khanna, proprietor of Universal Sales, who has been dealing in manufacturing and distribution of toys since 2013 and registered under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, said he meets all the criteria set out by NCERT except the criteria of empanelled firm.

The plea, filed through advocate Juhi Arora, said, "Due to the one-sided criteria set by the respondent no. 2, petitioner is not able to submit its techno-commercial bid."

"This new kit being tendered majorly has toys items which come under

toys industry and toy manufacturers. However, the current 23 empanelled companies for which tender is restricted are manufacturers of scientific instruments, that is, science and mathematical kits," it said.

The plea said the tender does not mention the valid requirement of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certificate with empanelled members which is now compulsory as per a government notification.

"The one-sided criteria set by respondent no. 2 is completely against the fundamental principles of transparency, fairness, competition, economy, efficiency and accountability," it alleged.

## IT wing unearths wilful default by TN based cooperative bank causing loss to exchequer

Chennai, June 23 (PTI)

The Income Tax department has unearthed a "wilful default" by a Tamil Nadu-based cooperative bank causing losses to the exchequer of several crore rupees, sources said on Friday.

According to the department's Intelligence and Criminal Investigation wing, financial institutions including cooperative banks are statutorily obliged to file details of cash deposits by customers above certain limits and fixed deposits of above Rs 10 lakh in the form of Statement of Financial Transactions," the sources said.

The cooperative banks should inform the name, PAN number, and account details of those customers who have conducted such financial transactions to the department, they said. As the bank did not respond to any of the communications sent by the department, the on-the-spot survey was conducted.

about Rs 1.5 crore every year," they said.

A 10-member team of the department along with police personnel then conducted a survey on Thursday.

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## Armed men fire at villages

Imphal, Jun 23 (PTI):

A group of armed men, who sneaked from Yaingangpokpi (YKPI) in Manipur's Imphal East district and moved towards the hills on Friday afternoon, fired from automatic weapons towards Urangpat and Gwaltabi villages, officials said.

Security forces columns, which were immediately deployed in these "vacant" villages, responded cautiously to avoid any collateral damage.

However, a large group of women in YKPI and Seijang areas were preventing the movement of additional columns into the area, officials added.

This comes a day after two soldiers were injured when unknown gunmen fired at them at North Boljang in Imphal West district around 5am on Thursday.

During initial search operations by the security forces, one INSAS light



Villagers near the collapsed bridge over the Daranga River at flood-hit Kumrikata in Baksa district, Friday.

## 'Citizens' body of Assam appeal for peace

Guwahati, Jun 23 (PTI)

Prominent citizens of Assam on Friday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and restore peace in Manipur, expressing their 'bewilderment' at his silence over the ongoing violence in the neighbouring state.

They also appealed to the people of Manipur to show restraint and not indulge in any kind of violence.

"There is an atmosphere of overwhelming fear, despair and uncertainty in Manipur. The state has been reduced to a level of statelessness," a statement by Axom Nagarik Samaj said.

The statement was signed by over 70 citizens, including litterateurs, academics, former police officers and bureaucrats, journalists, writers and advocates, among others.

Stressing that violence will serve no good, they appealed to all communities to shun violence.

"Let us understand that mutual violence and hatred will take us nowhere. It will only bring more misery and suffering to the people of both the communities. The violence must stop forthwith," the statement added.

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pm on Wednesday.

More than 100 people have lost their lives in the ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki communities in the northeastern state so far.

## PM Modi fulfilled Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream by revoking Article 370: Adityanath

Lucknow, June 23 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream by revoking Article 370 in Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday.

Addressing a function on the death anniversary of Mookerjee, Adityanath hailed his "sacrifice for saving Kashmir" and for "ensuring the unity of India", a statement said.

The Chief Minister said Kashmir's situation after Independence was progressively deteriorating due to Congress' shortsightedness.

"In such circumstances, Dr Mookerjee raised a slogan for the country, opposing the creation of separate laws for Jammu and Kashmir and granting sep-

arate recognition to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir," Adityanath was quoted as saying in the statement.

Mookerjee launched a movement with the slogan — "Ek desh mein do vidhan, do pradhan aur do nishan nahi challenge (There cannot be two constitutions, two prime ministers and two flags in one nation)" — and was also arrested during that period, Adityanath said.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fulfilled Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream by permanently removing Article 370 in Kashmir," he said. On August 5, 2019, the Modi government revoked Article 370, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The Chief Minister also emphasised the crucial role played by Mookerjee in resisting the Partition.

## Kerala YouTuber arrested for publicly making objectionable remarks

Kochi/Malappuram, Jun 23 (PTI)

A controversial YouTuber who has been accused of making allegedly objectionable remarks and creating a traffic block on a busy road at a recent inauguration of a shop, was arrested on Friday morning, police said. He was taken into custody from a house in Kochi early in the morning and his arrest was recorded after taking him to Valanchery in northern Malappuram, where the incident took place some days ago, they said.

YouTuber 'Thoppi', who has a large number of followers on social media platforms, was booked on Thursday based on the complaint of a local public activist. The original

name of the 24-year-old accused is Nihad, and he is a native of Kannur district. His YouTube channel has lakhs of subscribers, especially children.

A police official said they had to break open the door of his room as the YouTuber was reluctant to open it despite repeated requests. "We waited for half an hour. Still he didn't open the doors. So, we were forced to break it open and took him into custody," he told PTI.

The official said they also feared the YouTuber might destroy the evidence in his phone and laptop if he got more time.

"Thoppi" put his phone on live record and posted the arrival of the police and his custody details

through social media. During the live streaming, the youtuber claimed that police was trying to take him into custody for political reasons.

The cops just wanted to distract the attention of the people from ongoing political issues, he further claimed.

In the video, it could be seen how the police broke open the bottom half of the door when the man continued to be remained inside the room.

Police later took his gadgets including his computer into their custody as part of the investigation.

As per the complaint, the YouTuber recently caused a traffic congestion for hours on the busy road in Valanchery here. A

large number of people, especially youths and teenagers, had turned up for the programme, police said. The YouTuber was also accused of using obscene words while singing songs and making objectionable remarks during the programme, police said. The case was registered under various sections of the IPC for causing a traffic jam and for publicly using objectionable words, they said. IPC Sections including 283 (obstruction in public way) and 294 (b) (sings, recites or utters any obscene song) and section 67 of the IT Act (publishes in electronic form sexually explicit content) have been slapped against the accused, the officer said.

Coimbatore (TN), Jun 23 (PTI)

The city's first woman driver, Sharmila on Friday quit her job over a controversy surrounding issuing of bus ticket to DMK MP Kanimozhi who preferred to travel in the vehicle with the youngster behind the wheel.

Sharmila alleged Kanimozhi was 'disrespected' by a woman conductor over carrying a ticket although the DMK MP bought one.

The issue seemed to be over tickets for those accompanying Kanimozhi.

Barely minutes after the DMK Parliamentarian took a ride from Gandhipuram to Peelamedu in the city, Sharmila said she had to



DMK MP Kanimozhi with Coimbatore's first woman bus driver Sharmila after traveling in her bus from Gandhipuram to Peelamedu, in Coimbatore, Friday.

give up her "dream job" allegedly after her colleague disrespected Kanimozhi and also because her management accused her of seeking publicity by invit-

ing prominent personalities to travel in the bus.

"As promised, Kanimozhi madam had come to travel in the bus in which I was driving."

## SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN



Former West Bengal IT minister and CPI(M) leader Debesh Das (R) and others collect signatures from students during a protest against the State Government, in Kolkata, Friday.

## HP govt notifies Draft Shimla Development Plan

Shimla, Jun 23 (PTI)

Himachal Pradesh government has notified the Draft Shimla Development Plan to regulate construction activities in the capital city, an official said on Friday.

The state cabinet on Monday approved the final draft of the SDS, which includes new provisions with regard to the number of floors, habitable attic and garage in a building.

The cabinet, in a meeting presided by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, cleared the draft plan presented by the urban development department.

The plan was approved

by the previous government in February 2022 but it did not materialise as the National Green Tribunal (NGT) passed stay orders, terming it illegal and in conflict with earlier orders passed in 2017 to regulate haphazard constructions in Shimla.

It was approved again after the Supreme Court's order on the matter on May 3. The apex court, however, said the draft plan will not be implemented for one month from the date of publication of the notification, issued on June 20.

The plan named "Vision 2041", when implemented, would pave the way for construction in 17 green belts with certain restric-

tions and also in the core area where construction activity was banned by the NGT.

Detailed guidelines regarding the number of stories, parking, attic and height of the structures have been mentioned in the plan and it has been clearly stated that felling trees would not be permitted in green areas.

The government has already decided to declare the attic as a habitable area and increase its height to 3.5 meters.

Construction of one storey with a habitable attic would be permissible in 17 green belts, two stories with a habitable attic and parking in core areas and three stories with

parking and a habitable attic in non-core areas would be permissible.

A total of 22,450 hectares were taken into account for revision and formulation of the Development Plan which includes, Municipal Corporation, Shimla, Special Area Development Authorities of Kufri, Shoghi and Ghanahatti Special Area and Additional Shimla Planning Area and additional villages.

The plan proposes developing Jubbarhatti and Ghandal as activity-based counter-magnet towns with a provision of adequate urban amenities like education, health, trade and commerce.



# Honoured to address the US Congress: PM Modi

Washington, Jun 23 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said he was honoured to have addressed the US Congress twice and thanked all its members for attending his historic joint address where he laid out his vision for the future of the defining bilateral partnership.

Modi on Thursday became the first Indian leader to address the joint session of the US Congress twice. His first address to a joint meeting of the US Congress was in 2016. "Honoured to address the US Congress. Gratitude to all the members of Congress who attended today. Your presence signifies the strength of India-USA ties and our shared commitment to a better fu-



**US President Joe Biden looks on as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during an official State Dinner in honor of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the White House in Washington, DC.**

ture. I look forward to continued partnership in fostering global peace and progress," he tweeted.

Modi, in his hour-long speech in English, said every Indian prime minister and American presi-

dent of the past has taken the bilateral relationship further. "But our generation has the honour of taking it to greater heights. I agree with President (Joe) Biden that this is a defining partnership of this century," he said. In a series of tweets, Modi also thanked US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer among others for their remarks on his state visit to the US. "Your warm welcome is highly appreciated @SpeakerMcCarthy. Eager to enhance our bilateral co-operation, fostering an even stronger bond between our countries," Modi said in response to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## GLOBAL CLIMATE SUMMIT



**Climate activists wearing the masks of world leaders, from left: French President Emmanuel Macron, World Bank President Ajay Banga, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and US President Joe Biden, stage a protest in the Place de la Republique on the sidelines of the Global Climate Finance Summit in Paris, Friday, June 23.**

## India, US decide to end six trade disputes at WTO

**Delhi to remove retaliatory customs duties**

**Washington/New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):** India and the US have agreed to end six key trade disputes at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) while New Delhi will also remove retaliatory customs duties on certain American products such as almonds, walnuts, and apples.

The six disputes include three initiated by India and as many by the US.

Announcing this, United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai in a statement said that these tariff cuts will restore and expand market opportunities for US agricultural producers and manufacturers. A joint statement issued after the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President

Joe Biden said that both the countries have taken steps towards deepening bilateral cooperation to strengthen their economic relationship, including trade ties. "The leaders welcomed the resolution of six outstanding WTO disputes between the two countries through mutually agreed solutions," it said. The USTR said that the two countries "have agreed to terminate six outstanding disputes" at the WTO.

These include countervailing measures on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India, certain measures relating to solar cells and modules, measures relating to the renewable energy sector, export-related measures, certain measures on steel and aluminium products, and additional duties on some products from the US. According to trade experts, both countries can resolve the disputes on

mutually agreed terms and later inform the Geneva-based WTO about the same.

Commenting on this, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said that this decision is a "big victory" and will be mutually beneficial for both countries.

He said, it's a "package deal" and now there are no pending India-US disputes at WTO.

In 2018, the US imposed 25 per cent and 10 per cent import duties on certain steel and aluminium products, respectively, on grounds of national security. In retaliation, India in June 2019 imposed customs duties on 28 American products, including chickpeas, lentils, almonds, walnuts, apples, boric acid, and diagnostic reagents. The US had filed a complaint in the WTO about India's support measures to its export sector under different schemes.

## PM Modi's visit will take India-US ties to next level: VP Kamala Harris

Washington, Jun 23 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first State visit to the US will take bilateral ties in areas of space, defence, emerging technology and supply chains to the next level, Vice President Kamala Harris has said.

Modi became the first Indian leader to address the joint session of the US Congress twice on Thursday. He first addressed a joint meeting of the US Congress in 2016.

"The US-India partnership is stronger than ever. Together, our nations will shape the future as we work to create a more prosperous, secure, and healthy world," Harris' office tweeted on Thursday.

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**Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognizes US Vice President Kamala Harris during his address to a joint meeting of Congress as House Speaker Kevin McCarthy looks on at the US Capitol in Washington, DC.**

most important of the 21st century, and this visit will take our partnership

to the next level from space, to defence, to emerging technology and

supply chains," it said. Modi, in his response, thanked Vice President Harris for her remarks. "Our partnership indeed holds immense potential for this century. I am equally enthusiastic about elevating our cooperation in futuristic sectors," he tweeted.

Prime Minister Modi is visiting the US from June 21-24 at the invitation of President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.

Harris was among prominent personalities, including billionaire industrialist Mukesh Ambani and tech honchos like Google CEO Sunder Pichai and Apple CEO Tim Cook, who attended the state dinner hosted in honour of Prime Minister Modi at the White House on Thursday. More than 400 guests were invited to the dinner hosted by US

President Biden and First Lady Jill at a specially decorated pavilion on the South Lawn of the White House. Vice President Harris and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will host Modi for a luncheon on Friday.

During his address to the US Congress on Thursday, Modi said, "There are millions here who have roots in India. Some of them sit proudly in this chamber. There is one behind me, who has made history." He was referring to Harris, the first woman vice president and the highest-ranking female official in US history, as well as the first African-American and first Asian-American vice president.

Harris' mother Shyamala Gopalan, a breast cancer scientist, hailed from Chennai.

## Dar allegedly harasses journalist over question on elusive IMF deal

Islamabad, Jun 23 (PTI):

Pakistan's Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has found himself at the centre of a controversy for engaging in a heated exchange with a journalist, who accused the politician of slapping him over a question about the stalled IMF deal.

The incident occurred on Thursday when Dar was leaving the parliament premises after addressing a National Assembly session when he was approached by journalist Shahid Qureshi, the Dawn newspaper reported. In a video that has gone viral on social media, the reporter can be seen asking Dar if he would be willing to talk and the minister responded he had just finished speaking.

Qureshi then inquired about the progress of the



stalled International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme and referred to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent meeting with IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

While Dar, 73, did not reply to the questions, the journalist persisted and questioned the government's failure to secure the USD 1.1 billion deal from the Washington-based global lender. Dar then retorted that the deal could not be cracked "because people like you are in the system". The journalist defending himself asserted that reporters were not part of the system but

merely asked questions. At this point, Dar became visibly angry and confronted the journalist, asking him what he wanted and telling him to "fear God".

Dar then attempted to snatch the journalist's mobile phone and even instructed security personnel to seize and throw away the mobile phone, the report said.

## About 350 Pakistanis were on migrant boat that sank off Greece

Islamabad, Jun 23 (AP):

Only 104 people, including 12 Pakistanis, were rescued and 82 bodies have been recovered.

Khan said many of the missing Pakistanis are feared dead. "So far, 281 families have contacted the government saying their sons or dear ones might have been among those who were on the boat," he said. Khan's comments shocked the lawmakers, who appeared distressed as he spoke. It was the first time that a senior official has reported that so many Pakistani citizens are missing since the boat sinking.

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In pursuance of the afore-mentioned office memorandum, 1,2nd & 3rd sittings of the inquiry were fixed on 12.05.2023 at 11:00 AM, 26.05.2023 at 11:00 AM and 09.06.2023 at 11:00 AM as notified to all the concerned vide notice nos.193 dated 28.04.2023, 1978 dated 12.05.2023 & 2233 dated 26.05.2023 respectively.

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As such it has been decided by the Inquiring Authority that keeping in view the principles of Natural Justice one last opportunity be given to the Charged Officer to defend his case. Hence, it is proposed to hold the 4th & final sitting of the inquiry on 07.07.2023 at 11:00 AM Sharp in the office of the Dy. General Manager (P/EE), SECL HQ, Bilaspur.

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## INDIAN ECONOMY

### From Fragile Five to Global Triumph

India's steady rise from being part of the "fragile five" economies to claiming its position as the fastest-growing major economy in the world is a remarkable testament to the country's resilience and the government's unwavering commitment to implementing transformative reforms. Today, as India proudly stands as the fifth largest economy on the global stage, it is essential to reflect on the multiple initiatives and forward-thinking policies that have propelled this extraordinary transformation. One of the key factors that have fueled India's economic ascent is the government's relentless focus on creating world-class infrastructure. Recognizing the pivotal role infrastructure plays in driving growth, the government has significantly increased capital expenditure. This strategic investment has not only improved connectivity across the nation but has also attracted domestic and foreign investments, creating a favorable ecosystem for businesses to thrive. The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) stands as a landmark reform that has streamlined India's complex taxation system, boosting transparency and efficiency in trade. This unified tax regime has not only simplified compliance for businesses but has also facilitated the ease of doing business, making India an attractive investment destination. Another catalyst behind India's economic success story lies in the government's proactive efforts to bolster exports and manufacturing. Through schemes such as the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI), the government has provided incentives to industries, driving competitiveness and attracting investments in key sectors. This has not only propelled domestic manufacturing but has also boosted India's export potential, strengthening its position in the global market. In addition to economic reforms, India has made significant strides in improving the ease of doing business. Reforms in labor laws have created a more flexible and conducive environment for businesses to operate, encouraging entrepreneurship and job creation. These reforms have been coupled with measures to enhance the ease of living for the common man, through welfare schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, among others. By addressing the needs of the vulnerable sections of society, the government has ensured that the benefits of growth are inclusive and reach the grassroots level. India's commitment to sustainable development is evident in its focus on renewable energy capacity. The country has made significant progress in harnessing clean energy sources, reducing its dependence on fossil fuels and mitigating the adverse impact of climate change. By prioritizing the development of renewable energy infrastructure, India not only contributes to global environmental goals but also creates new avenues for job creation and economic growth. Furthermore, the government's efforts to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) have yielded positive results. Reforms in FDI policy have opened up sectors like defense, retail, and insurance, unlocking new opportunities for foreign investors. The confidence of global investors in India's growth potential is reflected in the surge of FDI inflows, bolstering the country's economic prospects. India's transition from the "fragile five" to the top five economies is not merely a statistical accomplishment but a testament to the country's enduring spirit and determination. It demonstrates that with visionary leadership, comprehensive reforms, and a resilient population, a nation can overcome challenges and redefine its economic trajectory. India's ascent to becoming a global economic powerhouse is an inspiration for nations worldwide. It stands as a shining example of how a nation with vast potential can transform itself through visionary leadership and the collective efforts of its people.

## TRAGEDY STRIKES

### Remembering the Trailblazers of Titan Submersible

The world mourns the loss of five extraordinary individuals who tragically perished aboard the Titan submersible during a fateful expedition in the Atlantic Ocean. Among the victims were a renowned Titanic expert, an adventurous record-holder, members of a wealthy Pakistani family, and the CEO spearheading the mission. Their untimely demise has left a void in the realms of exploration, science, and philanthropy. At the heart of this ill-fated expedition was Stockton Rush, the founder of OceanGate Inc., a visionary in the field of submersibles. Rush, who piloted the Titan, possessed a profound passion for documenting the deteriorating Titanic wreck. Recognizing the urgency to capture its essence before time erased its remnants, Rush embarked on this daring journey to unravel the mysteries of the deep sea. His unwavering determination and pioneering spirit will be sorely missed. Another life cut short was that of Hamish Harding, a British businessman and chairman of Action Aviation. Harding, a billionaire adventurer, held multiple Guinness World Records, including one for the longest duration at full ocean depth by a crewed vessel. He had recently triumphed in a deep-sea dive to the lowest point of the Mariana Trench and had even ventured into space. His indomitable spirit and relentless pursuit of new frontiers inspired all who knew him. The tragedy also claimed the lives of Shahzada and Suleman Dawood, members of one of Pakistan's most prominent families. Hailing from Dawood Hercules Corp., their contributions spanned agriculture, petrochemicals, and telecommunication infrastructure. Shahzada Dawood's involvement with the SETI Institute and the Prince's Trust International showcased his commitment to scientific exploration and empowering the youth. The Dawood family's immeasurable loss is felt not only in Pakistan but across the globe. Paul-Henri Nargeolet, a former French navy officer and esteemed Titanic expert, was also among the victims. Over the years, Nargeolet had made numerous voyages to the wreckage, amassing invaluable knowledge about the ill-fated ship. With an unparalleled dedication to deep-sea exploration, he played a pivotal role in the recovery of thousands of artifacts. The maritime world mourns the loss of an iconic figure, whose passion for sharing his experiences will forever be cherished. As the search for the submersible and answers continues, the world stands united in paying tribute to these remarkable individuals. Their tragic demise serves as a stark reminder of the risks inherent in the pursuit of knowledge and exploration. We honor their lives and the indelible legacies they leave behind. The Titan submersible incident serves as a somber reminder of the inherent dangers of pushing the boundaries of human exploration. In their quest to uncover the secrets of the deep, these five individuals paid the ultimate price. Their loss is a stark reminder of the fragility of life and the risks that accompany remarkable endeavors.

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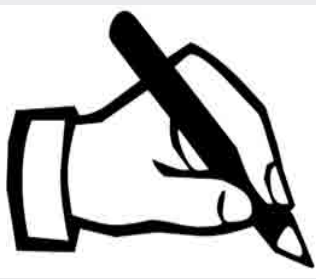


Security personnel patrol the Dal Lake ahead of Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to SKICC to inaugurate the 'Vitasta Cultural Festival', in Srinagar, Friday, June 23

## Teacher Resource Repository



ER. PRABHAT KISHORE



The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was adopted on 29th July 2020, which envisages the provision of quality education and equitable access to all students in a sustainable manner. During the past year and a half, schools across the world have adopted numerous innovative practices to ensure the continuity of education in the prevailing COVID 2019 pandemic. To widely disseminate school education related to quality, inclusive practices and sustainability, Shikshak Parv was organized wherein the teachers from both government and private schools shared various innovative practices adopted by their schools during and afterwards the pandemic. The initiatives were appreciated by both policy makers and practitioners.

In the light of the encouraging response and to further increase the width and depth of dissemination, a National Teacher Resource Repository (NTRR) at national level and State Teacher Resource Repository (STRR) at state levels are being created. The objective of TRR is to enhance the quality of education and highlight the contribution of

educators so that they can take pride in their profession and further train many teachers in their respective states. It also aims at recognizing and appreciating the good initiatives of teachers. Peer-to-peer learning or mutual learning of participants of the same level in a group helps in constantly improving the skills of the whole group. Peer learning is especially well-suited for sharing innovations. The peer sharing of innovative school practices among TRR participants has the potential to inspire and motivate a large number of schools and teachers across the country. Learning from each other's experiences, teachers can be encouraged to collate their resources to improve the teaching learning process in their classrooms. Sharing innovations from time to time and on a continuous basis will provide the desired impetus towards quality of education for all students. This will help all the teachers, especially those in the remote areas, to improve their pedagogy. Amenities are not evenly distributed in our vast nation. The innovation and dissemination of such practices

will help in meeting the resource constraints, facilitate peer-to-peer learning, leverage technology to disseminate best practices amongst other teachers. The TRR will be equipped with teachers from ten themes that align with the policy objectives of NPE 2020, namely (1) Early Childhood Care and Education - The Foundation of learning, (2) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy - An Urgent & Necessary Prerequisite to Learning, (3) Curtailing Drop-out Rates and Ensuring Universal Access to Education at all levels, (4) Curriculum and Pedagogy in Schools - Learning should be Holistic, Integrated, Enjoyable and Engaging, (5) Teachers, (6) Equitable and Inclusive Education - Learning for All, (7) Efficient Resourcing and Effective Governance through School Complexes/clusters, (8) Standard Setting and Accreditation for School Education and Skill Building. An innovative exercise by a teacher engages all the students in the classroom and makes the teaching-learning process enjoyable. A variety of practices has been applied during the COVID 2019 pandemic. Addressing the issue of connectivity, teaching children using different material available at home (Angana Me Shikshak), teaching children under an umbrella on a bike (Chhatra Wale Guruji), Mera Doodarshan Mera Vidyalyaya, Bal Samvidhan, Bal Sansad, Bal Bachat Bank,

Question Bank and Bal Samachar Patrika for shaping the personality of the children in right direction, eco-friendly activities like "Best from waste", Alternate assessment models in lieu of regular examinations including self-evaluation, peer feedback & parent feedback. Career Mitra Portal and other innovative practices on different themes, known for improvement in quality of education needs to be propagated, which will spur the teachers across the country to innovate. The teachers from the repository will serve as a resource from which master trainers will be identified to train the teachers of other schools. The teachers of STRR will be trained by SCERTs and those under NTRR will be trained by NCERT. A WhatsApp or other group on social media of identified teachers will be created for each theme, which will share innovative practices adapted in their schools in a virtual mode. There is no doubt that the pandemic has badly affected the human life and created hurdle to the education of the learners, but it has also opened the door for alternative and innovative way of learning and thinking. Efforts were made to cope up the alarming situation with local available resources. Several methods adopted in scattered regions, when cumulated through TRR, will certainly strengthen the education system of the nation in the long run.

(The Author is a technocrat and educationist)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Leadership Amidst Crisis

Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, empathetically addresses the deep wounds inflicted on our nation's conscience by the ongoing violence in Manipur. Expressing sorrow for those forced to flee their homes, she calls upon the women of the state to lead the path to peace. In stark contrast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence for over 50 days and his refusal to meet with political representatives raise concerns about his indifference and incapacity to address the tragedy. The divisive politics of the RSS/BJP have contributed to Manipur's current turmoil. Urgently, we seek leadership that accepts accountability and follows the principles of "Raj dharma."

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

### Elevating Alliances

Prime Minister Modi's visit to the United States marks a significant milestone in fortifying strategic alliances. As the world's largest democracies, the US and India stand united in their dedication to democratic values, individual liberties, and upholding the rule of law. This shared foundation lays a robust groundwork for collaboration in championing democratic principles on a global scale. PM Modi's transformative leadership has propelled India from a developing nation to a prominent global force. The economic ties between the two nations have flourished over time and are set to further strengthen with this momentous visit.

Krishna Kumar KT, Kannur

### Balancing Act

President Joe Biden's lavish reception of PM Modi in Washington comes as his own clout diminishes, with an intention to leverage India against China. The Indo-Pacific region holds crucial importance for the US, where India's influence is sought after. Recognizing India as a counterweight to China's expanding presence, the US has long pursued this strategic partnership. However, India must prioritize strategic autonomy, engaging with various nations without favoring any particular side. It is imperative for India to maintain a balanced approach, refraining from antagonizing China solely to please an unreliable US. Navigating this delicate balance is essential.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

### Holistic Harmony

The intrinsic connection between virtuous qualities and the overall well-being of individuals is undeniable. Traits such as punctuality, politeness, patience, charity, and forgiveness have a profound impact on both the physical and mental health of a person. Surprisingly, there is a lack of empirical studies or international references highlighting the correlation between a healthy body and moral integrity. In a time when stress, anxiety, and depression plague Indian households, and lifestyle diseases like hypertension and diabetes have become commonplace, embracing the mantra of spirituality can work wonders in cultivating a society that is disease-free and truly healthy.

VK Anand, Chandigarh

## Gandhi Peace Award and Gita Press Gorakhpur: A Clash of Ideologies

Yash Pal Ralhan

Controversy seems to be an intrinsic part of politics, and the Indian National Congress (INC) is no stranger to it. The latest episode involves the awarding of the Gandhi Peace Prize to the Gita Press Gorakhpur, which has sparked a heated debate within the party. While some Congress leaders have criticized the decision, others have refrained from commenting. This article delves into the controversy, exploring the historical context of the Gita Press and highlighting the importance of constructive dialogue amid differing ideologies.



**A Divisive Statement**  
The controversy surrounding the Gandhi Peace Prize began when Jairam Ramesh, a prominent Congress leader, tweeted his disapproval of the award, likening it to honoring Nathuram Godse and Vinayak Savarkar. This statement garnered attention and sparked a fierce debate within the party. Interestingly, another Congress leader, Acharya Parmod Krishnan, criticized his own party for making such statements against the Gita Press Gorakhpur. Manish Tiwari, another

Congress leader, chose to remain silent on the matter. **Controversial Statements in the Past**  
The INC has faced criticism for previous controversial statements made by its leaders. For instance, Sonia Gandhi's "MAUT ka Saudagar" remark during the Gujarat assembly elections had a detrimental impact on the party's prospects, leading to their defeat. Rahul Gandhi also faced backlash for his incorrect interpretation of the Supreme Court's verdict on the Rafael judgment, which

compelled the Indian government to offer an explanation at the United Nations. These incidents underline the need for responsible and accurate statements by political leaders. **The Gandhi Peace Prize and Gita Press Gorakhpur**  
The Geeta Press, the world's largest publisher of Hindu religious books, was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize by a jury led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This recognition is based on the press's remarkable contribution to social, economic, and political transformation through non-violent and Gandhian methods. PM Modi highlighted the press's promotion of Gandhian ideas of peace and social harmony, acknowledging their community service over the past century. The Gita Press has sold millions of copies of books in various languages, including the revered Ram Charit Manas and Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. **Historical Context and Ideological Reconciliation**  
The Gita Press Gorakhpur, founded officially in 1923 by Jaydayal Goyandka, has a sto-

ried history filled with interactions, both harmonious and contentious, with Mahatma Gandhi. Scholars, such as Akshaya Mukul, have explored the complex relationship between the press and the Mahatma, revealing their disagreements on political, religious, and social agendas. Monika Freier, in her research, highlights the Gita Press's ability to bridge the gap between reformist and traditionalist organizations within the Hindu community. Their success stems from offering a framework for emotional cultivation that unifies the community as a whole, rather than emphasizing differences among Hindu sects and schools of thought. **The Importance of Constructive Dialogue**  
As Prime Minister Modi is in an official visit to the United States, where admiration for Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. runs deep, it is crucial for the Congress party to exercise restraint in making further comments on the Gandhi Peace Award. Engaging in constructive dialogue would

not only prevent tarnishing the country's image but also facilitate a better understanding of different ideologies and foster a more inclusive political environment. **Conclusion**  
Controversies within political parties are a testament to the diverse perspectives that shape the Indian political landscape. The controversy surrounding the Gandhi Peace Prize awarded to the Gita Press Gorakhpur has highlighted the need for respectful and constructive dialogue. While differing ideologies are natural in a democratic society, it is essential for political leaders to exercise restraint and promote understanding rather than resorting to divisive statements. As Prime Minister Modi embarks on an important visit to the United States, upholding the values of peace and harmony associated with Mahatma Gandhi becomes all the more crucial. By engaging in productive discussions, political parties can foster a more inclusive environment that benefits the nation as a whole.



## BRIEF

### Concorde

**New Delhi:** Realty firm Concorde will invest Rs 225 crore to develop commercial projects. The company announced expansion of its commercial segment with a strategic investment of Rs 225 crore. Concorde will launch over 2 million square feet of commercial space over the next two years. Out of the Rs 225 crore, the company has allocated Rs 100 crore for this fiscal. Concorde's expansion of its commercial sector includes the development of Grade A commercial spaces, the first of which Concorde Econex was launched in February 2023, and another three projects in the pipeline, the statement said.

### Shriram Life Insurance

**Chennai:** Shriram Life Insurance Company, promoted by Shriram Group and South Africa-based financial services firm Sanlam Ltd, has declared its highest ever bonus of Rs 149 crore, the company said on Friday. The bonus saw an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year and will benefit 3.29 lakh individuals.

### PayU India

**Mumbai:** As momentum for greater corporate climate action and a just transition grows, PayU has shown its commitment to sustainability and financial inclusion across India by procuring Distributed Renewable Energy Certificates (D-RECs) from high-impact solar projects electrifying rural banks across the country. D-RECs are an innovative climate finance instrument that are accelerating the energy transition, increasing local clean electricity supply, boosting transparency, and transforming corporate green energy procurement.

### Applied Materials

**New Delhi:** Semiconductor equipment maker Applied Materials plans to invest USD 400 million in the next four years to build a collaborative engineering centre in Bengaluru, the company said on Thursday. The centre will focus on the development and commercialisation of technologies for semiconductor manufacturing equipment, the company said in a statement.

### Chandak Group

**Mumbai:** For many of us, balconies evoke a sense of nostalgia. They are reminiscent of times spent tending to potted plants, enjoying tea with loved ones, or even hosting impromptu get-togethers. They've been the stage for countless heartfelt conversations with friends and family, forging strong bonds and creating lasting memories. In the quest to bring back the charm of homes of the olden days, Chandak Group one of the leading developers in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) has recently launched its luxury residential project in the heart of Malad west, Codename Nostalgia.

## First Made-in-India semiconductor chips to come by Dec 2024: Vaishnav

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

First Made-in-India chips are expected to be rolled out by December 2024, Union Minister for Communications and IT Ashwini Vaishnav said on Friday.

The minister said 4-5 semiconductor plants are expected to be set up in the country within a year.

"First Made-in-India chip will be out by December 2024," Vaishnav said while briefing media following a joint statement issued by US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the US.

He said that land allocation, factory design



work and tax compliance related agreement for the Micron semiconductor plant to be set up in Gujarat has been completed.

"First Made-in India chip from Micron is expected to come out in about six quarters from now," Vaishnav said.

Computer storage chip

maker Micron will set up its semiconductor assembly and test plant in Gujarat entailing a total investment of USD 2.75 billion (around Rs 22,540 crore).

The total cost of the plant comprises USD 825 million from Micron and rest from the government in two phases. Phased construction of the facility is expected to begin in 2023. Phase 1, which will include 500,000 square feet of planned clean room space, will be operational in late 2024.

Micron has said the plant will create up to 5,000 new direct jobs and 15,000 community jobs over the next several years.

## Gold falls Rs 370; silver plunges Rs 550



**New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):** Gold prices softened Rs 370 to Rs 59,180 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday amid weak trends in overseas markets, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the yellow metal had closed at Rs 59,550 per 10 grams.

Silver also plunged Rs 550 to Rs 70,950 per kilogramme.

"Gold edged lower on Friday, with spot gold prices in the Delhi markets trading at Rs 59,180/10 gram down by Rs 370 per 10 gram," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

In the international markets, both gold and silver were down at USD 1,916 per ounce and USD 22.30 per ounce, respectively.

## Inflation slowing down personal consumption, affecting pvt investment: RBI paper

Mumbai, Jun 23 (PTI):

Inflation is slowing down personal consumption expenditure, which in turn is moderating corporate sales and holding back private investment in capacity creation, said a Reserve Bank paper on Friday.

The paper, authored by a team led by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra, underlined the need for lowering inflation to revive consumer spending and boost corporate revenues and profitability.

The retail inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI), which remained above 5 per cent during 2022-23, is now on the decline and fell to a two-year low of 4.25 per cent in May, following RBI's monetary

## GLOBAL FINANCIAL PACT SUMMIT



French President Emmanuel Macron, right, speaks while Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva, center, and China's Prime Minister Li Qiang listen during the closing session of the New Global Financial Pact Summit, Friday, June 23 in Paris.

## India's forex reserves jump USD 2.35 bn to \$596 bn

Mumbai, Jun 23 (PTI):

India's forex reserves increased by USD 2.35 billion to USD 596.098 billion for the week ended June 16, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The overall reserves had dropped by USD 1.318 billion to USD 593.749 billion in the previous reporting week.

It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments.

For the week ended June 16, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD

2.578 billion to USD 527.651 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

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.

Gold reserves dropped by USD 324 million to USD 45.049 billion, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 62 million to USD 18.249 billion, the central bank said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was up by USD 34 million to USD 5.149 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

## Hyundai begins production of compact SUV EXTER at TN plant

Chennai, June 23 (PTI):

Korean automaker Hyundai has commenced production of the latest compact sports utility vehicle EXTER from its state-of-the-art manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu, the company said on Friday.

A 'Ranger-Khaki' color EXTER of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) rolled out from the assembly line at the factory in Sriperumbudur located on the west of Chennai about 45 km from here.

"At Hyundai we have always been driven to establish the industry's best manufacturing processes, achieving product excellence, thus inducing an el-



evated sense of delight among our beloved customers. With optimum utilisation of Industry 4.0 automation, HMIL's state-of-the-art production facility harmoniously integrates over 700 4th generation robots and highly skilled HMIL workforce to create superior mobility

experiences," company MD and CEO Unsoo Kim said.

"With the Hyundai EXTER, we are venturing into a new segment that further enhances HMIL's position as a full-range SUV manufacturer," he was quoted as saying in a company press release.

Hyundai Motor India has scheduled the launch of EXTER for July 10.

Equipped with a host of features including a smart electric sunroof, the EXTER would also have an inbuilt dashcam with dual cameras. It would also be HMIL's first micro-SUV to have over 60 plus connected features via BLUELINK technology making it the segment's most connected SUV.

The automaker has 12 car models across segments. The company has 1,348 sales points and 1,515 service points across the country. Besides serving the domestic market, the company ships to 85 countries, the release said.

## Atmanirbhar Bharat not possible if socioeconomic disparities do not end: Gadkari

Mumbai, Jun 23 (PTI):



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said the goal of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' or a self-reliant India is not possible without ending socioeconomic disparities in the country.

The minister of road transport and highway said more attention needs to be given to the agricultural, rural and tribal sectors, and pointed out that the objective of each government policy must be to double the contribution to GDP of these segments to 25 per cent from the present 12 per cent.

In 2020, the central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi adopted the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" goal in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recalling his visit to China as the BJP presi-

dent a few years ago on an invite from the Communist Party of China, Gadkari said only the red flags remain while the country adopted a market-centric approach to growth. Gadkari said there is a need for policies to make India a "super-economic power", and underlined the need for prioritising sectors which can deliver the most on the stated objectives.

He rued that there is a problem with the mindset, and conservative approach is adopted by many, and said that the same needs to be changed through fast-tracked decision making.

There is a need to go beyond financial audits and also do performance audits to look at the outcomes, he said.

## India-US ties will shape future of tech: MoS IT

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

The big-ticket announcements by players including Micron, Applied Materials, and Lam Research during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's US visit will create an estimated 80,000 jobs, and underscore the resolve of the two countries to shape the future of technology, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Friday.

The Minister of State for Electronics and IT termed the announcements by Micron Technology, Applied Materials and Lam Research as a "significant and meaningful milestone" and "central piece" in the growth semiconductor ecosystem in the country. "These three investment decisions will create a minimum of 80,000 jobs directly in my estimate and indirectly the numbers could be much higher.

More than that it will be a catalyst for the overall electronics and semiconductor ecosystem," Chandrasekhar said.

US memory chip firm Micron Technology will set up its semiconductor assembly and test plant in Gujarat entailing a total investment of USD 2.75 billion (around Rs 22,540 crore), the company said on Thursday. The total cost of the plant comprises USD 825 million (around Rs 6,760 crore) from Micron and the rest from the government in two phases. Micron said that the plant will create up to 5,000 new direct jobs and 15,000 community jobs over the next several years. Semiconductor equipment maker Applied Materials plans to invest USD 400 million in the next four years to build a collaborative engineering centre in Bengaluru.

## Sensex, Nifty extend losses into 2nd day on rate hike fears

**Mumbai, Jun 23 (PTI):** Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure for the second straight session on Friday as a bearish trend in global equities and concerns over rate hikes by central banks unnerved investors.

Besides, selling pressure in index majors Reliance Industries, Infosys and L&T also dragged the benchmark indices lower, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 259.52 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 62,979.37. During the day, it tumbled 364.77 points or 0.57 per cent to 62,874.12. The NSE Nifty declined 105.75 points or 0.56 per cent to end at 18,665.50.

On a weekly, the BSE benchmark fell 405.21 points or 0.63 per cent and the Nifty dipped 160.5 points or 0.85 per cent. "Nifty fell for the second consecutive session on June 23 pulled lower by negative global cues. Global stocks fell on Friday, extending their declines



for the week and edging towards their worst week since March, as traders worried that central banks' efforts to curb sticky inflation will lead to recessions and strengthen the US dollar," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. Tata Motors was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, skidding 1.77 per cent, followed by SBI, Power Grid, Tata Steel, Infosys, UltraTech Cement, Titan, Larsen & Toubro, Reliance Industries and Maruti. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, NTPC, HCL

Technologies, HDFC and Sun Pharma were the gainers. "Global central banks are currently focused on addressing inflation and have reiterated their commitment to reaching their target levels, as evidenced by the hawkish commentary from (US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome) Powell and the unexpected rate hike by the Bank of England," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 1.24 per cent and smallcap index fell 1.17 per cent.

## Rupee falls 5 paise to close at 82.02 against US dollar

Mumbai, Jun 23 (PTI):

The rupee depreciated by 5 paise to close at 82.02 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid strong American currency against major rivals overseas and negative sentiment in equity markets.

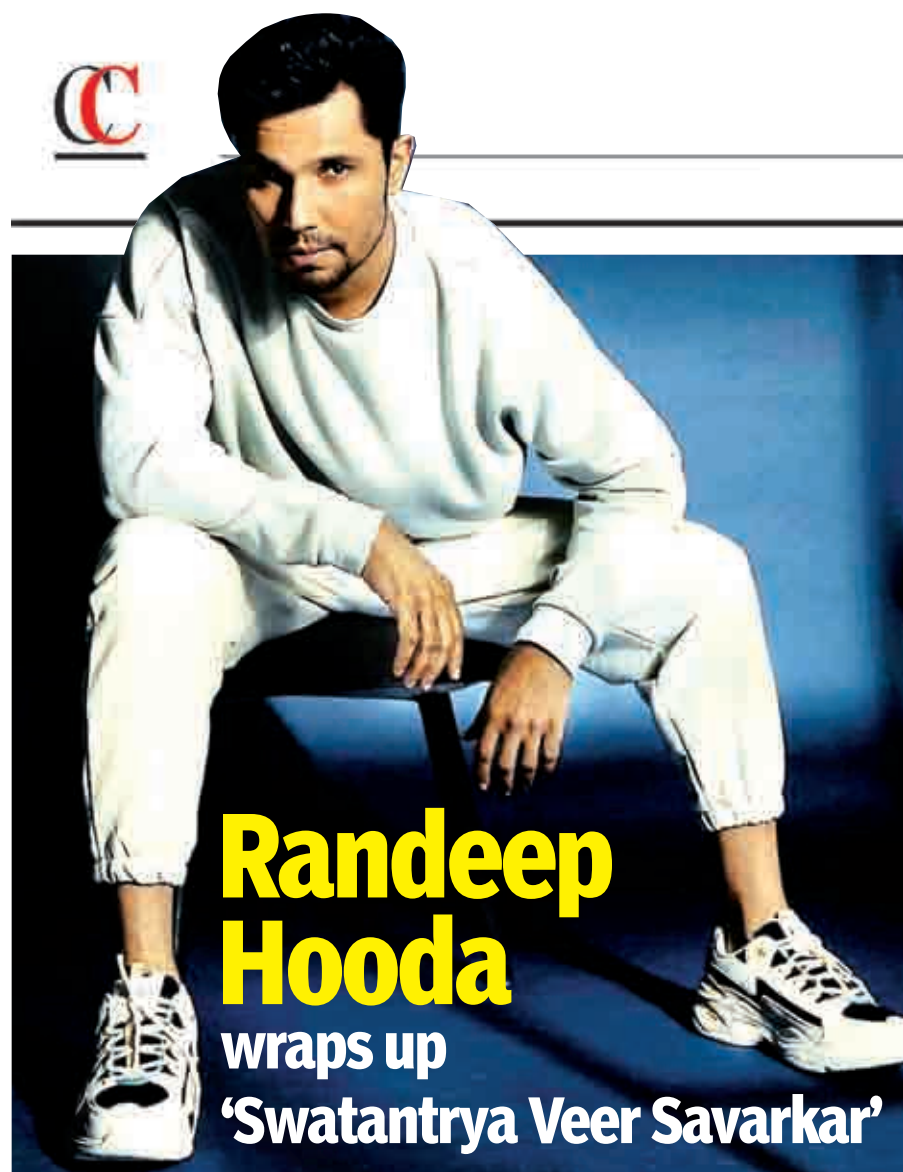
Outflow of foreign funds from domestic equities also put pressure on the local unit. However, a sharp fall in crude price cushioned the fall in the Indian currency, said analysts.

"FII outflows also weighed on the domestic currency while the overnight decline in crude oil prices cushioned the downside. The dollar strengthened overnight on hawkish comments by US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by



BNP Paribas. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic currency opened weak at 82.05 against the greenback. The unit hit the intra-day peak of 82.00 and the lowest level of 82.07 during the day's trade. The currency finally settled at 82.02 (provisional) against the US dollar, registering a fall of 5 paise over the previous close. On Thursday, the rupee settled at 81.97 against the dollar.





## Randeep Hooda

wraps up  
**'Swatantrya Veer Savarkar'**

**B**ollywood actor Randeep Hooda, who is known for films like 'Jannat 2', 'Rang Rasiya', 'Sarbjit' and several others, has wrapped up the shooting of his upcoming film 'Swatantrya Veer Savarkar'. The actor took to his Instagram on Thursday to share a video on the occasion of the film wrap up. The video consists of several moments from the film's production. Along with the video, the actor wrote: "It's a wrap for #VeerSavarkar. I have been to death and back for this film but that is a topic for another day. For now, big heartfelt thanks to my team, cast and crew, to have rallied day and night behind me through thick and thin and made it happen (sic)." "Finally now I can eat properly, so looking forward to a scrumptious meal. Btw, there are a lot of MISCONCEPTIONS on what I ate and didn't eat during this stretched period of shoot and I'll clarify that VERY SOON. Vande Mataram! #ShootWrap #Gratitude," he added. Earlier, the first look of the film generated a lot of buzz owing to historical inaccuracies as was pointed out by the Chandra Kumar Bose, the grandnephew of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, who said that Netaji was not inspired by Savarkar as they belonged to opposite ideologies. 'Swatantrya Veer Savarkar' marks Randeep's directorial debut.

## Priya Bapat compares on-screen dynamics with Maniesh Paul in 'Raffuchakkar' with 'Tom and Jerry'

**A**ctress Priya Bapat, who is receiving a lot of positive response to her recently released streaming series, 'Raffuchakkar', feels her on-screen dynamic with Maniesh Paul resembles the classic Tom and Jerry relationship. Talking about her experience, the actress said, "Working on 'Raffuchakkar' was an exciting experience. It offered me the opportunity to portray the role of a lawyer, which was a fresh and exciting challenge for me. I thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself in the nuances of body language and courtroom etiquette. Crafting lengthy courtroom speeches was particularly demanding, but thanks to the support of an exceptional team, the journey was incredibly smooth." "Working with Maniesh was great, and our on-screen dynamic resembles the classic Tom and Jerry relationship throughout the season. He portrays a con man, while I play the determined lawyer trying to prove his guilt. Akshay Pardasany has been an absolute delight to work with as well," she added. The actress earlier essayed the role of politician in another streaming special 'City of Dreams' season 3. When asked to cite the differences between the parts, Priya said, "I am happy I am getting to play two different characters of two such distinctly different, powerful women." "Poornima Gaekwad is a politician in 'City of Dreams' Season 3. In 'Raffuchakkar', Ritu Bhandari



is a renowned lawyer. It's incredibly empowering to portray strong characters who assert themselves and strive to achieve their ambitions. Poornima is composed and introverted, very righteous." The actress said, "Ritu is drastically the opposite. Both characters give me a sense of power and fulfilment. I want to explore different topics. No one wants to be typecast and it's important to meet fresh challenges. Poornima had to be calm and she is an internal character. Ritu is cunning and ambitious and prioritises success over truth. She is not someone who would stand by right. She will make sure to win a case she takes up." "These are two uniquely powerful women. Playing these simultaneously was a challenge. One schedule of the two overlapped but it's been a great journey as an actor," she added. 'Raffuchakkar' is available to stream on Jio Cinema.

## 'It is such a beautiful, simple story and I knew it had to reach as many people as possible'

**Why did you choose this film?**  
It is such a beautiful, simple story and I knew it had to reach as many people as possible. It was something I've never done before, and it's such an opportunity to be able to try your hand at a character like this.  
**Mili truly made me push myself in all ways possible - emotionally, mentally, physically and I wouldn't do it any other way. When I reflect, almost all my characters have a strong connection with their mother or father and I think organically that's what moves me when I read scripts.**  
**What message do you hope the audience take away from the film?**  
Mili, in my opinion, is about

### Excerpts of interview

how far one would go for their loved ones. It shows courage, resilience and hope - and how it all dials down to family. The film explores the journey of my character in finding her own strength. But what I'd like audiences to do is reflect on their own relationships and strengths. I'm extremely excited about the world television premiere of Mili. It's an opportunity for a wider audience to watch and connect with the film and I hope it resonates with the viewers and leaves a lasting impact. Kya bach payegi Mili? It's time for audiences to know.  
**The film portrays a father-daughter bond very closely.**

**How was your bond with Manoj Pahwa on set and how do you think it reflects on your personal relationship with your father?**  
Manoj Pahwa, who plays my father in the film, is inherently caring and warm. He is a fabulous actor and not too many know how humble he is. We had so many heartfelt scenes together and I truly felt a genuine bond with him. This relationship is one of the key themes of the film. It is a relationship I think is incredibly important - it is a source of comfort, strength and inspiration for me in real life.  
Tune in to Zee Cinema to watch the World Television Premiere of Mili on Saturday, 24th June at 9pm.



## Tillotama Shome on how she cracked her character in 'The Night Manager'



**A**ctress Tillotama Shome, who plays the role of Lipika in the streaming series 'The Night Manager', has shared the trick for cracking her character in the show.  
The actress revealed that to get the character right, she focused on her walking and talking style.  
Opening up about the preparations, Tillotama said, "For my character Lipika, I just had to pay attention to her walking and talking style. Multiple discussions with my directors really helped in fully fleshing out the small and big details. For example, after every location scout my directors, Sandeep Modi and Priyanka Ghose would personally show me spaces that they would have envisioned to shape Lipika. It felt really lucky to have directors who would share so much with me and this really pushed me to do more."  
"The Night Manager: Part 2", which stars Anil Kapoor and Aditya Roy Kapur in the lead, is set to drop on Disney+ Hotstar on June 30.

## World TV premiere of 'State Of Siege: Temple Attack' today



**& Pictures** is all set to bring to their audiences' action, thrills and patriotic chills with the World Television Premiere of State of Siege: Temple Attack on 24th June at 8 pm that is sure to keep your spirits high. The channel continues the #10on10 excitement, fuelled with Parineeti Chopra as an undercover agent & Akshay Khanna as an NSG commando in Code Name: Tiranga & State Of Siege: Temple Attack respectively.  
Directed by Ken Ghosh, State Of Siege: Temple Attack is loosely based on the 2002 Akshardham Temple Attack and the succeeding operation to kill the culprits. Starring Akshay Khanna, Gautam Rode, Vivek Dahiya, Abhimanyu Singh in the lead, the film is a gripping story of Major Hanut Singh and his team on a rescue operation  
Talking about the World Television Premiere, Akshay Khanna said, "The idea with the State of Siege: Temple Attack was to create a war film that not only captivates audiences but also pays tribute to the unsung heroes who endured the trials of war."  
It is a story of courage, sacrifice, and the unbreakable human spirit. I hope viewers are moved by this gripping tale of bravery and resilience. This action-packed extravaganza promises to be an entertaining film and the ideal choice for the &Pictures' 10th birthday celebrations."  
With #10on10 high-octane thrill and a patriotic fervor, Code Name: Tiranga and State of Siege: Temple Attack are set to entertain it's audience only on &Pictures on June 24th respectively at 8 pm.

## Sharib Hashmi was a bit hesitant for his role in 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke!'



**F**rom his debut with 'Filmistaan' to winning over audiences as the lovable character JK in 'Family Man' and many more memorable ones, Sharib Hashmi has certainly become a household name and one of the most sought after actors. Riding high on the success and critical acclaim of his latest release, 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' alongside Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan, the versatile actor reveals he was a bit hesitant initially to take up the role of the security guard Daroga in the film.  
Sharib explains, "It's an interesting story. I was a bit hesitant when I was offered the part of Daroga in the film. While reading the script, I developed interest in two characters and expressed my wish to portray any one to the makers. But actors were already finalised for those parts. I was also a little unsure to take up the role of Daroga because

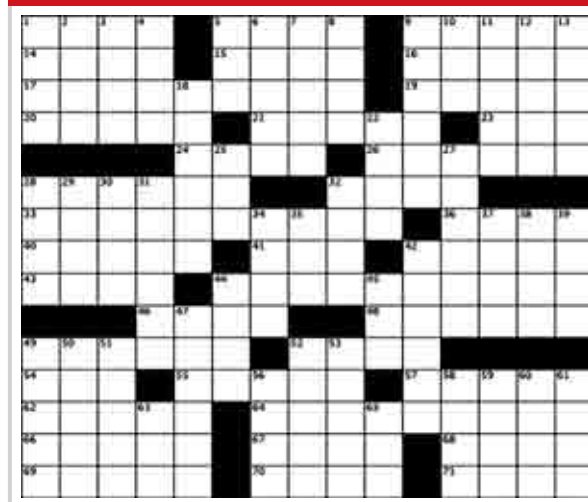
his entry in the movie is post interval. But when I read the entire script, I became confident of my character, its graph and how he takes the narrative ahead." "Overall, it was an enjoyable experience working on the film. I am glad that my character has been loved and appreciated by the audience." Sharib adds. Sharib is currently on a roll, with an interesting line up including 'Tarla' alongside Huma Qureshi on ZEE5 and '36 Days' (web series) on SonyLiv.

## Jennifer Lawrence says Method actors make her 'nervous'

**A**ctress Jennifer Lawrence is not keen on joining the ranks of Hollywood's Method actors just yet. On the latest episode of 'Hot Ones', the 'No Hard Feelings' star was asked what it's like working with actors who have a different process than her own and whether there's a type that she's most intrigued by. She's a little apprehensive about the whole Lee Strasberg thing, reports 'People' magazine. "I would be nervous to work with someone who's Method," she said. "Because I would have no idea how to talk to them, because like, do I have to be in character? That would just make me nervous. But I don't know, I haven't seen another process that I've been curious about because you don't know about them all the time." As per 'People', Method acting, a technique that often involves a performer staying in character even when not actively on stage or filming, has been a bit of a hot-button topic in Hollywood lately. Actors such as Andrew Garfield and Jeremy Strong have publicly defended it, and TikTok star Addison Rae even dabbled in the technique for her role in 'He's All That'. On the other hand, actors like Brian Cox, Mads Mikkelsen, Sebastian Stan, and David Harbour have been more critical. On 'Hot Ones', host Sean Evans also asked Lawrence if she finds it easier to "turn that switch off" and get out of character now than earlier in her career. Lawrence, whose non-Method acting made her an Oscar winner at 22 and has powered blockbuster franchises, like 'The Hunger Games' and 'X-Men' -- said, "I had always been very on/off, on/off until I did American Hustle and worked with Christian Bale, who I noticed when the camera started rolling and the crew started preparing and it would be about 10 seconds to action, [Bale] would start getting ready. I saw that and was like, 'That seems like a really good idea.' So then I started to do that".

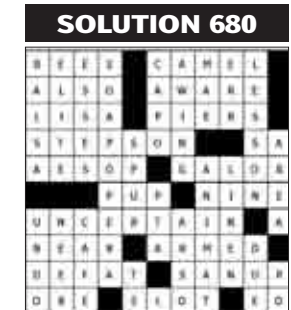


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## India pick Jaiswal and Gaikwad for Windies Tests

Possible end of road for Pujara



New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

The national selection panel on Friday effectively brought curtains down on veteran Cheteshwar Pujara's international career by dropping him from Indian Test squad for the two-Test series against the West Indies, starting July 12. Inclusion of powerhouse domestic performers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rituraj Gaikwad in the 16-member squad is a clear indication that the four-member panel, headed by Shiv

Sunder Das, is now looking at the next two-year World Test Championship cycle (2023-2025). That Pujara will be dropped and skipper Rohit Sharma is likely to lead the Test side in the Caribbean was reported by the PTI recently.

The other significant development was Ajinkya Rahane's re-appointment as the vice-captain of the Test side just after making an international comeback in the previous game. While Mohammed Shami has been given

### Pujara unlikely to make a comeback anytime soon

When Pujara was dropped for the home series against Sri Lanka along with Rahane, the former chairman of selectors Chetan Sharma had said that doors were not closed for the gritty No.3 and he could go get back to first-class cricket and earn his stripes. Pujara went back to County Cricket and played for Sussex. He scored tons of runs and was recalled for the one-off Test against England in 2022 and also got a chance to complete 100 Tests milestone in the series against Australia this year. "Once he failed in Australia series at home, there was very little chance for him but selectors didn't want to change things ahead of WTC final," a BCCI source in know of things told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "Twin failures at Oval sealed his fate. SS Das was in London for WTC final. He must have had a word with head coach Rahul Dravid and intimated his panel's thought-process post final," the source added.

complete rest from both Tests and ODIs after nearly three months of hectic competitive cricket, the selectors have indeed started the phasing out process by dropping the profligate Umesh Yadav and bringing in the consistent Kolkata seamer Mukesh Kumar in the main squad. Navdeep Saini, whose career had been on a free-fall since

### India Test squad

Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Rituraj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ajinkya Rahane (VC), KS Bharat (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jaydev Unadkat and Navdeep Saini.

the historic tour of Australia, also gets a

### Jaiswal, Gaikwad can both open as well as bat at No. 3

After he scored 213 and 144 in the Irani Cup for Rest of India against MP, the stylish Mumbai left-hander Jaiswal was expected to earn his maiden Test call up. With a first-class average of 80.21, Jaiswal has shown that he is a special talent and needed to be fast-tracked. In pre-IPL days, the selectors would always be wary about temperament of domestic performers at the highest level but one good thing about IPL is a chance to test one's skills against the best in the world. Both Jaiswal and Gaikwad, who plays Maharashtra, can open and bat at number three. If they forge a good combination at top in future, there is every chance that Shubman Gill can bat at the coveted No. 4 position as and when Virat Kohli decides to move on. "I am not saying Das' panel would think like this but a Rituraj with his ability to play fast bowling, despite his 40 plus average in Ranji Trophy, stands a better chance to be successful.

chance for resurrection as his hit-the-deck (140 clicks) bowling might be effective on the slow Caribbean tracks. All three new entrants — Jaiswal, Gaikwad and Mukesh — were the stand-by players for the WTC final. They have been very consistent in domestic cricket over past few seasons. The ODI squad didn't have any major sur-

### India's ODI squad

Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Rituraj Gaikwad, Virat Kohli, Surya Kumar Yadav, Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Hardik Pandya (VC), Shardul Thakur, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat, Mohd. Siraj, Uman Malik, Mukesh Kumar.

prise with 17 members literally picking themselves.

## 'Sweet 16': India captain Rohit Sharma completes 16 years in international cricket



New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

There is something about 16 that has a lingering sweet aftertaste. Ask Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, who completed 16 summers as an international cricketer after starting as a highly-rated 20-year-old from Mumbai's famous stable of batters.

On June 23, 2007, Rohit made his debut under current head coach Rahul Dravid's captaincy in an ODI game in Ireland, a match India won quite easily as one got a glimpse of the youngster clad in full-sleeved jumpers amidst biting cold in Belfast.

Following 441 international games, 17,115 runs and 43 international hundreds, the 36-year-old 'Hit-Man' now stands on the most important cusp of his illustrious career: To end the 10-year jinx for an ICC trophy.

An antithesis to Mumbai's much talked about 'Khadoos' school of batsmanship, Rohit's graceful strokeplay is what makes him stand-out among his peers.

But as he leads the team to West Indies, one can recollect how Rohit had described his feelings when Dravid, the then captain informed him about his debut. "It was way back in 2007 when I was selected, but the first time I had the opportunity to interact with him (Dravid) was in Bangalore at a camp," Rohit had told mediapersons during an interaction just after Dravid took over as coach.

"It was a very brief chat and I was actually kind of very nervous and I never

used to talk so much even with my age group of people, so leave alone these guys at that point.

"So I was just quietly doing my things and getting a move on with my game. But yeah, in Ireland the first time when he came and told me that you will be playing this game I was on the moon, obviously, it felt like a dream to be part of the dressing room," he had recollected.

Dravid remembered it during that press meet as if it happened a day before.

"I guess time flies, doesn't it? I actually remember Rohit even before the Ireland series when we were playing a challenger in Madras (Chennai). We all knew that Rohit was going to be special," he said.

"We could just see that he was a very special talent that I wouldn't, so many years later, be working with him that I never thought about or envisaged...."

"But honestly, the way he has grown as a leader and as a person over these last 14 years now. What he's achieved both as an Indian player and as a leader for the Mumbai Indians has been phenomenal.

"Having to carry the legacy of obviously Mumbai cricket and Indian cricket is not an easy one and he's done it with a lot of grace and class," said Dravid.

However, as he completes 16 years in international cricket, the best compliment from a distance would certainly be from Virat Kohli.

## Prannoy loses in quarterfinals of Taipei Open

Taipei, Jun 23 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy suffered a straight-game loss to Hong Kong's Ng Ka Long Angus in the quarterfinals to end country's campaign at the Taipei Open Super 300 tournament here on Friday. The world No. 9 Indian didn't quite find his rhythm, going down 19-21 8-21 to fifth seed Ka Long in a lop-sided contest.

Coming into the match with a 6-5 head-to-head record, third seed Prannoy matched his rival in the beginning but as the match wore on, he crumbled. Both the shuttlers didn't yield much as they engaged in a tight game, leading to a close affair in the first part of the opening game. After Ka Long made a service error, Prannoy grabbed a slender two-point lead at the break. The Indian netted a shot and missed the



Ng Ka Long Angus

line next as it was 12-12. Prannoy played some good-looking jump smashes to wriggle out of situations but the Hong Kong player kept himself in the hunt as lead kept changing hands till 19-19. Ka Long then won a rally comprising parallel shots to grab a game point and converted it when Prannoy went long. Ka Long continued the momentum in the second game, leading 7-2 at one stage. His returns were more precise and smashes had a little more sting as he troubled the Indian.

## Mohun Bagan rope in India midfielder Thapa on five-year contract

Kolkata, Jun 23 (PTI):

Indian central midfielder Anirudh Thapa, who played for two-time ISL champions Chennaiyin FC for seven seasons, was on Friday roped in by Mohun Bagan Super Giant on a five-year contract.

The 25-year-old, who chose to stay with the Marina Machans rejecting lucrative offers from clubs including Mohun Bagan, finally agreed for a move to the Mariners in a mega deal that is believed to be the biggest ever by an Indian footballer.

"Indian team's one of the premier central midfielders Anirudh Thapa will now be seen in Mohun Bagan Super Giant jersey.



The club has signed a five-year contract with the Midfield Maestro," the club said, without disclosing the transfer fee which is believed to be in the tune of Rs3 crore.

The club has also posted a video of Thapa donning the No 7 jersey at Mohun

Bagan in their official Twitter handle.

The Dehradun lad, who came up the ranks from the All India Football Federation Academy, previously known as Pailan Arrows, was signed up by Chennaiyin FC in 2016 before becoming a vita cog in

their attack. From there he made his national debut in 2017 in a friendly against Nepal. Since then, he has been a regular in Igor Stimac's set-up with 45 appearances and four goals to his credit.

He will also play a key role in the Indian midfield in the upcoming Asian Cup in January next year. "I'm really happy to play for ISL champions Mohun Bagan, looking forward to don the iconic green-and-maroon colours. I hope to give my best to the team and make the fans happy," Thapa said.

## SAFF Championship: India look to ward off Nepal threat

Bengaluru, Jun 23 (PTI):

A 4-0 hammering of Pakistan giving them the perfect start, India will have a wonderful opportunity to move closer to the semifinals of the SAFF Championship when they face Nepal here on Saturday.

On paper, the hosts hold all the aces, evidenced by an overwhelming 16-2 overall head-to-head record in 23 matches played between them, a sequence that started in the 1985 SAF Games.

The last meeting between the two sides came during the 2021 SAFF Championship when India defeated Nepal 3-0.

As far as the SAFF tournament is concerned,



Indian national football team captain Sunil Chhetri with others during a practice session.

India also have a commanding 6-2 head-to-head record from nine matches. Even the recent form of both the teams indicate an Indian domination.

India entered the SAFF Championship on the back of their 2-0 triumph over

Lebanon in the Intercontinental Cup final in Odisha.

The Blue Tigers carried that confidence into their opening match here at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, turning on the afterburners to hammer Pakistan 4-

0 and the victory was laced by captain Sunil Chhetri's hat-trick.

Chhetri's effort might have come as a relief for India as they are missing the services of injured Ishan Pandita upfront.

India will be without the services of head coach Igor Stimac after he was shown red card during India's 4-0 win over Pakistan in the ill-tempered opening match. Assistant coach Mahesh Gawli will take charge of the team at the dug out.

Nepal went down 1-3 to Kuwait in their opening match and a positive result against India, however tough that might be, is mandatory for them to stay alive in the SAFF tournament.

## India to play Canada in junior women's Hockey World Cup opener

Clubbed with Belgium, Germany

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI):

India will open their campaign against Canada in the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup, scheduled to be held in Chilean capital Santiago from November 29 to December 10.

The Indian team has been grouped in Pool C along with Belgium, Canada, and Germany.

India will open their campaign against Canada on November 29 before taking on Germany and Belgium on December 1 and 2 respectively, as per the pools and schedule announced on Thursday



night. To add to the excitement ahead of the marquee event, FIH also revealed the new junior women's world rankings as per which India are ranked sixth, while the Netherlands are ranked first. Meanwhile,

Argentina, Germany, England and the United States are ranked second, third, fourth and fifth respectively. Having won the women's junior Asia Cup in Japan earlier this month, the India team will enter the World Cup high

on confidence and will aim to clinch the elusive trophy for the first time in the history of the tournament. India came close to winning the bronze medal in the last edition of the World Cup but couldn't as they lost to England 2(0)-2(3) in the 3/4th place match. "We are aware that each Pool is filled with talented and formidable opponents, but we see this as an opportunity to showcase our skills, determination, and teamwork on the global stage. We are confident in our abilities and will give our all in every match," India skipper Preeti said. Women's chief coach Janneke Schopman, said, "The team is blooming with confidence after winning the Asia Cup.

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## HC suspends 10-year jail term of Zimbabwean woman in narcotics case

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI)

The Delhi High Court has suspended the 10-year jail term of a Zimbabwean woman in a narcotic recovery case, noting there was an alleged non-compliance of the procedure for sampling the seized substance and that the accused has already undergone over four years in custody.

Justice Anish Dayal said the standing orders issued by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Ministry of Finance ought to be respected by the probe agencies and the lack of compliance of these provisions imports an element of reasonable doubt, which would also impact the issue of proving the guilt of the accused.

"In this case, besides the fact that the appellant may have a case to argue on the issue of defective sampling at the time of seizure, the appellant has also undergone a substan-

tial period of sentence and the appeal is likely to take some time for hearing," stated the court in its recent order passed on an appeal by the accused against her conviction and sentencing by a trial court.

"This court deems it fit to suspend the sentence of the appellant. It is, therefore, directed that the sentence of the appellant be suspended pending the hearing of the appeal, on furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs 1,00,000 with one surety bond of the like amount" the court ordered.

It noted that the Supreme Court has said that in cases other than life sentence cases, the broad parameter of 50 per cent of the actual sentence undergone can be the basis for grant of bail.

"The appellant is a 38-year-old lady who is a citizen of Zimbabwe and has already undergone four years, 11 months and 18 days in custody," the court said.

The appellant, Betty Rame, was apprehended by an NCB team in April 2018 at the IGI Airport and two packets weighing three kg and containing a crystalline substance — later confirmed as Methamphetamine — were recovered from her.

In August 2021, she was convicted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 10 years with a fine of Rs 1 lakh under the NDPS Act.

Seeking suspension of the sentence during the pendency of the appeal, the counsel for the petitioner argued that the contraband was admittedly seized from two separate bags but the contents of the two bags were mixed and then samples were collected, which was not in terms of the standing orders.

The court said the issue of improper sampling would have to be considered carefully at the time of adjudication of the appeal since prima facie it

seemed that the results of two samples drawn were not completely placed on record and there was evidently a mix of both the packets which were seized.

The court observed that the standing orders serve a purpose and cannot be rendered optional for compliance to the investigating agencies and their non-compliance invokes a reasonable doubt relating to the process of sampling which is the most critical procedure to be carried out in order to ascertain the nature of the substance and its quantity.

"In this court's view, the standing orders ought to be respected by the investigating agencies...The procedures prescribed in the said orders are based upon a certain logic which ought to be respected, or else it would be a worthless piece of paper...The lack of compliance of these provisions necessarily imports an element of doubt, moreover a reasonable doubt," the court said.

## DELEGATES WELCOMED



G20 delegates visit the Patna Sahib Gurudwara, in Patna, Friday.

## Man posing as RAW officer and cheating people arrested

Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), Jun 23 (PTI) The Maharashtra Police has arrested a man who posed as an officer of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) bearing code name "Chanakya" and duped people by promising jobs in the income tax department and armed forces, officials said here on Friday.

The arrest, based on a tip-off from the military intelligence unit of the army's southern command, came months after Kiran Patel, a conman from Gujarat was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir Police for posing as an official in the prime minister's office (PMO).

Santosh Aatmaram

Rathore, 35, was arrested from a rented accommodation in Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra where he stayed with his girlfriend, they said.

Officials said a forged ID card of RAW and an Aadhaar card were recovered from his possession.

The designation mentioned in the fake identity card was deputy secretary (internal security) with his code name "Chanakya", they said.

Military intelligence officials had tipped the local police about the presence of a person in Shevgaon in Ahmednagar who was posing as an agent of the RAW.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the ac-

cus was collecting money from locals on the pretext of helping them get jobs in the income tax department, armed forces and other government departments.

A fake letter of appointment from the Department of Personnel was also recovered from his possession.

He was being questioned by a joint team of police and military intelligence.

Earlier, Kiran Patel, a resident of Gujarat, was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in March this year for posing as an official in the PMO and enjoying security and other amenities. He had three cases of cheating registered against him in Gujarat.

## UP adds biographies of 11 leaders, including Nehru, Savarkar, to curriculum for classes 9-12

Prayagraj, Jun 23 (PTI)

The Uttar Pradesh board of secondary education has included biographies of Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar, Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji and tribal leader Birsam Munda in the curriculum for classes 9 to 12.

Biographies of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda, Arya Samaj founder Swami Dayanand Saraswati, and writer and freedom fighter Pandit Shriram Sharma have been included in the curriculum.

Uttar Pradesh Secretary Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UPMSP) Dibyankant Shukla told PTI that biog-

ographies of 11 leaders have been included in the moral education syllabus for classes 9 to 12.

Students will read about these leaders from academic session 2023-24, he said.

Apart from this, many things from the field of science and technology have been included in the computer syllabus, Shukla said.

He said the objective behind including new things in the curriculum is to ensure the all-round development of children.

Surya namaskar, asanas, mudras and pranayama have been included in the class 9 curriculum. Along with this, Ashtanga yoga has also been explained in detail, he added.

## Court acquits 2 AAP leaders for defying public servant's order regarding maintaining Covid protocol

New Delhi, Jun 23 (PTI)

A court here has acquitted the Patel Nagar MLA and an MCD councillor of the charge of defying orders promulgated by a public servant regarding the maintenance of COVID-19 protocols, saying there were innumerable lapses in the investigation.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand was hearing a case against two Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders — MLA Raaj Kumar Anand and councillor Ankush Narang — who were accused of participating in a protest near the residence of Delhi BJP chief Aadesh Gupta in West Patel Nagar without prior permission and without maintaining social distancing or wearing masks on February

26 last year.

At the time of the alleged protest, an order issued by the assistant commissioner of police, Patel Nagar was in force. The order said though social restrictions were lifted on account of a declining number of Covid cases, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, as mandated in the National Directives for COVID Management, would continue, the prosecution said. "There are innumerable lapses in the investigation conducted by the investigating officer (IO) — not conducting inquiries from public witnesses, no preparation of site plan, not recording statements of the station house officer or the assistant commissioner of police and other eyewitnesses, to mention a few," the court said.

It said the most glaring omission was not bringing the video of the incident on record, despite it being available with the IO.

"Mere statement of the IO that he has changed his mobile phone and therefore, does not remember receiving the video of the incident appears to be nothing more than a flimsy excuse and it is a separate question as to why the IO did not produce the most clinching piece of evidence in the court despite having received it," the court said. The reason behind the conduct could be ignorance of legal procedures or a casual approach towards the investigation or some other extraneous factors. But his conduct had damaged the prosecution's case, so much so that it was "beyond repairs", the court added.

## Heavy rain triggers landslides in several parts of Arunachal

Itanagar, Jun 23 (PTI)

Relentless rain has triggered landslides and flood-like situation in several parts of Arunachal Pradesh, throwing life out of gear, officials said on Friday.

A stretch of the National Highway-415 between Banderdewa and Nirjuli, near here, was washed away on Thursday evening, while a portion of culvert formation at Karisinga block point also eroded, Capital DC Talo Potom said.

He said PWD engineers have diverted vehicular movement via Harnuti-Gumto-Doimukh till the road is restored.

The lone hanging bridge connecting the Puroikh

Colony in Papu-Nallah with NH-415 has also been damaged, Potom said.

The Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) road between Elephant and Sessa has been blocked after a massive landslide struck, officials in West Kameng district said.

Driving along the road has been precarious for many days due to inclement weather and poor visibility, they said.

Blockades have also been reported at numerous points along the Aalo-Pangin Road in West Siang district, PWD (Highway) Assistant Engineer Gemar Padu said.

The department has engaged men and machinery to clear the debris, Padu said.

## Gruha Jyoti scheme not cause of power tariff hike; cost not passed on to others: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, June 23 (PTI)

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday dismissed allegations that the hike in power tariff has anything to do with the Gruha Jyoti scheme that offers up to 200 units of free power for residential use every month.

He said there is a wrong notion that the burden of 'Gruha Jyoti' has been passed on to others.

"It is wrong to think that the burden of Gruha Jyoti Yojana has been put on others," Siddaramaiah told a delegation of Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI). The delegation led by its President B V Gopal Reddy met the CM at his

home office 'Krishna'.

Siddaramaiah, however, assured that he would look into the demands put forth by the FKCCI, which apprised him of the hardships being faced by traders and industries due to the "exorbitant" hike in power tariff.

The CM clarified that the hike was not done by his government but the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, and added that the decision on tariff increase was taken by the KERC even before his party came to power.

## KPCC chief Sudhakaran appears before Crime Branch for questioning in cheating case

Kochi, Jun 23 (PTI)

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief K Sudhakaran on Friday appeared before the Crime Branch wing of the police for questioning in connection with the agency's probe in a cheating case in which the prime accused is controversial antique dealer Monson Mavunkal.

Prior to leaving for the Crime Branch office here, Sudhakaran told reporters that his "conscience is clear" and he has "not committed any wrong or illegality" and therefore, he does not need to fear anyone or anything.

"No matter what statement they (Crime Branch) have, as long as my conscience is clear I do not need to fear anything. Whatever be the evidence they have, let it come. I will face it.

"I know what I did and didn't do. My conscience tells me I have done no wrong. I have not misused anyone. I have not accepted bribes from anyone. In my life and politics, I am a politician who has never accepted a bribe. It is political ethics. Therefore, I do not need to fear anyone," the KPCC chief said.

On being asked whether he apprehends

arrest, Sudhakaran said he does not.

"If they want to arrest me, let them.

