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Balodabazar, Sep 28:

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'Women's reservation bill 'jumla' by BJP'

■ **Bats for OBC quota within it, seeks caste census**

Balodabazar, Sep 28:

The women's reservation bill is a 'jumla' (empty promise) as the BJP thinks people vote for it and then forget the party's promises after some time, said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday.

The bill, which earmarks 33 per cent seats in Lok Sabha and state Assemblies for women, won't be implemented till 2034 and the Bharatiya Janata Party was just trying to mislead people, he added.

Addressing a 'Krishak-sah-Shramik Sammelan' (farmers-cum-labourers convention) of the Chhattisgarh government in Sumabhata village in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district, Kharge said the



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel during a public meeting, in Baloda Bazar, Thursday.

BJP could not do in 15 years what the Congress had done in five years in power in the state.

Accusing the BJP of trying to replace the Constitution, Kharge said people must support the Congress and Rahul Gandhi to save the Constitution and democracy. "The women reserva-

tion bill was passed recently. It is not a new one as (former prime minister) Rajiv Gandhi ji had brought 73rd and 74th amendment and ensured reservation to women in panchayat bodies," he said.

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'Cong will not tolerate injustice'

Balodabazar, Sep 28:

In the wake of Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira's arrest in Punjab, party president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday said his party will not tolerate injustice. Kharge was speaking to reporters after attending 'Krishak-sah-Shramik Sammelan' event of the Chhattisgarh government in Sumabhata village of

Balodabazar-Bhatapara in the state. When asked about Khaira's arrest, Kharge said he is yet to take details of the matter as he came to Chhattisgarh directly from Bengaluru. "I will take its details...But whatever may be the case, if someone does injustice, they don't survive for long. If anyone does injustice to us, then we are not the ones who will tolerate it," he added.

BRIEF



Devotee immerses an idol of Lord Ganesha in a pond on the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi, at Geeta Colony in New Delhi, Thursday.

Cross-exam

■ **Mumbai:** The cross-examination in connection with the disqualification petitions filed by Shiv Sena MLAs will start from November 23, according to a schedule issued by Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar, a move dubbed a delaying tactic by the Shiv Sena (UBT). As per the schedule, the cross-examination will be conducted twice a week.

Vandalise

■ **Wayanad:** A six-member armed Maoist group vandalised a Kerala Forest Development Corporation (KFDC) office near Thalappuzha in this hill district of the state on Thursday. The incident occurred around 1 pm, an officer of Thalappuzha police station said.

Pledge

■ **Panaji:** Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Thursday pledged to donate his organs as part of a pan-India initiative launched by Bharatiya Janata Party's medical cell. CM Sawant, in the presence of BJP's Goa medical cell convener Dr Shekhar Salkar and others, signed an online application pledging to donate his organs. He was immediately given a certificate for it.

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ED summons Abhishek Banerjee again on October 3

■ **MP claims day coincides with party rally**

Kolkata, Sep 28 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday summoned senior Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee again on October 3 for questioning in connection with the school jobs scam in Kolkata, which the party described as an attempt by the BJP to disrupt its planned rally in New Delhi on the same day. It also exposed the fear in the saffron camp, claimed Banerjee who is set to lead the protest rally in the national capital against the Centre's decision to withhold the

state's dues under MGNREGA. The TMC general secretary, considered number two in the party, shared the letter sent to him by the central agency on X, formerly Twitter. "Earlier this month, the ED summoned me on a day coinciding with an important coordinating meeting of #INDIA in Delhi. I dutifully appeared and complied with the served summons," he said. "Now, today yet again, they have served me another summons to appear before them on a day when the protest agitation for West Bengal's rightful dues is scheduled in Delhi on 3rd Oct. This stark revelation unequivocally exposes those who are truly perturbed, rattled and scared!" he posted on the micro-blogging site.

Blood stains found in auto, driver held

Ujjain, Sep 28 (PTI):

Police have taken into a custody an autorickshaw driver in connection with the rape of a girl, who was found bleeding on a street in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain city, and five others are also being questioned in the case, a senior official said on Thursday.

The police have also found some blood stains on the passenger seat of the autorickshaw of the detained man, he said. According to Ujjain police, a counsellor interacted with the minor rape victim, and found that the latter belongs to Satna district. However, police in Satna said whether she is the same girl about whom a missing person's report was

Man arrested for rape tried to escape from custody

The main accused in the rape case of a 15-year-old girl in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain has been arrested, the police have said. He tried to escape, but a police team caught him, the police told news agency ANI. The police had taken the accused to the spot where he allegedly raped the minor to gather evidence. Sensing an opportunity, the accused ran from the police on reaching the spot. The police chased him and managed to subdue him. "Today, we reached the spot to... recover the clothes worn by the girl. Sensing an opportunity, Bharat Soni tried to escape. Police personnel chased and caught him. During this, he fell on a cemented road, injuring his arms and legs," inspector Ajay Kumar told reporters.

filed will be confirmed after her family identifies her.

The girl, around 12 years of age, was found bleeding on a street located under the Mahakal police station area in Ujjain on Monday. After being found, she was taken to a hospital, where her initial medical examination confirmed that she had been raped, police have said.

The girl was on

Wednesday operated upon by a team of specialist doctors in Indore and her condition is said to be critical but stable, they said.

"The police have taken an autorickshaw driver into custody on the basis of a video footage. We also found some blood stains on the passenger seat of the autorickshaw," Ujjain SP Sachin Sharma said.

TRYING HANDS IN CARPENTRY



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his visit to the furniture market, at Kirtinagar in New Delhi, Thursday.

'Sankalp Saptah'

PM to launch week-long prog for aspirational blocks

■ **On September 30**

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a unique week-long programme for aspirational blocks in the country called 'Sankalp Saptah' at the Bharat Mandapam here on Saturday, his office said.

'Sankalp Saptah' is linked to the effective implementation of Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP). The nationwide programme was launched by the Prime Minister on January 7, 2023.

Punjab MLA Khaira arrested

■ **Sent to 2-day police remand**

Chandigarh, Sep 28 (PTI):

Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira was arrested here on Thursday by the Punjab Police in connection with a 2015 drug trafficking case, triggering accusations of political vendetta by his party against the ruling AAP in the state.

A Congress delegation led by Punjab unit chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring met Governor Banwarilal Purohit in the evening, complaining about the 'fake case', as the rift widened in the state between the two



parties. Both are part of the opposition INDIA bloc that seeks to put up a united front against the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The BJP too has criticised the arrest. The MLA from Bholath was produced in a court in Fazilka's Jalalabad and remanded in police custody for two days. The police had sought a seven-day remand. A team led by Superintendent of Police Manjeet Singh reached Khaira's Chandigarh home around 6 am, and his son went on

'Political vendetta'

Khaira was arrested on the basis of an investigation conducted by a special investigation team led by Deputy Inspector General of Police Swapan Sharma. Following the arrest, Khaira hit out at the Punjab chief minister, saying, "He (CM) was thirsty for my blood, everybody knows it," Khaira, who has been critical of the AAP government on several occasions, said he was arrested in a "fake" case. "It is not politics of 'badlav' (change) it is a 'badle dee rajniti' (politics of revenge)."

Militants inciting mobs in Manipur: Security forces

Imphal, Sep 28 (PTI):

The worst fears for security agencies seem to have come true as militants have been seen moving around openly and instigating mobs in Imphal valley which have been on a rampaging spree after pictures of two missing teenagers surfaced on social media.

According to officials, during attacks carried out on a police party Wednesday evening, armed men dressed in black uniforms were seen giving directions to the agitated youths to attack the police and many vehicles were then torched. The security agencies have been

warning that militants belonging to United National Liberation Front (UNLF), People's Liberation Army (PLA) and other banned groups had become part of the mobs and carrying out sneak attacks on security forces as well as giving directions to the agitators.

Recently, the presence of insurgents was found within a mob that carried out an attack on security forces injuring a Lt Col of army near Pallel in Tengnoupal. As reported by PTI on September 11, central security agencies had warned about the possibility of militants mingling with crowds during any protest to stoke tensions in restive Manipur.

'Pragyan rover has done what it was expected to do'

Veraval (Guj), Sep 28 (PTI):

Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) S Somanath on Thursday said the Pragyan rover of its moon mission Chandrayaan-3 has done what it was expected to do, and it would not be a problem even if it fails to 'wake up' from the current sleep mode. The national space agency is now gearing up for XPOSat or X-ray Polarimeter Satellite launch which may take place in November or December, he said at a news conference here after visiting the famous Somnath



ISRO Chief S Somanath offers prayers at Aadi Jyotirling Shree Somnath Mahadev Temple, in Saurashtra, Thursday.

temple in Gir Somnath district of Gujarat. On the status of Pragyan, currently in sleep mode on the moon, the ISRO chief said it will wake

up if its electronic circuits have not been damaged due to the extreme weather on the moon as the temperature dipped nearly 200 degrees Celsius below zero.

"It is OK if it does not wake up because the rover has done what it was expected to do," he added.

ISRO had said last week that with dawn breaking on moon, it made efforts to establish communication with lunar mission Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram and rover Pragyan to ascertain their 'wake-up condition' after they had been put into sleep mode early this month, but no signals were being received.

ROLE REVERSAL

Now, Muslim student asked to slap Hindu friend

■ **Teacher arrested**

Sambhal (UP), Sep 28 (PTI):

A school teacher was arrested on Thursday for inciting communal hatred after she allegedly ordered a Muslim student to slap a Hindu classmate for not answering a question, police said.

The incident took place at a private school on Tuesday in Dugawar village under the Asmoli police station limits in Sambhal district, they said. On the basis of a complaint filed by the Hindu boy's father, the

teacher, Shaista, was booked under IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc) and 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), Additional SP Shrish Chandra said. The accused teacher has been arrested, the official added. The boy's father alleged that his son is a student of class 5 in the school where his class teacher got him slapped by a Muslim student after he could not answer a question asked by her. In his complaint, the father said that this hurt his son's religious feelings.

BMC demolishes encroached additional construction in govt scheme house

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: Bhilai Municipal Corporation has been continuously taking action against encroachment in the area and has resolved complaints made on 1100 online complaint portal, Collector time limit and PMO. Promptness is also being taken in resolving the complaint lodged in the matter.

Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas has instructed the Zone Commissioners to take legal action against illegal encroachment in the zone area, encroachment on the road and illegal encroachment on government land and get eviction done.

In this connection, the revenue staff of Zone 2 Vaishali Nagar took action in ward no 25 where in Jawahar Nagar, where



complaint was received of encroached additional construction in the house built under the government scheme. Here the basic structure of IHSDP house was altered by using a tin sheet on the road which was removed with the help of earthmover.

Zone 2 Assistant Revenue Officer JP Tiwari

said that the house built by the government under the housing scheme was allotted in the name of Ramesh Chauhan, which was bought by Sangeeta Sao against the rule and she had started living there. Later, by altering the basic structure of the allotted house, she had opened the door towards

the road.

An additional room was constructed from tin sheets on 48 square feet of land and after receiving the complaint, a notice was given to remove the illegal encroachment, but even after the expiry of the notice period, when the encroachment was not removed by Sangeeta Sao.

Therefore, the revenue staff of the zone reached the spot and evicted the encroachers and a complaint about the buying and selling of houses allotted under the government scheme against the rules has been sent to the Housing Allotment Scheme branch of the corporation. Madan Mohan Tiwari, Arun Singh Guptanand Tiwari and demolition squad of Revenue Department were present during the proceedings.

Photography exhibition inaugurated at Nehru Art Gallery

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: The solo exhibition of the collection of photographs clicked by BSP Employee and photographer Ishwar Kumar Patel was inaugurated on September 27, 2023. Chief Guest AK Chakraborty, ED (MM) inaugurated the exhibition by lighting the ceremonial lamp in presence of other guests.

The exhibition is being organized from September 27 to 29, 2023 on the occasion of World Tourism Day at Nehru Art Gallery, Indira Place, Civic Centre, run by Public Relations Department of Bhilai Steel Plant.

Ishwar Kumar Patel is working as Chageman in Merchant Mill and his interests includes travelling, trekking, photography,



videography.

Chief Guest Chakraborty took keen interest in the photographs. He penned his views in the visitor's book and wrote that the photographs in the exhibition are a wonderful display of photography clicked by Ishwar Kumar Patel. These pictures reflect the natural beauty of our

state Chhattisgarh, which will promote tourism in our state.

The photographs to be exhibited in the exhibition are mainly focused on the major tourist places of Chhattisgarh, which includes scenic places Bhilai, waterfalls of Chhattisgarh, along with photographs from other Indian cities.

On this occasion, photographer Ishwar Kumar Patel along with other senior artists of Steel City and a large number of tourism lovers and photography lovers and common citizens were present. This three-day photo exhibition will be open to public during September 27-29, 2023 from 17:30 hrs to 20:30 hrs.

Swine flu death; sample for test if primary contact has symptoms

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: District administration has swung into action after receiving the information of death of an 81 year old female, resident of Maitri Nagar Risali due to swine flu at JLNH&RC Sector-9.

On the instructions of district Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr JP Meshram, the Nodal Officer Dr CBS Banjare has directed the Urban Block Medical Officer and his team to conduct contact tracing of the positive patients and as per the guidelines of Directorate of Health Services, Chhattisgarh

Raipur, samples are being taken for swine flu test if the primary contact has symptoms.

To prevent infection, the health department has issued guidelines regarding preventive measures against swine flu, such as washing hands regularly with soap and not spitting in public places, eating nutritious food, drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep and keeping the body active.

According to Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr JP Meshram, the patient died due to severe pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome with

H1N1 positive swine flu with sepsis and septic shock with old case of CVA and other comorbid conditions.

As per the guidelines of Directorate of Health Services, Raipur, order has been given to perform the last rites of the deceased.

The said patient was already suffering from other comorbid conditions like high blood pressure, severe pneumonia, diseases and died during treatment in the hospital on September 27, 2023 at 9:00 hrs. Presently the situation is under control.

Jeevandeep Committee member Dilip Thakur honoured

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: Members of Jeevandeep Committee were honoured for the regular service being rendered by them to both the outpatient and inpatients at Pandurang Rama Rao Dongavkar District Hospital.

In this sequel, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena honoured Jeevandeep Committee executive member, Municipal Corporation brand ambassador and Red Cross member Dilip Thakur by presenting him a certificate (progress letter) and memento.

It may be noted that Thakur has been honoured in the past also for



his active and sensitive role in getting the vaccine administered to the patients admitted in hospitals during the Corona period to prevent spread of infection.

State Level Conference Meet of Nursing Colleges of Chhattisgarh on Sep 30

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: The Biennial Conference of Student Nurses Association (SNA) is organised every two years in different states of the country under the aegis of Indian Trained Nurses Association. The Student Nurses Association was established in Madras in 1929 during the Annual Conference of Indian Trained Nursing Association.

Since then, Students' Nurses Association Units were started in nursing schools and colleges in almost every state of the country. Thereafter, this conference has been held every two years, in which various activities like scientific paper presentation, extempore speech, essay, quiz, poster, on the spot painting, pencil sketching, best SNA

diary and dance competitions are conducted for the nursing students of state and the entire country, so that their talents can take flight. Earlier, during the Corona period, this conference was organized online in the year 2021 in which students from various colleges of our Chhattisgarh state participated in various activities and emerged

victorious and made our State proud at the National level as well. This year also, under the aegis of Indian Trained Nurses Association, the conference is being organized by TNAI Members of Chhattisgarh State Branch respectively, Chairman Prof (Dr) Abhilekha Biswal, Vice President Prof (Dr) Sreelata Pillai, Secretary Prof (Dr) Sindhu A Menon, Treasurer Prof (Dr) Daisy

Abraham, SNA Advisor Beena R Thomas, Chairman (Nursing Services) Sushila Singh, Chairman (Nursing Education) Prof (Dr) Sreemini Pillai, Chairperson (Public Health Section) Prof (Dr) Jaya Chakraborty etc The 30th State SNA Biennial Conference is scheduled on September 30, 2023, in which principals, vice-principals and other teaching fraternity from various nursing colleges of the state are also contributing and everyone has been invited. The venue of this conference is mainly PG College of Nursing, (Hospital Sector, Sector-9), Shri Shankaracharya College of Nursing (Hudco) and Kala Mandir (Civic Centre). Everyone is making continuous efforts to make the conference a success.

BSP ties up with M/s Ram Charan Co Pvt Ltd for carbon capture and its utilization

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: BSP is committed to contributing towards a clean and sustainable environment and continually enhancing its environment related performance as an integral part of its business philosophy and values.

To strengthen the Govt of India's campaign for clean and green environment, BSP has taken up various projects to produce 'Green steel' as a move towards manufacturing steel without the use of fossil fuels.

Steel Authority of India Ltd's Bhilai Steel Plant and Research & Development Centre of Iron & Steel has signed a Non-Disclosure



Agreement on Wednesday Sep 27, 2023, with Chennai-based Ram Charan Co Pvt Ltd as a prelude to demonstration of the proof of concept for conversion of various steel plant emissions to value added products.

The activity is being taken up under the guidance of Anirban Dasgupta, Director Incharge, Anjani Kumar, ED (W) of BSP, SAIL, Nirvik Banerjee,

Executive Director Incharge & Sandip Kumar Kar, Executive Director, of RDCIS, SAIL.

Rakesh Joshi, CGM (EMD), BSP & Partha Banerjee, CGM (CC&EE), RDCIS signed the agreement on behalf of SAIL, while Kaushik Palicha, Managing Director signed on behalf of Ram Charan Company Private Limited.

Using Ram Charan's solutions, SAIL's aim is to move towards carbon neutrality and produce green steel. Ram Charan is currently in the process of establishing its patented mini-reactor to convert any concentration of discharged CO2 into value added products like ethanol, methanol, acetates, formaldehyde etc.

Bar & Rod Mill marks new Day Record

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Bar & Rod Mill has once again achieved a milestone by creating a new best ever day record in production. The Mill that rolls out TMT Bars achieved a 'Day Record' in production on September 25, 2023 by rolling out a record 2,562 tonnes (1,246 billets) in the challenging profile of 10 mm TMT Bars, by surpassing the previous best of 2,538 Tonnes (1,222 billets) achieved on April 21, 2023.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (Bhilai Steel Plant) and Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), along with Mukesh Gupta, CGM (BRM) and Plant's Senior Management has congratulated BRM's Team on this achievement and motivated



them to work with the same spirit to achieve all the goals of this year and create many more such records.

Congratulating the entire mill fraternity on this achievement, HoD Mukesh Gupta, CGM (BRM) said that the feat of substantially increased production was made possible by continuous monitoring and hard-work of the mill personnel and full cooperation of the concerned departments.

SK Behera, KK Thakur, SN Tripathy, Ashish, Saswat Mohanty, Samir Pandey, and Shikhar Tiwary, General Managers of BRM Department, along with other senior officials and personnel of BRM, also congratulated

the BRM Collective on this occasion.

BRM aims at 100% customer satisfaction by giving utmost priority to product quality BRM's feat of substantially increased production was made possible by continuous monitoring and hard-work of the mill personnel and full cooperation of the concerned departments.

Innovative initiative of district admin for employment to youth

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: An innovative initiative is being taken by the district administration to provide employment to the unemployed youth of the district. As per the intention of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, nodal officer will be appointed in every district and urban body of the district. These officers will make the local youth enter the Google Form as per their requirement.

Besides, local employers will also be asked to enter information about the vacant posts available in their institute in the Google form. The interested unemployed will be provided employment through direct linkage for the vacancies available through Google Form.

Information about vacancies available in various sectors will be compiled through Google Form by urban bodies, industry department, chief medical and health department and other departments. To apply for employ-



ment, one can get the Google link from his/her district panchayat/urban body.

At the local level, a large number of manpower is required for posts like computer operator, sales, cook, driver, ward boy in hospital, nursing staff, etc. To meet this need, this innovative initiative has been started through district employment and self-employment guidance.

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, in the meeting of officials on Wednesday, has asked all the SDMs and officials of urban bodies to take necessary initiatives in this regard. He took department-wise information from the offi-

cial regarding time limit, PGN, applications received during the Chief Minister's visit and resolution of pending cases of Jan Chaupal.

He also asked to resolve old pending cases at the earliest. The Collector took information about the cattle kept in the Gauthans of urban bodies and rural areas of the district. He asked to shift the cattle of urban bodies to Gauthans in rural areas. He told the officials that cattle should not be seen on the roads. To prevent accidents, appropriate arrangements should be made to keep the cattle wandering on the roads in cowsheds.

Collector took information regarding Rural Housing Justice Scheme launched by the state government on July 19, 2023 for the families living in kutcha houses in the state. Through this scheme, the government will provide free housing facility to poor and needy people. There are 1761 registered beneficiaries in the district under the scheme.

Collector Meena took information about the work activities of the nodal officers appointed for inspection of Anganwadi centers and schools of the district and asked them to collect the information as per the check list prescribed for inspection and enter

it in the Google Sheet. He took information about committee-wise farmer registration for paddy purchase and asked SDMs to pay special attention.

While reviewing the updated works of Jal-Jeevan Mission, the Collector asked for retendering to bring progress in the slow progressing works. He took information from the concerned departments about the progress of caste certificate of school children, School Jatan Yojana, SAGES and asked to upgrade the Ayushman cards of the people with better action plan.

Among those present at the meeting were Additional Collector and Commissioner of Bhilai Municipal Corporation Bhilai, Rohit Vyas, CEO of District Panchayat Ashwani Dewangan, Additional Collector Yogita Dewangan, Additional Collector Gokul Raote, Commissioner of Durg Municipal Corporation Lokesh Chandrakar, Risali Municipal Commissioner Ashish Dewangan, all SDMs.

Trials organised for Free Assistive Device Distribution Camp at Ahiwara

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Sep 28: Bhilai Steel Plant conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant in association with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) - under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has organized a three-day Assistive Device Trial Camp for Senior Citizens and differently abled individuals, at Ahiwara.

As many as 73 individuals from Ahiwara Vidhandabha constituency and surrounding areas of Berla Saja took advantage of this camp. Amit Parihar, Deputy Director (Social Welfare District-Durg) and his team had a special contribution in this camp. The testing camp was organized at Nagar



Nigam's Mangal Bhawan. Special support was also received from Natwar Tamrakar, chairman Nagar Nigam Ahiwara, and his team. Trials for free distribution of Tricycles, Wheelchairs, Crutches, Hearing Aids, Folding Sticks for the Visually Impaired, Tetrapod, Cervical Collar, Knee Brace and Tripods were conducted in the day long camp. All differently-abled individuals and senior citizens were also examined on this occasion. Shivarajan Nair, GM (CSR), along with Rajni Rajak, Anjani Dwivedi, Bhdulal, and VY Lakshmi also contributed for conducting the camp successfully.

OBITUARY

Munni Devi Singh

Bhilai: Munni Devi Singh (92), resident of Street No 03, Shikshak Nagar Durg, passed away on September 28. Last rites of her mortal remains were performed at Harabandha Muktidham. She is survived by senior advocate notary Kaushal Kishore Singh, Labour officer Sanjay Kumar Singh.

Dr Prabhat Shrivastava

Bhilai: Eminent educationist and former Head, Department of Education, Kalyan Mahavidyalaya, Dr Prabhat Kumar Shrivastava (78) left for heavenly abode on September 28. Last rites of his mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham on September 29, 2023. The funeral procession will begin from his residence Block-14, Plot-14, Nehru Nagar, opposite UCO Bank (West) at 12:00 hrs. He is survived by wife Dr Anjana Shrivastava, son Pranjal Kumar Shrivastava and daughter-in-law Pratyusha Shrivastava.

State govt has transferred the funds of NYAY schemes ahead of time: CM

For the convenience of farmers and cattle herders

RS MP Mallikarjun Kharge and CM Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Pension Sahayata Yojana'



1,02,889 beneficiaries received an amount of Rs. 55.76 cr under various schemes. Out of these beneficiaries, 2,881 beneficiaries of the Chhattisgarh Unorganised Workers Social Security Board received an amount of Rs. 3.86 cr, 3,236 beneficiaries of the Chhattisgarh Labour Welfare Board received Rs. 1.65 cr, and 96,772 beneficiaries of the Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board received Rs 50.24 cr. Balodabazar-Bhatapara district received the gift of 264 development works worth Rs. 266 cr.

During a conference, Chief Minister Baghel mentioned that the state government has released the funds for the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana on September 28, considering the farmers' convenience. The decision was made to prevent any potential delays due to the election commission's permissions required after implementing the model code of conduct. Mr. Baghel also highlighted the state government's

commitment to providing rations to 73 lakh individuals and disbursing Rs. 147 cr as Unemployment Allowances to the youth.

The Chief Minister shared that the state government has distributed an amount of Rs. 25000 each, as the first installment, to 7 lakh beneficiaries for housing projects in Bilaspur. He recalled that during the statewide Bhent Mulakat Abhiyan, most people demanded the house. Considering their demands, the state government conducted a comprehensive economic survey and provided an amount for the construction of houses based on this survey. The state government has raised the ceiling for paddy procurement from 15 to 20 quintals per acre. Additionally, the state government has announced the recruitment of over 42,000 vacant posts across various departments.

Pays tribute to Dr. Swaminathan, the Father of India's Green Revolution
Mallikarjun Kharge and CM

Bhupesh Baghel paid tribute to Dr. MS Swaminathan, the Father of India's Green Revolution. While paying homage to Dr. Swaminathan, Kharge mentioned that Dr. Swaminathan brought the Green Revolution to India. He made him a member of the Agricultural University. Dr. Swaminathan was a key figure in the field of agriculture at that time. He was the head of the research station. His name was renowned not only in India but throughout the world. Indra Gandhi ji and Rajiv Gandhi ji praised him for his work in the agriculture field. He served as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha. He made a significant contribution to the country's farmers. Mr. Kharge recalled Guru Ghasidas ji and lauded his message of "Mankhe, Mankhe Ek Samaan" and his guidance towards truthfulness.

Deputy Chief Minister TS Singh Deo, Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant, former Union Minister Kumari Selja, Home Minister Tamradhwaj

- Registered workers, who have completed ten years of registration and are above 60 years of age, will receive a lifelong pension of Rs. 1500
- 24.52 lakh farmers received an amount of Rs.1,895 as the third installment under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana
- 33,642 sugarcane-producing farmers received an incentive of Rs 57.18 cr at the conference
- 65,000 cow dung sellers received an amount of Rs. 5.16 cr under the Godhan NYAY Yojana
- Balodabazar-Bhatapara district received a gift of development works worth Rs 266 cr

Sahu, Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar, School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey, Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma, UAD Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahariya, Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya, Revenue Minister Jaishingh Aggarwal, PHE Minister Guru Rudra Kumar, Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Mohan Markam, Lok Sabha MP Deepak Baij, Parliamentary Secretary Chandradev Rai and Shakuntala Sahu along with a large number of farmers and workers were present.

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Devotees bid touching farewells to Lord Ganesha on completion of 10-days of worship in Kharun River.



Large idols of Lord Ganesha too were immersed in the pond constructed for it and before that devotees offered prayers to Lord Ganesha

CM condoles demise of renowned agricultural scientist Dr. MS Swaminathan

Raipur, Sep 28: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has expressed deep sorrow at the demise of renowned agricultural scientist and the pioneer of the Green Revolution, Dr MS Swaminathan. He conveyed his condolences to the grieving family members of Dr. Swaminathan and prayed for his soul's peace.

In his message, the Chief Minister stated that

Dr. Swaminathan transformed the image of agriculture in the country by bringing about the Green Revolution. He was honored with several prestigious awards, including the Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan, for his innovations, research, and numerous notable contributions to the field of agriculture. He developed varieties of wheat and rice that significantly in-

creased crop yields, contributing to making farmers self-reliant. Dr. Swaminathan consistently advocated for fair support prices to ensure that farmers received the appropriate value for their produce. In line with Dr. Swaminathan's vision, arrangements were made in Chhattisgarh has taken proper measures to ensure that farmers get fair value for their crop yield

BJP undertakes exercise to select candidates for Legislative Assembly polls



BJP Chief Nadda and Home Minister Shah chalk out strategy for electoral prospects

Raipur, Sept 28: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President JP Nadda and General Secretary

BL Santosh on Thursday joined the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Chhattisgarh to chalk out strategy for the upcoming Legislative Assembly polls here. According to the information received, all these central leaders were accorded warm welcome by the Party

President and Lok Sabha member Arun Sao at Raipur Airport. Later they had a close door talks with the selective leaders on the election preparations and strategy to boost the prospects of electoral victory in the Legislative Assembly polls.

BJP Election in-charge OP Mathur and others joined the central leaders at the meeting held at Kushabhau Thakre premises. It is understood that they had a discussion on the candidates for nearly 30 seats. The shortlisted candidates' candidature would be presented at the Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting scheduled to be held on October 1 for approval.

Sharda Dairy launches three news products



Raipur, Sep 28: The state's famous Sharda Dairy's brand Vachan has launched its three new products in capital city viz. Cold Coffee, Vachan Desi Ghee refill pack and UNO Malai Doodh. The launch of these new products was formally done in Company's Corporate Office in the presence of Joint Managing Director of Sharda Dairy Pankaj Sharda and other senior office bearers.

Pankaj Sharda speaking to media persons said that these products have been launched in the market as per demand from customers. He further said that all Vachan products are receiving good response from the market and the new products too are expected to get good response. During this launch programme, all the persons from different departments of Sharda Group were present.

203 railway stations of SECR equipped with Wi-Fi system

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Raipur, Sep 28: A total of 203 railway stations of South East Central Railway (SECR) have been equipped with free high speed Wi-Fi facility. Passengers coming to these railway stations are now enjoying the benefit of free high speed Wi-Fi. This facility has been provided at 82 railway stations of Bilaspur division, 30 of Raipur division and 91 railway stations of Nagpur division. Passengers are being provided high speed free Wi-Fi facility absolutely free for half an hour. With this, passengers are making good use of their



waiting time by completing their online work along with entertainment.

Providing modern and advanced service and facilities to passengers is the top priority of South East Central Railway. Digitalisation of services with changing times is the specialty of Railways, which is being reflected in many services. Providing free Wi-Fi is a link in this series.

It is very easy for travelers to connect their smart mobile to Wi-Fi. Its process is as follows:-

- First of all, open the WiFi settings on the mobile.
- After this you have to search the available networks.
- Then select Railwire network and open railwire.co.in webpage in the browser.
- After this you have to enter 10 digit mobile number.
- After this an OTP comes on the mobile number.
- This OTP has to be used as the password to connect to Railwire.

Youth's leg saved with reconstruction of 5 ligaments one after the other



Raipur, Sep 28: A 26-year-old youth, who was injured after falling from a motorcycle in a road accident, had loss of sensation in his leg due to rupture of the ligament located inside his knee bone. Prof. Rajendra Ahire Doctor of Orthopedics Department and his team in Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital saved the patient's right leg from getting damaged by reconstructing five ligaments one after the other and implanting them in the knee. However, the patient, while undergoing treatment at other places, reached Ambedkar Hospital quite



late, two and a half months after the accident. By then the condition of the patient's knee worsened.

Orthopedic specialist and Dr. Rajendra Ahire, who treated the patient, says that the 26-year-old patient, resident of Kabirdham Prankhera, had a motorcycle accident on April 10, 2023, after which he was taken to a private hospital in Bilaspur where he was put in plaster above the knee for 02 months. Due to plaster his knee was not able to bend and it became completely stiff, causing numbness in the leg.

The patient was unable to walk with the support

of his leg. When he got an MRI done from outside, it was found that all the ligaments of the knee were broken, due to which the outside doctors informed that it was a complex case. Patient was then referred to Ambedkar Hospital where further treatment was planned. It was decided to carry out the operation in two sequential stages.

The patient first underwent reconstruction of 03 ligaments (lateral collateral ligament, popliteal ligament, popliteal fibular ligament) and after 6 weeks, reconstruction of 02 ligaments (anterior and posterior cruciate ligament)

was done again using telescopic method. A total of 05 ligaments have been reconstructed. The patient is currently walking on his feet and his knee is also bent 100 degrees.

Dr. Rajendra Ahire explains that this operation is done by making a tunnel in the femur and tibia which was the biggest challenge. Due to the presence of many tunnels, there may be a possibility of one tunnel colliding with another tunnel, which may result in failure of the operation. The second biggest problem is that due to formation of so many fibers many a times the knee gets jammed. It's been just a week since the patient's second operation. The patient has just started walking. The patient will start running in four to six months.

The team of doctors who performed the operation included Dr. Rajendra Ahire, Dr. Saurabh Jindal, Dr. Atin Kundu, Dr. Manjulata Tandon from anesthesia, Dr. Dagendra, Dr. Lingaraj, Dr. Sandeep and Dr. Manish from PG.

Vishal, Arjun and Vivan win District TT championships

Raipur, Sept 28: Vishal Decate, Arjun Malhotra, Vivan Baiswade, Chahak Kataria and Samaya Pandey won the Raipur District Table Tennis Tournament 2023 being organized under the aegis of Rajdhani Table Tennis Association at Sapre School-based TT Hall in Youth, Sub Junior and Hopes categories for boys and girls respectively.

Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the RTTA Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that Senior Divisional Manager of LIC Raipur Ashok Thakur was the chief



guest of the prize distribution ceremony whereas Technical Committee Chairman of Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association (CTTA) Arvind Kumar Sharma presided over the

function. Pankaj Shukla from Hira Group was present as special guest whereas Ajit Banerjee was the chief Referee of the tournament.

Vishal Decate defeated Karan Malhotra by 3-2 to

win the Youth Under 19 Boys championship whereas Chahak Kataria defeated Achal Bareth to win the Youth Under 19 girls championship.

Similarly Arjun Malhotra defeated Siddha Duppadd to win the Sub Junior Under 15 championship for boys whereas Chahak Kataria defeated Ahana Singh to clinch title in girls category. Vivan Baiswade defeated Abhinav Peter by 3-0 to win the Hopes Under 11 boys championship whereas Samaya Pandey defeated Jiva Tiwari to win the girls championship.

Raipur announces team for Chh'garh Weightlifting championship

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Raipur, Sept 28: Raipur District Weightlifting Association (RDWA) on Thursday announced team for the 21st Sub Junior Boys and Girls Chhattisgarh Pradesh Weightlifting championship to be held from September 29 at Raipur.

Chiranjeev Bharati, Sachin Singh, Harsh Markandeye, Honey Verma, Tushar Sahu, Priyanshu Bishwas, Harish Markandeye,



Subham Nirala, Devvrat Sharma, Aditya Sahu, Sahil Katre, Ankit Bhharati, Prithiviraj

Chandel, Harshit Yadav, Yash Pal and Sanket Janghel are in the Boys team. Similarly, Aditi Sahu, Mahima Karhatkar, Vidhi Sahu, Twinkle Naidu, Prajali Tiwari, Anamika Sahu, Preetu Sahu, Megha Pal, Lukeshwari Sahu, Puja Sahu, Geetika Tandon and Jaishree Thakre are in the girls team.

Ajay Deep Sarang is the Team Coach whereas Lucky Markam, Mahesh Khelwar and Pankaj Shukla are also part of the Managerial team.

Building infrastructure will stimulate economic growth : Baghel

Guru Ghasidas Central University included among the top 50 Universities of India

● In The Times Higher Education World University Ranking



Bilaspur, Sep 28: Guru Ghasidas Central University (Central University) has been included in the top 50 universities of India according to The Times Higher Education World University Rankings. In the last two years, tireless hard work has been done under the strong, visionary and popular leadership and efficient guidance of Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the positive results are glittering conspicuously now. The only Central University of Chhattisgarh has succeeded in leaving its indelible mark not only on the national but also on the international academic map. Times Higher Education Ranking is a proof that Guru Ghasidas Central University is achieving new heights of excellence every day by successfully discharging its social responsibilities along with its academic contribution.

cludes Indian universities ranked from 44th to 57th.

This success of the University is a reflection of and the reward for the efforts made towards successfully implementing the National Education Policy-2020 as per the roadmap, creating a positive academic ambience in the University and achieving the desired goals by making everyone work in a coordinated manner as Team GGV.

The University has successfully implemented some important plans through innovation and mutual cooperation to provide the University with a quality educational environment that ensures holistic development of the learner. In this, more than 1200 students were made self-reliant by developing skills among them through MoUs with various national and international level institutions and through various schemes like Swavalambi Chhattisgarh scheme, Guru Ghasidas University Swabhiman Thali (GST) for instilling

service spirit and dedication towards the nation among the students, Guru Ghasidas University Shraavan Line Scheme (GSL), National Service Scheme, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan by providing practical and experiential knowledge to the students during the execution of the plans while making them aware of their social responsibilities as well. The university has also touched new dimensions in the direction of entrepreneurship and start up. With the establishment of Innovation Centre, Skill Development Center and Technology Enabling Centre, the University has created a unique startup ecosystem which, through coordinated efforts, has initiated the production and marketing arrangements by the students with two G8 companies under the guidance of the Research and Development Centre and has led to the start of more than 15 startups. Unprecedented progress has also been made in the direction of converting knowledge into technology, which includes obtaining more than 250 patents, establishment of

a Central Research Institute, and having the inclusion of 5 technologies at the national level in the recent showcase of 70 best technologies organized by Tech Punjab. **Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal accomplished which he'd committed**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, after assuming charge on July 24, 2021, has reiterated at various forums and occasions his resolve to put the university on the international academic map. The inclusion of Guru Ghasidas Central University in the list of the 50 best universities among the 91 universities of India included in this ranking confirms the determination of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal and his ability to translate his ideas into achievements.

1799 Universities took part in the ranking

The Times University Rankings includes 1799 universities from 104 countries. This number is the highest in terms of the participation of universities in the world.

Survey Data from 40000 researchers of the World. In this ranking, 121 million citations out of 15.5 million research publications were analyzed through a survey of 40 thousand researchers. In this survey, data was collected for 6.8 lakh points from 2500 institutions.



CM dedicates 2715 development works worth Rs 4471 cr to the people of the state

Inauguration of 'Chhattisgarh Niwas' located in New Delhi

Raipur, Sep 27: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel dedicated 2715 development works costing Rs 4471.16 cr to the people of the state in a program organized at his official residence here on Wednesday. Addressing the virtual inauguration, Bhupesh Baghel and the foundation stone laying program organized at his residential office, he said that all these development works are related to the development of infrastructure which will further improve public facilities. These works are also directly related to our economic development.

These development works include Bhumipujan of 1121 works costing Rs 2,368 cr, the

inauguration of 1530 works costing Rs 1705 cr and the foundation stone laying of 64 works costing Rs 398 cr. Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel, virtually inaugurated the newly constructed Chhattisgarh Niwas. It is located in Dwarka, the capital of New Delhi, was built at Rs. 60.42 cr and is equipped with all necessary amenities. The Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed his best wishes for the people of the state regarding these development works.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that over the last 5 years, our government has prioritized the construction of infrastructure, social and economic empowerment. All areas of the state are receiving equal benefits from our public welfare schemes. Our plans were tailored to address the needs of the people, and their effective implementation has spurred development in Chhattisgarh. He further added that the citizens of Chhattisgarh now have access to 'Chhattisgarh Niwas' located in New Delhi, which will provide accommodation for



those in need. This solves the issue of finding a place to stay for everyone in the state. It is worth mentioning that, over the past two days, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel has dedicated construction projects worth Rs 10,551 cr to various departments and public facilities at both the state and district levels, benefiting the people of Chhattisgarh.

The Deputy Chief Minister, T.S Singh Deo, participated in the program virtually. During the virtual inauguration of the projects, Singh Deo expressed his commitment to advancing Chhattisgarh through ongoing efforts. He also highlighted that these development works will enhance the well-being of the general public. Public Works Department Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Principal Secretary Home Manoj Pingua, Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary to the Chief Minister Ankit Anand, Siddharth Komal Singh Pardeshi, S. Bharathidasan and Senior officials were present at the Chief Minister's resi-

dence office. Chairman of the Apex Bank Shri Bajinath Chandrakar joined the program virtually.

"Chhattisgarh Niwas" is equipped with all the necessary facilities. The Chhattisgarh Niwas in Dwarka, located in the capital city of New Delhi, is a recently constructed building equipped with modern amenities. The total cost of construction was Rs 60 crore 42 lakh, and it comprises 61 rooms and 13 suites. The building is built to cater to the needs of Chhattisgarh citizens visiting Delhi for government or personal work. Additionally, it provides accommodation for patients and their families who come to Delhi for medical reasons. It is worth noting that the Chhattisgarh Government already has two buildings in Delhi, but due to the growing demand, a third building became necessary. The four-storey building offers various facilities, including dining areas, waiting rooms, conference halls, guest rooms, dormitory, residential lifts, and parking facilities.

CM is empowering workers and farmers: Agrawal

By making schemes for their betterment

Workshop organised for social security and empowerment of migrant workers of the state.

Raipur, Sep 27: Under the joint auspices of Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and UNDP, the Board participated in a state level workshop organised on Wednesday at a private hotel in Raipur on the subject of strengthening labour welfare and providing social security in the state with special reference to migrant workers. Chairman of Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board Sushil Sunny Agarwal was also present in the workshop. Addressing the inaugural session of the workshop, Agarwal said



that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel thinks that the workers and farmers of the state should be empowered, along with social security, the workers should get social respect. For this, the state government, on the initiative of the Chief Minister, is working for their empowerment through worker-friendly schemes, so that the last mile workers and farmers can get its benefits. Chairman of Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Agarwal said that planning is easy but making plans and implementing them is a challenging task. He said that about 72

schemes are being run by the Labour Department for the health, safety and upliftment of workers and their families. All the schemes are being operated well. Workers are getting benefits from this.

For this I congratulate the officers and employees of the department. He said that labour resource centers have been set up in the development blocks of the state. If any worker comes with any problem then he should not be disappointed and disheartened. Officers and employees should work with sensitivity towards quick resolution of the problems of such workers. He said that the state government is providing free registration and other facilities to the workers. In some facilities, there are complaints of workers being charged more than the prescribed amount. Instructions were given to the officers to control it. He also stressed on providing facilities for registration etc. in labour resource centres.

Rally taken out under Swacchata Pakhwada



Raipur, Sept 27: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur organized 'Swacchata Pakhwada', a cleanliness fortnight, on Wednesday. The event was conducted to promote the cause of a Garbage free India, and included a rally around the campus.

Various programs are being organized across the country to make people aware about cleanliness through programs to be organized on 1st October. In this series, a cleanliness rally was organized at National Institute of Technology Raipur. The procession enthusiastically chanted slogans promoting cleanliness like 'Sabhi rogo ki ek dawai, ghar mein rakho

saaf safai' (Cleanliness in each household, the cure to all ailments), 'Hum sab ka ek hi sapna, swachh ho Bharat apna' (A clean India is a dream of us all), and 'Maine apna kartavya nibhaya, saaf safai ko apnaya' (I adopted cleanliness and fulfilled my duty). The drive witnessed active participation from Faculties, staff, students and NCC cadets and amplified the importance of cleanliness in the collective consciousness of the campus. On October 1, a program of one hour Shramdaan towards cleanliness will also be organized at campus and participation will be done with public participation in this great movement being run nationwide.

Power Grid Corporation joins hands with AIIMS-R in Patient care

To Provide CT scan, Ambulance and other Equipment worth Rs 15.50 Crore



Raipur, Sept 27: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. has extended its help to patients coming from far-flung areas of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Bihar, UP and other states. PGCIL pledged to provide medical equipment worth Rs 15.50 crore through its CSR funds. It includes a CT scanner and an ambulance.

A MoU was signed between PGCIL and AIIMS-R on Wednesday. Alok, Executive Director (Western Region-1), Prof. Ajai Singh, Director, AIIMS Raipur, Anshuman Gupta, Deputy Director (Admin.) and RK Dash, Sr. GM have signed a MoU in an online meeting with AIIMS-R and PGCIL, Nagpur Office. Under the agreement,

PGCIL will provide funds for procuring one CT Scan Machine and ambulance, along with Anesthesia Workstations (5), Recovery cum Patient shifting Trolley (20), Foldable Wheelchairs (100) and E-Rickshaws (2) with total financial implication of around 15.50 crore. All equipment will be utilized on the AIIMS campus for patient care. It is a matter of pride for us to extend help to patients coming to AIIMS. PGCIL hopes that it will give immense relief to patients in terms of the waiting period for a CT scan after the new machine will be installed. Other equipment will also help in patient transportation and patient care, said Alok.

Prof. Singh said that AIIMS-R is providing state-of-the-art facilities to patients. There is a need for PSUs and other giant corporations to come forward and provide help to patients through their CSR funds, as envisioned in the MoU with PGCIL. All equipment will be procured through government sources by March 2024. "We hope that with the new CT scan machine we will be able to reduce waiting periods for patients, he added. The program was graced by HP Pal, GM, Nagpur; Pinaki Bhattacharya, Chief Manager; Ms. Apurva Soni, Deputy Manager, PGCIL and Shiv Shankar Sharma, PRO, AIIMS-R.

Yuvraj Singh to represent India

In World Muay Thai Ch'Ship Left for Turkey

Raipur, Sep 28: Under the aegis of United Muay Thai Association India (UMAI), an organization recognized by the International Olympic Association (IOC) in India, the Indian Muay Thai contingent will participate in the IFMA World Muay Thai Championships and left for Delhi by Rajdhani Express on September 28. From New Delhi team will leave from New Delhi for Antalya (Turkey) on the evening of September 29.

It is a matter of immense joy and pride that 14 year old Yuvraj Singh Rajput, resident of Jagdalpur, Muay Thai champion in his weight category for the last six years from remote Bastar region, will represent India. It is also noteworthy that Yuvraj is the only player selected from the state of Chhattisgarh who is participating in this world championship. Yuvraj's father Rajendra Singh Rajput is also going to Antalya (Turkey) with his son as the



manager of the Indian Muay Thai team and as a guardian. Since Yuvraj is a minor, hence as per the rules, Yuvraj is allowed to participate under the guardianship of his father.

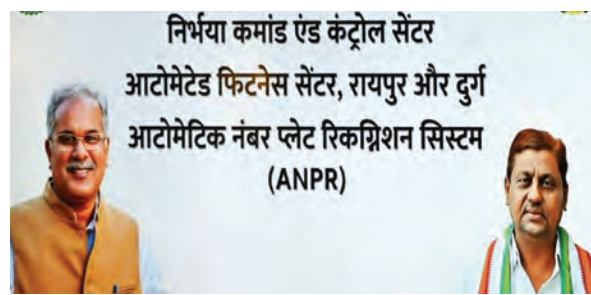
It is noteworthy that Yuvraj had won the bronze medal representing India in the World Youth Muay Thai Championship held in Malaysia from 09 - 21 August 2022 last year. The 13-member Indian Muay Thai contingent includes 07 players, 02 coaches, 01 manager, 01 federation secretary and 01 federation official. Indian Muay Thai Team Federation is going to Turkey under the leadership of General Secretary of UMAI Shriram Chaudhary, informs Anis Memon General Secretary, Chhattisgarh Amateur Muay Thai Association.

CM inaugurates three important projects of the Transport Department

Nirbhaya Command and Control Center launched for safe travel of women

Automated fitness center established in Raipur and Durg

Automatic number plate recognition also started



Police will be notified as soon as the panic button is pressed

Transport Department Commissioner Dipanshu Kabra said that the Transport Department has started many innovative measures for the safety of women. In this context, a vehicle tracking platform has been established as per the instructions of the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the Nirbhaya Fund to promote safe travel for women on public transport.

Under the project, GPS and panic buttons will be installed in passenger vehicles operating in the state. In case of an emergency, by pressing the panic button, the information will be immediately received by the police department through the command and control center of the transport department. This will provide safety to women and children traveling in passenger vehicles and will help them in an emergency.

present in the program. Describing these projects of the Transport Department as

crucial, Chief Minister Baghel said that along with the safety of women, there

Fitness check of vehicles

In view of the increasing number of vehicles and accidents in the state, the Transport Department has established Automated Fitness Centers in Raipur and Durg. Transport Department officials said that fitness tests of more vehicles can be done in the fitness center as compared to manual tests. A fitness test of goods vehicles will be done by automated machines in the fitness

center, and vehicles failing the test will not be allowed to run on the road. Automated fitness centers will prove to be very helpful in ensuring fit vehicles operate on the roads and that more vehicles can be tested in less time. It is noteworthy that after Raipur and Durg, action is being taken to set up automatic fitness centers in Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur, Korba, Raigarh, and Rajnandgaon.

will be a reduction in road accidents, and strict action will also be taken against vehicles

without valid documents. The state government is concerned about the safety of

Action will be taken against vehicles without valid documents

The third project launched today by the Transport Department is the Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera with e-Detection. Under the project, action will be taken against vehicles that are not running on the highway but are passing through various lockdown

routes. ANPR cameras are being installed on these leakage demands; the information about the vehicles received through ANPR cameras will be matched with the database of the vehicle software, and an e-challan will be issued to the vehicles running without valid documents. For

this, e-detection software has been developed in collaboration with NIC. After receiving information from the toll plazas of the National Highway through e-detection software, challan proceedings have started against vehicles passing without valid documents.

Ganesh Fest being celebrated with enthusiasm

At ITM University

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Raipur, Sep 28: Ganesh Fest is being celebrated at the ITM University campus with great enthusiasm by the student welfare and cultural committee. A lively and culturally enriching event of lord Ganesh Puja brought together students and faculty to commemorate Ganesh Chaturthi. The event started with the Maha Aarti and energetic Dhamaal.

On this occasion, the students participated to show their talents in dancing, singing, Thali Decorating, and Rangoli competitions. In Rangoli, students showcased their artistic talents by creating intricate and colorful designs at the entrance of the college. These rangolis added a vibrant and welcoming touch to the event.

Another exciting aspect of the fest was the thali-making competition,



where participants displayed their creativity in decorating traditional thalis (plates) with various materials and designs.

This competition not only showcased the students' artistic skills but also their knowledge of cultural traditions. Dance and music performances further added to the festive atmosphere. Whereby, students presented traditional and contemporary dances, while musicians played melodious tunes that resonated with the spirit of the occasion.

The judges judged the performances on parameters like creative expression and stage presence. These performances not only entertained but also reinforced the cultural significance of the festival. In summary, the college Ganesh Fest celebration was a joyful and culturally immersive event.

The results of the competitions were then announced by the Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr. Sumer Singh and prizes were distributed by the re-

spective heads of the schools.

In Rangoli, Thali decoration and Dance competitions, Shivani from BBA, Diya Singh, BBA, and Khushali BBA LLB secured first prize and they were felicitated by Professor and Head of School of Commerce and Management Dr. Yashin Shekh, whereas Suvarna B.Sc. Biotechnology was awarded first prize for a solo song by Professor and Head of the School of Life and Allied Science Dr. Rupesh Thakur.

300 students of ITM University participation in CII-Yi Yuva Utsav-2.0

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Raipur, Sep 28: Three hundred students of ITM University actively participated in CII-Yi Yuva Utsav 2.0 at Pt. Dindayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur. The mega event was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry-Young Indians (CII-Yi). Students were thrilled to witness the real heroes of startups and were very prompt in interacting with such amazing talents and entrepreneurs of the state and country.

Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan inaugurated the program and motivated the youths to work hard with dedication as they are the future of India. The Director General of ITM University Lakshmi Murthy was felicitated by the Chairman of CII Chhattisgarh State Council Siddharth Agrawal for developing an ecosystem of Innovation, Startups, and



Entrepreneurship on the university campus. Vice Chancellor of ITM University Professor Dr. Sumer Singh expressed his happiness with students' participation and achievements as they are future entrepreneurs and can become role models for other students.

The event witnessed a keynote Session by Motivational Speaker and IIM Ahmedabad's Professor Snehal Desai, inspiring the youths to follow their dreams and not take

the pressure of others in shaping their career. The sessions of Snehal Desai were electrifying. He said you will take a wrong path if you follow a wrong idol. The problem is not in your communication but in your thinking. If you think you are weak you will be, he added. The first-panel discussion was based on the art of Storytelling while the second-panel discussion covered the topic of Shark Tales: Dive Deep into Success Stories.

At the end of the event,

the students were entertained by India's Laughter Champion Rajat Sood, and Wrapper Rajaveer Kalpakkar. The representation and students' participation of ITM University in the event was successfully coordinated by the Convener of the Institution Innovation Council Dr. Jai Godheja and the other IIC members Prof. Hareesh Barman, Prof. Joydeep Banerjee, Prof. Nitika Sharma, Prof. Yagendra Singh and Prof. Anjali Goswami.

Traders gathered in CAIT's mega health camp



CAIT's Senior National Vice President, Amar Parwani's birthday was celebrated with great pomp at CAIT's state office

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Raipur, Sep 28: Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), along with more than 100 trade organisations of Raipur, organized a free health camp for traders. CAIT National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Malu, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Executive President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary Bharat Jain, and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal said that on Monday a free mega health camp was organized by Youth CAIT in the state office of CAIT under 'Swastha Vyapar - Swastha Vyapar' from 11 am to 4 pm in which more than 500 traders took advantage of this health camp.

This mega health camp program was inaugurated by the chief guest Amar Parwani, Senior National Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). CAIT's National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi said that CAIT has been discharging its social responsibilities from time

to time. In this context, a mega health camp was organized by CAIT today. In today's fast-paced life, businessmen are unable to pay attention to their health due to lack of time.

CAIT organized a health camp for the traders by running a campaign of 'Swastha Vyapar - Swastha Vyapar', in which the traders of the city took advantage of the health camp by registering their presence in large numbers in the camp for their health check-up.

Specialist doctors of the city provided their services in the health camp. In this camp, free BMD (Bone Quality), Uric Acid, Blood Sugar and BP tests were done and medicines were also distributed. State in-charge Chairman of CAIT Mr. Parmanand Jain and State General Secretary Mr. Surinder Singh said that in the health camp, the specialist doctors of the city mainly Dr. Ankush Verma, Orthopedic specialist, Dr. Manish Gupta, Dental specialist, Dr. Jitendra Saraf, Dental specialist, Dr. Nikhil Moti Ramani, Cardiologist, Dr. Vikas Goyal, Hematologist, and Dr. Arpan Chatrumutha Cancer Surgeon were present. All the doctors were felicitated by Amar Parwani by giving mementos.

Also, the birthday of Amar Parwani, Senior National Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) was celebrated at the state office of CAIT by cutting the cake with great pomp and presenting flower bouquet to Parwani.

Ch'garhi language got respect due to promotion of state's culture, tradition: Dr. Daharia

Conclusion of the seventh divisional conference of Chhattisgarh Official Language Commission

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 28: Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shivkumar Daharia said that the state government has established the Official Language Commission to promote the culture and tradition of Chhattisgarh. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government is doing better work in preserving and promoting the food, lifestyle, clothing and Teej festivals of the state. The state government worked to restore the disappearing culture and tradition. Has brought respect to the people of Chhattisgarh. The objective of the commission is becoming meaningful. Minister Dr. Dahria was on Monday addressing the closing ceremony of the two-day seventh divisional conference organized by the Official Language Commission at a private hotel in the Raipur. The two-day seventh divisional conference organized by Chhattisgarh Official Language Commission concluded.

Minister Dr. Dahria said that our government has done the work of giving respect to Chhattisgarh. He said that there is no dearth of talent in Chhattisgarh, giving opportunities to such talents will create a distinct identity for the state. Parliamentary Secretary Kunwar Singh Nishad said that there are about 1652 types of



mother tongues in the country. Each state has different dialects and languages. Everyone is proud of their mother tongue. Our Chhattisgarhi dialect is full of sweetness. We all should be proud of our mother tongue. Nishad stressed upon the people to use Chhattisgarhi language in their daily life. He explained the importance of Chhattisgarhi dialect, the rich

mother tongue of our ancestors, through Chhattisgarhi songs.

Addressing the conference, Dr. Anil Bhatpahari, Secretary of Chhattisgarh Official Language Commission, said that efforts are going on to include Chhattisgarhi language in the Eighth Schedule. Chhattisgarhi language is being standardized. He said that on the announcement of

Baghel, the process of including Chhattisgarhi in the curriculum in schools from class 1 to 5 of the state is going on. In Bastar and Surguja division also, the process of including local dialects in the curriculum is going on.

Vice Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Dr. Kesari Lal Verma, former Chairman of

Official Language Commission Dr. Vinay Pathak, senior litterateur and linguist Pardeshiram Verma and a large number of litterateurs and district coordinators were present in the conference. All the programs were divided into eight sessions focused on Chhattisgarhi language and literature.

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Dhamtari Branch : 2nd Floor Beside Dr. Panjwani Clinic Ratnabandha Road Dhamtari-493773 (CG).

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Loan Code No. 11110000231/ Dhamtari Branch) Varun Dewangan (Borrower) Chhhabal Dewangan (Co-Borrower)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Towards Dhamtari to Dan) Tola Main Road Ward No 27 Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh 493773 Boundaries: East: Road, West: Land of Bhudharu Ram, North: Land of Utkal Sinha, South: Land of Budharu Ram	11-07-2023 & ₹ 2,74,560/-	27-09-2023

Place : Chhattisgarh Date : 29-09-2023 Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

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Raipur Branch : 1A & 1B, 2nd Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandari, Raipur-492004, Chhattisgarh

Authorised Officer : Ashwin Sharma, Mob.: 7697112220

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

S. No.	Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)
1	(Loan Code No. 00800002014/ Raipur Branch) Khushbu Ansari (Borrower), Monajir Ansari (Co-Borrower)	11-06-2023 ₹15,53,945/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh No 228 69 Part Ph No 103 34 35 Nr By Gurudwara Ward No 01 Veer Sawarkar Nagar Ward Hirapur, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. Boundaries: East - Najul Land, West- Rest Land of seller, North - Road, South - Road	₹ 13,50,000/-	₹ 1,35,000/-

- Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 28-10-2023 within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
- Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 30-10-2023 at the above mentioned branch office address at 3:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.
- The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s), to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
- This is 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
- The immovable property will be sold to the highest tenderer. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary. The Property as mentioned will not be sold below Reserve Price.
- AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
- The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
- The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available at the above mentioned Branch office. Authorised officer reserve the rights to extend the date of tender or change the terms & conditions of bidding. For further details & other terms & conditions of bidding please visit our branch and website : www.aadharhousing.com

For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address. Place : Raipur Date : 29-09-2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Balodabazar-Bhatapara district received a gift of devp works worth Rs 266 cr

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 28: In the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, the amount under NYAY schemes and labour schemes was distributed to farmers and workers.

On this occasion, Bhumi Pujan and the inauguration of 264 development works worth Rs 266 cr were done in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district. These include the inauguration of 150 works worth Rs 176 cr and the Bhumi Pujan of 114 works worth Rs 90 cr.

In the convention, an amount of Rs 1895 cr was

transferred to the bank accounts of 24 lakh 52 thousand 592 farmers in the state under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana, and an amount of Rs 5 crore 16 lakh was transferred to 65 thousand cow dung sellers under the Godhan NYAY Yojana.

With this, the amount to be transferred under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana has increased to Rs 23 thousand 893 cr and the amount to be transferred under the Godhan NYAY Yojana has increased to Rs 507.14 cr. Additionally, an incentive amount of Rs 57 crore 18 lakh was also given to 33 thousand 642 sugarcane-producing farmers.

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032. Branch Office: 7th Floor, Currency Tower, VIP Chowk, G.E. Road, Telibandha, Raipur Chhattisgarh - 492001

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagee is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing thereon from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
Loan Account - X0HELAI0002036772 & HE02LAI0000002059 1. Mohammad Kafeel Ashraf Siddiquee (Applicant), 2. Mohd Obaidullah Ashraf Siddiquee (Co Applicant), 3. Mohd Shaheer Ashraf Siddiquee (Co Applicant), 4. Mohd Farveez Ashraf Siddiquee (Co Applicant), 5. Zareena Begam (Co Applicant) All of Add. H.No. 88, Idgah Mohalla, Ward-7, Farid Nagar, Supela, Bhillai, Durg, Chhattisgarh-490023. 6. Elite Engineers (Co Applicant) Shop No.2, Apka Super Bazar, Chandra Nagar, Supela, Bhillai, Durg, Chhattisgarh-490023.	₹ 1,51,81,421.00 ₹ 27,75,000.00	14.09.2023 ₹ 1,42,90,565.00 as on 14.09.2023 with further interest thereon NPA Date: 05.09.2023	Property No.1:- All That Parcel And Piece Of The Property, Diverted Land, New Khadra No. - 2577/28 And 2577/29 (Part Of Old Khadra No- 310/16, 310/42 And 310/43) Total Area- 0.040 Hectare, Situated At Mouza- Kohka, Ph. No. 69/14, Npn Bhillai, Ric. Durg-1, Tahsil & District Durg (C.G.). Bounded As:- North- Property Of Bholanath Tamrakar, South- Property Of Mr.Daud, East-Road, West-Gali, Property No. 2:- All That Parcel And Piece Of The Property Bearing Plot No. - C/8/16, Khadra No. 625/5-8, Area 1500 Square Feet, P.N. No. 103, Ward No.13, Harshit Raina, Heerapur (Jarway), Shahid Bhagat Singh Ward, Raipur Tehsil And District Raipur Chhattisgarh. Bounded As Per Sale Deed:- North- Plot No C- 8 (17), South- Plot No C-8 (15), East-Road, West-Plot No C- 8 (15)

Date: 29.09.2023 Place: Raipur (C.G.) Authorised Officer/ Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Youth should become skilled and self-reliant: Prof. Chakrawal

Bilaspur, Sep 28:

■ Organization of Induction program for newly admitted students in commerce department

An Induction Program was organized in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar of the University for the newly admitted students of B.Com and M.Com in the academic session 2023-24 in the Department of Commerce under the School of Commerce and Management of Guru Ghasidas University (Central University). The program started at 1 pm with Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University Alok Kumar Chakrawal as the Chief Guest. The Registrar of the university, Professor Manish Shrivastava was present as a special guest.

The Chief guest of the induction program, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, while congratulating the students who have taken the first step in higher education, said that along with studies, the students must develop their skills so that in the coming time, they are not just the



takers of employment but self-reliant entrepreneurs, the givers of employment. He said that there is no alternative to studies, so make books your friend.

Vice Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that students studying commerce have a natural business acumen and courage which can be used in the up gradation and development of business through innovation and new experiments. He explained to the newly admitted students in detail about the establishment

of a startup and the nuances of business along with commercial discipline.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal said that the National Education Policy 2020 has emphasized on the idea of self-reliance through value-based education, skill development, leadership ability, and entrepreneurship. Various courses are being conducted in the university for skill development. He said that as a student of commerce subject, a moral sensitive-

ness, fairness and awareness of rules is expected from all the students.

Before this, the guests lit the lamp and offered flowers before the statues of Goddess Saraswati and Saint Guru Ghasidas Baba. Also, the guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. Thereafter, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bhuvana Venkataraman, Head of the Department of Commerce. The Special guest, the Registrar, Prof. Manish Shrivastava and Dean of School of

Commerce and Management also expressed their views.

Apart from this, Prof. Seema Rai from Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Prof. Anupama Saxena, Convener of Internal Grievance Committee, Dr. Rajkumar Nagvanshi of Proctorial Board, Dr. T.R. Rathe of Scholarship and Fellowship Cell, and Shri Premnath Kamlesh, Training and Placement Officer expressed their views.

On this occasion, the guests present on the stage and the alumni of Commerce Department were honored by presenting mementos. The program was conducted by Dr. Shailesh Dwivedi and the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Budheshwar Singraul. On this occasion, heads of departments, teachers and students of the Department of Commerce and Department of Management Studies were present.

Tej Milan program organised Kurud, Sep 28:

On Monday, 25th September, on the occasion of Pandit Deendayal ji Upadhyay's birth anniversary, BJP Mahila Morcha Kurud organized a Tej Milan program and women felicitation ceremony in the old Mandi complex, Kurud, with the special support of MLA Ajay Chandrakar. Thousands of mothers and sisters, Mahila Morcha officers and worker sisters from Kurud assembly constituency were present in this Tej Milan ceremony program. Various programs like sports, sawan-jhula, matka burst, fugdli, chocolate race competitions and senior women were felicitated. The chief guest of the program, Pratibha Ajay Chandra Drakar, while greeting the huge gathering of women, congratulated the Mahila Morcha officers for organizing the excellent event. Jyoti Chandrakar, in-charge of Kurud Vidhansabha Mahila Morcha, who was convening and presiding over the program, while greeting thousands of matriarchs who had come from Kurud city and region, said that Kurud region has a strong leadership like Ajay Chandrakar for 25 years, it is the responsibility of all of us to take care of it. Many women and representatives were present.

Blood donation camp organized



Kharora, Sep 28:

Under the Seva Pakhwada program in Bharatiya Janata Party Kharora Mandal, a blood donation camp was organized at Ankur Hospital Kharora in which State Working Committee member Dr. Gulab Singh Tikriha, State Convener Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Anjay Shukla, Mandal

Vice President Chhagan Yadav, Yuvmorcha Kharora Mandal President Mukesh Verma, General Secretary Dwe Chandrakant Sahu, Dilraj Chhabda, Yashwant Kannauje, Dr Gan Shri Satyanarayan Pandey, Devendra Dubey, Rajesh Mishra, Yogesh Sinha, Rishi Thakur and others were present.

NGEL to collaborate with ONGC for RE projects

Korba, Sep 28:

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC, and ONGC have signed an MoU today to realize the development of renewable energy and offshore wind power in line with GOI's commitments on Energy Transition.

The MoU was signed by Mohit Bhargava, CEO, NGEL and Deb Adhikari ED- JV and BD, ONGC in the presence of Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC and Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman and CEO, ONGC.

The MoU envisages collaboration in various areas of Renewable Energy in India and overseas which includes offshore wind projects, exploring opportunities in Storage, E-mobility, Carbon Credits,



Green Credits, Green Hydrogen business and its derivatives (Green Ammonia & Green Methanol).

NTPC is India's largest Power Utility with core business of power generation having a total installed capacity of more than 73 GW (including JVs and subsidiaries). As part of increasing its renewable energy portfolio, a wholly owned subsidiary has been formed as NTPC Green

Energy Limited (NGEL) which shall take up Renewable Energy Parks and Projects including business in Offshore Wind Projects, Green Hydrogen, Energy Storage Technologies, Carbon Markets and Round-the-Clock RE Power. NTPC Group has a plan of 60 GW of RE capacity by the year 2032 and currently working on a pipeline of 20+GW, out of which over 3 GW is operational capacity. ONGC is

primarily an E&P Company, possessing significant and proven expertise and resources in the field of petroleum exploration, development, production and transportation of crude oil and natural gas and has presence along the entire oil & gas value chain including refining, petrochemicals, and oil & gas marketing. ONGC Group also has presence in power generation & distribution. It is also having a portfolio of renewable power and has plan to enhance its presence in this business. ONGC has taken initiatives for diversification in RE power generation and installed around 189 MW capacity including wind and solar PV plants spread across various locations. ONGC's Energy Strategy focuses on renewable energy business.

Wind of change blowing: Arun Sao

Kasdol, Sep 28:

Addressing the general meeting in Parivartan Yatra, BJP President Arun Sao said that the wind of change is blowing in Chhattisgarh. He along with other leaders were addressing the rally which had reached Kasdol. Addressing a huge public meeting in Kasdol, he said that today the poor people of the country do not need to worry because Narendra Modi, the son of a poor mother, who cares for the poor, is sitting as the Prime Minister, and soon there will be a wind of change in Chhattisgarh.

Accusing Congress MP Rahul Gandhi Sao demanded whereabouts of 200 processing units and liquor ban in the state. Union Minister of State for Shipping,



Waterways and Tourism, Shripad Naik, while greeting the public in Chhattisgarhi, paying homage to Guru Ghasidas

Baba and Shahid Veer Narayan Singh and saluting Budha Dev, said that by the principle of Antyodaya is that's show the last per-

son in the last line of the society can become self-reliant. Former Assembly Speaker Gaurishankar Aggarwal said that he has come to expose the false promises of the Congress, to change the Congress government which broke its promises, to replace the cheating Congress government.

Prominent in the general meeting were BJP State President Arun Sao, Union Minister Shripad Naik, Shivratna Sharma, Mahesh Gagda, Gaurishankar Agarwal, Niranjan Sinha, Guru Baldas, Lakshmi Verma, Shyam Bai Sahu, Amit Chinnani, Sanam Jangade, Motiram Chandravanshi, Surendra Patni Dr. Ajay Rao, Vipin Bihari Verma, Yogesh Chandrakar and hundreds of party workers.

CRPF collected soil from villages



Konta, Sep 28:

Under the direction of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on 25th September under the banner of CRPF 50 Battalion Headquarters, Amrit Mahotsav of Independence soil was collected from village Elaramadgu, Kolaiguda Veerabhati, Dabbakota under Sukma District of Chhattisgarh under Amrit

Kalash Yatra 'Meri Mati Mera Desh'. The caravan reached 50 battalions. Under this program, Narendra Pal Singh (PMG) of the Battalion, along with the children and citizens of the area, commandant 50 battalions, Ujjal Dutta and Pamula Kishore, second commanding officer, Kafel Ahmed, Deputy Com., Dr. Nitish Kumar Singh. The medical officer and all the

other officers and soldiers organized the collection of soil in the urn under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Amrit Kalash Yatra under "Meri Mati Mera Desh" with great joy and enthusiasm. Also, all those who participated during this Refreshments and sweets were distributed among children and citizens. Children, citizens and officers and soldiers participated in this event.

Three accused of stealing scooter and truck parts nabbed

■ Two cases of theft in the area revealed

Korba, Sep 28:

Korba Police has succeeded in arresting three accused in the case of theft by breaking the locks of shops in two different areas on the same night.

Let it be known that on the midnight of Sept 26, the lock of the auto parts shop of Aron Traders located on TP Nagar Bypass Road was broken and the spring belt and iron turtle parts of the truck were stolen. A complaint was lodged by Maman Chandra Aggarwal in the police station, where the police registered crime number 428/section 457, 380, on the



other hand, on the same night, thieves broke the lock of BL Engineering shop near Kerala Hotel in TP Nagar Bypass Road. Sanjay Pradhan's scooter number CG 12 AM1531 was stolen. On the report of Sanjay Pradhan, the police registered crime number 429/23 section 457, 380 IPC against the accused and took it under investigation.

Senior officers were informed regarding the

above two incidents. In view of the daily theft cases happening in the city, under the direction of Superintendent of Police Korba Uday Kiran and guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Korba Abhishek Verma and under the supervision of City Superintendent of Police Korba Robinson Gudiya. Police station in-charge Civil Line Korba in-charge Mrityunjay

Pandey and outpost in-charge CSEB sub-inspector Naveen Patel had received instructions to take strict and prompt action. In compliance with the instructions received from senior officers, outpost in-charge CSEB sub-inspector Naveen Patel, along with his subordinate staff head constable Amrautin Kurre, constable Vijay Banjare, Manoj Yadav, Devnarayan Kurre, took prompt action and arrested 3 accused within just 24 hours of committing the crime. He was caught and interrogated, who confessed to having committed the crime of both the above mentioned cases and said that the tortoise had stolen a piece of old spring belt and iron parts

used in a stolen scooter and truck. On whose traces, the Mashrooka left by both the applicants was 100 percent confiscated and counted as confiscated and the arrested accused were duly arrested on 28th September 2023 and after legal action, were produced in the Honorable Court on judicial remand and by court order were sent to District Jail Korba. Has been filed.

The three arrested included Sheikh Aslam S/o Sheikh Mukhtar age 26 years R/o Sanjay Nagar pond cross in Kotwali District Korba; Akash Chauhan alias Motu S/o late Kadamlal Chauhan age 19 years R/o Sargabundia Police Station Urga District;

Korba, Sep 28:

Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association (CNDA) is gradually being formed in entire Chhattisgarh and now even outside Chhattisgarh and with their inspiration, newspaper distributors' associations have started being formed in other states of India and apart from Korba district. It is a matter of pride for entire Chhattisgarh that appreciating the work of Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association (CNDA), State President of Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association Vinod Sinha and District President Vipin Sahu have been invited to the inauguration of APJ Abdul Kalam

Gyan Doot Newspaper Vendor Credit Co-operative Society Limited in Gondia, Maharashtra and their work has been beautified.

Let it be known that APJ Abdul Kalam Gyan Doot Newspaper Vendor Credit Co-operative Society Limited was inaugurated in Gondia by Maharashtra Newspaper Distributors Organization under the chairmanship of Vilas Rao Spate and Sunil Patankar, Virendra Jaiswal, Vinod Sinha as special guests Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra Newspaper Vendor Organization Secretary Vinod Pannase and State Vice President and Director Credit Society Dinesh Uke, APJ Abdul Kalam Gyan Doot

NSCCS office inaugurated

newspaper Vendor Credit Co-operative Society Limited, Gondia was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion, while inaugurating the programme, Vilas Sapate praised the newspaper sellers and said that with the establishment of the credit society, the society will play an important role in helping all the newspaper sellers of Gondia area, including traders, needy and other people, to establish industrial business, which will help them in setting up their business. Everyone in the area will benefit.

Sunil Patankar, who was presiding over the



program, expressed his views and said that the launch of the Society is a laudable step, but the institution heads should

make proper use of the loan money and strengthen their financial position. It will be a big responsibility of the institu-

tion heads to repay the loan given. If the return of the loan is not assured then it will be difficult to run the credit society, hence the loan should be given to such needy people who can use it properly and at the same time, the progress of this committee is certain because the newspaper sellers association has reach in every village. By connecting people from every household with this society, they can become self-reliant and the society can be expanded easily.

On this occasion, special guest Virendra Jaiswal described the launch of a credit society by newspa-

per sellers as a good initiative. He said that I hope that the newspaper sellers will be successful in making this society perform well. On this occasion, Vinod Sinha, the special guest from Chhattisgarh, said that in ancient times, this place was named Gondia during the British rule due to the cultivation of lac and gum amidst the dense forests. Even at that time, there were 35 industrial institutions established here which were famous for doing business of lac and gum in the country and abroad. The establishment of Abdul Kalam Credit Society Limited by the newspaper sellers in Gondia city is no less than a category of progressive industries. It is our wish that it expands throughout the country. In the end,

founder Dinesh Uke gave detailed information on the establishment of the committee and sought the cooperation of the general public for its successful operation.

In the beginning of the program, the credit society office was inaugurated by the guests by cutting the ribbon, after that the program was started by lighting the lamp and paying floral tributes on the portrait of the great man. The program was successfully conducted by State Newspaper Seller Organization Secretary Vinod Pannase. On this occasion, all the officials of Maharashtra state including Korba District President Vipendra Kumar Sahu from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh district were present.

CM dedicates state's first Ethanol Plant

Based upon Sugarcane and on PPP Model at the cost of Rs 141 cr



Kawardha, Sep 27: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually dedicated the state's first sugarcane based Ethanol plant constructed at the cost of Rs 141 cr here on Tuesday and during this the Minister for Climate Change and Forest Mohammed Akbar was specially present. It is notable that the state government has established a largest and state's first sugarcane based Ethanol Plant in Kabirdhaam district on empty 35 acre land of Boramdev Co-operative Sugar Factory. It is notable here that Ethanol project based upon agriculture is dream project of CM.

First in entire country to develop Ethanol plant on PPP Model:

The establishment of the country's first Ethanol

plant based upon PPP Model the agreement has been signed between Boramdev Co-op Sugar Factory and Chhattisgarh Distillery Limited and ancillary unit NKJ Biofuel Ltd. With establishment of Ethanol Plant, it would generate many direct and indirect employment avenues and would strengthen the region's economy. It would also ensure timely payment of cost of sugarcane to the farmers. With the formation of state government under leadership of CM Bhupesh Baghel, the issues related to farmers have always topped the priorities. First the agriculture loan to the farmers

was waived off and keeping in mind the interest of Sugarcane producing farmers, for permanent solution to economic problems of Sugar factory, an Ethanol plant on PPP model was established. This is first of its kind example of opening of Ethanol Plant on PPP model in entire country.

Thousands of Sugarcane producing farmers to benefit from this plant

MD Boramdev Co-op Sugar Factory Bhupendra Thakur informed that this Ethanol Plant is through Hybrid Technology and in this during harvesting season

of sugarcane, it can be prepared directly through sugarcane juice and during off season through Molassis. In order to convert the Sugarcane juice into Ethanol, more of sugarcane juice will be required and for which more and more quantity of Sugarcane has to be purchased from farmers. With construction of Ethanol Plant, the timely payment to farmers for their sugarcane crop would be ensured. It is keeping in mind the economic aspects and to develop the state's economy, in order to ensure technical and economic participation of private sector that the PPP Model has been selected. It was in compliance to state government's decision, in the first leg the Ethanol Plant on PPP model was established in the Boramdev Sugar Factory. For establishing of 80 KLDP capacity Ethanol Plant in Boramdev Co-op Sugar

Factory and being the first PPP Model based plant in the country, the bidding for selection of investors was done keeping in mind all the intricacies and transparency at national level.

In the dedication programme held at District Panchayat Kawardha, MLA Pandaria Mamta Chandrakar, District Panchayat V-P rep- Hori Sahu, CREDA member Kanhaiya Agrawal, member State Yoga Aayog-Ganesh Nath Yogi, District Panchayat President Susheela Bhatt, Nagar Palika President Rishi Sharma, District Panchayat member Tukaram Chandravanshi, Ramkumar Bhatt, Virendra Jangde, corporator Ashok Singh, Collector Janmajay Mohobe, SP Abhishek Pallav, DFO Chudamani Singh, CEO District Panchayat SK Agrawal and other reps from district were present.

Youva Tourism Club orientation organized at IIIT Naya Raipur



Raipur, Sep 28: Youva Tourism Club of IIIT-Naya Raipur hosted an Orientation Program for students on September 14, 2023, in which distinguished guests Mayank Dubey, from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Mr. Shivam Trivedi, founder of Heritagegala; and Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Director IIIT-NR, motivated the students to join the club by emphasizing on the club's role in promoting India's rich cultural heritage.

The event commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Pradeep K. Sinha, Director IIIT-NR. He ex-

pressed his happiness about the establishment of the Youva Tourism Club and mentioned it as another enriching addition to the institute's array of co-curricular activities. Dr. Sinha emphasized on its importance as a platform to educate students about our country's rich cultural heritage, promoting student engagement, happiness, and holistic learning experiences.

This was followed by an address by Shivam Trivedi, where he passionately shared insights into the hidden gems that Chhattisgarh has to offer for Tourism. Furthermore, Mr. Dubey shared profound

insights into the broader national perspective on tourism and its significance in India's growth story. He delivered a compelling video presentation outlining the Youva Tourism Club initiatives, elucidating its core objectives and vision.

In his address, Mayank Dubey said that with the unwavering support of the institute, Chhattisgarh Tourism, and the Ministry of Tourism, the club is poised to make a significant impact on the promotion of tourism, while nurturing a new generation of informed and passionate travelers.

The winners of the 'Naya Bharat Utsav-2023' essay writing and drawing contest were awarded during the ceremony. The competition had been organized as a precursor to the event, and the winners were duly recognized for their creative contributions by the dignitaries.

Kanwar not to adopt a rebellious stance

Korba, 28: Veteran tribal BJP leader and former minister Nankiram Kanwar is still seen active in politics and his farming activities even after being 80 years old. His advanced age does not come in the way of his work. Kanwar is an MLA from the reserved Rampur assembly of Korba district. Chhattisgarh Assembly elections are to be held at the end of 2023, hence speculations are being made about Kanwar's ticket. In fact, it is coming to light that Kanwar has advanced in age, hence there is a possibility that BJP will not give him the ticket! On the other hand, Kanwar is considering his ticket as confirmed and is confident that the party will give him the ticket. Kanwar is active in his assembly constituency and the party. The BJP high command is also well aware of this. Secondly, the problem facing



BJP is that they do not have any other leader more popular than Kanwar in Rampur assembly constituency. In such a situation, it would not be surprising if BJP gives ticket to Kanwar.

Nankiram Kanwar is a leader who has been contesting elections continuously since 1972. He started politics with Bharatiya Jana Sangh and for the first time contested the elections with the election symbol given on the ticket of Jana Sangh. But he was defeated by Pyarelal Kanwar of Congress. Accepting the defeat, he increased his activity in the field and always kept his morale high. In the 1977 elections, he was made a candidate from Janata Party and became MLA for the first time by defeating his nearest rival Pyarelal Kanwar of Congress. When BJP came into existence in 1980, the party won from Rampur seat.

2 days continuous All India bank strike on Jan 19th, 20th

Raipur, Sep 27: Banking is a very important public utility service, serving large number of customers, account holders and general banking public. After nationalization of Banks in 1969, bank branches have been opened in all parts of the country including in remote rural villages. Commensurate with this branch expansion, employees were being recruited by the Banks, said CH Venkatachalam, General Secretary.

He said that but in the recent years, while the number of customers of the Banks has increased manifold, while the total volume of business has gone up enormously, while the consequent workload on the employees has increased

unbearably, there is no adequate recruitment in the Banks. The vacancies arising out of retirements, promotions, deaths, etc. are not being filled up. Additional staff is not being provided in branches to cope up with the increase in business.

All India Bank Employees Association has decided and accordingly given the call for agitation programme which include the following strike actions: 4th December, All India Strike in PNB, Punjab & Sind Bank & SBI, 5th Dec. All India Strike in Bank of Baroda and Bank of India, 6th Dec. All India Strike in Canara Bank and Central Bank of India, 7th Dec. All India Strike in Indian Bank and UCO

Bank, 8th Dec. All India Strike in Union Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra, 11th Dec. All India Strike in all Private Banks and 2nd January strike by all employees of all Banks in Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep, 3rd Jan. strike by all employees of all Banks in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadar, Daman, Diu, 4th Jan. Strike by all employees of all Banks in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, 5th Jan. Strike by all employees of all Banks in Delhi Punjab, Haryana, J & K, Ladak, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, 6th Jan. West

Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim 19th & 20th Jan. 2024 - 2 days Continuous all India Strike in all Banks. These agitational programmes would affect the normal banking services on account of the strike action. Banking public is requested to appreciate that our agitation is only to

demand and provide adequate staff in the bank branches so that better customer service can be rendered by the staff. Hence we appeal to the people at large and banking public in particular to extend their support to our demand and agitation.

Kalinga University to organize 'Science Working Model competition 2.0 on Oct 14

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 28: The Faculty of Science, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur is going to conduct an "Inter-School Competition" named "Science Working Model Competition 2.0" for the students of classes 9th to 12th on Oct 14 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Students from the State Board, CBSE Board, ICSE and International Boards can participate. Applications are invited from PAN India. There will be "NO REGISTRATION FEES". This competition is also going to help stu-

dents develop a more scientific approach to problems and challenges that they face in life. All the Schools are requested to encourage their students to participate in this competition. The Winning team will be awarded with: 1st Prize: Rs.15, 000 Cash Prize, Trophy for the school & mementos for the students; 2nd Prize: Rs.10, 000 Cash Prize, Trophy for the school & mementos for the students; 3rd Prize: Rs.7, 500 Cash Prize, Trophy for the school & mementos for the students. All participants will get certificates of Merit/Participation.

SRU celebrates World Pharmacists Day

On the Theme 'Pharmacists Strengthening Health Systems'

Raipur, Sep 28: On the occasion of World Pharmacists Day, Shri Rawatpura Sarkar University (SRU) organized various cultural activities on the basis of the theme of the Day, by the department of Pharmacy including Working Model Presentation, Poster Presentation, Rangoli Competition as well as dancing and singing.

In the program, the chief guest Dr. Deependra Singh and special guest Dr. Shekhar Verma share their experience with the students of the Pharmacy and facilitate the winners as Aditya Kaushik & Group for Model Presentation, Sachchidanand Panda & Group for Poster Presentation, Ruchi Jain & Group for Rangoli Competition for securing first position in respective activities.

Pro Chancellor of the SRU, Shri Harsh Gautam welcome the chief guest and the students on this special day in the field of



Pharmacy, to achieve the goal of the students of the department of pharmacy, the SRU not only providing knowledge as well as focus on practical aspects, because everyone understand the value of pharmacists during the time of corona pandemic which change the perception in the mind of the people due to invention of vaccine against the corona virus.

Addressing the program, Vice-Chancellor of the SRU, Prof. S.K Singh congratulate to the principal of pharmacy Dr. V.K Singh for addition of new program in Master in Pharmacy offered for two special branches as

Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the portfolio of 2023-24 Session. Prof. Singh said that the Pharma Industry is fast growing industry with 15% on annual basis in the country that is the indicator of great employment potential in coming future. If the students want to take the advantage of the employment potential in terms of very growth rate they have to worthy of that. Only degree is not sufficient, students should need to assist the skills and knowledge of the field of Pharmacy for getting best employment.

Sharing his view, Chairman of Education

Regulation Committee Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi Dr. Deependra Singh asserted that Pharmacists have lots of responsibilities towards the society, country and the world. Dr. Singh correlated the scope of Pharmacy from his education tenure to current situation by sharing the availability of 300 colleges to more than 6000 colleges of pharmacy in all over India. Along with this expansion and extension in terms of quality in education, services, professional ethics and jobs that are correlated with each other are also too important. Along with it he said that, very soon

Pharmacists play an important role to reduce the work pressure of the Doctors by sharing their work as clinical pharmacists in every hospital decided by the Government to strengthen the health care system.

Registrar of Chhattisgarh State Pharmacy Council, Raipur Dr. Shekhar Verma congratulate to the students for World Pharmacists Day and their contribution for the society as well as all front line corona warrior during the time of pandemic to manage the whole health care system. Basically Pharmacists are one of the pillars of the health care system that are connecting link between patient and physician surgeon. The main objective of the day since celebrating is preparing strong health care system and inventing the medicine that always is effective and helpful to survive the life of the patients.

At the end, vote of thanks given by the principal of pharmacy Dr. V.K Singh and Registrar Dr. Saurabh K. Sharma gave best wishes to the students and all staff members for the World Pharmacists Day.

CM virtually inaugurates Rs 65.43 cr substation in Gariaband

New substations and infrastructure enhance electricity supply reliability

Raipur, Sep 28: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel delivered a substantial boost to Gariaband district's electricity infrastructure through a virtual inauguration ceremony. He inaugurated the brand-new 132/33 KV substation in Indagaon, under the Electrical Department in Gariaband, costing Rs. 65.43 crores. This milestone development promises improved power access to 43,058 consumers spread across 176 villages in the Amalipadar and Devbhog regions.

The Indagaon substation represents a significant relief for the residents of Amalipadar and Devbhog, addressing long-standing issues of low-voltage supply. It not only ensures swift recovery from technical or natural power interruptions but also paves the way for enhanced business and industrial

activities. The anticipated voltage upgrades are set to generate fresh employment prospects within the region.

To further fortify Gariaband's electricity grid and alleviate low-voltage concerns, four additional 33/11 KV substations have been inaugurated, with a combined investment of Rs. 936.89 lakh. These substations will elevate the quality and reliability of electricity supply for the general populace. The substations are strategically situated in various villages across the district.

In the new sub-centers, under the Rajim Legislative Assembly constituency, there will be construction work for sub-centers in the villages of Pantora (Kodobatar) at

a cost of Rs. 185.80 lakhs, in the villages of Paktiyo at a cost of Rs. 208.19 lakhs, and in the village of Chaubebandha at a cost of Rs. 286.17 lakhs. The construction of sub-centers in Pantora (Kodobatar) will benefit 4,232 residents across 21 villages, while the construction of sub-centers in Paktiyo will benefit 1,803 residents across 11 villages, and Chaubebandha's sub-center construction will serve 1,848 residents across 2 villages." Additionally, the establishment of a substation in Gram Urmal, within the Bindranagar assembly constituency, at a cost of Rs. 256.73 lakhs, is set to serve 3,557 consumers residing across 18 villages.

Devotees bid adieu to Ganesha



Raipur, Sep 28: Residents of B & C block of Avinash Capital Homes - 2 organised a 11 day Ganeshotsav festival. Resident Supto Chatterjee in a release told that on the 10th day of the utsav all residents performed havan-pujan, kanya puja and organised a maha bhandara. Thereafter prize distribution was done for the children's participated in drawing, eco friendly idol

making, dance, singing competition and also to the ladies participated in Anand Mela, Fashion Show, singing and dancing. Prize was given by Sanjiv Shrivastava, shobhna Shrivastava, Abhishek Pachauri, Prabhakar Shrivastava and Supto Chatterjee. Residents of B & C block including children participated in havan, puja and maha bhandara.

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India's Firm Diplomatic Stand

The dynamics of international diplomacy have evolved significantly in recent times. As we witness a shifting global landscape, nations are called upon to adapt, assert their principles, and forge new paths in diplomatic relations. India's steadfastness in the face of allegations from Canada is a testament to this evolving landscape and the resolute diplomatic stance it now embraces. Amid a diplomatic fracas with Canada over the killing of pro-Khalistan terrorist accused Hardeep Singh Nijjar, India has not wavered in its commitment to its core values and its unwavering pursuit of diplomatic integrity. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, addressing the 78th UN General Assembly session in New York, delivered a message that reverberated beyond the assembly hall. In his address, Jaishankar did not mince words as he urged UN member states not to let 'political convenience' dictate their responses to terrorism, extremism, and violence. He made it clear that the principles of respecting territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of nations cannot be cherry-picked based on convenience. Jaishankar's message was a powerful reaffirmation of India's fiercely independent foreign policy, a policy that firmly asserts that the days of a select few nations setting the agenda and expecting others to follow are long gone. This message carries weight, as it highlights India's emergence as a sovereign nation that demands accountability and reciprocity in its diplomatic relationships. Despite being in the crosshairs of the Five Eyes, an intelligence-sharing alliance comprising Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the US, with regard to the Nijjar case, India has stood its ground. The accusations and allegations may have placed India in an uncomfortable spotlight, but New Delhi has firmly declared its independence from Western influence. In response to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations that agents of the Indian Government were linked to the June 18 murder, Jaishankar categorically stated that such activities are not India's policy. He further clarified India's position during a discussion at the Council on Foreign Relations after his UN address, emphasizing that India had conveyed to Ottawa that it was open to looking at 'specific' and 'relevant' information concerning the case. This stern stance should serve as a sobering reminder to Canada and its allies that India demands accountability and reciprocity in its diplomatic relationships. New Delhi has rightly placed the responsibility on Ottawa to first address its own internal challenges before casting aspersions on other nations. India's resolute diplomatic stand should serve as a reminder to all nations that accountability, transparency, and adherence to principles of international law must underpin diplomatic relations. The shifting global landscape calls for a recalibration of expectations and actions. India's message to Canada is clear: Let evidence and cooperation guide our path forward, for the sake of a more secure and harmonious world.

Ending Cross-Border Terrorism

For far too long, the scourge of cross-border terrorism has cast a dark shadow over the South Asian subcontinent, and it is high time for Pakistan to heed the call for immediate change. India's recent insistence on Pakistan ceasing cross-border terrorism, dismantling terrorist infrastructure, and withdrawing from unlawfully occupied Indian territory, particularly Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), is a plea for peace, stability, and justice in the region. The ramifications of the prolonged occupation of PoJK by Pakistan have been profound and devastating for the local population. Countless individuals from this region have been forced to flee their homes, leaving behind their livelihoods and cherished memories. Tragically, thousands have suffered injuries or lost their lives due to actions perpetrated by Pakistani security forces. This legacy of violence and oppression must be addressed for the sake of lasting peace. Furthermore, Pakistan's human rights record has consistently drawn harsh criticism from international human rights organizations. This condemnation is rooted in a litany of pervasive human rights violations within Pakistan's borders. The laundry list of abuses includes arbitrary arrests, detentions without due process, instances of torture, extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and draconian restrictions on freedom of expression, association, and assembly. Regrettably, Pakistan has largely turned a deaf ear to international pleas for improvement. Instead, it has chosen to crackdown on human rights advocates and activists, leading to a surge in attacks against these defenders of justice. Many of these activists have been compelled to seek refuge beyond Pakistan's borders, underscoring the perilous environment they face within the country. The concerns extend to the Pakistani government's failure to safeguard the rights of women and children. Discrimination and violence against women and girls persist across various spheres of life, from the domestic setting to workplaces and public spaces. Meanwhile, child labor remains rampant, forcing millions of children into hazardous and exploitative conditions. In addition to these grave concerns, religious minorities in Pakistan bear the brunt of discrimination and violence. Pakistan's long history of religious and ethnic intolerance has made minorities easy targets for persecution. Forced conversions, kidnappings, murders, and attacks on places of worship are sadly commonplace. Moreover, minorities frequently find themselves denied access to education, employment, and basic necessities. The egregious misuse of blasphemy laws to suppress dissent and persecute minority communities is a troubling trend that has escalated in recent years. India has consistently voiced its apprehension about Pakistan's failure to bring to justice the key conspirators and planners behind the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, who continue to find sanctuary within Pakistani borders. The pain and suffering inflicted by acts of terrorism have left an indelible mark on India's collective memory. Yet, despite India's unwavering pursuit of justice, Pakistan refuses to act against these terrorists, thereby perpetuating a state policy that supports and nurtures such groups for low-intensity conflicts within India. The association between "terrorism" and "Pakistan" is inescapable, with numerous acts of terrorism around the world having their origins traced back to Pakistani soil. Government-supported terrorist groups, often divided along sectarian lines, operate both within and outside Pakistan. Despite changes in nomenclature, these groups continue to espouse the same extremist ideologies, with strong connections to Pakistan's civilian government, army, and ISI. Pakistan must move beyond the rhetoric of Kashmir and instead focus on substantial actions that address international concerns. Its current status as an international pariah should serve as a wake-up call. India's call for action is crystal clear: Pakistan must halt cross-border terrorism and dismantle terror infrastructure; it must vacate Indian territory under its illegal control; and it must cease grave and persistent human rights violations against minorities. The time for change is now, and the world is watching. Pakistan's leadership should seize this moment to chart a new course toward peace, justice, and regional stability. Failure to do so will only prolong the suffering of those caught in the crossfire and further isolate Pakistan on the global stage.

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GANESH VISARJAN



Devotees celebrate during a procession on the occasion of 'Ganesh Visarjan' as part of the 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festivities, in Mumbai, Thursday, Sept. 28.

'Five Eyes' Should Focus On Trudeau

DR. DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO



Despite the outright rejection by the Government of India on the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation on its potential links to the killing of terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the Five Eyes Alliance Nations are surprisingly not focussing their 'eyes' on what is happening in Trudeau's backyard. The leader of opposition in Canada parliament Pierre Poilievre has stated that "the PM (of Canada) has made a statement but has not provided any facts. We want to see more information". He further stated the possibility of "allegations being considered as untrue if more information is not provided. We need to have evidence that allowed the PM Trudeau to come to the conclusion and make a statement of that type". When the Canadian themselves are not sure of their PM Trudeau's statement, the suggestion of American diplomat urging India to cooperate with Trudeau initiated probe sounds shallow. USA President Joe Biden's generic statement, at a reception in UN, "on basic principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, universal human rights are tested" sounds more rhetoric minus action to keep his word. On one hand Biden says "as the nature of terrorists threats evolve and the geography expand to new places" expressing concern but he refuses to talk to Trudeau to contain the spread of Khalistani separatism and terror acts happening in Canada against India and targeting Hindu groups. It is unfortunate that American leaders totally ignored the concerns of India for so long and suddenly became aware of Canada's concerns on the death of notified terrorist. If not the Indian leadership, the USA should, at least, listen to the voices coming from different sources in Canada.

The opposition leader in Canadian parliament has exposed the duplicity of PM Trudeau by comparing his attitude towards China, where he did nothing even when China was holding two Canadians as hostages for long. For a PM keeping mum over the fate of Canadians in China and then being vocal about a naturalised Indo-Canadian Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist is leading to suspicion that some-

thing other than stated one is behind Trudeau's action.

Member of Parliament in Canada and Trudeau's party colleague Chandra Arya has put his own party and government in the dock over the happenings in Canada. The Liberal Party leader in video message questioned the policy of Justin Trudeau of "allowing the glorification of terrorism or a hate crime targeting a religious group in the name of freedom of speech and expression". The Liberal Party M.P. Chandra Arya objected to the way things are moving in Canada, post Khalistani terrorist Nijjar's murder and even before that. He summed that Trudeau's actions are creating a division in communities of Indian origin and pushing Hindu Canadians into a fear of 'target Hindu phobic attacks'. The attacks on the Indian high commission offices, threat issued to the Hindu population to leave Canada or face liquidation are pointed out by that Liberal Party MP.

The investigative stories in the Canadian media is totally variant from what Trudeau wants us believe and America willingly believes. For the Canadian media, the murder of Nijjar was the result of gang war among Sikhs in that country for the control of pro-Khalistani funds. Local media reports the dispute Nijjar was having with Ripudmann Singh Malik and a contract in circulation for hiring assassins. Similar type murders which happened earlier are now recollectable by the media. Even the official intelligence agencies are suspected to have a role in the elimination of certain suspected gang leaders. The statement of Nijjar's son that his father was regularly meeting Canadian intelligence officers in the months before his death has deepened the mystery and raised the questions on the claims made by Trudeau. So it is not the Indian angle which needs to be investigated but Canadian public perceptions of Trudeau's pro-Khalistani policies which the investigating agencies have to look into. These being the undeniable facts, it is unfortunate that the closest 'eye', of the Five Eyes, to Canada choose to believe PM Trudeau's narration in suggesting the co-operation, to India, into the investigation cur-

rently on in Canada. The American media spread unsubstantiated information regarding the US intelligence agencies monitoring the talk of Indian embassy officials and their handlers to pin down India. The USA claims that it is their responsibility under the Five Eyes Alliances that prompted them to follow the leads in the telephone talks of the persons involved in the alleged assassination of a terrorist on the soil of Canada. While one 'eye' is needlessly focussing in excess on Nijjar killing affair, the other three 'eyes', UK, Australia and New Zealand are keeping a distance as they are not convinced of Trudeau words.

The Five Eye Alliance has its origin in the Second World War, when USA, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand formed this alliance to share intelligence to break the Germany and Japanese codes. Till 2010 the agreement between those nations was kept secret though the alliance officially completed its formation by 1956 itself. Now this group is acting as an intelligence sharing association mainly aimed at containing China. With the formation of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) featuring USA, Japan, Australia and India the co-operation became much closer. Despite India's strategic role in the Indian Ocean region, and taking its help the USA surprised Indians by not advising Trudeau not to please the terrorist activities on its soil and pamper the leaders of Terror for the sake of retention of power but choosing to advise India to co-operate with Trudeau administration into the investigation into an unsubstantiated allegation of murder. The fact that India is an established peace loving country willing to settle any issue with any nation including its long term foes Pakistan and China is a testimony to the policy of peace and cooperation of India. In fact after taking over the administration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has tried to reach out to the Khalistani elements in Canada through a British Sikh activist Jasdev Singh Rai but that outreach attempt was torpedoed by Trudeau under the pressure from the groups of Gurudwara leaders as reported by the columnist Terry Glavin in National Post. Criticism of double standards on issues of sovereignty and separatism by Trudeau are in the public domain and he turning a blind eye to violent separatist Khalistanis operating openly in Canada is questioned other Canadian leaders but USA has turned a blind eye on that.

As the social media videos exposing the role of Trudeau not taking action and cooperating with terror linked elements more questions are being posed to him. The sanctioning of Canadian citizenship to Nijjar, though he moved to Canada on a false Indian passport, more so when he was designated as terrorist by India, was neither questioned by Five Eyes nor was answered by Canada. Hardeep Singh Nijjar practising with assault weapons at an undisclosed shooting range on Canadian soil, though he

claims to be humble plumber, is another damning evidence available for the Trudeau dispensation to act but chose to ignore. Thus confirming the continued patronage of Canada to Khalistani separatists. Trudeau is a caged PM, as his continuance in the chair is dependent on the Sikh votes in Canada. As the hard working Sikh population migrated to Canada they grew financially and also funded the Khalistan movement. As far back as 1982, the then PM of India Indira Gandhi complained about meek Canadian response to the Khalistani challenge and their targeting Indian politicians. Then it was Pierre Trudeau father of current PM Justin Trudeau who was the PM of Canada. So this link of Canada and Khalistani terrorists has over four decade old history. Sikhs supported and funded New Democratic Party (NDP) won 24 seats in Canada parliament elections and out of them 18 are Sikhs. Justin Trudeau can't antagonise the Khalistani supporters and their anti-India activities fearing the loss of power. The slackness in security on Khalistani activists in the early 80s resulted in the worst aviation incident of air-India Kanishka flight mid-air bomb explosion killing over 300 passengers and the bombing case ended in a whimper saying that there is no concrete evidence.

Reports emanating from Canada mentions about the rapid falling popularity of PM Trudeau and his desperation for retaining his chair and thus playing to the Sikh gallery through anti India statements. Trudeau is forgetting that all Sikhs in Canada are not Khalistani supporters and they are the silent majority, watching the Trudeau tirade against their peace loving motherland. The relations between India and Canada has deteriorated with what Trudeau choose to state in his parliament. The Five Eye members can't abdicate their responsibility in the restoration of Indo-Canadian relations by reigning in Trudeau's dance to terror tunes. There is no distinction in terrorism of ISIS or Khalistanis. Terror is a terror and terrorist is terrorist irrespective of their religion or place of origin. Harbouring terrorists ultimately will eat away the persons who shelter them and also soil which served as the launching pad. So the 'Five Eyes' should collectively focus on Trudeau, the shelter giver, and Canada the pad provider and check them and their policies helping Khalistan terrorists. He should be asked to check in the facts on the terror modules in his country and initiate suitable action before blaming any other country. The USA should ponder over their ethical strength in questioning the other countries in eliminating the terrorists on foreign soil. It was USA which hounded Osama Bin, traced him to Pakistan and eliminated him. It is justifiable every other nation including India can justify their action on foreign soils though India will never venture to aggression ignoring the international commitment and the Five Eyes knows it better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BJP's Risky Bet

Is the BJP bracing for the inevitable? In Madhya Pradesh (MP), the BJP's recent decision to field seven Lok Sabha members, including three union ministers—Narendra Singh Tomar, Prahlad Singh Patel, and Fagga Singh Kulaste—along with its national general secretary, Kailash Vijayvargiya, suggests a shift towards collective leadership for the upcoming elections. This move might be prompted by a lack of strong MP candidates, leading the BJP to rely on Lok Sabha members, many of whom won primarily due to the Modi wave. The strategy aims to secure vulnerable seats and leverage the influence of seasoned politicians in neighboring constituencies. A similar tactic was tried in the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections, resulting in only two out of five Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs winning their seats. Nonetheless, the BJP faces significant challenges in MP, given the tumultuous tenure of Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jyotiraditya Scindia's problematic defection, with many of his associates returning to the Congress. The BJP's prospects in MP seem increasingly uncertain.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

US election's decisive factor

Poverty will hold a pivotal role in the 2024 US presidential election, alongside India's Lok Sabha election, drawing global attention. Unlike past Indian elections where poverty remained a recurring issue, this time, it will profoundly impact both Republican and Democratic factions in the US. In a single year, the poverty rate surged from 7.8% to 12.7% in 2021, marking a historic jump after two years of decline due to social safety nets. Although initiatives like enhanced unemployment benefits and expanded child tax credits significantly reduced poverty, most have now concluded, leaving lingering inequalities. The incoming White House administration must devise sustainable strategies to tackle poverty and restore citizen optimism.

Arka Goswami, Bidhannagar, West Bengal

Brutal Killing

The brutal killing of two Manipuri students is an abomination that should never have happened. Those responsible must be held accountable, and we demand justice. This tragedy should be a wake-up call for all the leaders of our country to prioritize the safety of every innocent soul.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

Reinstating the Glory of Ashtalakshmi



G. Kishan Reddy

Every time I travel to the north eastern region, I often slide down the memory lane, reminiscing my earlier visits with my fellow yuvamorchakaryakartas from across India. Those days, paying little heed to the lack of connectivity, the looming security threat, the inconvenience of bandhs and chakkas jams and absence of basic infrastructure, we treasured the opportunity to interact with our brothers and sisters from the region, experiencing their culture and discussing challenges and solutions.

However, our unwavering enthusiasm and the indefatigable spirit to initiate change encountered significant obstacles due to political neglect, glaring injus-

tices, and a palpable disconnect from the rest of India. Regrettably, the north eastern states, an integral part of our nation, were often referred to as the "step sisters." However, a few years down the line, today, when I revisit these same locations, I am filled with a profound sense of satisfaction and relief. Our north eastern states, or more aptly referred to as the "Ashtalakshmi," are finally receiving the attention and support that they rightfully deserve. Nine years ago, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, unequivocally proclaimed, "India cannot progress unless the north east region of India develops." With that visionary belief, the strategic interventions undertaken in the past 9 years have established a solid groundwork for enabling unimpeded development in the future.

With over 5 lakh crores spent in the last 9 and half years, the Government of India gave a massive financial thrust to the development of region. There is an increase of around 233% in total gross budgetary allocation of 54 Central Ministries to NER between 2014 and 2023. The newly sanctioned Rs 6,600 crore PM-Devine Scheme will create livelihood and growth opportunities for the people of north east. Financial impetus coupled with prudent and targeted investment, allowed the government to confront the biggest challenges facing the region such as connectivity and infrastructure.

The Bhupen Hazarika Setu, India's longest bridge over water, stalled since 2003, was inaugurated in May 2017. It has reduced the travel time between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh from 6 hours to 1 hour. India's longest rail bridge Bogibeel inaugurated on 25th December, 2018, had reduced the travel time between Delhi and Dibrugarh by 3 hours. Interestingly, the work on the bridge started in 2002 under Bharat Ratna Atal ji but got stalled when UPA came to power in 2004. The work only gained pace in 2014, when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji took the reins. Similarly, prior to 2014, only Guwahati was connected by rail, but today, under the capital connectivity project, Arunachal, Tripura and Manipur have since been connected and work on remaining 5 states will be completed soon. We are overriding the topographical constraints by using state-of-art technology for instance; it is in north east that we broke the world record and constructed the world's tallest pier bridge on the Jiribam-Imphal rail line.

Further, giving a massive boost to tourism and economic potential, air connectivity has improved by leaps and bounds in the last 9 years. From just 9 airports in 2014, today we have 17 airports. The first greenfield airport of

Arunachal Pradesh, Donyi Polo airport or the state of the art integrated terminal of the Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) airport at Agraata inaugurated by the PM in 2022, are shining examples of rapid progress in air connectivity. Challenging the long-standing excuse of previous governments that the development deficit is inevitable in the landlocked north east, the Narendra Modi Government is working to unlock the waterways potential of the region. Before 2014 there was only 1 national waterway and now there are 20 national waterways in NER, unlocking the immense navigational potential of the Brahmaputra and Barak River.

Forging closer Economic and Cultural ties with the South East Asia, North Eastern region is being developed as the focal point of the act east policy, by giving the much-needed connectivity boost. The 2,904 crore Kaladan multimodal project with Myanmar, the Rs 1,100 crore Agartala-Akhaura railway project with Bangladesh, the Rs 1,548 crore India-Myanmar-Thailand-trilateral highway are major projects which place north east at the centre of India's 'neighbourhood first' and 'act east policy'. The renewal of India Bangladesh protocol on inland water transit and trade in 2015 for the first time since 1972 and access to the use of

Chhatogram and Mongla Ports of Bangladesh have been significant achievements of the act east policy.

There have been consistent efforts to promote peace and stability in the region. Between 2014 and 2022, insurgency has declined by 76%. 90% reduction in security forces casualties and civilian deaths have decreased by 97%. Over 8,000 militants have surrendered since. There has been a 75% reduction in the periphery of AFSPA. Moving towards lasting solutions several accords have been signed with rebel groups and rehabilitation packages have been provided to help their reintegration with the mainstream. Giving development and peace in the north east region the highest priority, Prime Minister has himself visited the north east region more than 60 times in the last 9 and half years reiterating the political will and determination to bring about a dawn of development in the NER. With commitment, resilience, and empowerment at its core, the north east now stands on the threshold of Amrit Kaal. The last 9 years have been decisive; the next 25 will unfurl the magic of the paradise on earth called north East India.

(The Author is Union Minister For Ministry of Development of North East Region, Government of India.)

BRIEF

Emami

New Delhi: Homegrown FMCG maker Emami on Thursday announced the acquisition of a 26 per cent stake in Axiom Ayurveda, which markets beverage products under the brand 'AloFrut', for an undisclosed amount, paving its entry into the juices segment. Through this strategic investment, the Kolkata-based leading personal care and healthcare maker has entered into the packed juice category by acquiring a 26 per cent stake in Axiom Ayurveda and its subsidiaries, according to a joint statement.

Canara Bank

Bengaluru: The Canara Bank has in its maiden issuance of Long Term Infrastructure Bonds raised Rs 5,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 per cent per annum. "The issue received overwhelming response from investors, with bids for more than Rs 14,180 crore against a base issue size of Rs 1,000 crore and green shoe option of Rs 4,000 crore," it said in a statement. The Bank's Long Term Infrastructure Bonds are rated as "AAA/Stable" by CARE Ratings Limited and India Ratings & Research Ltd, it was stated.

Yatra Online

New Delhi: Shares of Yatra Online on Thursday listed with a discount of over 10 per cent against the issue price of Rs 142. The stock made its debut at Rs 130, registering a decline of 8.45 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. It further fell by 10.28 per cent to Rs 127.40. On the NSE, shares of the company began the trade at Rs 127.50, recording a fall of 10.21 per cent. The company's market valuation was at Rs 2,127 crore in early deals. The initial public offer of travel company Yatra Online was subscribed 1.61 times last week.

Cashfree Payments

Bengaluru: Cashfree Payments, India's leading payments and API banking company, announced the launch of 'One Escrow', an all-in-one escrow service platform. Launched by the market leaders in bulk disbursal, One Escrow is Cashfree Payments' premier modular escrow solution that ensures complete trust and transparency in financial dealings. With this plug-and-play escrow solution, merchants can go live three times faster while being completely compliant with the regulatory requirements.

ICICI Lombard

New Delhi: GST investigation agency DGGI has served a Rs 1,728 crore demand notice on ICICI Lombard General Insurance for non-payment of tax in certain supplies between July 2017 and March 2022. In a regulatory filing, ICICI Lombard said it received a show cause cum demand notice from the Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Pune Zonal Unit on September 27, alleging a tax demand of Rs 17,28,86,10,803.

PM Gati Shakti

6 infra projects worth Rs 52,000 cr recommended for approval

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

As many as six infrastructure projects of roads and railways worth Rs 52,000 crore have been recommended for approval under the PM Gati Shakti initiative, an official statement said on Thursday.

This takes the total number of projects assessed by NPG to 112 with a total value of about Rs 11.53 lakh crore, since the launch of PM Gati Shakti, it said.

These six projects were assessed in the 56th Network Planning Group (NPG) meeting on September 27.

The "Group meeting under PM Gati Shakti six project proposals, including

four projects of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and two projects of Ministry of Railways with the total project cost of about Rs 52,000 crore were assessed," the commerce and industry ministry said.

The inter-ministerial NPG meets every fortnight and appraises infra projects to ensure multi-modality, synchronisation of efforts, and comprehensive development in and around the project location. The initiative was launched to develop an integrated infrastructure to reduce logistics costs. All logistics and connectivity infrastructure projects, entailing investments of over Rs 500 crore are routed through the

NPG. The NPG's approval is required before clearance of the project by the Public Investment Board (PIB) or Department of Expenditure under the finance ministry. The maximum number of projects recommended by the group are related to roads, railways and urban development. The NMP has a number of layers of geospatial data showing all physical and social infrastructure of an area and land records in one place. It has been designed for faster planning and better design so that the impact of an investment is maximised.

The NPG has representations from various connectivity infrastructure ministries/ departments involv-

ing their heads of network planning division for unified planning and integration of the proposals. All these departments approach the NPG first for approval before making a DPR (Detailed Project Report) at the planning stage. After the NPG's clearance, the project follows the normal procedure of approval by the finance ministry and the Cabinet. Over 1,400 layers of data, including those related to land, ports, forests, and highways, are available on the portal. Usage of the portal by different ministries, including social sector departments and states, is increasing and it is helping in the proper planning of projects, it said.

'Coking coal rates pushing up steel prices in India'

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

Steel prices in India are registering an upward trend due to "rapidly" increasing rates of key input material coking coal, industry executive Bimlendra Jha said.

Coking coal and iron ore are the two main raw materials used to manufacture steel. While iron ore is available in substantial quantity in India, steel players are bound to meet 90 per cent of their coking coal requirement through imports from countries like Australia and South Africa. "Coking coal prices have increased rapidly (which are) currently trading at USD 341 per tonne CFR (cost and freight) India, from USD 230 a tonne in June-July 2023," Jha, Managing Director of Jindal Steel and Power



JSP MD Bimlendra Jha

(JSP), told PTI.

The steel industry is facing an upward movement in prices because there has been a dramatic shift in coking coal prices, so the industry has no option but to pass on the cost to consumers, he said in reply to a question on increasing rates of steel in India. As per markets research firm SteelMint India, the cost of per tonne hot rolled coil (HRC) in June was Rs 55,200, which has risen to Rs 58,800 on Thursday after price correction.

Gujarat CM inaugurates Axis Bank's 5000th branch

Ahmedabad, Sep 28:

Axis Bank, etched a historical milestone with the inauguration of its 5000th branch in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The milestone branch was inaugurated by honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel, in the presence of Amitabh Chaudhry, MD&CEO, Axis Bank and Ravi Narayanan, Group Executive & Head - Branch Banking, Retail Liabilities and Products, Axis Bank. Reinforcing its commitment towards making banking solutions accessible to diversified segments of customers, today, Axis Bank inaugurated additional 100+ new branches in other parts of the country.

The inauguration of Axis Bank's 5000th branch in Ahmedabad holds great significance, as the

Bank's very first branch was opened in the same city 29 years ago, in 1994, then known as UTI Bank. This first branch was inaugurated by former Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Commenting on the inauguration, Amitabh Chaudhry, MD & CEO, Axis Bank said, "This milestone has a special significance for Axis Bank. From the first branch at Ahmedabad to the 5000th, we have completed one full circle of growth and progress. Through the years we have opened thousands of branches across the country, not just in metros and urban centres but also in the rural heartlands, in hilly terrains, near borders and in some of the most impassable regions, taking us to the Bharat that we want to serve.

Star Health settles claims of Rs.25 cr

Bhopal, Sep 28:

Star Health and Allied Insurance, India's leading standalone health insurer, paid over Rs.25 crore in claims settlement in Raipur in the last 15 months, i.e. from April 22-June 2023. The company paid over Rs.20 crore in claim settlements to network hospitals and Rs.5 crore in claim settlement to non-network hospitals in the region.

Between April 2022 and June 2023, Star Health paid over Rs.18 crore in cashless claim settlement and Rs.7 crore in reimbursement claim settlements in Raipur. Keeping its commitment to its customers, the company settled all cashless claims within 2 hours. In most cases, the initial authorization for cashless treatment was given within 2 hours.

Axis Mutual Fund unveils results of Investor Survey

Mumbai, Sep 28:

Axis Mutual Fund, one among the fastest growing mutual fund houses in India, conducted an investor survey to ascertain 'Risk Comprehension' amongst Indian investors. The survey received responses from over 1700 Axis MF investors from across the country. The objective of the survey was to receive insights on investors' attitude and understanding of risks in mutual fund investing.

Commenting on the inferences drawn from the survey, B. Gopkumar, MD & CEO, Axis AMC said, "The mutual fund industry is at an interesting inflection point today, underscored by the increasing influx of investors in the category.

Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Tech Mahindra was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, slipping 4.59 per cent, followed by Asian Paints, Wipro, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Infosys, ITC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries and JSW Steel.

Sensex, Nifty plunge nearly 1 pc on weak global cues

Mumbai, Sep 28 (PTI):

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty fell by nearly 1 per cent on Thursday due to unabated foreign capital outflows amid a largely negative trend in global markets.

Besides, heavy selling pressure in index major Reliance Industries, Infosys and ITC also dented market sentiments, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 610.37 points or 0.92 per cent to settle at 65,508.32. During the day, it plunged 695.3 points or 1.05 per cent to 65,423.39.

The Nifty declined 192.90 points or 0.98 per cent to end at 19,523.55. "The selling was broad-



EXPO MART



A robot at the World Robot Olympiad, at Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Thursday, Sept. 28.

P&G India announces Rs 300 cr fund for startups

Innovators for supply chain solutions

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

FMCG maker Procter & Gamble India on Thursday announced a Rs 300 crore fund to collaborate with external partners and innovators for co-creating solutions for a modern supply chain ecosystem.

P&G Supply Chain Catalyst Fund will provide an opportunity to startups and innovators to collaborate with Procter & Gamble (P&G) India on customising business solutions, accelerating its journey towards Supply 3.0 initiatives, said a statement from the company. This is a part of Rs 1,800 crore committed in business solutions through vGROW, in which the maker of brands like



P&G India Subcontinent CEO L V Vaidyanathan

Gillette, Whisper, Vicks is investing in small businesses, individuals and large organisations offering innovative solutions. "The announcement is in line with the Prime Minister's Gati Shakti initiative, which is an endeavour towards multi-modal connectivity in the country that will enhance seamless movement of goods and services through targeted interven-

tions," the statement said. Commenting on the development, P&G India Subcontinent CEO L V Vaidyanathan said through this fund, the company is focused on co-creating innovative solutions that enhance the very backbone of its operations - the supply chain. "We are confident that focused interventions in the supply chain will have a positive impact on our overall priorities including constructive disruption and productivity," he said. P&G India had launched vGROW six years ago with a vision to create a platform to foster collaboration and partnerships with external partners and suppliers, to solve business challenges and provide a breeding ground to emerging startups across the country, he said.

Toyota looking to set up third manufacturing plant in India

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):



Japanese auto major Toyota is looking to set up a third manufacturing plant in India with its two facilities in the country running at almost full capacity, according to industry sources.

Bengaluru-based Toyota Kirloskar Motor, a joint venture between Toyota Motor Company and Kirloskar Group, currently operates two plants in the country with a total production capacity of around 3.42 lakh units per annum.

With enhanced demand leading to long waiting periods on certain products, the automaker is now looking to set up a third plant in the country, sources said.

However, details about the production capacity, location and investment in

the new plant could not be immediately ascertained.

When contacted, a TKM spokesperson said: "We would like to refrain from commenting on speculations and future plans."

In May this year, the company initiated a third shift at its Bidadi-based plant near Bengaluru to enhance production capacity by about 30 per cent as it looked to cut down waiting periods on some of its models.

TKM invested over Rs 90 crore to upgrade the existing infrastructure at the facility and added about 1,500 workforce for the third shift at the plant.

'Rallis India's new insecticide 'Benzilla' to target BPH

New Delhi, Sep 28:

Rallis India Limited, a Tata enterprise and a leading player in the Indian agri inputs industry has launched its differentiated crop protection product, 'Benzilla'. Backed by extensive research and field trials, Benzilla is a cutting-edge product powered by patented BPX technology from Japan that promises to redefine crop management practices, boost yields and benefit farmers.

The result of a strategic partnership between Rallis India Limited and Japan-based agro-chem company, Nihon Nohyaku Co., Ltd (Japan), Benzilla's unique formulation incorporates IGR technology, ensuring a prolonged and sustained control of Brown Plant Hopper (BPH) infestations in paddy crops. BPH is a

menace for the rice farmers across Chhattisgarh and similar markets as it causes serious damage to the crop by sucking the sap from plants, leading to 'hopper burn'. It also causes indirect damage by transmitting viral diseases such as grassy stunt and ragged stunt viruses.

Referring to the launch of Benzilla, S Nagarajan, COO, Rallis India Limited, said, "Chhattisgarh is among India's top-10 rice-producing states. This season has been particularly challenging for the paddy farmers owing to an erratic monsoon. Added to this, if the menace of BPH were to surface, it would lead to yield losses and affect farmers' income. With the introduction of Benzilla, we aim to revolutionise the way BPH is managed in paddy crops.

HP partners with Google to make Chromebooks in India from next month

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

PC maker HP has joined hands with Google to manufacture Chromebooks in India from October 2, the company said on Thursday.

The Chromebook devices will be manufactured at the Flex Facility near Chennai, where HP has been producing a range of laptops and desktops since August 2020, it said in a statement.

"Manufacturing Chromebook laptops in India will allow Indian students to get easy access to affordable PCs. By further expanding our manufacturing operations, we continue to support the Make in India initiative of the government," HP India, Senior Director - Personal

Systems, Vickram Bedi said. HP is one of the applicants under the government's Rs 17,000 crore production linked incentive scheme for IT hardware.

"The local production of Chromebooks with HP marks an important step in our efforts to continue supporting the digital transformation of education in India," Google, Head of Education - South Asia, Bani Dhawan said.

Chromebooks come at a lower price compared to notebooks with proprietary operating system.

According to the statement, Chromebooks, which come with Google's ChromeOS, are the leading devices in K-12 education, helping over 50 million students and teachers across the world.

Housing sales up 36 pc in Jul-Sep in top 7 cities to record 1,20,280 units: Anarock

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

Housing sales rose 36 per cent year-on-year to a record 1,20,280 units across seven major cities during the July-September period on robust demand amid stable mortgage rate, according to Anarock.

Housing sales stood at 88,230 units in the year-ago period across the seven major cities.

Releasing the data, real estate consultant Anarock said average housing prices across the seven cities grew 11 per cent annually in the July-September period this year. Hyderabad saw the highest rise of 18 per cent.

Anarock highlighted that quarterly sales in



the Reserve Bank of India in the two recent monetary policies.

"This has kept home loan interest rates stable, keeping housing purchase sentiment high," he added.

According to the data, housing sales in Delhi-NCR rose 6 per cent to 15,865 units during July-September 2023 from 14,970 units in the year-ago period.

In MMR, housing sales increased 46 per cent to 38,500 units from 26,400 units during the period under review.

Housing sales in Bengaluru went up 29 per cent to 16,395 units during July-September this year from 12,690 units in the corresponding period of last year.

SECR undertakes cleanliness drive under 'Swachh Jal Nikai' and 'Swachh Parks' theme



Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Sep 28: In a concerted effort to uphold the 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat' initiative, Indian Railways has launched a two-week cleanliness campaign. Running from September 16 to October 2, this initiative, guided by Divisional Railway

Manager Praveen Pandey, is currently underway in the Bilaspur Division of the South East Central Railway. Each day is dedicated to a specific theme, and on September 27, officials and their teams focused on the "Swachh Jal Nikai and Swachh Parks" theme.

Under this theme, exten-

sive cleanliness inspections were carried out in water bodies and parks located within railway stations and colonies falling under the division's jurisdiction.

The campaign encompassed rigorous cleanliness drives aimed at enhancing the sanitation standards in water bodies

and their surrounding areas. Additionally, a meticulous assessment of drinking water cleanliness was conducted.

Simultaneously, special cleanliness initiatives were undertaken in the parks of railway stations and railway colonies to ensure elevated standards of cleanliness and hygiene.

Training initiatives launched for smooth electoral process

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Sep 28: In preparation for the upcoming 2023 Legislative Assembly elections, the Election Commission, under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Vinay Kumar Langeh, organized a public display of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines in Haat Bazar as part of the first phase.

To ensure a smooth electoral process, a comprehensive schedule has been devised for the promotion of EVMs and VVPAT machines at Higher Secondary schools and polling centers from October 3 to 20. The Collector has appointed master trainers to oversee



this educational program. For Team Number 01 Baikunthpur, Vinay Kumar Tiwari, a teacher from Amarpur Primary School, and Ashok Kumar Lodhi from Phatpani school have been designated as master trainers. In Team Number 02

Sonahat, Veerendra Kumar Mishra, Headmaster of Government Primary School, Kishori Primary School, and Ramesh Kumar Gupta, Headmaster of Government Primary School, Mendra, will serve

as master trainers. Team Number 03, Pondi-Bachara, will be guided by Mohar Lal, Assistant Teacher in Primary School Navapara, and Sushil Jaiswal, a lecturer at Higher Secondary School Salka, as master trainers.

Kishore demands revision of procedure, submits memo

For presenting 'Shikshak Samman Puraskar'

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Sep 28: Kishore Kumar Sharma, the headmaster of Baihatola Middle School, has taken steps to ensure that cultural education receives its due recognition. He has submitted a formal request to the District Collector and President of the District Selection Committee to amend the process in selection of Shikshak Samman Puraskar.

In the memorandum, Kishore Sharma said that con-

sidering his school activities and art file as important, the Chief Minister announced Bag-less Day on every Saturday in the schools of Chhattisgarh. Art activities have been considered important in the new education policy, which is included in the guidelines. It is clearly written that special attention should be given to art teachers.

Sharma proudly highlighted that the art and culture of Chhattisgarh is displayed at the national and international level recognition and has showcased innovative approaches to education, environmental awareness, and social development.

Initially, comprehensive

files showcasing these achievements were submitted. However, the current Shikshak Samman Puraskar sent to the Governor, includes fewer qualified teachers and he has been deprived of the Gyandeep Award.

Additionally, his application for the prestigious National Teacher's Award has yet to be considered in light of his outstanding contributions. Kishore Sharma's impassioned plea seeks a reevaluation of his and his fellow teachers' profiles, with the hope of presenting a revised list that fully acknowledges their remarkable contributions to education and culture.

Rural residents' traffic blockade yields swift administrative action

Concerned villagers secure promises for Power and Road improvements

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Sep 28: A planned traffic blockade on the Dongargaon-Ambagadh Chauki-Chhuriya State Highway, organized by rural residents in coordination with the BJP on September 27, saw prompt resolution thanks to the proactive response of administrative officials. The villagers, driven by various demands and grievances, initiated the blockade but swiftly found a resolution through discussions with local authorities.

Bamhanibhanta and Mohad's rural residents actively participated in the roadblock, presenting their

concerns to SDM A.K. Pusam, who promptly arrived at the scene. SDM Pusam addressed each issue raised by the villagers, leading to their satisfaction and the subsequent conclusion of the roadblock.

During this protest, residents from Bamhanibhanta and Mohad, along with local representatives like Jagrati Yadav, Zilla Panchayat member, Veerendra Sahu, Janpad member, and Devsingh Sahu, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Bamhanibhanta, gathered to express their grievances. A primary focus of the protest was related to power



supply issues. Rural residents have been grappling with frequent power cuts, especially in Bamhanibhanta, which often faces outages despite being the last point on the Dongargaon grid. The completion of construction work for substations in nearby Gram Arsetola has

prompted demands for the provision of electricity from these substations to Bamhanibhanta.

Furthermore, the deplorable condition of the road connecting Bamhanibhanta and Asara has raised concerns, particularly for schoolchildren who use this route. Despite

previous appeals to the Chief Minister, no action had been taken until now.

Farmers from Mohda village also submitted a memorandum during the protest, highlighting the inconvenience they face when travelling to the Dongargaon Service Committee for rice sales. They proposed the establishment of a rice procurement center in Mohda to expedite this process. After discussions and assurances from officials on-site, the blockade concluded, and the memorandum was officially submitted, marking a significant step towards addressing the villagers' concerns.

Youth leader restores elderly man's long-lost pension

Sanjay Bais, Janpad member, champions justice and compassion

Central Chronicle News

Kusumkasa, Sep 28: In the village of Bakliola, under the Gram Panchayat Gidhali, an 80-year-old senior citizen named Ramadhar Sahu finally received justice after enduring 30 months without his pension. Despite numerous complaints to the district panchayat in Balod, the Janpad panchayat in Doundi, and the Gram Panchayat Gidhali, the issue remained unresolved.

Gaind Lal Sahu, the son of Ramadhar, recounted their desperate attempts to rectify the pension problem, which seemed to fall on deaf ears. It was their neighbour and youth leader, Yogesh Soni, who suggested reaching out to Sanjay Bais, the



Janpad member of Kusumkasa.

Sanjay Bais took swift action upon learning of their plight. He ensured the release of the 30-month pension backlog, totaling Rs. 10,800, which was promptly issued to Ramadhar Sahu in the form of a check. Sanjay

Bais, accompanied by Gram Panchayat Gidhali's Sarpanch Basanti Thakur, personally delivered the check to Ramadhar's residence.

Gaind Lal Sahu expressed their relief, as they had faced significant challenges navigating bureaucratic

channels to resolve the pension issue. Sanjay Bais's intervention brought much-needed financial support directly to their doorstep.

Ramadhar Sahu, an octogenarian, emphasized the importance of his pension for his daily needs. The 30-month delay had placed a

heavy burden on him, and he expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sanjay Bais for alleviating his hardship.

Sarpanch Basanti Thakur of Gram Panchayat Gidhali lauded Sanjay Bais's dedication to assisting rural residents and expressed hope for continued support in resolving local issues. Sanjay Bais, the Janpad member, reaffirmed his commitment to helping the people of his region. He values the blessings and gratitude of elderly citizens as his greatest reward. Known for his active involvement in addressing various issues, Sanjay Bais's popularity continues to grow among rural residents due to his unwavering dedication to their welfare.

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Sep 28: Central School hosted an impactful Cleanliness Week, engaging students and teachers alike in various activities promoting hygiene and environmental consciousness. Throughout the week, students participated in essay writing, slogan creation, and art competitions, fostering creativity and awareness.

Under the guidance of Ms. Mohini Sahu, all staff and students pledged to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings. In-Charge Principal Satyam Malla Reddy emphasized the need for cleanliness to be a daily practice, urging students to maintain tidiness



at home, school, and in their personal lives.

Handwash Day, an integral part of the week, educated students on the significance of hand hygiene and water conservation, led by Primary Teacher Mithilesh Jhode.

Furthering their com-

mitment to a cleaner future, a tree planting campaign was organized, instilling values of cleanliness and afforestation. A spirited Cleanliness Rally, with enthusiastic participation from students and teachers, added to the week's success.

Raipur Railway Station set for grand transformation



Massive Rs 463 cr redevelopment project to elevate passenger experience

Project aims to cater to the increasing passenger traffic over the next 45 years

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Sep 27: In a monumental stride towards modernizing India's railway infrastructure, Raipur Railway Station is poised for a remarkable transformation under the visionary "Amrit Bharat Station" plan by the Ministry of Railways. The

foundation stone for this grand redevelopment was ceremoniously laid by the Honourable Prime Minister in August 2023, marking the inauguration of over 500 railway stations nationwide.

This ambitious endeavour encompasses an expansive expansion project across approximately 70 sprawling acres, designed to cater to the burgeoning passenger traffic anticipated over the next 45 years. The primary objective is to elevate the passenger experience by providing world-class amenities and facilities, enriching not only the journey but also stimulating eco-

nom activities in the region.

Raipur Railway Station, steeped in historical significance, holds a special place in the heart of the city, and this redevelopment aims to mirror that importance. The station's design will draw inspiration from Chhattisgarh's local culture, heritage, and architecture, offering a captivating reflection of Raipur's beauty.

With the current daily footfall of around 52,273 passengers, Raipur Station is gearing up to accommodate approximately 1.32 lakh passengers daily in the foreseeable future. The revamp

plan includes dedicated entry and exit paths to prevent overcrowding and ensure smooth passenger flow.

Passenger-centric features are at the core of this transformation, including spacious concourse areas with seating for 760 passengers, ample parking space for over 1,850 vehicles, three wide foot overbridges, and a myriad of commercial establishments and shops. Additionally, the station will be equipped with 42 lifts and 24 escalators, making it accessible for senior citizens and differently-abled passengers. The movement of parcel

services will be shifted to a new building from the passenger arrival area and expanded from the current 1287 square meters to approximately 3512 square meters.

Essential amenities such as food and beverage facilities, drinking water, ATMs, internet access, well-maintained washrooms, waiting sheds, and clear signage will further enhance the passenger experience. The station is set to embrace eco-friendly practices with natural lighting and ventilation, embodying the concept of a Green Station.

As Raipur Railway Station metamorphoses into a high-tech hub, a cultural center, and a showcase of rich heritage, it promises extensive employment opportunities for local residents. It is poised to become a vibrant city center, uniting both sides of the city and symbolizing the relentless commitment of South East Central Railway to passenger amenities and development.

Concerns arise over MSJY renovation plan



Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Sep 28: In Pandaria district, serious concerns have emerged regarding the execution of the Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana (MSJY) (Chief Minister School Renovation Scheme), which is intended to improve over 400 schools.

The plan includes the approval of renovation work in 210 schools within the blocks, along with the addition of 26 new classrooms. However, the reality is that only minor repairs are being carried out, and the approved budget of 5 lakhs for each school is barely being utilized, with only one to two lakhs spent, amount-

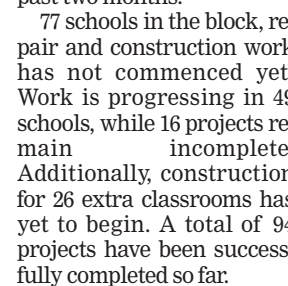
ing to a mere 20 percent of the approved amount.

Currently, work is being done to lay new flooring in Manpura Primary School, while showing that the outside work is completed already on July 28, 2023.

The contractors are fooling the administration or the work is being done with the connivance of the officials. The officials even got the Chief Minister to inaugurate these construction works, whereas the construction work has not been completed yet.

However, the primary victims of these issues are the school children, who have been coping with the heat while sitting in makeshift

classrooms within the Panchayat building for the past two months. 77 schools in the block, repair and construction work has not commenced yet. Work is progressing in 49 schools, while 16 projects remain incomplete. Additionally, construction for 26 extra classrooms has yet to begin. A total of 94 projects have been successfully completed so far.





Indian men's 10m air pistol team strikes gold



Gold medal winning Indian team shooters Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema and Shiva Narwal pose for pictures during the presentation ceremony of the men's 10m air pistol event.

Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

The men's 10m air pistol team extended India's impressive show at the Asian

Games by shooting another gold but individual success eluded Sarabjot Singh and Arjun Singh Cheema, who fizzled out in the final

here Thursday. The team of Sarabjot, Cheema and Shiva Narwal narrowly beat the Chinese team to take the top podium, earning India's fourth gold medal from the shooting ranges.

With Thursday's success, Indian shooters have so far won four gold, four silver and five bronze medals.

The Indian trio's aggregate score of 1734 was just one better than the Chinese team, which settled for the silver medal, while Vietnam, with a score of 1730, bagged the bronze. Sarabjot and Arjun also made it to the eight-shooter individual finals but finished fourth and eighth respectively. Vietnam's Pham Quang Huy won gold with a score of 240.5, while South Korea's Lee Wonho (239.4) and Uzbekistan's Vladimir Svechnikov (219.9) took the silver and bronze, respectively. Sarabjot, 21, scored 199, while Arjun ended up eighth and last, exiting on the second elimination shot.

Indian women sail into team quarterfinals



Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

Indian women's badminton team thrashed Mongolia 3-0 to sail into the quarterfinals of the team championships of the Asian Games here on Thursday.

In a clash between two lop-sided sides, it was two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu who started the proceedings with a 21-3 21-3 win over Myagmartseren Ganbaatar in the first singles. In the second singles Ashmita Chaliha dished out a clinical 21-2 21-3 win over Kherlen Darkhanbaatar before Anupama Upadhyaya claimed another dominating 21-0 21-2 win against Khulangoo Baatar in the

third singles. India will face a formidable Thailand in the quarterfinals. With former world champion Ratchanok Intanon, world No. 12 Pornpawee Chochuwong and world No. 17 Supanida Katethong in their ranks, it will be a tough task for India to tame the Thailand team. Sindhu said: "It's a good start. An easy match. I've been really excited about coming here and it's finally started. It's time for us to get our preparations going. "The team event is a knockout so if we win 3-0 we're on to the next round and play Thailand next. We have a strong women's team this time and it's important that we make that work. We have good doubles pairs too."

Ramkumar-Myneni pair one win away from men's doubles gold

■ Bopanna-Bhosale assured of bronze

Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

The Indian tennis camp had something to cheer on Thursday with Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni reaching the men's doubles gold medal round and the mixed doubles pair of Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale assuring itself of a medal.

The second-seeded team of Ramkumar and Myneni downed the gutsy Korean pair of Seongchan Hong and Soonwoo Kwon 6-1 6-7(8) 10-0 to move to the title clash.

Myneni will now gun for his second Asian Games gold, having won a mixed doubles yellow metal with Sania Mirza in the 2014 edition. It will be a maiden Games medal for Ramkumar. The Koreans fought back after losing the opening set in a rather sedate manner but Myneni and Ramkumar held their nerves to outplay their rivals in the Super Tie break. The Indian team will now take



India's Indian tennis players Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan during men's doubles semifinal tennis match against Seongchan Hong and Soonwoo Kwon.

on Chinese Taipei, that ousted Thailand, in the gold medal match on Friday. India had won the men's doubles title in the last edition in Indonesia with Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan emerging victorious in the final. The second-seeded Bopanna-Bhosale pair moved to the mixed doubles semifinals with a fluent 7-5 6-3 win over Kazakhstan's Zhibek Kulambayeva and

Grigoriy Lomakin. The first set seemed going into a tie-break as Kulambayeva was serving at 40-0 in the 12th game but she lost her serve from that strong position. There was hardly any fight in the second set. Bopanna, who is playing his last Asian Games at 43, will not go without a medal. He has already been ousted from the men's doubles with partner Yuki Bhambri.

Manika, Sharath, Sathiyam storm into pre-quarterfinals



Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

Star Indian paddlers Manika Batra, Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyam dominated their opponents en route their pre-quarterfinals entry in the table tennis competition at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

Sharath, a team bronze winner in 2018 Asian Games, never gave a chance to Mohammed Shaffan Ismail, his opponent from Maldives before winning 11-9, 11-2, 11-7, 11-7. Sathiyam, who had won a bronze medal in the team event in Jakarta Games 2018, too was equally overwhelming against Turki Lafi Almutairi of Saudi

Arabia while registering a 11-5, 11-6, 11-9, 11-2 victory.

The Saudi player tried to claw his way back in the third set going closer to the Indian at 9-7, but Sathiyam's experience proved at the crucial juncture.

In the fourth game, Sathiyam just brushed aside his rival giving away just two points.

Manika, a 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist and a bronze winner in mixed doubles at the Jakarta Asian Games, blanked Nabita Shrestha of Nepal 4-0 (11-5, 11-4, 11-3, 11-2) in just 20 minutes to set up a clash with Thailand's Suthasini Sawettabut.

Pranati Nayak finishes 8th in Women's Vault final

Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

Indian gymnast Pranati Nayak signed off with a dismal eighth-place finish in the Women's Vault final at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

The 28-year-old from West Bengal, a two-time bronze medallist at the Asian Championships, came up with a score of 12.350 after her two vaults. North Korea's Changok An and Sonhyang Kim won the gold and silver medals respectively, while China's Linmin Yu claimed the bronze.

The only Indian gymnast at the Asian Games, Nayak faltered with her landing and received a penalty to score 12.100 in the first vault.

In the second vault, she showed better execution to produced an improved 12.600 but it was not good enough to keep her in medal contention.

We'll be the ones to beat at Asian Games: India compound archery coach Sergio Pagni

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

Boasting three reigning world champions, India's compound archery team will undoubtedly start as favourites and the opponents will be gunning to "beat" the side at the ongoing Asian Games here, said the country's head coach Sergio Pagni.

For the first time, 10 medals will be at stake in archery at the Asian Games with the addition of mixed events in recurve and compound sections.

And going by their dominance at the world level this year, India will be firm favourites to finish on the podium in all five events in the compound section.

"Everyone knows what we have achieved this year; not only at the World Championships but throughout the season," Pagni told PTI from SAI Sonapat before the team left for Hangzhou in the early hours of Thursday.

"...We are the ones to beat, and perhaps the only



Indian Archery squad pose for a photo before leaving for the ongoing 19th Asian Games in China, in New Delhi.

issue is that some teams will be putting extra effort against us. "However, we know how to handle this kind of pressure and the World Cup in Paris demonstrated that quite well," added the two-time World Cup Final winner.

India had a windfall of medals in the compound section this year which was headlined by 17-year-old Aditi Swami's feat of

becoming the youngest-ever senior world champion. Ojas Deotale also annexed the men's world crown, while the women's compound team scripted Indian archery's watershed moment with aplomb in Berlin. The Indian women's team of seasoned Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi and Parneet Kaur dropped just five points between them to beat Mexico

in the final. From the four stages of the World Cup this year, the compound archers have bagged seven gold and four bronze medals. India have also won one silver (Prathamesh Jawkar) in the World Cup Final and one bronze in the World Games, taking their overall medals tally in the world events to seven gold, one silver and five bronze.

Men's and women's squash teams assure India of medals

Hangzhou, Sep 28 (PTI):

Indian men's and women's teams assured themselves of medals at the Asian Games after progressing to the semifinals of the squash events here on Thursday.

While the men's team blanked Nepal 3-0 in its final pool tie, the women were handed a 0-3 loss by Malaysia in their last pool B fixture.

Both teams sealed top two spots in their respective pools to make the semifinals which guarantees them at least a bronze. The Indian women's team began the day with veteran Joshna Chinappa enduring a 6-11, 2-11, 8-11 defeat to Subramaniam Sivasangari in 21 minutes.

In the second match, Tanvi Khanna squandered a 2-1 lead before going down to Commonwealth Games gold medallist Aifa Binti Azman 9-11, 11-1, 7-11, 13-11, 11-5. In the concluding league match, 15-year-old Anahat Singh went down to Malaysia's Rachel Mae Arnold in straight sets (7-11, 7-11, 12-14).

Pressure was there but we deserved to win gold in Asian Games: Harmanpreet



Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur with the medallists of the 19th Asian Games during their felicitation ceremony at the Constitution Club of India, in New Delhi, Thursday.

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur on Thursday said they deserved to win the Asian Games gold medal, considering their domination over neighbouring teams, though she admitted that the expectations put a bit of pressure on the side. Playing in their maiden Asian Games in Hangzhou, India fulfilled the expectations on them and clinched the yellow metal, beating Sri Lanka by 19 runs in the final.

"It was a great experience, we played really well. When we left for the Asian Games, we knew our team is pretty strong and we had in mind that we need to prepare like this for future tournaments. We deserved to win the gold," Harmanpreet said on the sidelines of a felicitation function organised by the Sports Ministry here.

"The team performed very well in Hangzhou and we managed to return with the gold. Before leaving we mentally knew that our team is very strong and we can win the gold. "We will approach future tournaments with the same mindset and prepare ourselves the same way we

did before the Games," added the star cricketer.

Harmanpreet refused to compare the silver with the gold in Hangzhou, saying both the feelings were different.

"That moment was different because we could have won that match. Despite playing good cricket we got the silver. Here it was completely different because there was different sort of pressure on us as we have done well against the Asian teams. "There was extra pressure on us because we have been dominating Asian cricket," she said.

Harmanpreet said the support provided by the government to the cricket teams in preparation for the Asian Games was very helpful. "There are a lot of changes. As a sports person when you get so much support from all sides, it feels really motivating. This year we witnessed a new thing and that is the government has given us money for preparation. "These are the new things which never happened in cricket. As a sports person when you know there is not so much financial burden on you, you can play freely and that matters a lot," she said.

The skipper refused to compare rising pacer Titas Sadhu with legendary Jhulan Goswami but said the young Bengal bowler has a lot of promise. "She (Titas) performed very well in Under-19 World Cup. She bowled really great there and whenever she gets a chance she is always ready to bowl for the team," Harmanpreet said. "I can't compare her (Jhulan) with anyone but they are from the same state and I think Jhulan is working a lot on her; they keep on talking to each other."

Nishanth Saranu stands out in Pakistan training session



Hyderabad, Sep 28 (PTI):

Hyderabad U-19 pacer Nishanth Saranu, who stands at six feet nine inches, attracted a lot of attention in Pakistan's opening net session ahead of the World Cup here on Thursday. Nishanth, who is in his second year of U-19 cricket, was among the host of net bowlers at Pakistan's team disposal after it turned up for training 12 hours after a high-profile arrival in the city. Pakistan will face New Zealand in a World Cup warm-up fixture here on Friday. After Harris Rauf and Shaheen Afridi were done with their spells, Pakistan support staff including bowling coach Morne Morkel chose Nishanth from a clutch of net bowlers who were anxiously waiting for their turn.

Ashwin replaces Axar in India's World Cup squad

New Delhi, Sep 28:

Offspinner R Ashwin has replaced left-arm spinner Axar Patel in India's final 15 for the 2023 World Cup. Axar, who left the Asia Cup with a quadriceps strain, needs at least three more weeks to recover fully.

Today is the deadline for teams to make changes - no questions asked - to their World Cup squads, as per the ICC's regulations. From tomorrow, any further changes will need the consent of the World Cup's technical committee.

This means Ashwin joins Virat Kohli as one of only two players in this squad who also featured in India's 2011 World Cup winning run.

Ashwin's inclusion has come as a surprise, with things changing quickly. He was not part of the 15-man squad announced by the BCCI in late August. At the time, India's chief selector Ajit Agarkar pointed out that while Ashwin was one of the contenders, the selectors and the team management had opted for Axar,



India's updated World Cup squad

Rohit Sharma (capt), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya (vice-capt), Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, R Ashwin, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj

whom they felt provided batting depth. In the Asia Cup, when Axar got injured and returned to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, the BCCI drafted Washington Sundar as his replacement.

Both Washington and Ashwin were included three-match ODI series

against Australia that followed, which India won 2-1. That series was the first time Ashwin, 37, had played for India in ODIs in 18 months.

He played the first two of those Australia games, taking 1 for 47 and 3 for 41, before being rested for the third ODI in Rajkot where Washington replaced him.

Mumbai bids farewell to Bappa as 10-day festival ends

Mumbai, Sep 28 (PTI):

Amid the beating of drums and chants of 'Ganpati Bappa Morya', various Ganesh mandals in Mumbai on Thursday started processions to immerse the idols of the deity, marking the culmination of the 10-day festival.

Crowds gathered at various places in the city to catch a glimpse of their favourite deity, as decked up idols of Lord Ganesh in various forms and sizes were taken out of pandals for their final journey, accompanied by music, dance and prayers.

The festival, which began with 'Ganesh Chaturthi' on September 19, is set to conclude on the 'Anant Chaturdashi' on Thursday with the immersion of idols in the Arabian Sea and other water bodies here.

In Mumbai's Lalbaug area, famous for celebrating the festival with grandeur, the procession of idols of Tejukaya and Ganesh Gully mandals started with chants of



Devotees take part in a procession for immersion of an idol of the Hindu god Lord Ganesha into the Arabian Sea, in Mumbai, Thursday.

'Ganapati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya' (come soon next year Lord).

The procession of the famous Lalbaugcha Raja idol, that attracts maximum number of devotees during the 10-day festival, started at around 11.30 am.

A large number of people were seen waiting on both sides of roads for the final 'darshan' of the idol.

Thousands of people gathered on the streets of Lalbaug and other major procession routes of

Ganesh idols to bid farewell to the deity with heartfelt prayers and witness the vibrant processions being taken out with music, dance and sprinkling of 'gula' (vermillion powder). There was also a large gathering of people at Lalbaug's Shroff building to witness 'push-pavrusti' (showing of flowers) on the Ganesh idols. Crowds also assembled on the main road leading to Girgaon in south Mumbai, from where the maximum num-

ber of processions pass. These include the processions of Ganesh idols from Fort, Girgaon, Mazgaon, Byculla, Dadar, Matunga, Sion, Chembur and other areas. According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, as many as 1,65,964 idols, including several household idols, 'sarvajanik' (public) ones and idols of Goddess Gauri, were immersed in various water bodies here including artificial ponds till the seventh day of the festival.

Iconic agricultural scientist M S Swaminathan passes away

Chennai, Sep 28 (PTI):

M S Swaminathan, renowned agricultural scientist and a lifelong crusader against hunger who bet on sustainable farming passed away here on Thursday.

He was 98 and is survived by three daughters including Dr Soumya Swaminathan, the former chief scientist of the World Health Organisation.

Madhura Swaminathan and Nitya Rao are his other two daughters and his wife Mina Swaminathan predeceased him.

A staunch advocate of food and nutrition security, it was his path-breaking work that warded off famine during the 1960s.

A Padma Vibushan awardee, he is also the recipient of the first World Food Prize for his leadership in India's green revolution.



and numerous other national and international awards including the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award.

The celebrated agriculture icon, who was being treated for age-related illness for quite some time passed away today at 11.15 AM at his residence here.

Condolences poured in with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailing Swaminathan's yeoman service to the nation.

Murmu said Swaminathan left behind a rich legacy which would serve as a "guiding light to steer the world towards a safer and hunger-free future for humanity".

Modi said his groundbreaking work transformed lives of millions, ensured India's food security.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute Director A K Singh said an era of agricultural research, education and extension marked by disruptive innovations has come to an end with the death of Swaminathan.

Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, Chief Minister M K Stalin, leaders of farmers' bodies including P R Pandian condoled Swaminathan's death.

The Congress party described him as the key scientific architect of the Green Revolution and hailed his contribution to

the agriculture sector.

Modi said on X: "Deeply saddened by the demise of Dr MS Swaminathan Ji. At a very critical period in our nation's history, his groundbreaking work in agriculture transformed the lives of millions and ensured food security for our nation."

Beyond his revolutionary contributions to agriculture, Dr Swaminathan was a powerhouse of innovation and a nurturing mentor to many. His unwavering commitment to research and mentorship has left an indelible mark on countless scientists and innovators.

"I will always cherish my conversations with Dr Swaminathan. His passion to see India progress was exemplary. His life and work will inspire generations to come. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti," he said.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Muslims take part in a procession on the 12th 'Rabi-al-Awwal', in Lucknow, Thursday.

ICO to focus on curbing child labour in coffee plantations

Bengaluru, Sep 28 (PTI):

The International Coffee Organisation would focus on social sustainability in the coffee sector, especially farming, to ensure there is no child labour involved in it, its executive director Van sia Nogueira has said.

The ICO is the main inter-governmental organisation for coffee, bringing together exporting and importing governments to tackle the challenges facing the world coffee sector through international co-operation. Its member governments represent 98 per cent of world coffee production and 67 per cent of world consumption.

"If we talk about social sustainability, we have

very, very restricted laws in many of these countries. I'm not sure where we are doing a benchmark right now about the social part but that's our focus in the future," Nogueira told PTI in an interview on the sidelines of a World Coffee Conference here.

According to her, there are some countries that are very strict about child labour; but there are also some others where the laws are more flexible.

"There is a discussion for example, in terms of the child labour. There is a discussion about what they call the family business. It is a part of your family, it is your sons, your daughters, then this is a family business, then this could not be considered as

a child labour but it has been questioned in a lot of countries," she said.

Nogueira, however, pointed out that sometimes child labour or children assist their parents in their family business in some countries but the ICO "would need to check how to do it."

"...we need to be sure that the children will have access to school, they have to be inside the education system in the country. They need to have access to the house," she said.

In her country Brazil, child labour is prohibited completely even for family-run businesses.

To a question on rating coffee producing countries in terms of best practices in farm-

ing, sustainability and other benchmarks, she said Costa Rica was doing well in the management of farms and the profitability of the business. "If you talk about productivity, then we will talk about Brazil and Vietnam; the productivity per hectare. These are the benchmarks for Robusta and Arabica," she said. Bengaluru hosted the four-day World Coffee Conference-2023, where representatives, businessmen and growers from over 80 countries took part, which concluded on Friday.

Four irrigation projects on Mahanadi awaiting CWC nod: Tukuni Sahu

● Due to water dispute

Bhubaneswar, Sep 28 (PTI):

Four major and medium irrigation projects proposed by the Odisha government in the lower Mahanadi basin are awaiting approval from the Central Water Commission (CWC), state Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu informed the assembly on Thursday.

Replying to an unstarred question of BJD MLA Bhupinder Singh, the minister said the CWC has not yet approved the projects due to the Odisha-Chhattisgarh interstate dispute over Mahanadi River water. The detailed project reports (DPRs) of four major and medium irrigation projects including the Upper Udanti barrage, Tel integrated dam, Laxmipathar dam, and Lamadora dam have been prepared and sent to the CWC for approval.

The CWC will examine the DPRs after the final verdict of the Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal, she said. During the last non-monsoon season, the water level of Hirakud dam reached 1.001 million acre feet due to the low flow of water to the Mahanadi River from neighbouring



Chhattisgarh, Sahu said in another written statement in the House. The Centre had constituted the Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal in March 2018 to resolve the row between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over the sharing of Mahanadi water. Hearing of the case still going on, she said. The state government, through a statement of claim (SOC), has put forth its demands before the tribunal. Other co-basin states such as Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh have also submitted their claims before the tribunal. The Odisha government has also submitted its counter-affidavits to the demands of the other states, the minister informed the House.

The state government has engaged national-level renowned technical experts and senior lawyers to put forth the state's demand before the tribunal, she added.

Indians now represent over 10 % of US visa applicants

● One million non-immigrant visas processed in 2023

New Delhi, Sep 28 (PTI):

The US Mission in India on Thursday surpassed its goal of processing one million non-immigrant visa applications this year and said that Indians now represent over 10 per cent of all visa applicants worldwide, including 20 per cent of all student visa applicants and 65 per cent of all H&L-category (employment) visa applicants.

The number of visa applications processed in India are 20 per cent more than the numbers processed in pre-Covid 2019 and 2022 and Indians made over one in 10 applications worldwide, the embassy said.

US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti personally handed over the one millionth visa to a couple, who will be heading to the United States to attend their son's graduation at MIT.

Dr Ranju Singh, senior consultant, Lady Hardinge College was elated at receiving an email from the US Embassy about hers being the one millionth visa this year. Her husband Puneet Dargan, was granted the next visa. The couple will be travelling



Dr Ranju Singh of Lady Hardinge who received an email from the US Embassy about hers being the one millionth visa this year, talks to the media, in New Delhi, Thursday.

to the US in May 2024.

Greeting the couple as "Mr and Mrs One million", Ambassador Garcetti enquired about their travel plans to the US and made suggestions about what not to miss in the country as a tourist.

"I couldn't be happier today, happy for India, Indians and the United States. Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi and President (Joe) Biden had said let's do a better job in moving faster on the visas and so the Ministry of External Affairs here approved more bodies in places like

Hyderabad...more people who can work on these visas, we changed our systems, we worked harder and smarter and we hit a million visa applications processed this year," the ambassador said.

"Our partnership with India is one of the United States' most important bilateral relationships, and in fact one of the most important relationships in the world. The ties between our people are stronger than ever, and we will continue our record-setting volume of visa work in the coming months to give as many

Indian applicants as possible the opportunity to travel to the United States and experience the US-India friendship firsthand," he added.

The mission has already surpassed the total number of cases processed in 2022 and is processing almost 20 per cent more applications than in pre-pandemic 2019.

Dr Singh told PTI, "We got an email after we had finished our visa interviews that we are supposed to collect our visas, we were told that we were the one millionth...the ambassador meeting us in person was a great moment for us. We are looking forward to going to the US, we will be there at MIT to celebrate our son's proud day and then explore the country as tourists."

Dargan informed that their son is currently pursuing his Masters in Financial Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "This will be our first trip to the US. We are really looking forward to it," he said.

Last year over 1.2 million Indians visited the United States. Indians now represent over 10 per cent of all visa applicants worldwide, including 20 per cent of all student visa applicants and 65 per cent of all H&L-category (employment) visa appli-



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