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Railway Minister reviews safety aspects of IR



New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI):

Union Minister of railways Ashwini Vaishnav on Saturday did detailed review safety aspects of Indian railways. In a meeting with board members of ministry of Railways, zonal officials and divisional officials and RDSO discussed various safety

BRIEF



Illuminated Golden Temple ahead of Gurburab, birth anniversary of the first sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, in Amritsar, Saturday.

Fire

Kolkata: A fire broke out in an apparel godown at Cotton Street in Kolkata's Burrabazar area on Saturday, a fire brigade official said. No injuries were reported in the incident so far, he said. The blaze was brought under control with the help of four fire tenders, he said.

Arrested

Chatra: A member of the banned CPI (Maoist) was arrested in Jharkhand's Chatra district and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and detonators were seized from his possession, police said on Saturday.

Tributes

Bengaluru: A large number of people paid their last respects to Captain M V Pranjali, who was killed during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, amid emotional outpouring and poignant scenes on Saturday. His mortal remains were flown to Bengaluru on Friday night, and later taken to his parents' residence in Anekal taluk near here, where hundreds of mourners filed past his body and paid tributes.

Mandatory

New Delhi: The government on Saturday announced compulsory blending of compressed biogas, which is extracted from municipal and agriculture waste, in natural gas to cut reliance on imports. Initially, 1 per cent of biogas will be blended in gas used in automobiles and household kitchens for cooking from April 2025, a government statement said.

Weather

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SENSE OF PRIDE

PM undertakes sortie on Tejas aircraft

Says experience was incredibly enriching

Bengaluru, Nov 25 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday undertook a sortie on the Tejas aircraft and said the experience has bolstered his confidence in the country's indigenous capabilities.

Clad in the uniform of an Air Force pilot, a delightful Modi seemed to enjoy the moments as he waved multiple times.

Taking to social media platform 'X', the prime minister said, "Successfully completed a sortie on the Tejas."

"The experience was incredibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country's indigenous capabilities, and leaving me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential," he said.

In the videos and pic-



PM Modi takes a sortie aboard the Tejas aircraft at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) site, in Bengaluru, Saturday.

tures, the prime minister can be seen flashing thumbs-up gestures with a broad smile, after boarding the aircraft and on landing.

He also posed standing next to the aircraft, pointing at 'Tejas' writing on it.

"Flying in Tejas today, I can say with immense pride that due to our hard work and dedication, we are no less than anyone in the world in the field of self-reliance. Heartiest congratulations to the Indian Air Force, DRDO and HAL

as well as all Indians," he added. Modi earlier walked towards the waiting pilot and had a short chat with him, before boarding the twin-seater aircraft and positioning himself properly with the help of Air Force staff.

During the sortie, he can be seen keenly observing the surroundings and waving at another fighter aircraft, flying at a visible distance -- taken from cameras inside the cabin and the other aircraft.

'Master of chunavi photo-ops'

The Congress took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi after he took a sortie on a Tejas aircraft on Saturday and hailed India's indigenous capabilities, saying it doesn't cost the "master of chunavi photo-ops" much to acknowledge the efforts and endeavours prior to 2014. In a post on X attacking the Modi, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "Tejas is yet another tribute to our indigenous scientific and technological capacity and capability that has been built up resolutely over the decades." Tejas has been designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) that was established in 1984 and that worked collaboratively with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy, the former Union minister said.

PM Security Breach SP Gurbinder Singh suspended

Chandigarh: An officer of the Superintendent of Police (SP) rank in Punjab has been suspended for alleged dereliction of duty in connection with the security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the state in January last year. The officer, Gurbinder Singh, was at the time of the incident posted as the Superintendent of Police (Operations) and was on duty in Ferozepur. Singh, currently posted as an SP in Bathinda district, has been suspended with immediate effect, according to an order issued by the Punjab Home Department on Wednesday.

Rajasthan: Over 68 pc voting, stray incidents of violence

Jaipur, Nov 25 (PTI):

More than 68 per cent of the electorate in Rajasthan voted by 5 pm on Saturday in a bipolar contest involving the Congress and the BJP to elect the new state government, with polling passing off peacefully barring a few stray incidents of violence.

Polling at more than 51,000 polling booths in 199 assembly constituencies began at 7 am and ended at 6 pm, but officials said those already in queue at the polling booths would be allowed to vote.

In the last assembly elections in 2018, the state recorded a voter turnout



of 74.06 per cent. The Election Commission has set a target of at least 75 per cent turnout in each constituency this time.

Nearly 10 per cent of the electorate cast their votes in the first two hours of voting and the figure went

up to nearly 25 per cent by 11 am and to more than 40 per cent by 1 pm.

The voting percentage till 5 pm was 68.24 per cent, an official said.

Polling in the Karanpur assembly constituency in Sriganganagar has been postponed due to the death of the Congress candidate.

The votes will be counted on December 3.

Two people - a polling agent of a candidate and an elderly voter - died of cardiac arrest at polling booths in Pali and Udaipur districts. There are more than 5.25 crore registered voters in 199 seats while 1,862 candidates are in the fray.

CBI registers PE against TMC MP Mahua Moitra

New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI):

The CBI has registered a preliminary enquiry against Trinamool Congress Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra on a reference from anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal, officials said Saturday.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey had approached the Lokpal with a complaint against Moitra over allegations of taking bribes to raise questions in Parliament. There was no formal statement from either the CBI or the Lokpal on the issue.

U'khand tunnel rescue operation faces setback

Auger broken, drilling halted

Uttarkashi, Nov 25 (PTI):

The blades of the augering machine drilling through the rubble of the collapsed Silkyara tunnel were on Saturday stuck in the debris, forcing officials to consider switching to other options that could drag on the rescue of 41 workers trapped inside for 13 days by several weeks more.

Officials are now shift-

ing focus to two alternatives -- manual drilling through the remaining 10 or 12 metre stretch of the rubble or drilling down 86 metres from above.

Advising patience, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) member Lt Gen (ret'd) Syed Ata Hasnain said in Delhi "This operation could take a long time." At the disaster site, international tunneling advisor Arnold Dix repeated his promise of getting the workers out "by Christmas".

Soumya Vishwanathan murder: 4 convicts get life term

New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI):

A court here on Saturday sentenced four convicts to life imprisonment for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan in 2008 while the fifth convict was sent to three years in jail.

While sentencing Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik and Ajay Kumar to life imprisonment, the court of Additional Sessions Judge Ravindra Kumar Pandey also imposed a fine of Rs 1.25 lakh on each of them.

The fifth convict, Ajay Sethi, was sentenced to three years of simple imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 7.25 lakh. The court, however, noted that he had already undergone more than 14 years of im-



'Satisfied, but not happy with judgement'

Madhavi Vishwanathan, mother of TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan who was shot dead 15 years ago, said on Saturday that she is "satisfied" with the court's judgement, but not "happy".

"I wanted this. What I am suffering, I want them to suffer for life. I am satisfied, but I will not say that I am happy. My husband is in ICU. He had a bypass surgery," said Madhavi. During the proceedings, the judge asked the victim's mother whether she had any submissions, to which she said, "Justice must be done."



Unhone hum sabko Anand diya



Two held with ganja worth Rs 16 lakh

Dhamtari, Nov 25:

Two men from Madhya Pradesh have been arrested with cannabis worth about Rs 16 lakh in Dhamtari district, the police said on Saturday.

Accused Chandrabhan Singh, alias Kalla, and Yashwant Sahu, alias Manish, both aged 30, were trying to transport the ganja consignment from Odisha to Madhya Pradesh, the police said.

Acting on a tip-off, the police on Friday night searched a truck at a checkpoint on National Highway 30 under the Borai police station limits.

The police recovered 80 kg of cannabis worth nearly Rs 16 lakh from the truck, said an official.

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About the catch...

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Joint Unions interact with SMS 3 workers

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: As part of the campaign being run against the tyrannical attitude of SAIL management, the Joint Unions conducted a discussion with the regular employees and contract workers of SMS 3 on Friday.

The employees appreciated the campaign of the Joint Unions and assured them of full support in the movement. Employees also complained about lack of proper arrangement for water and toilets in SMS 3. Leaders of INTUC, CITU, AITUC, HMS, AICC-TU, LOIEMU, Ispat Shramik Manch and Steel Workers Union jointly visited the Bhilai Steel Plant



to give detailed information about the arbitrariness of SAIL management to the plant employees. The union leaders are also seeking the opinion from the employees.

After visiting different departments, the team reached SMS 3 where the

workers welcomed the unity of the trade unions and said that such unity is required to win the workers' rights. The employees assured full cooperation to the Joint Unions.

Employees of SMS 3 department said that this department comes under

Modex Unit. The provision of a drainage system was not there in the construction project. All the employees were troubled due to this situation.

They said that they are involved in production but there is no proper arrangement of rest room and toi-

let. The toilet of BOF is built at the last end which is far away from the employee's control room. There is only one toilet for the 200 employees and contract workers working here.

Arrangements for drinking water have been made in the SRU but there is no restroom and toilet. There is no toilet in CK1 in the caster area. Employees have to cross CK 1 to go to CK 2.

A canteen is operating in a container in the caster area, which is in an unsafe place. It was hit by a crane twice during the night shift recently. It was a matter of relief that there were no casualties in the accident.

Preamble reading events on Constitution Day

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: General Administration Department of the Chhattisgarh State Government has given instructions to conduct the events of reading the Preamble of Indian Constitution in all the government offices, schools, colleges and all the government institutions and public undertakings of the state on the occasion of Constitution Day on 26th November.

As the Model Code of Conduct is effective at present, officers-employees and students of all government institutions and public undertakings have been instructed to read the Preamble of the Indian Constitution by opening the web portal "readpreamble.nic.in" created for online reading of the Preamble of the Constitution.

Apart from this, "constitutionquiz.nic.in" web portal can be used to participate in the online quiz on the topic

'India is the Mother of Democracy' on 26th November. All citizens of India can participate in this online quiz and get the certificate.

In places where there is no computer, mobile and internet facility, instructions have been given to read the Preamble of the Constitution in offline mode. During this event, instructions have also been given to ensure complete compliance with all the guidelines issued under the Model Code of Conduct.

Youth sentenced life imprisonment for sexually assaulting minor girl

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg awarded life imprisonment to a 21-year-old youth, i.e. confinement for the balance of his natural life, for sexual assault on a minor girl.

Additional Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC - POCOS, Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted Prahlad Deshmukh alias Pankaj Deshmukh, a resident of village Albaras, PS Anda, Durg on Saturday.

The girl's father had

lodged a complaint at Anda Police Station on April 16, 2023. Police filed the charge sheet on June 13, 2023 after which the court trial was completed on fast track in approximately five months.

Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that the accused resides near the victim's house. The victim's father had complained that the incident occurred around 16:30 hrs on April 16, 2023.

He was at home with the family and around 16:30 hrs, his four-year-old

daughter went out to play. When she did not return after 10-15 minutes, the father came out to search for her.

When she was not found in the street, the father entered his neighbour Pankaj Deshmukh's home and found that Pankaj Deshmukh had removed the clothes of the child and was trying to sexually assault her.

The father rescued the child and took her with him. On the same day, he filed an FIR at Anda Police Station.

During trial, the accused pleaded not guilty and asserted that the victim's father was taking revenge from him as he was a witness in some other cases. However, the accused was unable to establish his point.

After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded rigorous life imprisonment (imprisonment till rest of his life) to him. He was sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment of five years and Rs 25000 fine under section 06 of POCOS Act.

Millers asked to speed up paddy lifting

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a meeting of rice millers of the district and took information about depositing the remaining rice of Kharif year 2022-23. He asked the millers to deposit the custom milled rice of the past year by November 30, 2023.

In case of non-deposit of rice, appropriate action will be taken against the concerned rice millers. During the review meeting, the Collector sought information about paddy purchased in the committees.

In order to avoid the sit-



uation of paddy stock jam in the committees and to ensure that the paddy procurement work continues smoothly, the Collector asked the rice millers to lift the procured paddy

immediately.

During the review meeting, it was informed that 57102 metric tonnes of paddy has been procured in the committees of the district.

Till now, the rice millers have lifted 1238 tonnes of paddy for custom milling. Food Control CP Dipankar and rice millers of the district were present.

Community service organised at Ruabandha Primary School



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: A community service Learning With Fun on November 23 and 24 at the Government Primary School in Ruabandha. The programme was organised by the PG Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of St Thomas College under the aegis of ForumZETGEIST in which 50 primary school students of classes IV and V were the beneficiaries.

The PG students of MSc Mathematics and PGDCA

conducted the program in which students were imparted knowledge about computer hardware and software and learning maths with fun along with playing different games. The winners of games were awarded.

On second day students carried out practical session in Computer lab showing their drawing skills. The students were given refreshments and gifts like Tiffin box, crayons, water bottle and chocolates by students and staff.

The program was con-

ducted with the Blessings of Administrator Rev Fr Dr Joshi Varghese and Principal Dr MG Roymon. The coordinators of Forum Dr Preeti Jain and Jyoti Dewangan along

with the Head of Department Dr Suja Varghese and faculty members Dr Santosh Kumar Miri, Dr Smita Daniel, K Manju, Aarti Yadav, KRiya Naidu, Anshul Shrivastav, Aarti Sahu and Ramesh Sahu cooperated in smooth conduct of program.

Traffic Police recovers stolen car

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: Durg Traffic Police recovered a stolen car during a routine checking drive against the vehicles parked in no-parking areas. When the cops enquired about the abandoned vehicle, they discovered that it was a stolen vehicle.

The thief changed the number plate of the vehicle and had left it in Nehru Nagar. On the instructions of senior officers, the car was handed over to Mohan Nagar Police Station after informing the vehicle owner.

Under the direction of Senior Superintendent of Police (Durg) Ram Gopal Garg and leadership of DSP Satish Thakur and DSP Sadanand Vidhyaraj, the Traffic Police Durg is continuously monitoring the no-parking



areas on the highway, market area and main road.

Action is being taken against the vehicles parked in no-parking zones. Sub Inspector Rajkaran Singh and Assistant Sub Inspector Rajkumar Dubey were conducting this routine

exercise on the road connecting Nehru Nagar Square to Surya Mall.

They found a car bearing registration number CG 04 M 1399 parked on the main road. When the cops enquired about it from locals, a person informed them that the car was lying there for

the last two days. He further stated that his car also has the same registration number.

Suspecting theft or relation of the vehicle with some other crime, Assistant Sub Inspector Rajkumar Dubey called a mechanic after which the window glass of the

vehicle was lowered and the car was unlocked.

The cops found the car's original documents in the vehicle and discovered that the correct number of the vehicle was CG 07 B 5635. After extracting the details of the vehicle owner from the RTO records, cops contacted the vehicle owner, Venkat Rao, a resident of Old Bhilai.

He runs a Tours and Travels business in Supela. He informed that the vehicle was stolen two days ago from Rajendra Prasad Chowk in Durg. He had lodged a case of theft in Mohan Nagar Police Station.

On the instructions of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) after which the recovered vehicle was handed over to the Patrolling Party of Mohan Nagar Police Station.

BSP's door-to-door Dengue Prevention Campaign continues

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: The Public Health Department, under the TSD of SAIL-BSP and the Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of the Government of Chhattisgarh has been jointly running intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne disease prevention campaigns in the Bhilai Township since June 13, 2023.

The stagnant water at vacant lands and other open containers during the monsoon serve as viable conditions for breeding of dengue-causing Aedes mosquitoes, due to water-logged open containers lying around the residences.

Therefore, several Mosquito-Breeding Checkers have been hired by the Plant's Public Health Department on payment-basis from Durg Malaria Eradication Department since June 13, 2023. These Breeding Checkers are visiting door-to-door and inspecting mosquito larvae and spraying medicines, besides making people aware of prevention and precautionary measures of mosquito-borne diseases.



Since the inception of this campaign till the present day on November 24, 2023, the breeding checkers have visited as many as 2,26,644 houses in the township to survey and perform and intensive Spraying and fogging as per requirement.

In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae breeding, stagnant water sources were inspected at as many as 2,03,344 spots. 16,686 houses were found with spots having mosquito larvae, which were cleaned and sprayed with immediate effect, along with Temephos distribution at 1,26,825 houses.



Larvicidal pesticides were also sprayed at as many as 7,555 houses in the township area. Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, fogging with portable mist blower machines etc., along with pamphlet distribution and loud-speaker announcements were also done in all the Sectors, along with other residential and commercial areas to raise awareness against mosquito-borne diseases.

Strict warnings were also issued to those individuals at whose premises where mosquito larvae were found. BSP's Senior Officers from the concerned departments have also

visited the houses of township from time to time, to inspect the ongoing campaign. It is noteworthy that controlling the number of mosquitoes is always successful and effective only with public cooperation.

All Bhilai residents are requested to keep a strict vigil and make collective efforts to check mosquito infestation around them. The residents are requested to adhere to special precautionary measures. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety.

First Regional Tax Conclave today

Bhilai, Nov 25: The first Regional Tax Conclave is being organized by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (Western Region) in association with Bhilai Chapter of Cost Accountants. Gala event will be convened on November 26, 2023 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs at Bhilai Niwas MP Hall near civic centre. The occasion will be graced by Anirban Dasgupta, Director in charge Bhilai Steel Plant as chief guest and also by Dr AK Panda ED Finance Bhilai steel Plant as special Guest in addition to above esteem guests will also star CMA Chaitanya Mohire, Chairman, Western India Regional Council, CMA Arindam Goswami, Vice Chairman & Convener, CMA Mihir Vyas, Secretary, CMA DN Karan (Chapter Chairman, ICMAI-Bhilai chapter & Co-Convener, CCM CMA Neeraj Joshi, CMA Amit Apte, Former President and other eminent dignitaries from Western India Regional Council along with distinguished experts from their fields. Instant programme discussion & guidance shall be provided in various aspects of GST, foreign Trade Policy, new/amended rules in direct taxes and other Taxation arena.

Constitution Day celebrated at St Thomas College Kailash Nagar



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 25: St Thomas College Kailash Nagar (STC 2) marked Constitution Day with a vibrant celebration, featuring Adv Shikhar Sharma (CG High court) along with Adv M Kamakshamma (District Bar Council Durg). The active participation of students from MGM Senior Sec School Sector 6 Bhilai, MGM Public School Shanti Nagar, St Xavier School and Mar Baselios Vidhya Bhavan, Kailash Nagar added a special touch, elevating the occasion to its best form.

The celebration began with the inspiring rendition of the college prayer song by students, creating a reverent atmosphere. Following this, a welcoming song performed by Hrithik Kumar (B Com 2nd year) added to the ceremonial spirit of the celebration. A

poignant floral tribute to the architect of the Indian constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, honouring his pivotal role in shaping the nation's legal framework, was made by the dignitaries. The event unfolded with a symbolic gesture of environmental consciousness - wherein guests were warmly welcomed with the saplings presented by Asst Professor Siji Reno Raj. The centerpiece of the day was the enlightening speech by the distinguished speaker Adv Shikhar Sharma, who delved into the intricacies of "Fundamental Rights And Duties" enshrined in the Constitution. Adv M Kamakshamma threw light upon various provisions of Acts related to children and how those would be helpful for the students. Fr Dr Joshi Varghese, the Administrator of St Thomas College exhorted the students to uphold the sacredness of the constitution by

imbibing the constitutional values.

To infuse creativity into the celebration, students showcased their talents through a compelling skit. The performance artfully depicted the theme of secularism in India. The event was also blessed with the presence of Rev Fr Raju Thomas Ramban (Vice President, St Thomas Mission), Fr Ramesh Koshale (Principal St Xavier School, Shanti Nagar) Fr Kurian John (MGM Public School, Shanti Nagar), and Fr Jacob Thomas (MBVB Kailash Nagar). As the event drew to a close, Netra Kumar Gupta (Asst Professor of Commerce) extended a gracious vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees. Divya Soni (Asst Professor of Computer Science) compered the programme.

One arrested in connection with theft in jewellery shop



Search for another suspect continues

Raipur, Nov 25: A man has been arrested in connection with recent theft incident at Padmavati Jewellery Shop located in Jayaram Complex of Raipur. Police started searching for another suspect in connection with the incident.

The complaint was lodged by Bhavesh Jain in Maudhapara police station. Jayaram operates a shop in the complex in the

name of Padmavati Jewellery (Imitation Jewellery). He had closed his jewellery shop at night on 9th November and went home. On opening the shop on 10th November in the morning, he found all the goods scattered. On checking the goods, it was found that the cash kept in the bag and the imitation jewellery and mobile phone kept in the shop were missing.

Unidentified thieves had entered the shop by cutting the grill of the window AC of the shop



and committed theft. On the report Bhavesh Jain, crime number 256/23 section 457, 380 IPC was registered against unidentified thieves.

While carrying out investigation police got information about suspect Radheshyam Nag, resident of Bhatagaon, Tikrapara and arrested him. During interrogation Radheshyam Nag made a confession of carrying out the theft along with his accomplice Akram Ansari, resident of Ambikapur. With arrest of Radheshyam Nag the police recovered artificial jewellery worth about Rs 30,000 from his possession. Akram Ansari who is absconding is being traced.

Governor Harichandan awarded D.Litt from Kalinga Institute of Social Science



After COVID hiatus

Raipur, Oct 25: Governor Vishva Bhusan Harichandan has been awarded D.Litt the honorary degree by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar. This title was conferred on him by the Governor

of Odisha, Raghuvar Das. Governor Harichandan has been given this honor for his remarkable public service through activism in social and public life. Vice Chancellor, Professor and distinguished guests of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences were present in the function organised on the said occasion.

Students get mock test ahead of Placement

Raipur, Nov 25: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's, Sahyog - The Mentorship Club organized the mock interviews under the Mock Placement event on Saturday in the Central Computer Centre (CCC). The event was organized under the adept guidance of Dr. Ravi Jade, Faculty In-Charge, Sahyog.

The interview was the third and final round in the placement event. The applications were for the profiles of Software Development Engineer (SDE), Data Analyst (DA) and Core job profiles for each branch. Out of 1000 candidates who appeared in the first round, 80 made it to the third and final round. The online interview panelists included NITRR Alumni who are placed at various companies. Hemant Kumar Rathore, Rudronil Dey, Shivam Kar, Siddharth Mishra, Anikesh



Rupchandani and Sumit Singh Thakur. There were two panelists who took the interview offline.

The interviews consisted of questions from Core and technical subjects, coding questions with implementation and the candidates were judged for their resume, communication skills and presentation. There were puzzles

and questions from some topics according to the candidates profile and the subjects studied. The candidates were required to explain their answers and code for implementation wherever required. The main objective of the entire event was to give the candidates an experience of real life placement procedure.

Children in close proximity to industrial area prone to severe skin allergies

AIIMS study concerned about growing number of atopic eczema patients in young age

Raipur, Nov 25: A research study by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences shows that there is a high risk of childhood skin allergies in urban areas of Chhattisgarh, especially in those that are in close proximity to industrial areas. A study shows that 30% of them have moderate-to-severe skin allergies.

A study was done as part of a thesis by post-graduate student Dr. P. S. Meghana Reddy under guidance of Dr. Namrata Chhabra Sharma, Associate Professor,

Department of Dermatology and Prof. Anil Kumar Goel, HoD, Pediatrics Department during December 2021 to May 2023. The Department of Dermatology studied data collected from 200 children and it shows that 77% of them are from urban areas. The study found that 30% of the total patients with skin allergies resided in industrial areas. According to Dr. Sharma, this is a cause for concern as the state has a high number of industries in close proximity to the residential area.

This was an observational study; therefore, further studies are needed to find out the causal association of air pollution from industrial areas with the occurrence of atopic eczema. According to Dr.

Sharma, atopic eczema is an allergic skin condition that causes itchy skin followed by redness and rashes and makes the skin ooze fluid, resulting in recurrent eczema. Atopic eczema cases are constantly increasing, with a prevalence of up to 20% in children and up to 3% in adults worldwide.

A rising trend in atopic eczema has been observed in India in the last four decades due to rapid urbanization and environmental changes consequent to rapid development.

Childhood atopic eczema is an emerging disease, causing significant psychological morbidity for children as well as parents. These children have higher chances of developing asthma, allergic rhinitis, and food

allergies later in life, she added.

Foreign studies show that air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen dioxide, as well as particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), act as risk factors for atopic eczema in children. In particular, fine particulate matter crosses through the skin and the respiratory tract. It remains suspended in the air for a long time and is a carrier of dust mites and pollen.

The sponge iron industries located in Chhattisgarh are a major source of air pollutants, including particulate matter (suspended particulate matter and respirable particulate matter) and gaseous pollutants (hydrocarbons and oxides of sulfur).

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Oct 25: With the aim of providing a better facility to the consumers in Raipur, the grand inauguration of India's first 100% Hallmark Silver Jewellery Showroom will be held from November 24 to 26 at its showroom located in front of Shri Shivam, Main Road Pandari. Customers will get the benefit of 100% return in silver jewellery ornaments.

While giving information, the Director of the showroom, Naman



Parekh said that in our newly inaugurated showroom, all items made of silver are available in attractive artistic designs, ranging from one gram to 2 kg of hallmark silver. Wider range of silverware, anklets, figurines and attractive gift hampers are available in the showroom. 100% hallmark silver jewellery is available in our showroom, he said. The related showroom of the first silver jewellery showroom is Sambhav Jewelers located at Sadar Bazaar, Raipur.

Two women from inter-state gang of thieves arrested

Raipur, Nov 25: Busting an inter-state gang of thieves police have arrested two of its women members for their alleged involvement in theft of lakhs of rupees by breaking the lock of an empty house located in Siddhi Vinayak Colony of Mana police station area. The main suspects are absconding. Absconding suspects Abu Taleb Aslam Shaikh hailed from Bangladesh. Their wives Fatima Bibi and Yasmin Bibi have been arrested.

According to information available they were staying in a rented house in the area and seeing the opportunity they committed theft and fled from



spot. The female suspects have been arrested from village Bansara located in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Stolen cash, three skins worth Rs 50 thousand and two pairs of silver anklets, trolley bag and two mobile phones used in the incident have been

recovered from their possession. The absconding suspects have kept gold and silver jewelry and cash with them. Complainant Surendra Sahu who lives in Siddhi Vinayak Colony Mana Camp and deals in purchase and sale of land told Mana police that on

November 17, he locked his house and went for a walk with his wife and daughter. When he returned home in the evening, he saw that the bedroom door was open and things were scattered on the floor. The rod of the bedroom window was also broken. Thieves entered inside the house through window and committed the crime and fled away.

A joint team of Anti Crime and Cyber ??unit and Police Station Mana was sent to District South 24 Parganas of West Bengal. Female suspects Yasmin Bibi and Fatima Bibi were traced and arrested from village Bansara.

Doctors remove 1.5 kg tumor from lung of 3-year-old girl

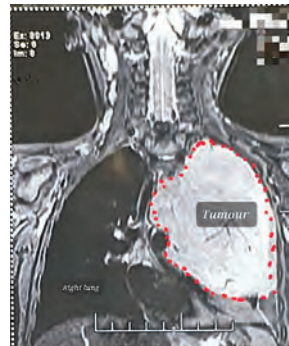
At Medical College Hospital, Raipur

First case in the state of successful surgery of such a big tumor (cancer) inside the chest of young child

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 25: A 3-year-old girl got a new lease of life after she underwent successful operation of a 1.5 kg tumor (cancer) from her lung in the Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery Department of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur. The tumour was located behind the heart and stuck to the heart. In medical language, this tumor is called ganglioneurofibroma of left hemithorax. In common language it is called posterior mediastinal tumor.

The girl from a family



Pre-operative chest MRI film showing a large tumor in the left lung

living in Tudri village of Raigarh was completely normal after birth but by the age of 2 years, she lost her ability to walk. The girl was not even able to stand on her feet. Her parents initially consulted Burla Medical College in Orissa and subsequently she was taken to Raipur AIIMS where the disease was diagnosed. There was a tumor in the girl's spinal cord due to which the girl had lost the strength in her

legs. The neurosurgeon of AIIMS removed the tumor from the spinal cord of the child due to which the girl started walking a little but after some time this tumor spread to the entire left chest besides increasing in size to such an extent that it made it difficult to breathe properly. Seeing the spread of the tumor, AIIMS doctors referred the case to Dr Krishnakant Sahu, heart, chest and vascular surgeon of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, affiliated to Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College Raipur.

Dr. Sahu explains that this tumor looked inoperable due to its large size and invasion into the main organs of the body like aorta, left subclavian artery, pericardium and lung hilum. Dr Sahu said although he operated more than 250 cases of lung and chest cancer besides performing more than 25 operations of

posterior mediastinal tumor, yet such a big case of posterior mediastinal tumor in a 3-year-old girl was new to him.

In the beginning the operation was refused considering 90 to 95 percent chance of death. Even if the operation was not done, there was a 100 percent chance of the child dying due to cancer. However, with the hope of 5 percent success, the girl's parents agreed to the operation. This operation was earlier planned to be done in the Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery Department of ACI, but due to the size of the tumor and the young age of the child and it being a high risk case, the anesthesiologists advised for operation in the operation theater of the Pediatric Surgery Department of DKS Hospital. Accordingly the child was shifted to DKS on consultation with Dr. Shipra Sharma and Dr. Nitin

Sharma, HOD of Pediatric Surgery of DKS Superspecialty Hospital. The tumor of about 1.5 kg was completely removed (R 0 Resection) while saving the vital organs of the girl's chest. This tumor was so big that it had to be removed in pieces. Even in the spinal cord from where the tumor originated, every part of the tumor was removed in detail. While saving the spinal cord, the dura mater was also repaired so that cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) could not leak.

The patient had to be kept in a ventilator for four days. The girl's condition was critical for about 10 days after the operation. The girl was discharged from the hospital after 18 days and is completely healthy in her first follow up. The girl has started walking. This operation was completely free with the help of Health Assistance Scheme.

PRSU loses to Bhubaneswar Varsity in Tennis championship



Raipur, Nov 25: Host Pt Ravishanker Shukla University lost the final match against visiting KIIT Bhubaneswar in Girls category championship of Easter Region Inter University Tennis tournament bring organized under the aegis of PRSU at VIP Club Tennis

Court here. KIIT team comprising Abhilasha Bista and Rituraj Chaudhary defeated the PRSU players Urvashi Banjare and Megha Banjare to lift the championship title. Similarly, KIIT Boys team also defeated the Jadhavpur University

team to win the championship. PRSU Vice Chancellor Professor Sachidanand Shukla was chief guest of the prize distribution function whereas Head of Department of Physical Education Dr Vipin Chandra Sharma presided over the function during which VIP Club Chairman Rakesh Pandey was also present. Sanjay Shukla, Dr Ramanand Yadu, Dr Pramod Mene, Gopal Urkurkar, Asim Kadri, Dr Karmishtr Shambarkar and Gyanendra were also present on the occasion, informs a press release issued here by the Organizing Secretary Rupendra Singh Chouhan.

Party workers keeping close watch on strong rooms at counting venue



Strong security arrangements by Election Commission, more than 10 thousand security personnel deployed outside the strong room

Raipur, Nov 25: Amidst all the security arrangements of the election office, political parties have started guarding the EVMs outside the strong room. After the elections on 90 seats in Chhattisgarh, the results will come on December 3, but political parties are keeping close watch on strong rooms at counting venue.

Despite the three-tier security cordon of the election office, political parties have entrusted the responsibility of monitoring the strong room to the work-

ers. State Congress Committee has issued the order. Congress office bearers have also been deployed on duty in different shifts. Three-tier tight security arrangements have been made outside the strong rooms made in all the districts. EVMs are being monitored 24 hours by CCTV, said Reena Baba Saheb Kangale, Chief Electoral Officer, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Congress has assigned this responsibility to nine office bearers each in three shifts in the 90 Assembly. At the same time, many BJP candidates have deployed their teams, which are constantly keeping an eye on the CCTV cameras. Every day, minute-to-minute information is being sent to the candidates. Congress leaders Amar Gidwani said that his duty has been imposed at the counting venue.

Teams are monitoring day and night.

According to election officials, an impenetrable fort has been made for the security of EVMs in the strong rooms built in 33 districts. Apart from local police personnel, CRPF has taken charge in the three-tier security system. More than 10 thousand security personnel in the state are providing duty day and night for the security of EVMs.

The State Congress Committee has put its officials on duty in three different shifts from 10 am to 3 pm, 3 pm to 9 pm and 9 pm to 12 midnight. All shifts include one woman and two men. This system has been implemented in all the districts.

On the lines of Congress, BJP has also deployed its teams outside the strong room. Among these, there are many candidates who have deployed their personal security personnel or employees of establishments for duty. Maximum monitoring is being done on the seats where there is tough competition.

Congress Party candidate and current MLA

Amitesh Shukla has deployed a monitoring team outside the strong room. Of these, four people who came from the MLA bungalow are on duty in different shifts. They also cook food here and stay awake one by one at night. After talking to the employees, they said that they will leave from here on December 3.

Congress workers have set up tents outside the counting centers of Raipur and Bhillai, while BJP candidate from Durg assembly constituency Gajendra Yadav has also deployed two of his supporters outside the strong room. Similarly, Congress workers are also standing outside the State Warehouse Corporation warehouse behind the agricultural produce market of Rajnandgaon. CCTV cameras have been installed at the counting venue.

State Congress Committee Control Room Chairman Ravi Ghosh said that guarding of EVMs has become a trend. We have confidence in the security of the agencies, but teams have been deployed to keep an eye on any suspected lapse.

'DAND YATRA'



Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarti Parishad, Raipur City organised the 'Dand Yatra' for women empowerment here.

98th birth anniv of Sri Sathya Sai Baba observed

Naya Raipur, Nov 25: Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba is known world over as redeemer, philosopher, savior and God incarnate by millions of His followers in India and the world over.

Several hospitals and educational institutions are giving free health care and education to all those who enter their portals. 23rd of November 2023 marks 98 years of his being. He left his physical body in 2011. Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani



Paediatric Cardiac Centre in Nava Raipur celebrated 98 years of Sri Sathya Sai with all the children who have been operated along with the staff and well-wishers who have been supporting the hospital in various ways. As a special offering to Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the medical faculty conducted 9 procedures on this day.

In other words 9 tiny lives have been blessed with a new lease of life.

Deshbandhu School conducts vibrant 'Anand Mela'

Raipur, Nov 25:

It was a day filled with joy, creativity, and culinary delights as students of Deshbandhu English Medium Higher Secondary School came together to celebrate "Anand Mela" on November 25. The event, a testament to youthful enthusiasm and community spirit, offered a vibrant array of activities that left everyone in high spirits.

The school buzzed with energy as students from third grade to twelfth grade showcased their talents and creativity. One of the highlights of the event was the mouthwatering food stalls, where students served up delectable treats like Momos, Kulfi, Cold Coffee, Sandwiches, Chat, Pasta and more. The aroma



of these scrumptious delights wafted through the air, tempting taste buds and ensuring that no one left hungry.

But "Anand Mela" was not just about satisfying culinary cravings; it was a platform for wholesome entertainment. Various fun games and activities brought laughter and excitement, providing avenue for students to display their skills.

Even the teachers joined in on the fun, relishing the opportunity to connect with their students. The atmosphere was one of unity and celebration, fostering a sense of community among students, teachers, and staff.

The success of "Anand Mela" was a testament to the collaborative efforts of the school's leadership. Principal Shishir Das, along with coordinators Honey Lalwani and Anita Agrawal, played a pivotal role in organizing the event, ensuring that it was a memorable experience for all.

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IIT-NR team wins 'Accenture Innovation Challenge 2023'

Naya Raipur, Nov 25:

IIT-Naya Raipur team 'Tokyo', comprising of Harsh Pandey, Subhanshu Arya, and Aryaman, secured 2nd position at the PAN India Hackathon, 'Accenture Innovation Challenge 2023'. A three-member team from IIT-Delhi, and a four-member team from IIM-Ahmedabad won the top spots. Spanning more than three months, the challenge witnessed participation from over 1,82,000 students representing 6,600+ colleges nationwide. The hackathon aimed at inspiring students to develop innovative technology-led solutions for real world problems. The hackathon comprised of four rounds, each emphasizing the reimagining of businesses and driv-



ing transformative change through the application of technology. IIT-NR team was proud to share the dais with distinguished technical institutes of India in this competition.

In line with the theme of Accenture Innovation Challenge 2023 'Reinvent Businesses and Accelerate Change with the Power of Technology', the students leveraged advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Automation,

Cloud, Blockchain, Internet of Things and Digital Twins, to develop and present novel solutions. The innovation ideas were sought aiming at combining science and technology to create solutions that push boundaries and solve real-world problems.

IIT-NR team built 'BreaTHE', an AI and Deep Learning-based Diagnostic System, meant to empower healthcare workers to diagnose pulmonary disorders by listening to the audio of patients' breathing. The affordable solution can diagnose and categorise the audio into respiratory conditions like Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Pneumonia, Bronchiectasis, Bronchiolitis, Upper Respiratory Tract Infections, and healthy

lungs. IIT-NR team received prizes worth Rs. 75,000/-. Additionally, all eligible participants were given the opportunity to participate in a fast-track recruitment process for Accenture's Advanced Technology Centres in India (ATCI).

On the occasion, Raghavan Iyer, Senior Managing Director and Innovation Lead, Advanced Technology Centers, Accenture, said, "Advanced technologies have the potential to not just solve business challenges, but also address critical challenges facing society, such as climate change, clean energy and responsible consumption.

They can play a vital role in enabling equitable access to education, skilling, healthcare, and accelerate advances in agriculture, financial inclusion and governance. Through the annual Accenture Innovation Challenge, our aim is to inspire technology-led creative thinking among young minds to address real world problems with affordable and scalable solutions".

Violence against women should end: Dr Shukla

Program on 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women'

Raipur, Nov 25: In a powerful and poignant event commemorating the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women," Dr. Suresh Shukla, District Chief Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh, District Union-Raipur, called for an end to violence against women. The event, held at Police Public School-Raipur to address this pressing issue on the global stage.

The United Nations designates November 25 as the "International Day for



the Elimination of Violence against Women," recognizing violence against women as a grave violation of human rights. Dr. Suresh Shukla, serving as the Chief Guest, emphasized the importance of eliminating violence against women, echoing the sentiments of the United Nations.

Under the guidance of District Education Officer Himanshu Bharatiya and



the direction of District Secretary District Union-Raipur Secretary Mrityunjay Shukla and under the leadership of District Organization Commissioner Balak Das Raut, a one-day awareness program was organized by the "Scout-Guides" at Police Public School-Raipur.

The event commenced with the 'Flag Hoisting' under the expert guidance

of State Training Commissioner T.K.S. Parihar. Guests were warmly welcomed with bouquets and scarves, and the scout guide who had contributed to a world record in 'Meri Shan, Vande Mataram.' was honored with a certificate by the chief guest, Dr. Suresh Shukla, and other distinguished guests.

The program, skillfully conducted by ALT "Scout"

Hemdhara Sahu, a B.Ed. student teacher at Government Teacher Education College, Raipur, resonated with the enthusiasm and spirit of the scout-guides. Scout Master Deepak Singh of Police Public School led the formation of a "Human Chain" to raise awareness about ending violence against women.

"Scout" Balak Das Raut, the District Organization

Commissioner, provided valuable insights into the legal framework in India aimed at preventing violence against women, including domestic violence laws. Scout Master Hemdhara Sahu led the charge with impactful slogans such as "Respect Women - Respect, Respect" and "Will not commit violence on women."

The program reached its conclusion with District Training Commissioner T.K. S. Parihar bidding a heartfelt "Goodbye" and expressing the hope of seeing everyone again soon. The Principal of Police Public School played a pivotal role in the success of this significant event, making a lasting impact on the fight against violence against women.

Gold became costlier by Rs 1,400 in just 12 days



Raipur, Nov 25: In the festive season, there was a decline in both the precious metals and huge buying by consumers. Now, within 12 days of the wedding season, the prices of gold have increased tremendously and it has become costlier by Rs 1400.

In the Raipur bullion market on Friday evening, November 24, gold per ten grams (standard) was Rs 63,500 and silver per kg was Rs 75,000. Earlier on November 11, gold per ten grams (standard) was Rs 61,800 and silver per kg was Rs 72,800.

Bullion traders said that a similar trend will be seen in both the precious metals in the coming days. Especially the prices of

gold may increase further because due to the influence of the international market as well as the wedding season, the demand in the market is also very high.

These days, along with the traditional range of jewellery, new fashionable jewellery is also available in bullion showrooms. The jewelry itself has tremendous carvings in the temples of South India. Besides, lightweight range of jewelry is also available, which is getting good response from the customers. Large crowd of customers can be seen in bullion showrooms these days. To attract customers, discounts on making charges are also being offered by the customers.

CEO Reena Babasaheb Kangale inspects counting venue

Raipur, Nov 25: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Reena Babasaheb Kangale along with Kabirdham

Collector Janmejaya Mahobe and Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav inspected the counting site located in the Krishi Upaj Mandi complex of Kawardha. Kangale observed the preparations being made for the counting of votes for assembly constituencies 71-Pandariya and 72-Kawardha districts.

She inspected the security arrangements of the strongroom and took detailed information regarding the CCTV cameras and security forces deployed at the counting venue,



counting of votes and preparations for counting of postal ballots. She directed to issue passes to all the employees engaged in other necessary arrangements including the officers engaged in

counting of votes on the counting date. She instructed to ensure proper meeting arrangements for the agents of political parties in the counting hall. More or less, preparations are being reviewed

at other counting centers in the state. Kangale asked the candidates and their election agents to compulsorily give information about the vote counting guidelines received from the Election Commission.

She also discussed about security arrangements, necessary facilities in the media centre, counting materials for counting, counting of postal ballots, counting of votes recorded in EVMs, VVPAT slip counting, sealing of EVMs and election materials after completion of counting and declaration of results and gave necessary guidelines. Returning officers of the respective assembly constituencies and other officers were present during the inspection.

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21st National Chemistry seminar concludes at RSU

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 25: The School of Studies in Chemistry at Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University (RSU) has achieved yet another milestone as it proudly concluded its highly successful 21st National Conference on SURFACTANTS, EMULSIONS & BIOCOLLOIDS. Led by Dr. Kallol Ghosh, Chairman of the organizing committee, and coordinators Prof. Kamlesh Shrivastava and Dr. Manmohan Lal Satnami, this seminar has left an indelible mark in the realm of academic discourse.

The grand finale of the seminar witnessed the esteemed presence of Prof. Rajiv Prakash, Director of I.I.T. Bhubaneswar, as the chief guest. Prof. Prakash's enlightening discourse on human intelligence and artificial intelligence underscored the significance of value-based education and research. He passionately urged attendees to foster innovation in their research pursuits while embracing India's rich knowledge tradition.

Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, presided over the program and conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to the Chemistry Department. He eloquently emphasized the historical importance of chemical usage and the need to harness natural resources to craft innovative chemicals, highlighting that the future hinges on such innovations.

During the closing ceremony, Dr. Kallol Ghosh, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests and presented a comprehensive report encapsulating the achievements of the three-day seminar. Prof. Arun Sawant, former Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University and special guest, encouraged society to forge ahead, underscoring the paramount role of research in mitigating industrial pollution.

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Research scholars receive awards

The seminar also celebrated the exceptional contributions of research scholars. First Prize for Young Scientist Oral Presentation awarded to Yogyata Chaur from Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur. Second Prize secured by Arnav Banerjee from Presidency University, Kolkata. Third Prize bestowed upon Debasish Pal from I.I.T., Kharagpur, in the Young Scientist Oral Presentation category. In the poster competition, the following scholars garnered recognition, First Prize claimed by Madhuri Thorve from IIT, Mumbai. Second Prize awarded to Ishfaq Abdullah Wani from Harishankar Gur University, Sagar. Third Prize presented to Pinky Miri from Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

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'I had only heard about our late PM Vajpayee's name in history books'

Mumbai, Nov 25: The newbie child artist Vyom Thakkar is all set to step into the television industry with not only a lead role but also a notable one, that of 'Young Atal' in & TV's new show 'Atal'. After going through over 300+ auditions of various child artists, Vyom was finalised to essay Young Atal, depicting the formative years of one of the most prominent Prime Ministers of India, the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. In a brief interview with us, the young Vyom shares his excitement about his first television show and essaying the childhood role of a prominent leader.

Here are the excerpts from the interview:

1. This is your first television show. How does it feel?

I am very happy, and so are my friends! They proudly go and announce to everyone on my television debut. Everyone is so excited. I have experience in ads, print ads, and runway modelling. The selection process was long, as many children auditioned for the role. I think about 300+ auditions and feel lucky to be chosen among many. My parents were super excited, and so were my family and friends. We all are waiting for the day to see me on screen. It will be a big celebration at home!

2. What's your favourite part about playing the young version of this great leader on TV?

My favourite part is that I learned a lot about our late Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which no history book or anyone could have told me about easily. Not only am I excited about the role, but also thankful for being chosen for it. Apart from this, I also enjoy wearing a costume of that era and reliving his childhood moments, which most people don't know much about. It's like a history class with role-play - isn't it such an interesting way to learn?

3. Did you learn anything interesting or important about Atal Ji while preparing for your role?



Vyom Thakkar

Absolutely! I had only heard about him in our history books and from my parents, but I never imagined that someday I would portray his childhood role in a television show! We also had a workshop to help me prepare for the role, which allowed me to learn much about him. Also, one common factor I could relate to was that

he was quite influenced by his grandfather and very attached to his mother, just like me!

4. Can you tell us about the adventures or fun moments you've had on set?

Oh, there have been so many fun moments! One day, I wanted to play cricket on the sets after my scenes were done. So, after convincing a few people around me to play with me, the entire crew got into the game after the pack-up. It was so much fun! I get ample breaks to eat, study and play, so there is never a dull moment.

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आम सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को एवम् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विवेक अथवाल पिता स्व. मुरली अग्रवाल ने विवेक अथवाल द्वारा स्वामिनी पिता स्व. प्रियतम दास स्वामिनी से पंजीकृत विवेक विवेक के माध्यम से प्राप्त सम्पत्ति जो कि, मीठा खाना, प.ह.नं. 45, रा.नि.नं. नवापरा, लहरीवाला नवापरा, जिला रायपुर में स्थित सम्पत्ति विक्रय कर 1027, रु.कमा 0.700 हेक्टर हे को पंजीकृत विवेक विवेक के माध्यम से दिनांक 30/06/2022 को पुस्तक क्र. 1-1, दर्ताक्रम क्र. CG-2022-23-057-1-1187, केन्द्र प्राप्त किया है जिसका पूर्व विक्रय विवेक कि मुद्र प्रति जो कि करी मुद्र हे मुद्र हे जो निम्नानुसार है 2 पंजाब नैशनल बैंक से प्रियतम दास स्वामिनी ने विवेक अथवाल के सुन्दरनी पिता सुप्रियतम सुन्दरनी से उपरकत विलेख सम्पत्ति को चयन करके कार्यालय अमरपुर में पंजीकृत दिनांक 14/03/2014 को पुस्तक क्र. 1-1, दर्ताक्रम क्र. 2051 केन्द्र पंजीकृत किया है जो कि करी मुद्र हे मुद्र हे यह कि उपरकत सम्पत्ति को विवेक अथवाल पिता स्व. मुरली अग्रवाल ने एवं श्री ए.एस.सी. बैंक लि. रायपुर शाखा में ऋण हेतु अर्धविक्रय करके मुद्र हे मुद्र हे जो कि विचारार्थिन है।

अतः उपरकत सूचनाएं से जिन किसी व्यक्ति, संस्था, बैंक, शासकीय एवं अर्धशासकीय निकाय इत्यादि को कोई उधार, ऋण या आगति हो तो इस आम सूचना प्रकाशन के 7 दिनों (सात दिनों) के भीतर स्व. मुरली अग्रवाल को सूचित करना आवश्यक है अन्यथा सूचित न करने से स्व. मुरली अग्रवाल को सूचित करने के पक्ष में सार्वजनिक बंधक बना लिया जावेगा एवं बाद में की गई आगति अर्ध व शुद्ध नवीं जारीगी तथा मेरे परकार पर बंधककारी नहीं होगा। सूचित करना ज्ञाने

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E-AUCTION NOTICE
Appendix - IVA [See Provision to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Guarantor that the below described immovable property hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 27.12.2023 (11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.) for recovery of dues mentioned in Coloum "D" due to State Bank of India, Secured Creditors from below mentioned Borrower / Guarantor

Sr. No.	Borrower / Guarantor Details	Brief Description of Assets Other known Debt Encumbrances, if Any & Title Holder Name	Recovery of Arrears Property Being Sold For	Reserve Price (Minimum Bid Increment)
1.	M/s Sheela Warehouse, Proprietor: Smt Sheela Patel W/o Mr. Gungagar Patel	All that part and parcel of property consisting of Land and Building Shed situated at Part of Khaska No. 363/02 after mutation changed survey Kh. No. 363/3, Village- Rajadara, PC No. 02, Tehsil- Pithora, District-Mahasamand (C.G.) area admeasuring 17024 sq ft (approx 0.16 hect.), in the name of Smt Sheela Patel W/o Shri Gungagar Patel. Bounded - North- Nahar/Kachhi Road, South :- Road, East- Saroj Warehouse, West- Land of Bhanumati. (Symbolic Possession)	₹ 71,21,141.00 + Int. + Exp. & other charges etc. Less the amount recovered thereon	₹ 45,25,200.00 ₹ 4,52,520.00 ₹ 25,000.00

E-Auction Date and Time 27.12.2023, 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM (10 Minutes Extension with unlimited time)

Interested bidders/buyers participating in e-Auction process is required to register before the reasonable time of auction through Bank's recognized Service Providers M/s. MSTC Ltd. Auction web page/portal <http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. Bidders/buyers have to transfer the EMD amount to their Global EMD Wallet using online mode by registering with respective e-auction web portal <http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. If the EMD amount is not available in the Global EMD Wallet, the system will not allow the bidding. The registration, KYC documents verification and EMD deposit in the wallet should be done in advance before the auction. As per the information of the authorized officer, there is no other encumbrance on the properties, yet the interested bidders/buyers should get all requisite information from the concerned officer/department any encumbrances related to the property before submitting their bid. The decision regarding properties to be taken at the discretion of the bidder. "The payment of all statutory /non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc., owing to any authority or to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of successful bidder only". The e-auction will be online and sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis. Process of e-auction from Bank's recognized service provider M/s. MSTC Ltd. will be conducted by Web Portal: <http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>. For details of terms and conditions of sale, kindly visit the website of State Bank of India Secured Creditor i.e. <http://www.sbi.co.in> and <https://www.ibapi.in> (website details) given.

This publication is also a 30 days notice to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors under the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Inspection of Property under Symbolic Possession Date & Time : Between 28.11.2023 to 26.12.2023 (as per prior appointment)
Date: 25.11.2023, Place: Raipur
Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Raipur

Govt calls all party meet on Dec 2
New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI): The government has convened an all-party meeting on December 2 ahead of the Winter session of Parliament, sources said on Saturday. The session will begin on December 4 and conclude on December 22. Though the all-party meet is convened a day before the session begins, this time it has been advanced by a day apparently due to counting of votes for five states on December 3 where polls are underway.

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Sl. No.	Name of Branch/ Contact Details	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors	Amount Dues Type of possession	Date of Demand & Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price (Min. Incre. Value)
01	Korba (0174) Lal Chand Pawar 9174421745	Mr. Chittarajan Sarbadhyaya	₹ 13.33 Lakh Symbolic Possession	21.03.2016 23.06.2016	"Owner of Property : Mr. Ram Lal S/o. Mr. Gaur Chand & Mr. Chitrnanj Sarbadhyaya Details of Property: Jammipali, Ward No. 51 Korba West, Dist -Korba, Kh. No. 109/1, Area of Land- 76736 sqft."	2934900/- 293490/- 25000/-
02	Tri-junction Bhalai (1005) Pradeep Kumar Barla 797773249	Mrs. Jasbir Kaur	₹ 8.87 Lakh Physical Possession	06.08.2018 19.09.2019	"Details of Property: LIG-90 1ST FLOOR, AREA 45.26 SQ.MT., DEENDAYAL HOUSING SCHEME, MOUZA JUNWANI, DURG DIST. DURG CG"	650000/- 650000/- 25000/-
03	Civic Centre Bhalai (0298) Soumya Ranjan Sahu 8000545448	Anmol Dharmkanta	₹ 8.80 Lakh Physical Possession	17.06.2019 20.08.2019	"Owner of Property : Mr. Gourav Shukla and Ms. Manjula Shukla, M/s Anmol Dharmkanta Details of Property: Part of plot no. 32, Zone "C" Industrial Growth Centre, Borai village rasmada Dist Durg"	1886000/- 188600/- 25000/-
04	Dhamtari Branch (2527) Barun Mathuri 6261430061	Mr. Prakash Kumar Banjara	₹ 8.24 Lakh Symbolic Possession	07.04.2016 20.06.2016	"Property details:- Area Of Land- 2125.00.00 s.i. Build Up Area- 1250.00 s.f. Kh. No. -258, PH No-5, Gurur to Baloo Road, Vill- Dalka Post - Mokha Tah.-Buriur, Dist.-Balod (CG)"	868000/- 86800/- 25000/-
05	Dhamtari Branch (2527) Barun Mathuri 6261430061	Mrs. Yamuna Sinha W/o Shri Manu Lal Sinha	₹ 7.94 Lakh Symbolic Possession	16.02.2023 13.06.2023	"Owner of Property: Mrs. Yamuna Sinha W/o Shri Manu Lal Sinha, Property Details : Kh No.720, PH No 52, Village- Nipani, Tehsil: Nipani, Dist- Durg 491227"	825300/- 82530/- 25000/-
06	Kokha (1227) Mr. Gaurav Sehgal 9999197470	Mr. Kannhaiya Lal Prajapati	₹ 19.79 Symbolic Possession	24.04.2019 08.07.2019	Owner of Property Mr. Kannhaiya Lal Prajapati, Details of Property: Residential Land & Building Plot No. 02 Kh. No. 1326/3 (part) ward no. 16 Kurud Bhalai, Dist- Durg.	1708000/- 170800/- 25000/-
07	Civic Centre Bhalai (0298) Mr. Soumya Ranjan Sahu 8000545448	Mr. Moses David Kumar Kunjum S/o Mr. K. D. Kunjum	₹ 25.80 Symbolic Possession	07.11.2018 12.03.2019	House No - MIG-II/159 Near Beauty Parlour , Amdli Nagar, Mauza -Hudoo, Shahid Kaushal Yadav Nagar (South) Ward -69 Tahsil & District - Durg (C.G.)	471000/- 47100/- 25000/-

Date & Time of E-Auction 12.12.2023, 11.00PM. to 4.00 PM. & Property Inspection Date & Time: 06.12.2023, 1.00 PM. to 4.00 PM. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://mstcecommerce.com> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Phone 9644007324.

THIS PUBLICATION IS ALSO 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

Sr. No.	Name of Branch/ Contact Details	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors	Amount Dues Type of possession	Date of Demand & Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price (Min. Incre. Value)
01	Civic Centre Bhalai (0298) Soumya Ranjan Sahu 8000545448	Mr. Vinod Gupta & Mrs. Nisha Gupta	₹ 17.88 Lakh Physical Possession	01.10.2016 09.07.2016	"Owner of the Property: Mr. Vinod Gupta S/o Mr. S D Gupta. Property details: Residential Flat No 302, 2nd Floor of Shivam Apartment, Matrikunj, Ward no-61, Gram Risali, Bhalai (CG) 490006. Plot No. 102, Khaska No. 141/32, 289/6, PH No-19/22 Built up area 714 sq.ft and with covered car parking in the ground floor together with the proportionate share in the common parts and facilities.	1637100/- 163710/- 25000/-
02	Maroda Branch (1110) Dityendu Saha 9039604115	Mr. Lakshmi Nath Yadav	₹ 29.08 Lakh Symbolic Possession	01.05.2023 10.07.2023	"Owner of Property : Mr. Lakshmi Nath Yadav S/o. Mr. Jagdish Yadav, Property Details : Kh. No. 303/413, PH no 01, Mouza- Bhalai 3, Tahsil Patan, Dist Durg Area-1225 sqft."	2925000/- 292500/- 25000/-
03	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	Mr. Rajiv Singh & Mrs. Vandana Singh	₹ 10.14 Lakh Symbolic Possession	23.05.2023 09.08.2023	"Owner of Property: All part & parcel of landed property standing in the name of Mr. Rajeev Singh S/o. Mr. L.N. Singh, Plot no Kh no 1202/1, 1202/2, 1206, P.H no -117/53, Area of Plot 1800 Sq Ft Boriyalka Tah & Dist- Raipur (C.G.)"	1782000/- 178200/- 25000/-
04	Branch (2030) Mr. Kumar Gaurav 964095205	M/s. Ratna Engineering Works	₹ 451.61 Lakh Physical Possession	17.10.2019 17.02.2023	"Property Details (2): (Partner - Shri A.N.Reddy S/o. A.B. Reddy, Unit no.4A(401), 4th floor, Meghna Block, PH no.109, Mahatma Gandhi Ward no.34, Marlin Jay shree Vihar, Pandaritarai Raipur CG Property Details (2): (Partner - Shri A.N.Reddy M/S.Sanjay Shrivastava) Property Details of Mr. Sanjay Shrivastava, Owner of the property - Mrs. Krishna Prasad, Block no. 18, Ph no -110, Dr. Bhanu Rao Ambedkar, Ward No-27 Ashoka Ratan, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Raipur CG. 492001."	4423000/- 442300/- 25000/- 4524000/- 452400/- 25000/-
05	KOKHA (1227) Gaurav SEHGAL 9999197470	Mr. Brij Bihari Singh	₹ 16.10 Lakh Symbolic Possession	16.11.2017 06.02.2018	Brij Bihari Singh Property Details Residential House, Kh no 14/130 & 14/134 (part), ward no.07, Village- Kokha, Purani Bansi, Bhalai, Dist- Durg. C.G. Plot area- 1170 SGT.	1652000/- 165200/- 25000/-
06	Kasool Branch (1029) Rohit Kumar Banjara 08770413913	M/s New Chhattishgarh Collection & Matching Centre Prop. Pawan Kumar Agilale	₹ 4.04 Lakh Symbolic Possession	16.10.2023 02.03.2023	Owner of Property: Pawan Kumar Agilale, Details of the property- LIG-245, Housing Board Colony Situated at Deen Dayal Awas Yojana, Galatapa, Abhanpur, District-Raipur,C.G.	729900/- 72990/- 25000/-
07	Maroda Branch (1110) Dityendu Saha 9039604115	"Mrs. Shreya Sinha & Mr. Mahendra S/o Laljee Prasad"	₹ 35.96 Lakh Symbolic Possession	13.04.2023 15.06.2023	"Owner of Property :Mr. Malay Chandra S/o Sri Laljee Prasad, Property Details : Kh. No. 316, Ph no. 15/21 Flat no 03, Ground Floor, Block No. E4, Chautan Town, Junwani, Bhalai Dist. Durg (c.g.)"	3752500/- 375250/- 25000/-
08	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	Dhurendra Singh Raghav	₹ 6.88 Lakh Symbolic Possession	03.11.2015 06.11.2019	Residential Apartment Situated at Flat No. 10, 3rd Floor, Block-Z, part of Kh no 90/1, 90/4, Ph no 60 (A), Mouza- Jagdapur, Moli Talab Para, Ramaya Ward no 17, RNW- Jagdapur -1, Tah-Jagdapur, Dist -Bastar (CG)	2286000/- 228600/- 25000/-
09	Ambikapur (2526) Mr. Shreyanshu Pandey 8460002227	M/s. Amar Fly Ash Bricks	₹ 16.58 Lakh Symbolic Possession	02.09.2019 09.09.2020	Owner of Property: Mr. Purneshwar Singh S/o Late Shri Amar Sai, Property Details: Only Land and single story residential and Fly Ash Industries on plot Kh. No. 175/830 at Village Silphili to Latori Road inside of NH 43 Road Th. & Dist. Surajpur. C.G.	4077000/- 407700/- 25000/-
10	Kusumkasa Branch Bhanu Pratap Panda 894209660	M/s Anita Traders prop. Anita Kotte & M/s Vinod Kotte Agro Oil Mill Production	₹ 18.77 Lakh Symbolic Possession	13.09.2021 03.12.2021	Owner of Property: Vinod Kotte (Guarantor) Property Details: Kh. No. 485/11, PH. No. 10, Vill-Chikhalkasa, Balod, Dist.Balod (C.G.)	2601000/- 260100/- 25000/-
11	Korba (0174) Lal Chand Pawar 9174421745	Mr. Ram Kumar Andani	₹ 19.82 Lakh Physical Possession	21.03.2016 21.05.2016	Ram Kumar Andani Property details: Area of land 499 Sq.Ft. Kh. No 1039/31, Ward No 04, Dhanwarpara, Rani Road, Korba.	1195200/- 119520/- 25000/-
12	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	Mr. Yogesh Srivastava & Vishal Srivastav	₹ 31.08 Lakh Symbolic Possession	17.06.2019 20.08.2019	Owner of Property: Mr. Yogesh Srivastava, Mr. Vishal Srivastava, Mr. Vikas Srivastava, Mr. Sunny Srivastava and Mrs. Kusum Srivastava Property Details Residential Land and Building situated at House No. 40/30 Malviya Road, Babu Jagjivan Lal Ward No. 40 Kh. No. Paer Of 606 Ph. No. 106 A Raipur C.G.	3234000/- 323400/- 25000/-
13	Civic Centre Bhalai (0298) Soumya Ranjan Sahu 8000545448	M/s Agrawal Food & Beverage prop. Ashish Raj Lohiya	₹ 39.99 Lakh Physical Possession	04.06.2021 24.08.2021	Mrs.Kiran Lohiya,plot no. 20 kh no 1550/27, ph no.19,ward no.14, AA Karmachi housing Boad VIII-Durg, Durg C.G.	4145000/- 414500/- 25000/-
14	Pensionbada Branch (1834) sanjib kumar Gouda 9952053884	M/s Vijeta pumps Pvt.Ltd. Director Vijay kumar Agrawal & Smt. Annu Agrawal	₹ 38.70 Lakh Physical Possession	15.01.2019 24.03.2021	1) Property: Mr.Vijay Kumar Agrawal- Shop no.08, Kh no-14/130 & 14/134 (part) Situated at Kalkar Para, Indra Gandhi Ward no.20 Raipur. 2) Property- Residential Flat no. 304, 3rd floor, Shri Krishna Apartment, KH.No. 625/4-7, 625/5-8, 625/9-10 (part), Mova.B.R.Ambedkar ward 27, Ph no.109, Raipur C.G.	1688000/- 168800/- 25000/- 17340

Block Congress Committee expels leaders for anti-party activities

Pithora, Nov 25:

In a show of unity and commitment to party values, the Block Congress Committee in Pithora took decisive action against leaders engaged in anti-party activities. Current councilors Dev Singh Nishad and Tarun Pandey, along with Congress leader Rajendra Singh Bagga (Raja Bagga), faced expulsion from the party for a period of six years due to their involvement in activities contrary to party principles.

The Block Congress Committee did not stop there; they swiftly submitted proposals for the expulsion of Nagar Panchayat Pithora Alderman Laxmikant Soni to the District Congress Committee. Additionally, proposals for the expulsion of District Panchayat President Usha



Patel, Congress leader Mohit Dhruv, and Ankit Bagbahra were forwarded to the State Congress Committee.

A pivotal meeting was convened at Ujala Palace Pithora, under the leadership of Block Congress Committee President Karan Singh Diwan. The

Congress leaders and workers collectively demanded immediate action against those who had engaged in anti-party activities during the recent assembly elections.

Addressing the gathering, Karan Singh Diwan emphasized the primacy of the party, stating that

no individual should take precedence over the party's interests. Those found to be working against the party were swiftly expelled by the Block Congress Committee, serving a six-year term of suspension.

Diwan also commended the dedication and hard

work of the party's leaders and workers during the assembly elections, expressing gratitude for their contribution to the formation of a government in Chhattisgarh under the leadership of Bhupesh Baghel.

The meeting witnessed the presence of notable leaders, including Kulwant Khanuja, Election in-charge Basna, Kartik Ram Thakur, President of the Mandi Board in Pithora, Atmaram Yadav, President of Nagar Panchayat in Pithora, Narendra Sen, Secretary of the State Congress Committee, Mukesh Yadav, Vice President of District Panchayat in Pithora, Dilpreet Khanuja, Vice President of Nagar Panchayat in Pithora, along with several senior Congress workers.

Purse worth lacks found due to honest bus conductor

■ And promptness of Dongargaon police

Dongargaon, Nov 25:

A unique example of the honesty of a bus conductor and the promptness of the Dongargaon police has come to light, in which a woman had forgotten her purse full of jewelry and cash worth lakhs in the bus during the journey, which the Dongargaon police found and later handed over to her. After investigating with the help of CCTV, they recovered this purse with the help of a conductor and handed it over to the concerned woman. The honesty of the conductor and this action of the police are being praised in the entire city. According to the information received, a woman from the city, Shanti Bai Pandey, resident of College Road, Dongargaon, had left her purse full of jewelry and money in a hurry to board the Bharat Travels



bus and when she reached her home, she found that her purse was left in the bus, after which, with the help of her family members, she reached the bus stand and tried to find it on her own, but she did not succeed because the woman did not know the time, color and number of the bus.

After this, the woman reached Dongargaon police station, from where under the leadership of TI Upendra Shah and with the help of CCTV, the said bus was traced by head constable Bhupendra Kumar Koche and

Constable Rakesh Sahu. Manoj Sahu, the conductor of the Bharat Travels bus had parked the bus in Mohalla, Ambagarh Chowki and after the purse was found intact, everyone heaved a sigh of relief and the purse was handed back to the woman through Dongargaon police. According to the information received from the police, this purse contained jewelry worth approximately Rs 2 lakh and Rs 13 thousand in cash, after which the honesty of the conductor and the prompt action of the police are being praised all around.

Safe Saturday program held at Chhadia School

Kharora, Nov 25:

Government Higher Secondary School Chhadia, located in Cluster Center Pachari, Development Block Tilda Nevra, District Raipur, organized a special program as part of Safe Saturday, focusing on the theme "Discussion on the Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Jayanti." The event aimed to educate students about the significance of Guru Nanak Dev's birth and teachings.

Principal SK Dewangan, along with students Bharti, Diya Verma, Hina, Lily, Tanya, Himesh Himilang, Shubham Kosle, Chetna, Rashi, Sajika, Shivam, Gajend, and others, delved into the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Teacher Dharendra Verma shared valuable insights, highlighting that



Guru Nanak was born in 1469 in Talwandi, Punjab, which is now known as Nankana Sahib in Pakistan. He emphasized Guru Nanak's role as a saint, guru, and social reformer, dedicated to the welfare of humanity.

Sarpanch Ashish Verma and President of the School Management Development Committee, Hemlal Burman, spoke

about Guru Nanak Dev's teachings, which aimed to unite society and eliminate casteism. Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary, celebrated as Guru Parv or Prakash Parv, holds immense importance in Sikhism. The day is marked by decorating Gurudwaras and conducting Kirtan Darbar, symbolizing unity and spirituality in Sikh tradition.

Week-long Bhagwat Katha in Sonpur concluded

■ Devotees inspired to build a beautiful society through spiritual teachings

Sonpur, Nov 25:

The week-long Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in the village of Sonpur concluded on Thursday, leaving devotees enlightened and inspired. Led by the blessed disciple Mahandaleswar Govardhan Sharan Sirkatti Ashram Kutena, the event featured enlightening explanations of the four Vedas, Puranas, Geeta, and Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapurana.

Over the past seven days, attendees were enraptured by the teachings and divine stories, basking in the affectionate love of



Lord Shri Krishna. The revered speaker not only narrated the various pastimes of Lord Krishna but also encouraged the youth to contribute to the creation of a harmonious society by eliminating prevalent injustices, animosity, and misconduct.

On the seventh and final day of this religious gathering, devotees were deeply immersed in devotion, delving into Lord Shri Krishna's divine Leelas, his visit to Mathura, the liberation from the tyrannical rule of King Kansa, the demise of

Kansa, Kubja's redemption, Rukmani's marriage, Shishupala's killing, and Sudama's exemplary character. The melodious bhajans filled the air, prompting those present to dance to the captivating rhythm and tune.

Pandit, through numer-

ous sermons from the Geeta, emphasized the importance of love over violence in building a beautiful society. History has consistently shown that only a few individuals in society are remembered for their virtuous deeds. The musical Bhagwat Katha captivated the audience throughout the night, fostering a sense of unity and spirituality.

Devotees from neighboring villages and distant places flocked to Sonpur to partake in this enlightening experience, creating a profoundly spiritual atmosphere throughout the seven days. Following the sermons, the Sabarsati family distributed prasad among the devoted attendees, adding a sweet conclusion to this uplifting event.

No lavatory in city's Tempo Stand Chowk

Khairagarh, Nov 25:

Due to the absence of a single toilet in Tempo Stand Chowk, located just 300 meters away from the Municipality office, passengers and traders are facing continuous problems. In this busiest area of the city, citizens have to walk a long distance to go to the bus stand to defecate, meanwhile, due to long distance and lack of facilities, some citizen's even turn towards the river, and in such a situation, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and its motto is openly violated.

Traders living in this area say that the municipality is busy in building the shops worth lakhs and the



money from the shop auction is being distributed among various works but as per the demand, public facilities are not being taken care of at all. It is being told that the people residing here, including the shopkeepers of the said busiest tempo stand

Chowk of Khairagarh also called Sangeet Nagri, which connects the city with the main roads like Durg, Raipur, Kawardha, Dongargarh, Lanji etc., have repeatedly demanded the construction of toilets in the municipality, but Municipality representa-

tives are busy only in getting the work done to earn money while the passengers have to wait for hours for the bus here. A passenger who has to travel a long distance while waiting for the bus and face the hassle of commuting, particularly women passengers, suffer the most. Besides, shopkeepers also have to leave their shops and go to Rajiv Chowk, Old Bus Stand or New Bus Stand to relieve them. To solve this problem, the citizens have taken cognizance of the district administration and demanded the construction of toilets, and have said that a toilet with all facilities can be constructed on the government land near Dau Chaura Bridge area.

Son dies due to shock of father's death

■ Wave of mourning in Arang

Arang, Nov 25:

As it is inevitably said, "Death is the ultimate truth of life and one cannot predict when it will come", the same happened to be Ajay Kankaria, owner of Navkar Jewelers Arang, Aja Kankaria was fine till Friday morning, and he himself was giving information about his father's last journey to his acquaintances and relatives on social media, as on November 23, his father Prem Chand Kankaria (83 years) died of a heart attack. After his father's last journey was taken out



from Suman Colony Arang, Ajay Kankaria (55 years) deeply shocked by his father's separation, could not attend the last journey, due to deteriorating health, owing to which his younger brother Anil Kankaria lit the funeral

pyre. Ajay's blood pressure became uncontrolled, and after doctors referred him to Raipur for treatment, he suffered a heart attack and during treatment, lost his life on the evening of Friday 24th November. Ajay Kankaria was the patron of Peepala

Foundation Arang and a generous personality and originally a resident of Balaghat, became known in Arang in a very short time as a helper of poor people.

Everyone is shocked by the news of the death of Ajay Kankaria, who played a leading role in every service work of Peepala Group, which included saving the life of an infant girl, bearing the entire cost of her treatment, providing lifelong treatment to a patient suffering from TB, cow service, tree plantation, water conservation, Jal Jeevan Abhiyan and countless social service activities. His last rites will be performed on the morning of 25th November.

Anticipation builds as election results day nearing

Korea, Nov 25:

The excitement among the voters of Baikunthpur Assembly Number 03 is palpable as they await the outcome of the recent assembly elections held on November 17. Their patience will soon be rewarded, as the counting of votes is scheduled to take place on December 3. In a field of 8 candidates vying for victory in Baikunthpur Assembly, Ramanuj Higher Secondary School in Baikunthpur has been transformed into a secure strong room to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process. The room housing the EVM machines has been locked and sealed under stringent security measures, with personnel deployed round the clock. Nandini Sahu, Deputy District Election Officer of

Korea, revealed that the counting process will commence at 8 am on December 3. With 228 polling stations established for Baikunthpur Assembly elections, 14 counting tables will be arranged to ensure a smooth and efficient counting process, divided into 17 rounds. Each table will be equipped with counting supervisors, observers, and micro observers to maintain transparency and accuracy. Tight security measures will be enforced, with the deployment of personnel from the District Police Force, Chhattisgarh Armed Forces, and Central Security Force.

During the November 17 elections, over 1,68,081 voters in the district around 1,37,726 voters cast their ballots, resulting in an impressive voter turnout of 81.94 percent.

Students of Srijan win prizes in various competitions

Arang, Nov 25:

Students of local Srijan Sonkar Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School, Arang, participated in various programs organized by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad at Saraswati Gyandeept Vidyalaya Arang on the occasion of Rani Lakshmi Bai's birth anniversary, also celebrated as Stree Shakti Diwas. Participants from 11 schools of Arang Nagar participated, in which Rangoli, quiz and costume competition were organized. In the competition, Madhurima Sen stood first in the Rangoli competition whose theme was women power and students of Srijan Sonkar secured first position in the quiz competition, which included Satyaprakash Sahu, Rishabh Kosaria, Aditya Gupta, Somnath Sahu, Hemarai, Kusum Sonkar. Whereas in costumes, Ishita Nirmalkar was successful in securing second position and Falguni was successful in securing third position. On this occasion, Anjali Giri



District Coordinator District Tilda Raipur Rural, Chief Guest Murari Lodhi Arang Nagar Karyawah, presided over by Anupnath Yogi Nagar President Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Arang, Nimesh Verma City Minister Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Arang Unit were present as the main speaker. On this achievement of the children, School Development and Management

Committee Patron Lakhan Lal Sonkar, President Chhatradhari Sonkar, Vice President Gajendra Sonkar, Treasurer Devendra Sonkar, Secretary Suraj Sonkar, Co-Secretary Siyaram Sonkar, School Principal Yashoda Yogi, Headmistress Bharti Verma, Hansraj Jalakshatri and all the teachers including cultural in-charge Chetan Singh Chauhan congratulated them.

Devuthani festival celebrated with great pomp

Birkoni, Nov 25:

The festival of Devuthani, also called as small was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the region. Splendor like Diwali festival was seen while celebrating, and as per rituals sugarcane pavilion was decorated in the courtyard of the houses and the temple and also Tulsi Devi, the centre of attraction in the nearby Ram Janaki Temple Council, and Shaligram were also decorated and the marriage was performed as per tradition. Here Acharya Lakshmi Narayan Vaishnav said that devotees offered puja and offered seasonal fruits including plum, gram vegetable, Amla and kept a fast and performed puja as per the rituals. On the importance of Dev



Prabodhini Ekadashi, he said as the gods wake up, all auspicious works are started after this puja. Sugarcane was sold in abundance on Devuthani Ekadashi and stacks of sugarcane were placed at market squares and intersections, while at some places sugarcane was being sold directly from tractor trolleys. At night, children were seen bursting fireworks along the region.

11 killed in fire in Karachi shopping mall, several feared trapped



Karachi, Nov 25 (PTI):

A massive fire tore through a shopping mall in Pakistan's Karachi city on Saturday, killing at least 11 people and injuring six, officials said.

The fire that broke out at around 7 am on the second floor engulfed the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of the shopping mall, but it was not clear what caused it.

Twelve fire tenders, a snorkel and around 50 fire-fighters were called to control the fire and rescue around 42 people in the building.

Chief Fire Officer Mubin Ahmed said that 11 people were killed and six injured in the blaze mostly due to smoke inhalation and panic as the electricity to the building had to be cut off to control the blaze.

"Our teams are still searching for anyone still in the building but we rescued 42 people, all males who were present when the fire broke out around 7 am this morning," he told

PTI.

Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab confirmed that nine persons were killed in the fire but Police official Summaya Syed said that so far 11 bodies have been brought to two hospitals.

Nine were brought to Jinnah Hospital while 2 others were taken to Civil Hospital, she said, adding that the condition of 6 of those rescued was critical.

Mubin said they were still investigating the reason for the fire but just

earlier this week, city planners and engineers at a seminar said they were sure some 90 per cent of structures in Karachi residential, commercial and industrial did not have fire prevention and fire-fighting systems.

They agreed that it was "criminal negligence" on the part of regulatory bodies like the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) that put the lives of millions of people in the metropolis at risk.

A senior police official of the area, Raja Tariq said the building was a commercial high-rise that housed shopping centres, call centres and software houses.

A statement from the Fire and Rescue spokesperson said the fire had since been controlled and the cooling process was now underway.

Tariq said last year also a smaller fire broke out in the same mall but was controlled quickly and was caused by short-circuiting.

LINE UP FOR COOKING GAS



Palestinians line up for cooking gas during the second day of the temporary ceasefire between Hamas and Israel in Rafah, Gaza Strip, Saturday, Nov. 25.

Hamas will release 14 Israeli hostages for Israel freeing 42 Palestinians in the second swap



Marah Bakir, right, a former Palestinian prisoner who was released by the Israeli authorities, is welcome at her family house in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina.

Khan Younis, Nov 25 (AP):

Hamas will release 14 Israeli hostages in exchange for Israel freeing 42 Palestinian prisoners

Saturday as part of an ongoing swap during a four-day cease-fire, according to a senior Egyptian official. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity,

because he was not permitted to talk about details of the ongoing negotiations, said that mediators Egypt and Qatar have given Israel a list of those hostages to be released provided by Hamas. A second official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the details.

The upcoming swap on day two of the cease-fire follows Hamas' release Friday of 24 of the approximately 240 hostages it took during its Oct. 7 attack on Israel that triggered the war. In exchange Israel freed 39 Palestinians from prison.

Those freed from captivity in Gaza were 13 Israelis, 10 Thai nationals and a citizen of the Philippines.

It was not immediately clear if any non-Israeli captives may also be released Saturday.

Homicides rising in US capital, but police solving far fewer cases

Washington, Nov 25 (AP): Though it's no longer the homicide capital of the United States, the nation's capital is witnessing a multiyear spike in the number of homicides but solving far fewer of them.

And for families of the victims, the issue of unsolved killings cuts deep.

Asiyah Timimi's husband, Aqueel, was stabbed in a dispute in January 2021 and died several days later. "You just don't feel safe until they're caught," Timimi said. "I could be walking past the person that killed my husband."

Natalia Mitchell wants justice for her son Morris, who was fatally shot in March 2022, and closure for herself. A successful arrest of her son's killer, she said, "doesn't bring Morris back, but it would help." The percentage of homicides that are solved by the Metropolitan Police Department has declined sharply in 2023, leaving the city on track to record its lowest so-called "clearance rate"

or "closure rate" in more than 15 years. As of Nov 13, only 75 of the 244 homicides committed this year have been solved by police. Factoring in the 33 prior-year homicides cleared thus far in 2023, the overall clearance rate stands at around 45%. That would be the lowest rate dating back at least to 2007, according to statistics provided by the MPD. Nationally, the average clearance rate tends to hover between 50% and 60%, said Rick Rosenfeld, a professor of criminology at the University of Missouri-St Louis. A low clearance rate, particularly on homicides, can erode police morale and community trust in the police and lessen the public cooperation between citizens and police that is vital for many investigations, said Christopher Herrmann, an associate professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a former crime analyst supervisor with the New York Police Department.

Imran Khan moves Supreme Court for bail in Al-Qadir Trust corruption case

Islamabad, Nov 25 (PTI):

Imran Khan has moved the Supreme Court for bail in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case in which Pakistan's jailed former prime minister and his wife are accused of receiving land worth billions of rupees as a bribe from a real estate tycoon, according to a media report.

Khan, 71, who has been incarcerated in the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since September 26 in various cases, Friday moved the apex court following rejection of his plea by the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on November 14.

According to The Express Tribune newspaper, Khan in the bail application alleged that the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), while acting as a tool of the previous Pakistan Democratic Movement

(PDM) government, used the case to harass him on political grounds.

In the appeal, the Supreme Court was requested to annul the IHC decision of November 14 and the decision of the accountability court on August 10 on his arrest in the Al-Qadir Trust case.

The Al-Qadir Trust case is about the settlement of 190 million pounds, about Rs 50 billion, which the UK's National Crime Agency sent to Pakistan after recovering the amount from a Pakistani property tycoon. Khan, being the prime minister then, instead of depositing in the national treasury, allowed the businessman to use the amount to partly settle a fine of about Rs 450 billion imposed by the Supreme Court some years ago.

Reportedly, the tycoon, in return, gifted about 57 acres

of land to a trust set up by Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, to establish the Al-Qadir University in the Sohawa area of the Jhelum district of Punjab.

Separately, IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq heard the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief's petition for an early decision on a request for withdrawal of his appeal against the Election Commission of Pakistan's decision to disqualify him in the Toshakhana case following his conviction in the case in August. Later, his conviction in the case was suspended.

That case was filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan for hiding the proceeds of sale from the gifts he got from the Toshakhana, a repository for presents given to government officials by foreign officials, during his tenure as the prime minister.

Russia launches largest drone attack on Ukraine

Kyiv, Nov 25 (AP):

Russia launched Saturday morning its most intense drone attack on Ukraine since the beginning of its full-scale invasion in 2022, targeting the Ukrainian capital, military officials said.

"Kyiv was the main target," wrote Ukrainian Air Force Commander Mykola Oleshchuk, on his Telegram channel.

In total, Russia launched 75 Iranian-made Shahed drones against Ukraine, of which 74 were destroyed by air defense, Ukraine's air force said.

The attack was "the most massive air attack by drones on Kyiv," said Serhii Popko, head of the Kyiv city administration. Ukrainian air force spokesman, Yuriy Ilnat, confirmed later that the



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his wife Olena Zelenska, walk next to Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation, second-right, Ruslan Stefanchuk, Speaker of Ukrainian parliament, right, and Edgars Rinkevics, President of Latvia, left, during the commemorative ceremony of the Holodomor's victims (1932-1933) in Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine, Saturday, Nov. 25.

air defence shot down 66 air targets over the capital and surrounding region throughout the morning.

At least five civilians were wounded in the hours-long drone assault

on Kyiv, which saw several buildings damaged, including a kindergarten. The wounded included an 11-year-old child, according to Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko.

The assault on Kyiv began at 4 a.m. local time, continuing in waves for over six hours, and caused power outages in 77 residential buildings and 120 institutions, according to Popko. Ukraine's Energy Ministry said 17,000 people were without power in the Kyiv region as a result of the attack, noting that four power lines were damaged.

"Our soldiers shot down most of the drones. Unfortunately, not all," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram. "But we continue to work to strengthen our air defense and shoot down more," he said.

In addition to Kyiv, the Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv and Kirovohrad regions were also targeted.

Better coordination need of the hour for Hindu organisations: Hosabale

Bangkok, Nov 25 (PTI):

RSS leader Dattatreya Hosabale has made a strong pitch for better coordination among various Hindu organisations to articulate the voice of the community effectively, contending that their diversity has led to disunity in many countries.

Addressing the World Hindu Congress (WHC) here in Thailand's capital on Friday evening, RSS Secretary General Hosabale said strengthening of Hindu organisations globally was the need of the hour to address the challenges faced by the society.

He said many associations, organisations, and forums have been formed in different parts of the world based on language, sect, castes, sub-castes, and gurus, with everybody "hammering" on their work.

"But, in this diversity of organisations, Hindu is lost. The larger objective should not be forgotten. Many a time, the diversity of Hindu society has led to disunity in many places," Hosabale said.

He called for better collaboration among organisations to iron out contradictions and differences in a bid to articulate the voice of the Hindu society

in an effective manner.

"Hindu organisations will have to share information, coordinate, cooperate, collaborate among themselves, and avoid duplication. Duplication will lead nowhere," Hosabale said.

Hosabale said proselytisation, suppression of human rights of Hindus, and absence of departments of Hindu studies and Indian languages in many universities in the Western world were some of the challenges that needed to be addressed through better organisation.

The quadrennial event began on Friday with the

blowing of the conch by Swami Vigyanananda, the founder and global chairman of the World Hindu Foundation with delegates from over 60 countries participating in the three-day event.

The WHC on Friday denounced the word Hinduism, contending that the term reflected oppressive and discriminatory and embraced Hindutva and Hindu Dharma to refer to the "eternal" religion.

It adopted a declaration here asserting that the word Hindutva was more accurate as it includes the gamut of all that the word 'Hindu' implies.

13-year-old Indian-origin Yoga prodigy wins gold in Europe

London, Nov 25 (PTI):

A 13-year-old Indian-origin Yoga prodigy from south-east England with several awards under his belt has added another Gold Medal to his tally at the European Yoga Sports Championship in Sweden.

Ishwar Sharma, from Sevenoaks in Kent, started taking up Yoga when he was three years old after seeing his father practise daily and went on to win several World Yoga Championships.

Last weekend, he bagged the Europe Cup 2023 in the Boys 12-14 category



when he competed in the European competition organised by the International Yoga Sports Federation in collaboration with Swedish Yoga Sports Federation in Malmo.

"Ishwar is passionate about spreading the message of Yoga especially for special needs children," his family said in a statement, with reference to his autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

Disorder (ADHD).

Sharma, who led daily Yoga classes for 40 children across 14 countries during the coronavirus lockdown, was honoured by then British prime minister Boris Johnson with the Points of Light award.

"You have brought the joy of Yoga to hundreds of children globally during lockdown. I was particularly inspired to hear how you have helped children with special needs enjoy the activity you enjoy and excel at," Johnson said in a personal letter to Sharma at the time in June 2021.

Malayalis in Singapore showcase 200-plus artefact on community's heritage, culture

Singapore, Nov 25 (PTI):

An exhibition of more than 200 artefact on the heritage, culture and identity of the Malayali community in Singapore opened on Saturday. The exhibition explores the diasporic concept of home through the eyes of Malayalis, who trace their origin to Kerala. The exhibition — "Ente Veedu, My Home: Malayalees in Singapore" — is the first ever to focus exclusively on the community's heritage, culture and identity, said the Indian Heritage Centre,

where the exhibition is being held. It will end on September 15, 2024. Tracing the journey of the Malayalis — from their ancestral roots in Kerala, migration to Singapore, and settlement and contributions to the nation — the exhibition also reflects the community's evolving notions of home and identity. Featuring more than 200 artefact — some of which will be on public display for the first time — from the National Collection, including institutions such as the National Library Board,

National Museum of Singapore and the Singapore Press Holdings, as well as the Malayali

community, the exhibition examines different aspects of the community's rich heritage.

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Revamping Criminal Laws

The relentless battle against crime and criminality, a pivotal juncture awaits as the Indian legislative landscape prepares for a comprehensive overhaul of its criminal laws. Spearheaded by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, under the stewardship of a dedicated BJP MP, this visionary legislative framework casts a broad net, encapsulating a spectrum of offenses within the ambit of organized crime. Notably, the ambit stretches to encompass major financial scams, insidious Ponzi schemes, cyber malevolence, vehicular theft, land usurpation, and even contract killings, all to be deemed as acts of organized crime, warranting severe consequences. The rationale behind this audacious legislative endeavor is clear: the existing legal statutes, as articulated by the committee, stand as inadequate bulwarks against the rising tide of heinous offenses such as organized kidnappings, land seizures, contract assassinations, extortion, substantial financial malpractices, and the abhorrent crime of human trafficking. The proposed punitive measures have been lauded by the committee as a "highly effective addition" to the legal arsenal. Yet, this legislative vision extends beyond merely addressing contemporary challenges within the criminal justice system; it ambitiously incorporates pivotal provisions aimed at integrating cutting-edge technology and forensic science. This infusion of technological advancements, along with a concerted effort to streamline procedures, alleviate the backlog of court cases, bolster prosecutorial endeavors, impose augmented fines upon conviction, alleviate the congestion in correctional facilities, and expedite languishing trial processes, marks a resolute commitment to modernize the legal landscape. Reports emanating from the Law Commission of India and various government-convened committees have consistently advocated for meticulous, section-specific amendments to the foundational criminal laws of the nation—the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860; the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc), 1973; and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. Esteemed panels such as the Bezbaruah Committee, Viswanathan Committee, Malimath Committee, and Madhav Menon Committee have not only offered recommendations but also underscored the pressing need for comprehensive reforms in the criminal justice apparatus. Clear and precise definitions of terms such as gang, mafia, crime ring, racketeering, and serious offenses, along with a distinct definition of the term "criminal organization," currently lacking, will be incorporated, ushering in a new era of legal clarity. Laws serve a dual purpose: they punish transgressors and act as a deterrent to potential wrongdoers. However, a multitude of statutes dating back to the 18th century have become obsolete in the current landscape. Seasoned and recurrent offenders have adeptly exploited the loopholes inherent in these extant laws, leading to a state where the prospect of retribution has dwindled, and criminal activities occur with unchecked audacity. Recognizing the exigency for reform, the government has astutely assessed the prevailing scenario and proposed amendments to supplant antiquated statutes. The overarching objective is to elevate the threshold of punitive measures. Habitual criminals and adept malefactors will find themselves confronting the stringent ramifications of these novel laws. The penalties meted out will not be lenient; they will range from the gravest sanction of the death penalty to enduring life imprisonment. Substantial fines and protracted incarceration periods will constitute pivotal deterrents upon the incorporation of these amendments into the legal fabric. The fight against crime and criminals is an incessant undertaking, bereft of any room for complacency. Seasoned malefactors perpetually strive to outmaneuver the legal system, exploiting its fissures. However, the proposed legislative reforms signal an end to such impunity. The government, well-versed in the intricacies of criminal psychology, has devised laws that will inflict substantial blows on organized crime syndicates. These newly enacted laws have already been introduced, and the parliamentary panel's impending submission of its report to the Rajya Sabha will mark a critical juncture in their acceptance as legal norms. These legislative amendments are set to supersede the antiquated CCP, the IPC, and the IEA. The government's proactive stance in replacing outdated legal frameworks merits commendation. This instance is not an isolated one; numerous laws of antiquity have been repealed or supplanted. Indeed, retaining obsolete legal systems serves no practical purpose in this digital age, necessitating the implementation of contemporary laws to combat a spectrum of frauds and crimes, ranging from the mundane to the heinous. Every stride taken in this direction deserves the utmost appreciation.

Governors' Role

Preserving Democracy

Yash Pal Ralhan



The role of Governors in our democratic framework is a subject of perennial debate, often marred by political overtones. These individuals, appointed to safeguard the constitutional order, have, at times, been embroiled in controversies that challenge the very essence of our democracy. During the Constituent Assembly's deliberations on the Governor's position, it was envisaged as a post primarily concerned with overseeing the meticulous implementation of the Constitution. The consensus was clear—the Governor's role should remain largely ceremonial, devoid of undue influence on the democratic process. Over the years, this vision has faced multiple challenges. Retired police and intelligence officers have been appointed to Raj Bhavans, steering away from the Assembly's intended purpose. However, the appointment of a retired Chief Justice of India (CJI) as a Governor in 2014 marked a significant departure from the norm. This unconventional move raised eyebrows and signaled a shift in the way Governors were perceived. The institution of the Governor itself carries the legacy of British imperial governance, an incongruity in a vibrant democracy. The question of the legitimacy of nominated Governors has been a topic of heated debate since the Constituent Assembly days. Still, it persisted in the new republic. The Governor was originally envisioned as a dynamic link between the Center and the State, but the Constitution's framers made it abundantly clear that the post must remain ceremonial, except in narrowly defined situations. In recent decades, Governor overreach has become a bone of contention in center-state relations and democracy at large. The dominance of the ruling party at the Center since 2014 has exacerbated tensions with the States, aiming to portray a vision of national unity, which raises concerns among regional interest groups. The office of the Governor was intended to be adorned by individuals who would enhance its stature. However, a recent Supreme Court ruling underscores the importance of ensuring that Governors operate strictly within the constitutional framework. The Court emphasized that Governors must comprehend the constitutional limits of their power, acting in line with the framework provided. While the recent controversies primarily stem from political battles rather than constitutional disputes, it is evident that a clear demarcation of roles and responsibilities is essential. The Supreme Court's intervention in cases related to the powers of Governors, particularly their authority to indefinitely withhold assent to bills passed by legislative Assemblies, serves as a significant development. The Court's decision to designate a bill returned by a State Governor and subsequently readopted by the State Assembly as a money bill is a crucial outcome of this legal battle. It denies Governors the discretionary power they had erroneously claimed. It upholds the principle that the will of the people, expressed through their elected representatives, must prevail. India, as the world's largest democracy, must ensure the sanctity of its democratic processes. The recent Supreme Court interventions and the ensuing debates surrounding Governor appointments emphasize the need for preserving democratic values. Efforts should be made to uphold the constitutional vision of Governors as ceremonial figures, steering clear of political entanglements.

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VOTING SELFIE MOMENT



A young woman poses for a photo at a selfie point after casting her vote for the Rajasthan Assembly election, in Ajmer, Saturday, Nov. 25.

India on the way to becoming the world's fourth largest economy



SATISH SINGH



According to media reports, on November 19, for the first time, India's gross domestic product (GDP) crossed the \$4 trillion (4 trillion) mark. However, this has not been confirmed yet by the Finance Ministry or the National Statistics Office. India's GDP was \$1 trillion in 2007, increasing to \$2 trillion in 2014, \$3 trillion in 2019, and \$4 trillion in 2023. At present, USA is the world's largest economy with a GDP of \$26.70 trillion, while China is at second place with GDP of \$19.24 trillion, Japan is at third place with GDP of \$4.39 trillion and Germany is at fourth place with GDP of \$4.28 trillion. While India is now at fifth position with \$4 trillion. However, even earlier India was the fifth largest economy in the world.

India's GDP grew at the rate of 6.39 percent in 2013, 7.41 percent in 2014, 8.00 percent in 2015, 8.26 percent in 2016, 6.80 percent in 2017, and 6.45 percent in 2018. It will grow at the rate of 3.87 percent in 2019, at the rate of minus 5.83 percent in 2020, at the rate of 9.05 percent in 2021 and at the rate of 7.00 percent in 2022.

On November 15, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, while addressing the "Indo Pacific Regional Dialogue", said that India will become the world's third largest economy by 2027, surpassing Japan and Germany. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India will become the third largest economy in the world in 2027. Not only this, according to IMF, there is a strong possibility of India becoming a developed coun-

try by 2047. S&P Global Market Intelligence also says that India could become the world's third largest economy by 2030, overtaking Japan. The agency also says that India's GDP can cross the level of US \$ 7300 billion in 2030. Further, S&P Global India Services believes that despite the Corona pandemic, high fuel prices in the global market and geopolitical crisis, India maintained the strength of the economy in 2021 and 2022 and now the Indian economy remains bullish in 2023. On this basis, it is being speculated that India's GDP growth rate in the financial year 2023-24 could be between 6.2 to 6.3 percent, because the GDP growth rate in the June quarter of the current financial year was 7.8 percent.

In the month of October, gold import in the country increased by 60 percent compared to last year to the level of 123 tonnes, which is the highest level in 31 months. The amount increased from \$3.7 billion in October 2022 to \$7.23 billion in October 2023. In this regard, Mr. Nilesh Shah, a temporary member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC), said on November 20 that in the last 21 years, India has spent 500 billion dollars on the import of gold. If India had not imported gold in such large quantities and the people of India had invested in Indian companies instead of gold, our economy would have become worth 5 trillion dollars long ago. Since people of India forget to invest in gold, due to which a huge amount remains idle and is not reflected in the GDP.

The most important among the economic reforms initiated by the government is the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017. The government's revenue is continuously increasing through this new tax system. GST collection in the month of October stood at Rs.1.72 lakh crore, which is 13 percent more than in October 2022 and is Rs.1.51 lakh crore in amount. GST collection in the month of September was Rs.1.63 lakh crore. Most importantly, for the 8th consecutive time, GST collection has been more than Rs.1.5 lakh crore, whereas for the last 20 months, GST collection has been above Rs.1.4 lakh crore. However, the highest GST collection was Rs.1.87 lakh crore in April 2023 and in the last 7 months in the financial year 2023-24, GST collection of Rs.11.65 lakh crore has been made, while in the financial year 2022-23, the total GST collection is Rs.18.10 lakh crore.

In terms of Gross State Domestic Product (GSPD), the highest increase in the last one year has happened in Delhi. This has crossed the level of Rs 2,60,559 in the financial year 2019-20, before the Corona pandemic. Here, the per capita GSPD has also increased by Rs.19,000/- Sikkim is at second place in this matter, where last year there was an increase of Rs.13,500/- in GSPD per person.

According to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India, Uttar Pradesh stood first in terms of manufacturing last year, where the manufacturing sector grew at the rate of 15.5 percent, while Uttarakhand was at second place, where it grew at the rate of 9.2 percent. In Haryana, this increase in this area has been recorded at 5.8 percent. At the same time, this increase has been 3.41 percent in Chhattisgarh, 5.21 percent in Madhya Pradesh and 4.98 percent in Rajasthan. However, data in this regard is not available for Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Chandigarh.

GDP is the most effective way to measure the health of the economy. It represents the value of all products and services at a given time. In

this, the foreign companies which produce within the country's borders are also included. When the GDP rate is better, the level of unemployment in the country is usually lower. There are two types of GDP. Real GDP and Nominal GDP. Real GDP calculates the prices of goods and services at constant prices in the base year. At present, GDP is calculated based on base year 2011-12, that is, it is calculated at the rate of price of goods and services in the financial year 2011-12. Whereas nominal GDP is calculated based on current price.

The main reasons for increase or decrease in GDP are expenditure by private and government sectors, increase or decrease in private sector business, etc. Apart from this, net demand, which is calculated by subtracting imports from exports, is also a major factor affecting the rate of GDP. Since, India's exports are always less than imports, hence, it negatively affects the GDP.

During the Corona pandemic, the appropriate policies of the government and the Reserve Bank of India helped the Indian economy to come out of the negative effects of the pandemic and due to the economic reforms initiated by the government, the economy got strengthened and the banking sector also remained healthy and strong. Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and PM Swanidhi Yojana increased employment or self-employment opportunities, which increased the demand for diverse products.

The most important thing is that now development is taking place even in those states which were earlier standing in the back rows. Be it GSPD or manufacturing sector, Uttar Pradesh is performing better in all sectors. Some other backward states are also now performing remarkably on development parameters. What this means is that the train of development is no longer running on the strength of only a few states. The participation of other states is increasing steadily and due to this, India's GDP is growing at a fast pace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The day is sure to come

Of course, we couldn't emerge victorious in the World Cup final, but let us not forget that the Indian team reached the final with a brilliant and historic performance. But the circumstances became such that India had to face defeat in the final. The Indian team performed brilliantly and won 10 consecutive matches and the performance of India's batsmen and bowlers was also strong. Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Mohammed Shami will be remembered for this tournament. Virat's 50th century and Shami's 7 wickets in the semi-final were memorable match whose echo will be heard for a long time. Overall, organizing the Cricket World Cup on Indian soil was very successful. The Indian team does not need to be disappointed. "No matter how long the night is, the day is sure to come."

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

Bogus Phobia

No human being can tolerate the ongoing genocide especially killings of thousands of children in the killing fields of Gaza. Unfortunately, Israel has been using Islamophobia in their foreign policy to deprive Palestinians of their legitimate rights for a long time. Now, they are also using the same phobia to make western nations deny the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Islamophobia tags all Muslims as terrorists. It is a bogus phobia based on a bogus theory. We cannot tag all Christians of Germany as terrorists for what some of them did in the Holocaust. We cannot paint all the Buddhists of Myanmar with a single brush for the Rohingya massacre either. Also, we cannot tag all Indian Hindus as terrorists for the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the 2002 Gujarat riots. Jewish people of Israel who themselves are the victims of a phobia called anti-Semitism, must not use Islamophobia in their foreign policy.

Sujit De, Kolkata

Hypocrisy in Politics

How can those leaders escape the wrath of the "monitoring agencies" who invoke "Shamshan-Kabristan" to polarise the electorate, describe Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency as that place where "majority is in the minority" or "mini Pakistan" or indirectly warn the electorate of Gujarat during 2017 Assembly election not to vote in favour of the Congress as it will pave for a Muslim (Ahmed Patel) to sit upon the Chief ministerial Chair. Do they remain in slumber when full-fledged Indian citizens get character-assassinated as "Italians", "foreigners", "widow of Congress" or a lady Chief minister gets taunted through constant shrill calls of "Didi O Didi". The blatant hypocrisy of "law-enforcers", always in "super active" mode with notices and bans when it comes to leaders in Opposition, is seen to be believed.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Mohammed Shami: The Unsung Hero of the ODI World Cup 2023

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

The greatest cricketing extravaganza, the ODI World Cup, has concluded with Australia emerging as the champions after defeating India. Despite the tournament's end, the cricketing world continues to buzz with excitement, and at its epicenter is a man who has undoubtedly become the standout performer—Mohammed Shami. His meteoric rise in this World Cup has left cricket enthusiasts, including myself, in absolute awe. Shami's journey in this World Cup has been nothing short of spectacular. The statistics speak for themselves. With a staggering 23 wickets at an average of 9.13 in just six matches, he has etched his name as the highest wicket-taker in the tournament. Notably, he has achieved the

coveted 'five-wicket haul' thrice in these six games. To put this into perspective, it's as many times as cricketing legends like Bob Willis, Ian Botham, Imran Khan, Malcolm Marshall, Kapil Dev, Ravi Chandra Ashwin, and Shane Warne achieved in their entire ODI careers combined, spanning 992 innings. Shami's remarkable performance on the field has ignited discussions among cricket aficionados and pundits alike. However, amidst the celebrations and accolades, one question looms large: why was Shami sidelined for the first four matches of the tournament?

The enigma surrounding Shami's absence at the start of the World Cup raises eyebrows. Cricket enthusiasts, including myself, can't help but wonder if there is a hidden hand within the BCCI that tried to block his inclusion. The reasons re-

main unclear, but what stands out is Shami's unwavering determination and discipline. Despite any potential obstacles, he continued to persevere, and when his opportunity finally arrived, he seized it with both hands.

What makes Shami's performance even more remarkable is the fact that he has played four matches less than his fellow bowlers from other countries who are still in contention. This makes his feat even more astonishing, underscoring his exceptional skill and ability to make an impact when it matters most. Moreover, Shami's personal life has been in turmoil due to issues with his wife. Despite these off-field challenges, he has demonstrated incredible mental fortitude and resilience. His ability to overcome personal adversity and maintain his focus on the game is a testament to

his character.

In many ways, Shami's journey in this World Cup reminds me of Michael Jordan, the legendary basketball player. Jordan, too, faced adversity in his career. He was benched for several games early in his career, but when his opportunity finally came, he seized it and never looked back. Jordan went on to become a basketball icon, retiring as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

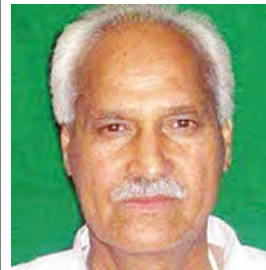
Similarly, Shami was kept on the bench for the initial matches of the World Cup. However, when his moment arrived, he grabbed it with both hands and made an indelible mark on the tournament. His incredible performance has not only propelled India to the final but has also won the hearts of cricket fans across the nation. As we witness Shami's heroics on the cricket

field, it's impossible not to be moved by his story of perseverance, determination, and triumph over adversity. His journey serves as a reminder that talent, when coupled with unwavering resolve, can overcome any obstacle.

In a cricket-crazy nation like India, Mohammed Shami's rise to prominence is nothing short of a fairy tale. It is a story of grit, resilience, and the unyielding spirit of a sportsman. As he continues to take wickets and break records, he has etched his name in the annals of cricketing history. It reminds us that greatness can emerge from the most unexpected circumstances. As a grateful nation, we bow down to Shami for his extraordinary contributions and look forward to witnessing more memorable moments in his cricketing career.

BRIEF

Modern irrigation



■ Shimla: A strong and modern irrigation system can usher in an era of prosperity in the agriculture sector in Himachal Pradesh, state Agriculture Minister Chandra Kumar said. He was presiding over the State level Conclave on the 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme' organised by the Department of Agriculture here. With the inclusion of new technology, machinery, research and improved hybrid seeds in agriculture, desired success can be achieved to benefit the farmers, the minister said in a statement.

Land acquisition

■ Nagpur: The Maharashtra government plans to acquire 5,000 hectares of land in Gadchiroli district, affected by Left Wing Extremism, for industrial development, Industries Minister Uday Samant said. He made the announcement during a review meeting of the industries department and the District Planning Committee. Samant highlighted the interest of several major industrial houses in establishing their units in Gadchiroli which has created the need for substantial land acquisition.

Re-appointment



■ New Delhi: Bandhan Bank approved the reappointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for three years. The re-appointment, if approved by the Reserve Bank, would be effective from July 10, 2024. The board approval for re-appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the shareholders of the bank, the lender said in a regulatory filing. The current tenure of Ghosh as the MD and CEO will expire on July 9, 2024, and in terms of the regulatory provisions, the application for re-appointment would be submitted to the RBI at least six months before the expiry of the current term, it said.

Sebi proposes flexibility in framework relating to 'trading plans'

■ Under insider rules

New Delhi, Nov 25:

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday came out with a proposal to provide flexibility in adopting trading plans by persons, who are perpetually in possession of unpublished price sensitive information. Under the rule, 'Trading Plans' (TP) enable persons like senior management or Key Managerial Personnel (KMP), who are perpetually in possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI), to trade in securities in a compliant manner. "Since the introduction of trading plans in 2015, data and market feedback suggest that the current regulatory require-

ments in respect of trading plans are onerous and consequently, trading plans are not very popular," Sebi said in its consultation paper. Accordingly, Sebi constituted a working group that was mandated to review provisions of TP under the insider trading rules. As per the consultation paper, the working group has recommended that a minimum cool-off period between disclosure of TP and implementation of TP should be reduced to four months from six months at present. In addition, the minimum coverage period requirement should be slashed to two months from the current twelve months. It has also been suggested that the requirement of black-out period for trading in TP should be done away with.

"The insider shall have flexibility, during formulation of TP, to provide price limits i.e. upper price limits for buy trades and lower price limits for sell trades. Such price limit shall be within +/-20 per cent of the closing price on date of submission of TP. "If price of the security, during execution, is outside the price limit set by the insider, the trade shall not be executed. If no price limit is opted for, the trade has to be undertaken irrespective of the prevailing price," the working group has recommended. It has been suggested that contra-trade provisions should be applicable on trades executed under TP as well and there should be a disclosure of TP proposed to be done in two days from the date of ap-

proval of such plan to stock exchanges. While there is no prescribed format for disclosure of TP, it typically contains the personal details such as name and designation of the insider along with the trades planned to be undertaken. The working group suggested to mask personal details of insider in TP or alternatively continue with the existing manner of TP disclosure with personal details of insiders. With a view to balance the problem of potential misuse and privacy and safety concerns, a third alternative has been suggested to make two separate disclosures of TP - full and confidential disclosure to stock exchange and disclosure without personal details to public through the stock exchange.

Finmin calls meeting of bankers, other senior officials

New Delhi, Nov 25:

The Finance Ministry has called a meeting of senior bankers and RBI representatives on Tuesday to discuss steps to deal with increasing digital payment fraud and cyber security issue. The meeting to be chaired by Financial Services Secretary will discuss issues related to financial cyber security and increasing digital payment fraud, sources said. During the meeting Indian Cyber Crime Co-ordination Centre will make a presentation on the latest statistics of digital payment frauds as reported in National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP), including challenges and issues faced in countering such issues. The meeting is expected to be attended by senior official of Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Revenue, Department of Telecom, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and National Payments Corporation of India.

India to assume chairmanship of global sugar industry body ISO

New Delhi, Nov 25:

India will assume the chairmanship of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO), an apex body for sugar and related products, for 2024, the government said. India is the largest consumer and second largest producer of sugar in the world. "In its 63rd council meeting, ISO, headquartered in London, has announced India to be the chair of the organisation for 2024. This is a huge achievement for the country to lead the global sugar sector and is a reflection of growing stature of the country in this domain," the food ministry said in a statement. While attending the ISO Council Meeting, Union Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra sought support and cooperation from all member

countries during its period of chairmanship of ISO in 2024. The focus would be on bringing together all member countries to adopt more sustainable practices in sugarcane cultivation, sugar and ethanol production and better utilisation of by-products, he said. "With about 15 per cent share in global sugar consumption and about 20 per cent production of sugar, Indian sugar trends affects the global markets profusely. This leading position makes India the most suitable nation to lead ISO which is the apex international body on sugar and relating products having about 90 countries as members," the statement said. With Brazil in the western hemisphere, India is the market leader in eastern hemisphere for the sugar market.

Mahindra Group CEO Anish Shah to take over as Ficci president next month

New Delhi, Nov 25:

Industry body Ficci on Friday said Anish Shah - Mahindra Group CEO and Managing Director of its parent firm Mahindra & Mahindra -- will take over as its president next month. Shah is the senior Vice-President of Ficci and will succeed Subhrakant Panda as the President of the chamber at the conclusion of its 96th Annual General Meeting to be held here on December 8-9. Anish Shah is the Group CEO of Mahindra Group and the Managing Director of Mahindra &

Mahindra, the parent company of the Group. His primary focus is on nurturing a purpose-driven organisation, establishing tech leadership in each industry, and enabling value creation across businesses, Ficci said. In addition to being a Ficci National Executive Committee office-bearer, Shah is a member of the UK Investment Council, Chair of the Automotive Governors Council (World Economic Forum), Co-Chair of the India Alliance of CEOs for Climate Change (World Economic Forum) and co-Chair of the India-Australia CEO Council.

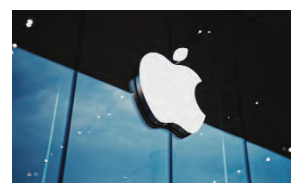


Apple team from US likely to meet CERT-In officials this month

■ iPhone warning notifications to MPs

New Delhi, Nov 25:

Apple's cyber security executives from the US are expected to meet officials of CERT-In this month regarding the show cause notice issued to the company in the wake of several opposition MPs receiving a warning notification on their iPhones. Last month, several opposition leaders claimed they have received an alert from Apple warning them of "state-sponsored attackers trying to remotely compromise" their iPhones and alleged



those questions. Basic issue is ongoing," the minister told reporters. He said that the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team or CERT-In has met local representatives of Apple but the issue is beyond their capability to respond. "It is their cyber security people who have to come and meet CERT-In and they will come all the way from the US," the minister said. When asked about the deadline given to Apple to submit its response, the minister said he is not certain about the dates but expects the team to meet CERT-In officials sometime this month.

hacking by the government. CERT-In, which comes under MeitY, had issued a show cause notice to Apple in this regard. On Friday, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that Apple has to reply to the notice which needs to be done by their global cyber security team. "They have to come here and answer

Retail, e-commerce likely to see fairly good year ahead: Snapdeal CEO

New Delhi, Nov 25:

Retail and e-commerce businesses are likely to see a "fairly good" year ahead, given the strength of the Indian economy and uptick of demand in various categories as well as traction from semi-urban locations, according to Snapdeal CEO Himanshu Chakrawarti. "As we are seeing currently, our economy is in a very good shape and all aspects of the business, specifically the categories that we operate in, which is in the in disposable income categories... I think we're going to see a significant boost-up next year," Chakrawarti told PTI.

He was speaking on the sidelines of Digital Acceleration & Transformation Expo (DATE with Tech). "We are seeing green shoots come through even in the semi-urban areas and with the tailwind that we have, I think both retail and e-commerce should see a fairly good year in 2024," Chakrawarti said. On Snapdeal's expansion plans, the top boss of the e-commerce platform said it is looking at ways to reach out to more and more people in the hinterland, and to encourage them to buy online. "And there's a lot of effort that we are making predominantly in the voice and the vernacular space.



FM Sitharaman inaugurates newly constructed Aayakar Bhawan

Kochi, Nov 25:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, inaugurated a newly constructed Aayakar Bhawan here, said that Income Tax offices must have efficient and aesthetically designed working environments. She praised the new office of the Income Tax Department here saying it had "wonderful features" and followed the good aesthetics of Kerala like the Kochi Airport. The Aayakar Bhawan has been constructed with a project



Union Finance Minister Nirmala being welcomed by Kathakali artists upon her arrival at the inauguration of IT office 'Aayakar Bhawan', in Kochi.

cost of about Rs 64 crore. It has a built-up area of 8,227 sq m and carpet area of 4,469 sq m. The union minister said she hoped that the benefit of such a work-

ing space and also the mental readiness of staff would make the place hospitable and approachable for tax assesseees. The minister also urged the department to upload all its documents in the regional language to help assesseees. While congratulating the department for recording a growth rate of 23.2 per cent in tax collection, which exceeded the national growth rate of 17.4 per cent, she said the department must continue its excellent track record.

'Made in India' branding on steel products will promote brand India at global level: Scindia

New Delhi, Nov 25:

The government rolled out an initiative under which steel makers will add 'Made in India' labels to their products to promote locally-made goods at the global level. The move is aimed at re-aligning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' vision, Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia said. In the first phase, all Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs) have been included under the initiative to introduce branding and labelling of 'Made-in-



India' steel products in the global market, the Ministry of Steel said in a statement. The Secondary Steel Industries (SSIs) will join the initiative in the second phase, it said. Scindia chaired a consultative

committee meeting to discuss the progress on the first-of-its-kind initiative by the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to introduce branding and labelling of 'Made-in-India' steel products in the global market. Apart from making Indian steel products more attractive to buyers, this would also ensure standardised quality of goods, it said. Minister of State for Steel Faggan Singh Kulaste, along with heads of various steel PSUs, attended the meeting here.

Internet, tech can do harm if not regulated via prism of safety, trust: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

New Delhi, Nov 25:

Internet and technology - unless regulated carefully through the prism of safety and trust - have the power to harm users, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said, adding that 'guardrails' have to be carefully developed without over-regulating innovation. The Minister of



State for IT and Electronics said that

while artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the biggest inventions of recent times, the government is committed to ensuring the safety of users on digital platforms, given that India is one of the largest connected nations in the world with almost 850 million Indians already using the internet and 1.2 billion estimated to do so by 2025-26.

IBC recoveries declining, resolution timelines getting prolonged: Crisil

Mumbai, Nov 25:

Introduction of a focused bankruptcy law has helped improve the credit culture in India, but the last few years have seen a decline in recoveries and the resolution timelines getting prolonged, Crisil Ratings on Friday. In a note to observe the seven years of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), the rating agency said the recovery rates have fallen to 32 per cent in

September 2023, from 43 per cent in March 2019. At the same time, the average resolution time has increased from 324 days to 653 days, versus the stipulated 330 days, it said. The IBC has helped in resolving debt worth Rs 3.16 lakh crore stuck in 808 cases in the past seven years, the leading credit rating agency said. Its senior director Mohit Makhija said the IBC is "the most potent code" in India's corporate loan history, which has brought a

"behavioural change" in borrowers. "The fear of losing companies has led to over Rs 9 lakh crore of filed debt being settled before the cases arrived at the IBC doorstep for admission. This is around three times the stressed debt resolved via the code in the past seven years, underscoring its deterrence effect," he said. The agency also recommended solutions around the current challenges on recoveries and timelines, saying there

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SECR revolutionizes infrastructure development

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur/Raipur, Nov 25: South East Central Railway has unveiled a series of infrastructure development projects that promise a brighter future for travellers and commuters. Over the years, the South East Central Railway has consistently raised the bar in infrastructure development within its jurisdiction.

This progress includes the construction of foot over bridges at stations, road over bridges, road under bridges, and subways to facilitate the movement of road passengers crossing railway lines. Moreover, the railway has been actively involved in the construction of new railway lines, doubling existing lines, and gauge conversion.

Under the vigilant eye of the railway, numerous



significant projects, including the construction of third and fourth lines, have been successfully completed.

The railway's three key divisions in Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur are currently in full swing, with rapid progress on multiple construction projects, such as new railway lines, third and fourth line expansions.

Here's a detailed overview of some of the pivotal projects

Bilaspur- Jharsuguda Fourth Line Project:

Covering a distance of 206 km between Bilaspur and Jharsuguda, this ambitious project is poised to revolutionize connectivity in the region. With an estimated cost of approximately Rs 2100 crore, it has already achieved substantial mile-

stones. Over 100 kilometers of the fourth rail has been successfully constructed, linking key stations along the way.

Rajnandgaon - Kalamna Third Line Project:

Spanning 228 km between Rajnandgaon and Kalamna, Nagpur, this project is another testament to the railway's commitment to progress. With an estimated cost of approximately Rs

3544 crore, it has been advancing at a rapid pace. Notably, 140 km between Rajnandgaon-Paniyajib, Bortlav-Darekasa, and Ganghari-Salwa stations have witnessed the successful completion of the third railway line.

Anuppur - Katni Third Line Project: Spanning 165.52 km between Anuppur and Katni, this project holds immense promise for the region. With an estimated cost of approximately Rs 1680 crore, it is set to transform connectivity significantly. Notably, 45 km between Amalai-Singhpur and Rupaund-New Katni stations have seen the successful completion of the third railway line.

The successful completion of these significant projects is poised to unlock greater capacity, paving the way for the operation of new trains and increasing mobility in these regions.

CEO guides officers for fair and efficient vote counting

- Korea district prepares for smooth and transparent vote counting process
- Vote counting training successfully concluded

Central Chronicle News



Korea, Nov 25: In a significant step towards ensuring the integrity of the electoral process, Korea District is gearing up for the crucial task of counting votes following the assembly elections held on November 17.

The vote counting process is scheduled for December 3 at the district headquarters in Baikunthpur, with assembly constituency number three's votes being tallied at the Ramanuja Vidyalaya campus.

The first phase of training for the officers responsible for this essential task has been successfully completed. Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi,

Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Korea, addressed the officers during the training session, emphasizing the importance of their role.

He stressed the need for patience and vigilance, ensuring accurate and unbiased results. Dr. Chaturvedi also urged officers to share results transparently with agents present at each result venue, enhancing the fairness of the process.

In preparation for the vote counting, officers have been instructed to arrive well-prepared and

ahead of time at the counting venue. Notably, the counting of votes in Korea District will be completed in 17 rounds across 14 tables, reflecting the district's commitment to a thorough and efficient electoral process.

Deputy District Election Officer Nandini Sahu provided further insights into the precautions necessary during the vote counting process, with master trainers and related employees present to ensure a successful and fair electoral outcome.

Mahilang welcomes Prabhat Pheri celebrations



Central Chronicle News

Mahasamund, Nov 25: The Sikh community in Mahasamund is celebrating the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev with the traditional Prabhat Pheri, a morning procession. On Friday morning, Municipality President Rashi Tribhuvan Mahilang extended a warm welcome to

the gathering at Gurunanak Chowk. The daily Prabhat Pheri tradition, organized by the Sikh community, has brought vibrancy to the streets of Mahasamund during this special occasion.

During the event, Mahilang congratulated the society for their festival and offered prayers to Shri Guru Nanak Dev for the well-being and prosperity

of the people of Mahasamund. The welcoming ceremony saw the presence of dynamic youth leaders like Arish Anwar, Saganjot Singh, Rohit Gurudutta, Yash Chawla, Sukhpreet, Sohail Khan, Yuvraj Sahu, Mehul, Santosh, Dhanesh, Saurabh Israni, Guru Ramgarhia, and many others, further adding to the spirit of the celebration.

Devuthani Ekadashi celebrated with devotion in KCG

- Wedding clarinets will now ring at the auspicious time
- Advance bookings surge for marriage halls, DJs

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 25: The district of Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai came alive with devotion as the festival of Prabodhini Ekadashi Devuthani was celebrated with full fervour. In the evening's auspicious time, households reverently worshipped Mata Tulsi and celebrated the Tulsi-Shaligram marriage in accordance with tradition.

The Chhoti Diwali spirit filled the air, with people adorning their courtyards with colorful Rangoli before nightfall. Hundreds of lamps illuminated the surroundings, and fireworks lit up the sky as everyone

exchanged heartfelt greetings on Prabodhini Ekadashi.

The wait for weddings, which had been on hold for nearly five months after the election and the long Diwali festivities, is finally over with the arrival of Devuthani Ekadashi. Weddings are set to grace both urban and rural areas once again.

With over a dozen auspicious times in the coming month, advance bookings for marriage halls, caterers, bands, DJs, and more have already commenced. According to reports, most buildings and hotels have been fully booked for wedding dates.

However, another brief hiatus is expected on December 15, after which the wedding season will regain momentum, as even more auspicious times will be available. This time, the wedding events will be grander and more extravagant, with ceremonies like



Haldi and Mehndi being celebrated on a larger scale, resembling festive occasions.

Reservations for venues have been made in accordance with all auspicious times. The extended break in weddings due to the elongated Saavan period has culminated with Devuthani Ekadashi.

As Lord Vishnu awakens, auspicious activities commence once again, with November offering

Muhurta on the 28th and 29th, making Devuthani Gyaras a popular choice for weddings. There are a total of 14 auspicious times spanning two months.

In anticipation of the long-awaited season, advance bookings for weddings, including marriage halls, venues, caterers, lighting and flower decorations, bands, and DJs, have begun. Business owners in these sectors are opti-

mistic about the surge in business during this auspicious period.

This also extends to jewelry, clothing, furniture, and vehicle segments. The four-month hiatus on auspicious activities has added to the significance of the wedding season that commences after Diwali. Pre-bookings have been made across the board.

Pt. Ghanshyam Tiwari, Chief Priest of Dauchora Shitala Temple, explained that according to the Hindu calendar, Lord Vishnu awakens during Devuthani, and from that day onward, Shri Ganesh takes charge of auspicious activities.

Following Devuthani, the auspicious times for November are the 28th and 29th, while December offers auspicious times on the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 14th, 18th, 20th, and 30th for marriages, housewarming ceremonies, and other auspicious events.

Every BJP worker is part of my family: Vikrant Singh

- BJP awaits resounding victory in Khairagarh

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 25: A review meeting was held in the presence of leaders and workers of Khairagarh assembly constituency. The atmosphere was filled with optimism and anticipation as senior BJP leaders and dedicated workers gathered to discuss the upcoming assembly elections.

Senior leader Jagdish Rohra, who came from the State Working Committee, expressed his unwavering confidence in the BJP's victory in Khairagarh Assembly. Drawing from

his experience in the last by-election, he praised the loyalty and hard work of BJP workers in the constituency.

With a smile, he announced, "Based on our thorough review, I can confidently say that BJP candidate Vikrant Singh is poised to win Khairagarh Assembly by a margin of 10,000 votes."

The room erupted in applause as Rohra's words resonated with the collective spirit of victory that filled the air. The BJP candidate Vikrant Singh, took the stage to express his gratitude to the dedicated workers present at the meeting.

In a statement, he declared, "Every worker of



the Bharatiya Janata Party is a part of my extended family. I treat the younger ones as my younger siblings and the elders as the respected elders of our family. If there's any discontent among our workers during the elections, I urge you not to hold onto it forever. I have respect and appre-

ciation for each one of you." Vikrant Singh went on to discuss the strategic importance of different regions within the constituency and assured everyone that victory was within their grasp.

He emphasized, "The one who takes the lead in Salhewara will emerge victorious in the

Khairagarh assembly elections. We are confident of leading not only in Salhewara but also in Chhuikhadan, Khairagarh city, Khairagarh rural, and, according to feedback, the situation is most favorable in Gandai mandal. With this strategy, we will secure victory in Khairagarh Assembly."

Former Khairagarh MLA and senior BJP leader Komal Janghel also shared sentiments, stating, "I contested in the last election, but this time, the enthusiasm and dedication of our workers leave no doubt that the victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party is certain."

Director Sachin Baghel echoed the sentiment, saying, "The hard work of all our dedicated workers is soon going to bear fruit. Let's all eagerly await December 3 when we will witness the victory procession of the BJP in Khairagarh."

BJP District President Ghamman Sahu reaffirmed their unwavering belief in victory, stating, "Our triumph in Khairagarh assembly constituency is inevitable."

The meeting, graced by Assembly in-charge Moolchand Lodhi, District BJP President Ghamman Sahu, Puran Janghel, Ramadhar Rajak, and numerous distinguished BJP leaders and workers.

Saraswati Shishu Mandir celebrates Devuthani Ekadashi



Central Chronicle News

Balrampur, Nov 25: Saraswati Shishu Mandir Vidyalaya in Balrampur witnessed a delightful celebration of Devuthani Ekadashi.

The school, under the guidance of Principal Vinay Pathak, organized a special event that brought together students from KG to Class 5th in a spirit of devotion and learning. In this celebration, children from KG to Class 5th came together to worship Mata Tulsi and

perform aarti. The Principal of the school, Vinay Pathak, enlightened the students about the significance of Devuthani Ekadashi and the heartwarming story of the marriage of Shaligram and Tulsi. He also emphasized the important role that the Tulsi plant plays in our lives. All the Acharya Didi Ji of the school and students up to Class 5th were present at this enriching event, making it a truly inclusive and enlightening experience for all.

Keshala school celebrates joyous Devuthani festival

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Kharora, Nov 25: Government Primary School Keshala in Kharora celebrated the Devuthani festival with great enthusiasm, immersing students in the rich cultural and religious significance of the occasion. The head of the institution, Santosh Kumar Verma, guided the students in understanding the importance of Devuthani Ekadashi in Hindu tradition.

During the festivities, students were educated about the religious and cultural significance of Devuthani Ekadashi, which marks the awakening of Lord Shri Hari Vishnu from his cosmic slumber. According to



Sanatan Dharma, this day signifies the beginning of auspicious events and rituals after the period of Devshayani Ekadashi in Ashadh Shuklapaksha. The day culminates with the symbolic marriage of Lord Shri Hari Vishnu in the form of Shaligram and Mata Lakshmi ji, who resides within Tulsimata.

The celebration at Government Primary School Keshala featured colorful and intricate ceremonies, with a beautifully adorned pavilion serving as the backdrop. The rituals commenced with the lighting of the lamp of Lord Gauri Ganesh, followed by the worship of Mother Tulsi and Lord Shaligram. The occasion

was further enriched by students dressed as Lord Shri Hari Vishnu and Mata Lakshmi, reenacting the divine union.

Esteemed members of the school community, including School Management Development Committee Chairman Shanti Dewangan and Manisha Gendre, actively participated in the festivities. As part of tradition, women took seven rounds around a sugarcane-decorated pavilion, seeking blessings and fostering the spirit of Devuthani Ekadashi. The celebration not only promoted unity and devotion but also showcased the cultural vibrancy of the community, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

NSS volunteers transform college campus with cleanliness drive



Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Nov 25: In a remarkable display of community spirit and dedication to cleanliness, volunteers of the National Service Scheme unit at Rani Rashmi Devi Singh

Government College, Khairagarh, conducted a thorough cleanliness campaign on Friday, November 24. The volunteers took it upon themselves to tackle the accumulated garbage and control the growth of unwanted weeds that had



sprouted after the rains. Their hard work and determination were evident as they worked diligently to restore the college campus to its pristine state. The initiative received accolades from the college's Principal, Prof. JK Sakhre,

who extended his congratulations to the active volunteers. He praised their unwavering commitment to the cause of cleanliness and encouraged them to continue their efforts in maintaining the beauty of the college campus.

Satwik-Chirag duo enters China Masters Super 750 final



Shenzhen, Nov 25 (PTI):

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty dished out another attacking masterclass to outwit the Chinese duo of He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu and storm into the men's doubles final at the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament here on Saturday.

The former world No. 1

between Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi and second seeds Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang.

Satwik and Chirag have won the Badminton Asian Championships, Indonesia Super 1000, Korea Super 500, Swiss Super 300 and the Asian Games gold medal in a stellar year.

The BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour is divided into six levels, namely World Tour Finals, four Super 1000, six Super 750, seven Super 500, and 11 Super 300. One more category of tournament, the BWF Tour Super 100 level, also offers ranking points.

Each of these tournaments offers different ranking points and prize money. The highest points and prize pool is offered at the Super 1000 level.

Indian bowlers look for improved outing against Aus

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 25 (PTI):

The young Indian bowling unit will have to push behind the timid show in the series opener and find its flow against a forceful Australian batting line-up in the second T20 here on Sunday.

India had won the first game at Visakhapatnam by two wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series, but their bowlers, except pacer Mukesh Kumar, looked incapable of stemming the run-flow.

The pitch and conditions at the Greenfield International Stadium will not be massively different, and that makes it imperative for the Indian bowlers to fire collectively.

Despite that, the management might not look to shake the order for this match.

In the opening encounter, pacers Arshdeep Singh and Prasad Krishna went for 10.25 and 12.50 runs per over while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi were carted around for 13.50 runs per over.

In a format like T20, it is not an uncommon sight to



India's Suryakumar Yadav (R) and Ishan Kishan during a practice session on the eve of the second T20 international cricket match against Australia.

see bowlers getting the stick, but those three bowlers lacked imagination and variety needed on such surfaces on that day.

India's ambition to double the series lead will depend a lot on them significantly improving their produce here. It's not an impossible task either as Mukesh showed. The pace

bowler mixed up his deliveries well the yorkers, bouncers, wide deliveries around off-stump and so on to contain the Aussie batters. So, the other front-line bowlers now have a route map to follow in the second match.

However, there was no trace of that effort in his bowling as his attempt to

purchase bounce from the track was treated with disdain by Australian batters.

However, India will have not much to complain about in the batting department as skipper Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, Rinku Singh and Yashasvi Jaiswal displayed fine touch against the Aussie bowlers,

Match starts at 7 PM.

though a bit second string. Suryakumar, Rinku and Jaiswal met the quick-scoring demands of a high chase effortlessly, though Kishan took a few overs to settle down before hitting the overdrive.

India will hope for a similar fire from them in the second match as well, and will bank on Kishan to reduce the number of dot balls during his tenure.

The Aussie camp, on the other hand, will be looking to build on a few nuggets of positives from the first match. Inglis' hundred, his first in top-flight cricket across formats, while coming in as an opener might have given them a breathing space on the road that leads to the T20 World Cup.

But the move to promote Steve Smith as opener might not have fetched the desired result in its entirety. The veteran right-hander made a 52 off 41 balls, but he laboured to manufacture runs even on a smooth deck as Inglis' daredevilry ably masked Smith's struggles.

Uday Saharan to lead India in Under-19 Asia Cup



Mumbai, Nov 25 (PTI):

Promising batsman Uday Saharan will lead defending champions India in the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup to be played in the UAE from December 8.

Saharan, a 19-year-old cricketer from Punjab, has been on the selection radar for a while and he was also drafted in as a back-up player after the Indian squad was hit by Covid during last year's

Under-19 World Cup in Antigua.

Saumy Kumar Pandey was named as vice-captain of the 15-member side.

India are the most successful team in the U19 Asia Cup having won the title eight times.

India are grouped with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal in the tournament. They will begin the campaign with a match against the Afghans on December 8 at the ICC Academy Oval-1.

In a much-anticipated match, India will lock horns with Pakistan on December 10 at the same venue, and in their final group match, they will face Nepal on December 12.

The final is scheduled to be played at the Dubai International Stadium on December 17.

India U19 squad: Uday Saharan (Captain), Saumy Kumar Pandey (vice-captain), Arshin Kulkarni, Adarsh Singh, Rudra Mayur Patel, Sachin Dhas, Priyanshu Moliya, Musheer Khan, Dhanush Gowda, Avinash Rao (wk), M Abhishek, Inness Mahajan (wk), Aardhya Shukla, Raj Limbani, Naman Tiwari.

Travelling reserves: Prem Devkar, Ansh Gosai, Mohammad Aman.

Non-travelling reserves: Digvijay Patil, Jayant Goyat, P Vignesh, Kiran Chormale.

Kane scores again as Bayern back on top of the Bundesliga

Berlin, Nov 25 (AP):

Harry Kane scored yet again to lead Bayern Munich to the top of the Bundesliga with a 1-0 win at Cologne.

No other player has ever scored 18 goals in the first 12 rounds of the Bundesliga, while Kane also became the first English player to reach 18 goals in a single Bundesliga season, overtaking the 17 scored both by Jadon Sancho for Borussia Dortmund (2019-20) and Kevin Keegan for Hamburger SV (1978-79).

From Bayern's point of view, Kane's goal put the pressure on early season leader Bayer Leverkusen, which can reclaim first place Saturday with a win at Werder Bremen.

But Bayern, the 11-time defending champion, missed several opportunities to put the result beyond doubt and had to endure unnecessarily nervy final minutes in Cologne, where Jamal Musiala scored late on the final day last season to snatch the title from Dortmund.

"One-nil, we probably know we could have scored a couple more in the first half but, really, a great victory," Kane said.

Thomas Müller had to be content to watch from the sideline again Friday as coach Thomas Tuchel opted



Bayern Munich's English forward #09 Harry Kane (L) and Cologne's German midfielder #29 Jan Thielmann vie for the ball during the German first division Bundesliga football match between FC Cologne and FC Bayern Munich in Cologne, western Germany.

for Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting in support of star forward Kane. It was the eighth league game in which the Bayern veteran sat among the substitutes this time for the whole match.

Miller hasn't started in any of Bayern's four Champions League games so far, while the only time he played a full match this season was in Bayern's shock 2-1 loss to third-division team Saarbrücken in the German Cup. Bayern almost scored

when Cologne defender Timo H. bers deflected the ball against his own post, but the visitors didn't have to wait long for Kane to strike in the 20th minute.

It came on a counterattack when Choupo-Moting's shot was cleared off the line by Julian Chabot but only as far as Kane, who gratefully sent the ball inside the right post. "It was a nice one that fell to me, probably one of the easier ones I'll score in my career," Kane said. "But that first half, we created

some really good chances, some clear chances. It was just unlucky, a few bobbles on the pitch."

Cologne 'keeper Marvin Schw. be got the better of Leroy San. who was frustrated again in the second half. Kingsley Coman also struck the crossbar with a header for Bayern.

Tuchel made no changes at all during the game despite complaining about the burden on players playing so soon after returning from international duty.

Australian spinner Nathan Lyon mocks 'Bazball'

London, Nov 25 (PT):

Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon has dismissed assertions that "Bazball", an aggressive brand of cricket displayed by the England Test team, has revolutionised the game.

Lyon, who is just four wickets shy of 500 wickets in Test cricket, said he did not see 'Bazball' in the two Ashes fixtures he was part of last year before getting injured for the remaining three.

The term "Bazball" came into being after Brendon McCullum, who is nicknamed Baz, was appointed England Test coach last year.

"I'm 2-0 against Bazball so I am happy," Lyon joked on Channel 7's Front Bar programme. "It's a load of s***, if you ask me. It's a brand of cricket that the English want to keep going with. Now, it's in the dictionary, which is pretty extraordinary."

It was not the first time Lyon mocked 'Bazball' and here again he termed aggression as an ability to shift through the gears during the course of a Test match.

"I know everyone keeps talking about BazBall, to be honest, I didn't really see BazBall throughout my two Tests against them. "I look at the Australian cricket team and the batters we've had,



David Warner for example I've seen him score hundreds in a session and that's off playing an attacking brand of cricket.

"I think there's a lot of smoke and mirrors with BazBall, if I'm being honest with you, and I feel like if you're going to play an aggressive brand of cricket anyway, it's about being able to go up and down in gears and understanding the moments in the game," he added.

Australia had retained the Ashes with the five-match series ending at 2-2 last year.

Mbappe scores a penalty as PSG beats Monaco 5-2

Paris, Nov 25 (AP):

Star striker Kylian Mbappe scored his 14th league goal of the season as French leader Paris Saint-Germain beat third-place Monaco 5-2 to move four points clear at the top.

Second-place Nice can keep the gap at one point if it beats Toulouse at home on Sunday.

After striker Gon. alo Ramos put PSG ahead in the 18th minute, Monaco equalized four minutes later following a mistake from goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

He was under pressure from Monaco forward Folarin Balogun, hesitated, and shot the ball straight at Japan forward Takumi Minamino, who finished confidently for his fourth league goal of the season.

PSG regained the lead through Mbappe in the 39th when defender Soungoutou Magassa tried to clear the ball and



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward #07 Kylian Mbappe (C) runs with the ball under pressure from Monaco's Swiss midfielder #06 Denis Zakaria (L) during the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and AS Monaco at The Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris.

clipped the leg of winger Ousmane Demb. l for a penalty. Mbappe, who

spot kick into the top left corner.

Dembal made it 3-1 in the 70th, expertly controlling a long pass from midfielder Fabian Ruiz and netting with a powerful shot. It was his first PSG goal since joining in August from Barcelona.

Two minutes later, Mbappe picked out Portugal midfielder Vitorinha and he curled a fine shot into the top right corner.

Moments after that goal, however, PSG's defense fell asleep and allowed Balogun to score with a low shot after being put through by Minamino. It was the United States forward's fourth league goal of the season.

There was still enough time for France forward Randal Kolo Muani to grab PSG's fifth goal in the sixth minute of stoppage time, as Monaco fell six points behind PSG with its third defeat of the campaign.

Rahul couldn't bat fearlessly as there was no one after Jadeja: Akram



Mumbai, Nov 25 (PTI):

KL Rahul didn't play with a "do-or-die" mindset as he didn't want to expose India's tail-enders, which is probably one of the biggest reasons for host country's World Cup final defeat, feels Pakistan legend Wasim Akram.

Batting first, India posted a modest total of 240 in 50 overs and Rahul scored a painstaking 66 off 107 balls with a solitary boundary to his credit.

"If I have to pick any particular reason, I suppose the middle order should have played with a do or die' mindset," he told Star Sports.

Hooda, Chahar headline Rajasthan's five-wicket win over Gujarat

Chandigarh, Nov 25 (PTI):

Deepak Hooda and Deepak Chahar underlined their white ball credentials with an unbeaten fifty and a six-wicket haul respectively, guiding Rajasthan to a five-wicket win over Gujarat in a Group D Vijay Hazare match here on Saturday.

Chahar's six for 41 was instrumental in Rajasthan bowling out Gujarat for 128 in 29 overs at the Sector-26 Cricket Ground.

Rajasthan were in some early turmoil at 18 for 4, but Hooda calmed the nerves with a gritty 76 off 79 balls (8x4, 3x6) as they went past the target in 28.4 overs.

Mumbai overcome Kerala

In a Group A match, Mumbai braved a gritty Kerala and a couple of rain delays to carve an eight-wicket victory at the

Alur-KSCA Oval. Angkrish Raghuvanshi (57 off 47 balls, 5x4, 4x6) and captain Ajinkya Rahane (34 n.o. off 20 balls, 4x6) propelled Mumbai past the revised target (under VJD method) of 159 in 30 overs in 24.2 overs. Earlier, Sachin Baby made a hundred (104, 134 balls, 8x4, 2x6) and Sanju Samson (55, 83 balls, 3x4, 2x6) played around a batting collapse to take Kerala to 231 all out in 49.1 overs.

Himmat, Suyash spur Delhi

Leg-spinner Suyash Sharma's four-wicket haul and Himmat Singh's quick-fire fifty powered Delhi to a facile eight-wicket win over Mizoram in their Group C match. Sharma's 4 for 25 enabled Delhi to bowl out Mizoram for 128 and then chased down the target in just 17 over, losing

two wickets. Himmat (52 off 43 balls) and Badoni (45 off 24 balls) made light work of the target.

Haryana trounce Bihar

In a Group C match, pacer Harshal Patel (4/49) and SP Kumar (3/25) helped Haryana restrict Bihar to 112 all out in 30.4 overs. With openers Yuvraj Singh (50 off 57 balls) and Ankit Kumar (61 off 60 balls) scoring briskly, Haryana overhauled the target in just under 20 overs for a 10-wicket win.

Sai Sudarshan, Warrior shine for TN

B Sai Sudarshan's 125 off 144 balls lifted Tamil Nadu to 296 for eight in a Group E match against Goa. The total proved too strong for the Goans as pacer Sandeep Warrior's 4 for 20 in seven overs helped TN shot out them for 263 to etch a 33-run victory.

BJP accuses Rahul, Priyanka of poll code violation

● **Seeks EC's action**
 New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI):

The BJP Saturday accused Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra of violating poll guidelines with their posts on X on the day of the Rajasthan assembly polls and urged the Election Commission to seek suspension of their social media accounts and initiate other actions against them.

In their posts, both Congress leaders have urged people to vote for their party.

The BJP wrote to the Election Commission, saying their posts violate the silence period of 48 hours in the run-up to polls, a period during which most form of campaigning is barred.

The party accused the former Congress president and his sister, a gen-

eral secretary of the party, of violating the Representation of the People Act and the Model Code of Conduct and sought the EC's action.

The poll watchdog has reiterated that TV, radio channels, cable networks, internet websites and social media platforms should ensure that the contents of the programmes by them during 48 hours referred to in Section 126 (RP Act) do not contain any material that may be construed as promoting or prejudicing the prospect of any particular party or candidate.

In his post, Gandhi urged people to elect the Congress and said, "Rajasthan will choose free treatment. Rajasthan will choose cheaper gas cylinder. Rajasthan will choose interest-free agricultural loan. Rajasthan will choose English edu-

cation. Rajasthan will choose OPS. Rajasthan will choose caste census."

Vadra urged the people of Rajasthan to cast their ballot. "Your every vote, for a beautiful future, for rights, for Congress' guarantees," she said, listing the promises made by her party.

The BJP, in its complaint to the EC, said, "The social media platform X and its functionaries may also be directed to immediately suspend the account and remove the aforementioned offending contents with immediate effect lest it further violates the 48-hour silence zone and cause irreparable injury to the doctrine of free and fair elections."

It said the poll panel should also direct the Chief Election Officer, Rajasthan, to file a criminal complaint and initiate criminal prosecution against them.

'Changing names does not change their corruption'

Hyderabad, Nov 25 (PTI): Though the TRS changed its name to BRS and UPA renamed itself as INDIA alliance,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said their corruption and misrule can never be changed.

Addressing an election rally at Kamareddy in Telangana, he said the commonality between the ruling Bharat Rashtira Samithi and Congress is that they adopt all types of tricks to betray people.

"Suddenly, the TRS is made BRS. This year itself, UPA has been made INDIA alliance. People of the country understand these tricks well," he said.

"By changing name, their corruption, misrule and history of vote bank politics can never be changed. Truth is, in many states in the country, people have evicted the Congress for decades," he said.

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Women show their fingers marked with indelible ink after casting vote during Rajasthan Assembly elections, in Jaipur, Saturday.

'No anti-incumbency, Cong will form govt in Raj again'

Jodhpur, Nov 25 (PTI):



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said there is no anti-incumbency against the Congress and the party will form the government in the state again.

"There seems to be an undercurrent. Looks like the (Congress) government will be repeated," he said as voting got underway in the state.

Gehlot told PTI in Jodhpur that the Congress focused its campaign on development issues while BJP leaders, including the prime minister, home minister and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states, used provocative language.

He said the BJP leaders who came from outside, including the prime minister and the Union home minister, tried to instigate people.

"The public has understood. It appears that the Congress government will come again," he told PTI in Jodhpur.

"We made good laws for the welfare of gig workers and on right to health and brought schemes for people and gave guarantees," he said.

The Congress has given seven guarantees, or promises, to people if the party retains power in the state, including an annual honorarium of Rs 10,000 to the woman head of a family and LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to 1.05 crore families.

Citing the example of Kerala, he said that the government there was repeated based on its work for the management of the coronavirus pandemic

and in Rajasthan also, the Congress government did excellent work on this front.

Asked why the BJP was targeting only him over various issues such as the "red diary", he said BJP leaders are upset that they could not topple his government despite indulging in horse-trading. A sacked minister had claimed that the "red diary" contained financial dealings of the chief minister.

"They are bringing down elected governments through horse-trading. The method they have adopted is a matter of concern for democracy. We tried our best in Rajasthan and did not let the government fall. The public was with us," Gehlot said.

The chief minister said the language the BJP leaders used was unacceptable.

"They were talking provocatively. We challenged them to talk on local issues, talk on our schemes," he said.

Asked whether he will

be the chief minister if the Congress forms the government again, he said that it is a tradition in the Congress that the AICC sends observers to take opinion of MLAs and then a resolution is passed, leaving all things for their high command and the decision of the high command is acceptable to all.

After casting his vote in Jodhpur later in the day, Gehlot told reporters, the credibility of his government was high and he feels the government will be repeated.

He said the BJP leaders who came from outside to campaign in Rajasthan will not be seen here for five years.

"This is not the election of Modi. This is the state assembly elections. They will not be seen in the state for five years. We will remain here, among the people," he said.

He was reacting to a question on the BJP's election campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

'Muslim reservations' in Telangana 'unconstitutional': Yogi Adityanath

Hyderabad, Nov 25 (PTI):

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday alleged that the "Muslim reservations" in Telangana are an insult to the Constitution made by Dr B R Ambedkar.

Addressing a poll rally in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district in Telangana, he said the reservation to Muslims is "unconstitutional" and it should not be allowed to be implemented at any cost.

"But, both the BRS and Congress want to take the country towards a new di-

vision," he alleged.

"Dirty game of appeasement politics can be seen in Telangana now. We have seen in Telangana to what extent a government can go to divide the society when the BRS government announces Muslim reservation," Adityanath said.

The "Muslim reservations" are part of a conspiracy to deprive the SCs, STs and BCs of their rights, he said adding this is an insult to the Constitution prepared by Ambedkar.

Appealing to the people to vote for the BJP in

Telangana, he said the saffron party, if elected, would abolish the "unconstitutional" religion-based reservation and provide the benefit to OBCs, SCs and STs.

Attacking Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, Adityanath said the state government has cheated youth, farmers and women by not fulfilling the poll promises made to them.

He accused KCR of failing to provide "water, funds and jobs", the main plank of separate

Telangana agitation. Terming BRS as "B h r a s h t a c h a r Rishwatkhori Samithi" the Uttar Pradesh chief minister said if the BJP is elected to power, it would officially celebrate 'Hyderabad Liberation Day' — September 17, 1948, the day the state under Nizam rule officially merged with the Indian Union. He said the country is progressing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Telangana needs a "double engine" government.

'Cong slams KCR over unemployment issue'

● **Highlights its promise of filling 2 lakh vacant govt posts within one year**
 New Delhi, Nov 25 (PTI):

T'GANA POLLS

Asserting that the real foot soldiers of the Telangana movement were the youths, the Congress on Saturday slammed the K Chandrashekhar Rao government over the issue of unemployment and reiterated its promise of filling 2 lakh vacant government positions within one year of coming to power in the

state. Elections in Telangana will take place on November 30 and counting of votes will take place on December 3.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh also said the "jobs calendar" published in all major newspapers today will be approved in the first cabinet meeting after the party comes to power.

"The real leaders and the foot soldiers of the Telangana movement were the youth of Telangana, who agitated

for greater opportunity and representation in government jobs - as administrators, doctors, teachers, and many more positions," Ramesh said.

Putting out the report card of the KCR government of over nine years, the Congress leader said Telangana has the highest youth unemployment rate in the country at 15.2 per cent as per the data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey of 2022-23.

"Telangana has the highest rate of youth suicides in the country with at least one young person taking their life every single day. This is data from

the National Crime Records Bureau," he said.

KCR has been unable to ensure a single recruitment for Grade-1 posts in the last 9 years, Ramesh claimed.

KCR promised an unemployment allowance of Rs 3016 in 2018 and has delivered Rs 0 for the last 5 years, he said.

"On the other hand, the Congress party GUARANTEES to fill 2 lakh vacant government positions within one year. The jobs calendar published in all major newspapers today will be approved in the first cabinet meeting," Ramesh said.

'BJP alone can bring in change in T'gana'



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being garlanded during a public meeting at Kollapur ahead of Telangana Assembly elections, in Nagarkurnool district, Saturday.

Hyderabad, Nov 25 (PTI):

Asserting that only the BJP can bring change in Telangana, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said a vote for either the Congress or AIMIM would be a vote for the BRS.

Speaking to reporters here, he alleged that the track record of AIMIM and Congress indicated that the two parties had supported the BRS.

"Whenever Owaisi's MLAs were elected due to appeasement politics, they supported BRS. The Congress legislators who were elected, they later joined BRS. That means, your vote for change of regime in the state would definite-

ly be wasted if it is for Congress," he said.

Reacting to Congress' allegation of a tacit understanding between the BJP and BRS, he said both the parties cannot have any truck.

"Question does not arise at all. I would like to make it clear that there can never be any ideological understanding between BJP and

BRS. There can neither be political nor tactical alliance," Shah said.

To a question on Congress' charge that BJP-led Centre is protecting the BRS vis-a-vis corruption, he said the issues which are in domain of the Centre, the process of investigation is underway.

"But probe cannot take place as per the poll calendar," the BJP leader said.

If BJP comes to power

in Telangana, it will order investigation into each allegation of corruption and those responsible would be sent to jail, he assured.

Targeting the BRS government over its alleged failures, Shah said barring engaging in corruption in the last 10 years, the Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao-led dispensation has done nothing concrete for the people.

'Cong flattened BJP's tyres in T'gana'

● **Will do it in Delhi also**
 Hyderabad Nov. 25 (PTI):



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said his party punctured all four tyres of the BJP in poll-bound Telangana and shall do it in Delhi soon.

Addressing poll rallies in Telangana, he said BRS chief Chandrasekhar Rao should realise that it was the Congress that built the school and university in which he studied.

Describing the upcoming election as a battle between 'Dorala Sarkar' (feudal government) and 'Prajala Sarkar' (people's government), the Gandhi scion said while people

dreamt of pro-poor and farmers government, Rao dashed their hopes.

"KCR is asking what Congress has done. KCR... to the school in which you studied and the university you studied in, they were set up by the Congress party. The airport from where your aircraft takes off was built by the Congress. The outer ring road on which

your vehicles are plying was constructed by the Congress," he said.

He also gave full credit to his party for the formation of Telangana.

"It was the Congress party which transformed Hyderabad into a major IT hub in the world," the Congress leader said.

Taking pot shots at the KCR family, he said they hold all "moneymaking portfolios".

Referring to Kaleswaram irrigation project, Gandhi accused Rao of looting Rs one lakh crore from it.

He also charged the BRS MLAs with taking Rs 3 lakh cut from the beneficiaries of Dalit Bandhu scheme and grabbing

lands in the name of computerisation and Dharani while Congress party distributed lands to the poor with rights during its tenure. Rahul Gandhi alleged that the BRS government diverted Rs 5500 crore from ST sub plan and Rs 15,000 crore from SC sub plan. "For the past 10 years you have seen Dola Sarkar and in the next 10 years you will get to see Prajala Sarkar," he told the crowd.

Listing out the Congress' "six guarantees", he said under Mahalakshmi, women beneficiaries are likely to receive up to Rs 5000 by way of monthly pensions, free bus travel and subsidised LPG cylinder.

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