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12 BJP MPs elected in state polls quit Parl

New Delhi, Dec 06 (PTI):

Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Prahlad Singh Patel resigned from Lok Sabha on Wednesday as the BJP decided that all of its 12 MPs recently elected to state assemblies will quit Parliament, amid strong indications that they may join the new governments in Madhya Pardesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

The move has given rise

Aizawl, Dec 06 (PTI):

ZPM leader legislature party leader Lalduhoma

will be sworn in as the new

Mizoram on Friday, a Raj

Bhavan official said.

minister

Besides Lalduhoma

other members of his

council of ministers will

also be sworn in on Friday

at 11 am in a function at

the Raj Bhavan, the offi-

Earlier in the day

Lalduhoma met Governor

Hari Babu Khambampati

at the Raj Bhavan and

staked claim to form the

The governor invited

him to form the govern-

government.

cial said on Wednesday.

Lalduhoma to be sworn in as

new Mizoram CM on Friday



MP Arun Sao submits his resignation to LS Speaker Om Birla.

leadership may bring in new faces at the helm in all

ment. ZPM won 27 of the

40 seats of the Mizoram

Assembly, election to

which was held on

November 7. The party

emerged victorious on

Monday trouncing Mizo

National Front (MNF)

headed by Zoramthanga.

evening with a meeting of BJP's top leaders at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official residence.

tions started on Wednesday

BJP brainstorms

over CMs

The crucial issue of picking

Chief Ministers for three

next year's general elec-

heartland states ahead of

J P Nadda accompanied 10

leaders, however, declined to comment on such a development. BJP president

Pannun threatens to attack Parl

New Delhi, Dec 06:

The Delhi Police are on alert after the United Statesbased Khalistani supporter Gurpatwant Singh Pannu released a video message threatening to 'shake the foundation Parliament' on December 13 - the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attack on Parliament. A senior police officer said security has already been stepped up in and around Parliament. "When Parliament is on, we remain alert. We are taking all precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incident," the officer said adding that security has also been beefed up in entire

their resignations from Parliament. Two others, Union minister Renuka and Mahant Balaknath, will also be quitting, party leaders Other MPs who quit are

of them as they tendered

Rakesh Singh, Udya Pratap Singh and Riti Pathak from Madhya Pradesh; Kirodi Lal Meena, Diya Kumari and Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore from Rajasthan and Gomati Sai and Arun Sao from Chhattisgarh.

country's name "India" with "Bharat" in school

NCRB DATA

'Goa's rate of rape on minors highest in India'

■ 76 % of rape victims under 18

Panaji, Dec 06 (PTI):

Goa's rate of rape on minors stood at 7.1, the highest in the country, as the tiny state recorded 75 rape cases in 2022 of which 57 victims were girls below 18 years of age, according to statistics released by the National Crime Records Bureau

What was alarming is that cases of rape on minor girls constituted a whopping 76 per cent of total rapes reported in Goa in 2022. The report of NCRB, an agency

under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, was released recently analysing crime statistics for 2022 from different states and Union territories. As per the data, Goa's rate of rape on minors stood at 7.1 (per lakh population), the highest in the country. The coastal state recorded 75 rape cases in 2022 of which 57 victims (76 per cent) were minor girls below 18 years of age. Of the 57 under-age victims, two girls were below 6, while 12 were between 6 to 12 years. Twenty-six victims were between 12 to 16 years and 17 between 16 to 18 years of age, according to the report.

textbooks. "Article 1 of the Constitution of India states that 'India', that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States'. Constitution recognises both 'India' and 'Bharat' as

GOVT IN PARL

'Bharat, India same for NCERT'

New Delhi, Dec 06 (PTI)

The National Council of

Educational Research and Training (NCERT) does

not differentiate between

India and Bharat, and duly

acknowledges the spirit as

Constitution that recognis-

es both, according to the

Union Education Ministry.

This information was

shared by Union Minister

of State for Education

Annapurna Devi in a writ-

ten reply to a question

asked by CPI(M) member

Elamaram Kareem in the

Rajya Sabha regarding an

NČERT panel's recom-

mendation to replace the

enshrined

the official names of the country which can be used interchangeably. NCERT duly acknowledges this spirit as enshrined in Constitution and does not differentiate between the two," she said.

The minister further said the country is collectively moving away from the colonial mindset and encourages the usage of the words in 'Bharatiya Bhasha' (Indian lan-

KARNI CHIEF MURDER

Shutdown in Raj; SIT formed

Jaipur, Dec 06 (PTI):

remained Markets closed in Jaipur and some districts Rajasthan on Wednesday after a bandh call by the Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena to protest the killing of its chief Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi. Director General of Police Umesh Mishra formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT). to be headed by Additional Director General (Crime) Dinesh MN, to probe the killing while a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh for information leading to the arrest of the two accused was also announced.



Garba dance in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list

Ahmedabad, Dec 06 (PTI): UNESCO has approved the

inclusion of Gujarat's tradi-

tional Garba dance in its

Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of **Humanity', Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced** here on Wednesday. India had nominated Garba, performed across Gujarat and in many other parts of the country during the Navratri festival, for inclusion in the list. "The age-old tradition of devotion to Goddess Mother in the form of Garba is alive and growing. Garba which has become the identity of Gujarat has been approved by **UNESCO** under its intangible cultural heritage list," Patel said in a post on X. "This is a moment of pride for Gujaratis spread all over the world. This is a result of importance being given to the heritage of the country under prime minister Narendra Modi's leadership and such heritage being taken to the world. Congratulations to the people of Gujarat," Patel further said. The inclu-

sion was made under the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage during the 18th meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage which began in Kasane, Botswana, on Tuesday. "Garba of Gujarat is the 15th ICH element from India to join this list. This inscription underscores Garba's pivotal role as a unifying force that fosters social and gender inclusivity. Garba as a dance form is entrenched deeply in ritualistic and devotional roots, involving people from all walks of life and it continues to thrive as a vibrant living tradition bringing communities together," an official release said.



Collector flags off Crop Insurance Chariot

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Rabi Year 2023-24, the crop insurance publicity chariot was flagged off to include more and more farmers in the insurance cover in the district, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena and Chief Executive Officer (District Panchayat, Durg) Ashwani Dewangan flagged off the Fasal Bima Rath.

On this occasion, Lalit Mohan Bhagat, Deputy Director Agriculture, Durg, Suchitra Darbari, Director Assistant Agriculture, Durg, other ofof Insurance Company HDFC and repreto their crops due to natusentatives of Argo GIC ral calamities like adverse were present. weather, drought, flood,

According to the information received from the Director Agriculture, for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme for the season Rabi year 2023-24, the starting date for crop insurance has been fixed as 06 December 2023 and the last date has been fixed as 31 December 2023. Crops like wheat, irri-



hailstorm etc. Farmers, who have taken loan but do not want to join this scheme will have to compulsorily submit the signed declaration form as per the option selection (output) form issued by the Government of India in the concerned financial institution for Rabi by 24 December 2023, otherwise the concerned bank will

short-term agricultural loans sanctioned / renewed for the season will be compulsorily insured. Also, farmers will have to update their Aadhaar on or before the last date. All the farmers, who do

not have loan, planting crops must submit a proposal letter along with a copy of latest Aadhar Card, copy of latest land certificate (B-1, P-2), copy of first page of bank passbook on account number/IFSC code.

It will be mandatory to submit documents like the address of the bank being clearly visible, crop sowing certificate or self-declaration letter regarding the intention to sow the proposed crop, valid mobile number of the farmer and for sharecroppers/cultivators/partner farmers, it will be mandatory to submit documents like crop share/cultivator's declara-

The loan amount and premium amount per hectare is fixed for the crop covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. According to which the insured amount (per hectare) for wheat irrigation is Rs 35000, premium amount per hectare. The premium amount at the rate of 1.50 percent is Rs 525 and the

tion form etc.

is Rs 210 at the rate of 1.50

Similarly, for non-irrigated wheat, the insured amount (per hectare) is Rs 23000, premium amount per hectare Rs 345 at the rate of 1.50 percent and premium amount per acre is Rs 138 at the rate of 1.50 percent. Sum insured for gram (per hectare) is Rs 39000, premium amount per hectare is Rs 585 at the rate of 1.50 percent and premium amount per acre is Rs 234 at the rate of 1.50 percent. Sum insured for linseed (per hectare) is Rs 16000, premium amount per hectare at the rate of 1.50 percent, the premium amount is Rs 240 per acre and at the rate of 1.50 percent is Rs 96.

For mustard, the insured amount (per hectare) is Rs 23000, premium amount per hectare at the rate of 1.50 percent is Rs 345 and the premium amount per acre is Rs 138 at the rate of 1.50 percent. Farmers are informed that it is mandatory to submit all the documents to the agriculture office within the stipulated date of 24th December 2023.

Administrative officers return to departmental work

Collector reviews the time limit cases



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: After the conclusion of the Model Code of Conduct for Assembly Elections-2023, Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a meeting of officials on Wednesday and took information about the time limit cases, Collector Janchoupal, pending cases of PGN and resolution of applications received in Sarathi App.

He congratulated all the officers and employees for the systematic conduct of assembly election work in the district. He asked the officers to start depart-

Admin to take strict action against encroachers

mental routine work on priority. The Collector directed to take immediate action to remove illegal encroachment from the Collectorate premises and other places and roads.

He asked all the SDMs and the officials of the concerned department related to paddy procurement to take effective initiatives to protect the paddy purchased in the paddy procurement centers. He directed the officials to make proper security arrangements in the paddy procurement cen-

The Collector asked officials of the Public Works Department and urban bodies to keep the traffic junctions open for vehicles crossing the roads. To control accidents, the cuts in the mid dle of the divider should be closed. He asked the SDMs to inspect the road opening and submit the

ADM Arvind Kumar Ekka, CEO of District Panchayat Ashwani Dewangan Commissioners of all urban bodies, Additional Collector Gokul Raote and Yogita Dewangan, all SDMs and officers of various departments were

Suspecting fidelity, man kills wife in Chhawani

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: A man allegedly killed his wife suspecting her fidelity in Camp-1 area of Chhawani. ASP Abhishek Jha informed that on December 01, a lady Mansha Devi (28) was brought to the Supela Hospital Government where she was declared Her husband Rajesh

Kumar, a resident of Camp 01 Chhawani, stated that Mansha was at home and he had gone to pick the children from school. When he returned back, he found Mansha lying unconscious on the bed.

Police took the case into consideration and an investigation was launched. Senior Superintendent of



rected the cops to investigate the matter seriously. Under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Abhishek Jha and City Superintendent of Police Ashish Banchhor, Chhawani Police conductquizzed the family mem-

The family members of the deceased, who came from Uttar Pradesh, expressed suspicion on her death. On the basis of a short PM report, her husband Rajesh Kumar was taken into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to committing the crime. He suspected her fidelity

and often beat her. On December 01, he got irked when Mansha went to the neighbourhood. When she returned, Rajesh started beating her and banged her head against the wall with the intention of murder. Police arrested the accused Raiesh Kumar alias Raiu (34) son of Ram Rajan a resident of Sundar Nagar Camp 01 and produced him

Illegal chowpatty and chakhnacenters

Central Chronicle News

to be bulldozed

Bhilai, Dec 06: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena has instructed to take strict action against illegal small and big encroachments. The district administration gave instructions to all urban bodies to remove illegal encroachment and chakhna centres.

In the meeting, all the urban body officials were instructed to take action against illegal chowpatty to strengthen the traffic system. Apart from this, the officials were instructed to totake action against illegal carts, kiosks, etc. Some people have built permanent houses and shops, while some people have illegally



occupied other places.

The district administration, with the help of the paign at the said places and bulldoze the illegal encroachments. The Collector also directed to take strict action against Chakhana centres. Pedestrians have to face a lot of problems due to chakhna shops around liquor shops.

All small and big encroachments located on the roadside will be removed.

from obstructions by removing carts and sign boards outside shops that are obstructing traffic

The Collector instructed the officials to take action against illegal encroachments in the presence of Municipal Corporation Commissioners. He also asked the Municipal Corporation Commissioners to remove fruit and vegetable carts from the roadside. He further asked to remove carts parked on roadsides and

boards, banners, posters and hoardings outside The road should appear

clear and congestion free. All those encroaching on the footpath should be removed and advised not to repeat. Those doing business on the roadside will be asked to remove the illegal encroachment from the road side of the service road.

Municipal C or p or a t i o n

instructed to organize the carts in an orderly manner. asked Commissioners to mark the place and shift the carts. He said that if it is not possible to keep the carts in the vending zone, the carts can be arranged at a place on the roadside where there is enough space. During the meeting, the Collector instructed them to identify the homeless beggars.

Additional Collector and Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Rohit Vyas, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, Municipal Corporation RisaliCommissioner Ashish Dewangan. Additional Collector Gokul Raote, Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat Ashwani Dewangan and the top executives of the

FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam on Dec 24 and Jan 07

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: FIITJEE is organising the FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam for students presently in Classes V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X & XI. The offline exam will be conducted on December 24, 2023, and January 07, 2024. FTRE offers an exceptional benefits and comprehensive platform for students to assess and enhance their competitive exam

It provides a realistic prediction of the student's potential All India Rank in major examinations such as JEE Main, JEE Advanced, NEET, various Olympiads, and NTSE through the Rank Potential Index (RPI). It meticulously evaluates students' analyticai skills, IQ, and aptitude while them helping identify their ability to tackle conceptual, analytical, and intuitive thinking weaknesses

The exam will help in assessment of academ-

questions. Additionally, students receive detailed analyses of their performwith insights into concept-wise, chapsubject-wise strengths and

ic capabilities and identification of academic inclinations. Jagdish Kumar



Partner & Head, FIITJEE Bhilai & Raipur Centre said "FTRE is more than just an exam. It's a tool for

transforming a student's academic experience and will set them on course for extraordinary growth in terms of their ability to evaluate their potential, present capability, and real inclina-

To register for respective test date.

FTRE, students can either visit www.fiitjee-ftre.com for online registration or visit a nearby FIIT-JEE centre to register via offline mode. The last date to register for the FTRE is two days prior to the

(ie, 22nd December 2023 for 24th December 2023 Test & 5th January 2024 for 7th January 2024 Test).

St Thomas College commemorates International Disability Day

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Department of Psychology, St Thomas College organised a field visit to Sarthak Kadam Sansthan, a school for specially abled students and MOU partner of the college. This activity was to commemorate International Disability Day and the psychology students wholeheartedly took part in it. The agenda of the program was to spread the awareness regarding the specially abled children and their teaching learning practices. The program highlighted the therapeutic approach regarding the children



with autism, mental retardation, ADHD, cerebral palsy by improving their listening skills, eye contact, body language speech and self awareness. The students learned about the therapies applicable to manage these special children. The students of the College distributed stationeries and toys that enhance the motor and cognitive functions of the special children.

Administrator of the college Rev Father Dr Joshi Varghese praised the efforts of the department. Principal Dr MG Roymon encouraged the program with his best wishes and said such programs benefit the students and their all-round development. Dr

Mukherjee, Head, PG Department Psychology stressed on the fact that such training has great importance as it is an area of niche work in the development of special children. Practical viewing of the daily activities by the students will be a great learning process for the students. G Vani, Principal of Sarthak Kadam Sansthan informed about the parental and society's role in the care of special children. Assistant professors of the college Dr Sumita Singh, Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Sanchana Sahu supervised the visit and training session for the stu-

BSP distributes Assistive Devices to Persons with Disabilities, under CSR

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: Bhilai Steel Plant's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department, in association with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), distributed Assistive Devices to identified Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans), in a program held at HRD Centre, on December 04, 2023. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects), AK Chakraborty ED (MM), Dr AK Panda, ED (F&A), Sameer Swarup, ED (Rowghat), Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A), BK Giri, ED (Mines), and Dr Ravindranath M, CMO I/c (M&HS) were also present on this occasion, along with CGM I/cs, CGMs, GMs, and other Senior Officials, Senior Citizens, and differently-abled benefici-Anirban

Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP), along with the EDs distributed a range of assistive aid devices including tricycles, motorized tricycles, smart canes, smartphones, knee braces, and hearing aids among others, to 15 beneficiaries as formal inauguration of Assistive Aid Distribution Camp. Similar devices shall be distributed to as many as 311 beneficiaries from



Bhilai and adjoining areas who were identified earlier. Expressing his pleasure at becoming a part of this noble initiative, Anirban Dasgupta said that this initiative shall greatly help the Divyangians to become more self-sufficient and will add to their confidence. Earlier the differently abled used to face a lot of difficulties in day-to-day life. However technological advancement and changes in building code have helped the Divyangjans greatly to access various facilities. It is just a beginning and small gesture, but we all need to step forward together to help our fellow Divyangjans lead a more self-sufficient life. Pawan Kumar, ED (P&A) also shared various insights on initiatives being undertaken by BSP-CSR for the welfare of needy and

differently-abled individuals within the area of its operation. JY Sankale, CGM (TSD&CSR) gave the welcome address on this occasion. Rajni Rajak from the CSR Department compered the programme, while Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR) proposed Vote of Thanks.

SAIL simultaneously distributed assistive devices to a large number of Divyangjans at its various Plant and Unit locations spread across the country. BSP-CSR Department along with ALIMCO had organized Assistive Device Trial Camps for Senior Citizens and differently-abled individuals, at various venues in Bhilai and adjoining areas in September, 2023.

BSP's SCCA to organise Music & Dance Open **Competition from Dec 12**

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 06: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SCCA) is organizing the prestigious Music & Dance Open Competition at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, Indira Place, Civic Centre, from December 12 to 16, 2023. The competition is being organized for children in junior (06 to 12 years) and senior (13 to 18 years) age groups, under categories namely Carnatic (Light classical vocal), Hindustani (Light classical vocal), Folk Songs, Solo Dance (Bharatanatyam,

Kuchipudi, Kathak, Odissi), Hindustani musical instruments (String Instruments & Percussion Instruments) and Group Dance Competition in open age group. Admit cards for the competition will be provided to the participants from December 04 to 08, 2023. Interested candidates may contact BSP's Department Office, Bokaro Hostel, Sector-4 during office hours and may also contact on telephone nos. 94079-86308, 94079-85598 for any further queries related to the competition. The last date for submission of Admit Card is

December 08, 2023.

OBITUARY Kranti Jain



Bhilai: Kranti Jain, wife of Santosh (Chandelia) left for heavenly abode on Wednesday. Funeral procession will be taken out from her residence situated at Shop No 212, Zonal Market, Sector 10 on December 07 around 14:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed RamnagarMuktidham. She was the mother of Vishal, Vaibhav and Vikas Jain.

BJP gets close to choose new CM of Ch'garh

Tribal leader Vishnu **Deo Sai emerge as** front runner for the coveted post

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 06: Amidst buzz over the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, the central leadership on Wednesday once again held discussion before making a final decision on it. However, the name of former Union Minister

Official date as well

as photographs for

Identity Card taken

Raipur, Dec 06: The

newly-appointed Members

of Legislative Assembly

(MLAs) are busy in the

process of completion of

the formalities to be offi-

cially part of the Chhattisgarh Legislative

Senior Tribal MLA

Vishnu Deo Sai as well as

first timer Ramkumar

Toppo from Sitapur and

Ishwar Sahu from Saja

Wednesday reached the Assembly Secretariat to

submit their details which

are required for the offi-

constituencies

Assembly.

Vishnu Deo Sai has emerged as front runner for the post of Chief Minister as the central leadership prefers a tribal face in Chhattisgarh. In that case, another MLA would be appointed as Deputy Chief Minister who might by the State BJP President Arun Sao who on Tuesday tendered his resignation from Lok Sabha on the advice of central leadership.

In all likelihood, the high command

Nearly 40 MLAs complete official

process at Assembly Secretariat

Earlier, the senior BJP

Legislator Ramvichar

Netam, Purander Mishra

from Raipur North as well

as several others too com-

Officials provide them

essential information to

them about the function-

ing and proceedings of

Chhattisgarh Legislative

Assembly during the in-

teraction. Officials in-

formed that more than 40

pleted the process.

and senior Tribal leader would appoint Observers for Chhattisgarh who would preside over the meeting of newly-elected MLAs in next two days. Party sources said that a senior tribal MLA is likely to be given key responsibility whereas the new Cabinet would have several new faces which mean lesser scope for the veterans. It is notable that 11 former MLAs have won the elections this time but hardly few would be lucky enough to be part of the

MLAs have completed the

process. During their visit,

the Assembly Secretariat

has also taken official pho-

tographs of the visiting

MLAs for providing offi-

cial Identity Cards to the

MLAs. Information about

the choice of language, in

which the MLAs would be

taking oath, is also taken

by the Secretariat so that

they can make essential

preparations ahead of the

Oath Taking Ceremony to

be held on the inaugural

Assembly Secretariat has

established a Welcome

Centre to provide recep-

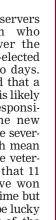
tion to the newly-elected

MLAs at the Assembly

premises for providing re-

It is notable that the

day of the new session.





With fall in the mercury due to rains, the railway passengers at the Raipur railway station are seen wearing woolen clothes and young ones are specially protected.

Two minors nabbed in theft incident

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec Tikrapara police has nabbed two minor boys in a theft case of gold and silve jewelleries in Dharam Nagar and seized the jewelleries worth Rs 5 lakh from their possession.

One of the minor boy was in Juvenile Home in Mana on charges of theft cases in Tikrapara, Puran Basti and in an attempt for murder

It was on interrogation that the Tikrapara police came to know about the style of his theft and nabbed the two minor boys.

Suresh Kumar Sahu of Dharam Nagar has filed a report that he along with his family

Budeni, Kharora on Dec 2 and it was in the morning of Dec 3 that his neighour called saying that a theft has taken place in his house.

When the person came back he found that the cooler in the room's window is placed inside the room and the lock of the Almirah is broken and the silver, gold jewelleries and cash kept inside the locker are missing.

The two accused by removing the cooler from the window had entered inside and stolen the gold and silver jewelleries. On this a case under section 457 and 380 was filed against unknown.

The anti-crime and

had being to Gram from Tikrapara went to the site of the incident and held talks with nearby persons and started investigation into the case. They also checked all CCTV footages and got in touch with the inform-

> They also crosschecked about the style of crime at the site and tried to co-relate it with other crimes which have taken place and found its connection related to an accused from Juvenile Home Mana.

> The police found that this minor accused along with another minor was spotted in that area on the night of Dec2 and they nabbed the two and on serious interrogation both accepted their crime.

Illegal huts, vendors near NIT, Science College removed



57 hutments in **Zone-7 also removed**

Raipur, Dec The anti-encroachment drive in the capital city continued for the second day as per the Collector's order and under direction of Municipal Commissioner RMC. The eviction teams of RMC along with Town & Country Planning and in the presence of Traffic police and district police force carried out this eviction drive in Zone 5 and 7 of RMC near NIT and Science College and also removed 57 hutments and illegal vendors in Zone -7 and freed the main road from encroachment. Due to this action by RMC,

by RMC, the illegal hutments and vendors were on the target. It was as per instructions by the Collector that this action was taken and it would continue in the near future. In addition to this 59 small eatables near the liquor shops in the urban areas of Raipur

many a small vendors seems to

abe in trouble and in this action

district and 19 in the rural areas, totaling 78 were removed by RMC and T&CP team and this included many handcarts, vendors and others running small eatable shops were removed. During this heavy police force was deployed and this has helped public in moving out easily from congested roads and frequent traffic jam.

Youth to get free bus facility to attend **Agniveer Army recruitment rally**

Raipur, Dec 06: Free bus facility will be provided by the district administration to the candidates of the district participating in the Agniveer Army Recruitment Rally organised from December 15 to 23 in Janigir. On the instructions of Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure, free bus facility is being provided to the eligible youth of Raipur district. Online Common Entrance Examination (CCE) was organized in April 2023 for Agniveer Army Recruitment Rally. In which the physical efficiency and selection test of the passed youth is scheduled from December15th to 23rd in Janjgir Champa at Police Line Khokhrabhatha, Janjgir. For the eligible youth appearing in the physical efficiency test on December 17 and 18 and for the youth appearing in the examination on December 19th and 20th, free bus facility will be available from District Employment Office Raipur, Old Police Headquarters Complex which will leave from here for Police Line Khokhrabhatha, Janjgir. The Deputy Director of the District Employment Office said that to avail the benefit of free bus facility, eligible candidates can get their nomination done at the District Employment Office, Raipur by December 14, 2023.

Governor paid tribute to Dr. Ambedkar on his death anniversary



Vishwabhushan Harichandan paid tribute Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on the occasion of his death the deprived and weaker sections of the society. Emphasizing social harmony, he always raised his voice for the exploited and the oppressed and always

played an important role

in the empowerment of

fought for the safety of Dalits. He had a major role in the making of the Constitution of India. He is the proud son of our country. His contribution is

memorable. On this occa-Governor's secretary Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Deputy Deepak Secretary Aggarwal and officers and employees of Raj Bhavan also paid tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar by offering flowers on his portrait.

Raipur, Dec 06: Under

Congress pays tribute to Baba Saheb

the leadership of State Congress President and MP Deepak Baij, floral tribute was paid to Constitution maker Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on his death anniversary at the State Congress office Rajiv Bhawan, Raipur. On this occasion. General Secretary Organization in-charge Malkit Singh Gaidoo, Congress Communication Department, Chairman, Sushil Anand Shukla,

Raipur, Dec 06: Centre for

Applied Mathematics, IIIT

Naya Raipur, in associa-

tion with Department of

Gandhinagar, is organizing a one-week Teachers

Enrichment Workshop

(TEW) at its campus, from

Dec 5 to 10. The workshop

is sponsored by National

Centre for Mathematics (A

joint centre of IIT Bombay

and TIFR, Mumbai). The

inaugural session of the

workshop was held on

December 05, 2023, in the

gracious presence of Dr.

Pradeep Sinha, Director,

IIIT Naya Raipur, es-

teemed speakers, Deans,

Pandit

Energy

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Secretary General Subodh Haritwal, Joint General Secretary Shiv Singh Thakur, Ashok Raj Ahuja, State Secretary Rehan Khan, Nandkumar Patel, Mehmood Ali, Roshan Singh, Bhavani Markam, Suresh Yadav, Mohd. Siddiq, Matin Khan, Amit Mittal, Ravi Sharma and officials of Dal, Mahila Seva Congress, Congress, INTUC, NSUI and Morcha organizations, cells, departments were present.

Diwali milan ceremony organised by RADA ularly good and all the



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Raipur, Dec 06: Raipur Automobile Dealers Association (RADA) organised its Diwali Milan on November 26 at Hotel Ambrosia. The event was attended by over 160 RADA members and their families. The record participation of automobile dealers from across the

state made the programme successful. Automobile traders from Bhilai-Durg, Rajnandgaon, Jagdalpur and Korba were also present on the occasion.

The main objective of the program was to celebrate Diwali festival as a family and enjoy the festivities with spouse and children. The festive season in the state was partic-

CAM Bangalore and Dr.

Highlights of the event were Diwali Selfie Zone, Magazine Selfie Zone, Nail Art, Tattoo Art, Paper Drawing, Hammer Ball Game and Virtual Game for kids were the center of main attraction.

dealers were very happy with their target achieve-

Family games like Tambola, Family Game and Ladies Game were organized for adults and prizes were also given to the winners. At the end of the event, Bollywood Sufi Musical Program by Sinna Sister Band enter tained the members and their families which was enjoyed by all.

Everyone enjoyed various types of delicious dishes along with entertainment at the event.

Lies of BJP suppressed truth of Congress: Baij

age to Dr. Ambedkar by

garlanding his photo-

graph at his residence.

The Governor said that

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar



the Assembly polls 2023 and

While commenting upon party's defeat in VS polls

Raipur, Commenting upon the party's defeat in the Assembly Polls 2023, PCC Chief Deepak Baij said that he respect the people's mandate, but this result is not as per party's expectation. He said that it was before BJP's lies that the Congress truth got suppressed. To ensure that the people of Chhattisgarh get their rights, the Congress party's struggle would continue and about the results he said that questions are being raised in EVMs functioning.

It is notable here that Congress faced defeat in

in this many a senior tribal leaders of Congress lost from the Bastar region. The party leaders are making all sorts of comments about their defeat from the tribal heartland, considered to be Congress fort earlier. Speaking to media persons, PCC Chief Baij said that the party under leadership of CM Bhupesh Baghel worked a lot for all sections of the society in its 5 yr rule and even the party's election manifesto was also very good, but still we lost. As to where the party or the organization went wrong, would be reviewed. About tendering his resignation for having lost the elections, Baij said that they all fought the last elections under combined leadership and whatever

the party would finalise, he

was agree to it. To question about a tribal CM, Baij said that BJP has got many experienced tribal leaders and what will be better if they project a tribal CM. About the bulldozers politics, PCC Chief said that BJP has been practicing the politics of spreading fear and even during the elections, they tried to impose fear in the mind of politicians, officers through ED and IT raids. To question about EVMs functioning, Baij said that questions on EVMs is not being raised now, but it was first BJP leader Advani only who raised this issue and from Chhattisgarh, few independent candidate from Kurud and South VS too have raised question on it.



HoDs, faculties and research scholars of different disciplines

During this week long workshop, the participants will be taught advanced topics of the knowledge related to Analytical and Numerical Aspects of Ordinary and

Partial Equations. The key attraction of this workshop is the highly advanced technical knowledge shared by the faculties like Prof. S. Natesan, IIT Guwahati, Prof. M.K. Kadalbajoo, IIT Kanpur, Prof. Veerappa Gowda, TIFR-

Mithilesh Kumar Chaube. Assistant Professor, IIIT Naya Raipur. In his inaugural address, Dr. Pradeep Sinha welcomed the participants and spoke about the institute and the initiatives taken by the institute for enhancing the knowledge of the teaching fraternity. Prof. M.K. Kadalbajoo shared his vast experience and encouraged participants to work hard in research and development. Addressing the participants, Prof. S. Natesan talked about the importance of Applied Computational Mathematics in Science and Engineering. He also

IIIT organizes one-week teachers enrichment workshop encouraged participants to work hard for socio-economic development and betterment of the society. These lectures will be incredibly beneficial for faculties, young researchers, Ph.D. students, and anyone willing to learn Computational Applied Mathematics. Participants will also be exposed to hands-on practice.
The workshop is being

coordinated Dr. Chandra ShekharNishad, Assistant Professor, IIIT Naya Raipur, and Dr. Manoj Sahni. Associate Professor,

VIP facilities in jail ends after govt changed

Special facilities were being provided in both men and women cells

Raipur, Dec 06: VIP facilities of prisoners lodged in Raipur Central Jail in cases of money laundering, coal, liquor scam and Mahadev App have been closed. The jail administration has put a stop to the facilities as soon as the



changes. government Special facilities were being provided in both men and women cells.

They are now being kept like normal prisoners. According to sources, these facilities have been closed from Monday. Till now everyone was kept in separate barracks. The facilities, from food to sleeping, were different. There is also news that

the AC has also been removed. The jail administration fears that a surprise inspection may take place at any time. In such a situation, preparations have been made.

Prisoners have the right to apply for 'VIP status' based on their social status and economic profile. Generally, former Union Cabinet Ministers. Ministers of State. Members of Parliament (MPs), former Assembly Speakers, Deputy Speakers, sitting MPs MLAs and Judicial Magistrates are selected for VIP prisoners. For most convicted politicians, obtaining this special status is a gateway to better living arrangements.

Skill development and entrepreneurship are integral parts of curriculum in CU-V-C

day national seminar on topic 'Startup, Entrepreneurship Moving Towards a Self-reliant India' was organized by the Department of Management Studies at Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central

University) on December 05, 2023 in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar. In the National Seminar,

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, while giving the basic mantra of entrepreneurship, "Rashtraya Swaha, Idam Rashtraya Idam Na Mam", said that the spirit of nationalism is paramount along with the need for courage and determination for entrepreneurship. Explaining the impor-



and authenticity in business, he said that youth should choose such enterprises which they feel interested in and in which they can progress.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, Milind Khankhoje, Circle Head DGM of Punjab National Bank, Bilaspur, while describing the topic of the seminar as approof banks in entrepreneurship and startups. Prof. Irala Lokhanda Reddy School Management Studies, University of Hyderabad, while delivering the keynote address, said that India is the fifth largest economy in the world and will become the third economic superpower of the

world by 2027.

Before this, the guests lit the lamp and offered flowers before the idols of Goddess Saraswati and Saint Guru Ghasidasji. The guests were welcomed with saplings. Saraswati Vandana and Kulgeet were presented by Tarang Band. The Coordinator of the national seminar, Prof. B.D. Mishra, presented the welcome address. The Registrar, Prof. Manish

Bhuvana Venkatraman, Dean-in-charge, School of Management their views on the relevance of the national seminar. The souvenir of the seminar was released by the guests on the stage.

The guests were honoured by presenting them with shawls, shriphal, and mementos.

The program was conducted Premshankar Dwivedi and the vote of thanks was given by the Co-coordinator of the seminar. Dr. B.B. Pandey. Two hundred participants registered for the seminar in hybrid mode. Deans of various schools, heads of departments. teachers, officers and a large number of students were present on this

CEO Kangale hands over list to Guv



That of newly elected party MLAs

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Raipur, Dec 06: Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Reena Baba Saheb Kangale met Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan at Raj Bhavan this afternoon and handed him the list of newly elected representatives along with the notification of formation of the

assembly

this occasion.

Principal Secretary of the Election Commission of India, Mr. SB Joshi, Joint Chief Electoral Officer of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Nilesh Mahadev Kshirsagar, Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Under Secretary of the Election Commission of India, Mr. Ritesh Singh, Section Officer Mr. Devesh. Singh and Junior Assistant Aneesh were present.

IPS Probationary officers met Governor



Raipur, Dec Probationary officers of Indian Police Service met the Governor. Four probationary officers of the Indian Police Service paid a courtesy call on Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. The probationary officers of the year 2022 batch of the Indian Police Service, Akash Shrisrimal, Ajay

Sabra and Vimal Kumai Pathak headed by Ratan Lal Dangi, Director of Netaji Subhash Chandra State Academy, Chandkhuri Governor Harichandan. Governor extended his wishes to all the police officers for their bright future. He asked the police officers to serve the country and society by performing their duty

Students create awareness during NSS camp



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Raipur, Dec 06: National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of NH Goel World School organised a seven-day camp at village -Ameri, which is 35 kms from Raipur city recently. 45 students of Grade-11 attended the camp, which was organized and guided by NSS Program Officer Ms. Sakshi Kahar, and was supported by School staff Saket Dubey, Derha Ram, Meera and Basanti. NSS volunteers took survey of village-Ameri and Sakri, in which total 800 responses were taken from rural households, during which volunteers communicated with villagers and understood and recorded their basic information and areas where development is required. Major projects taken were – Free Dental check-up camp in collaboration with Namman Hospital, Raipur -

were given check-up and necessary medicines were given. Volunteers camp day schedule included- morn-Prabhat Pheri, Cleanliness Drive, cooking daily for 50 camp participants, living with minimum resources, spreading awareness about basic rights and rural government policies. A gala cultural evening was the major attraction on the last evening of the camp where volunteers along with children of the village gave many performances Chhattisgarh state song, Lakshya Geet, Spiritual and patriotic songs, Dance performances of Chhattisgarh and some other states, Nukkadnatak and skit on -BACHAO, BETI PADHAO' theme. Volunteers also learned Chhattisgarhi lan-

NIT to host 6th Int'nl and **National Conference from today**

On Machines and **Mechanisms**

Raipur, Dec 06: In a significant milestone for the Association for Machines and Mechanisms (AMM), the 6th International and National Conference on Machines Mechanisms (iNaCoMM

2023) is set to take place at the prestigious National Institute of Technology Raipur from December 7th to 9th, 2023.

On the inaugural day, December 7th, Dr. NV Ramana Rao, Chief Patron of the conference and the esteemed Director of NIT Raipur, will set the tone for the conference and attendees will have the privilege of experiencing the Prof. B. M. Belgaumkar Memorial Lecture-1 delivered by Dr PM Pathak, a renowned

Roorkee. Additionally, a Plenary Talk-1 by an expert researcher will enrich the day's proceedings. The second day, December 8th, will showcase Plenary Talk-2 by Dr. Sujatha Srinivasan from IIT Madras, Plenary Talk-3 by Dr. CS Kumar from IIT Kharagpur, and an insightful Expert Talk from Industry-2 by Dr. Priti Yadav. The concluding day, December 9th, promises a captivating Plenary Talk-Industry Presentation-3 by BEML, and the distinguished Prof. K. Lakshminarayana Memorial Lecture-2 by Dr. Sunil K. Agrawal, a distinguished Professor from Columbia University, New York, USA. These lectures and talks are set to provide attendees with a comprehensive and enlightening perspective on the latest advancements in machines and mechanisms.

MLA Janak Dhuv receives enthusiastic welcome

Raipur, Dec 06: Janak Dhuv, the state president of Adivasi Congress, secured a historic victory in the Bindra Navagarh Assembly, ending the BJP's long-standing reign in the constituencv. The announcement was made in an official press release today by Bhavani Singh Markam, President of Adivasi Congress Raipur City District. Janak Dhuv's hard-

fought win in Bindra Navagarh Assembly is being celebrated as a significant milestone in the politilandscape

Chhattisgarh. For years, the BJP had maintained its stronghold in the region, but Janak Dhuv's determined campaign and the overwhelming support he received from the electorate propelled him to victory.

Upon reaching Raipur, Janak Dhuv was accorded a

coming ceremony included warm and enthusiastic wel-

come by a multitude of wellwishers. He was greeted with open arms by fellow tribal hostel students and received a grand reception in Raipur city, courtesy of dedicated Congress work-

Prominent personalities in attendance at the welAshish Sahu, Rajesh Das, Nayak, Santosh Shyamu Netam, Sanju Thakur, Deepak Yadav, Nihal Netam, and Chitresh Dhruy. Their pres ence added to the celebratory atmosphere as they con-

Ranjita clinches gold, Chandni grabs bronze

3rd Khelo India Sub **Junior Women Judo** (West Zone) League

Chhattisgarh's burgeoning judo talent has made a resounding impact at the 3rd Khelo India Sub Junior Women Judo (West Zone) League, held from December 3 to 6, at the Sanskardham Sports Academy in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

In a remarkable achievement, Ranjita, hailing from Kondagaon district, emerged as the shining star of the tournament by clinching the gold medal in the fiercely competitive 48kg weight category. Her victory not only brought pride to her hometown but



the entire Chhattisgarh sports community. Ranjita's journey to success was shaped by years of dedication and rigorous training under the guidance of ITBP constable Jaiprakash and, currently, instructor Uday Singh Yadav. This gold medal win is a testament to her unwavering commitment to the sport.

Adding to the state's glory, Chandni, representing Bilaspur district, secured a well-deserved bronze medal in her respective weight category. Her impressive performance underscores the depth of talent that Chhattisgarh possesses in the field of judo. The cumulative efforts

of Ranjita and Chandni propelled Chhattisgarh to a total of three medals at the Women's League, with one gold, one silver, and one bronze. Their consistent success in state-level competitions has now translated into national recognition

Chhattisgarh State Judo Association, led by President Arun Dwivedi, General Secretary SR Soni, and Treasurer Satish Singh, along with various district judo associations, trainers, and well-wishers, have extended their heartfelt congratulations to these judo prodigies. The state is now eagerly anticipating even greater achievements on the national and international stages from these talented athletes, informs Anis Memon working member Chhattisgarh State Judo

CAIT urges Piyush Goel to remove ambiguity in FDI policy: Parwani Raipur, Dec 06: CAIT National Senior Vice President Amar Parwani. chairman Mangelal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, States Working President vikram Singn Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, State General Secretary Suriender Singh , State Working General secretary Bharat Jain, and State Treasurer Ajay Agrawal informed in a communication sent to Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goel on Tuesday, the Confederation of All India Traders(CAIT) has urged to prohibit foreign entities from indirectly engaging in inventory e-commerce which is strictly prohibited by the FDI Policy. The FDI Policy of India has always restricted FDI in

Multi Brand Retail Trade (MBRT) and prohibited FDI in inventory e-commerce to protect the interests of the backbone of India's economy i.e. small and traditional traders and to prevent them from being displaced by large foreign enterprises with deep pockets of foreign e-tailerssaid CAIT

CAIT National Senior Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani & State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi said that to help India keep pace with the world, 51% FDI in MBRT (through government route) was permitted for the first time in 2013. In furtherance of the same, 100% FDI was permitted in marketplace model of ecommerce through Press Note 3 of 2016. However, a serious conflict in certain

provisions of the FDI Policy arose because of which foreign e-commerce platforms have been indirectly carrying out invene-commerce in tory food/grocery segment.

Both Mr. Parwani & Mr. Doshi said that as per 5.2.15.2.3, it is clear that FDI in inventory e-commerce is strictly and expressly prohibited. As per 5.2.5.1, FDI is permitted under the automatic route for a manufacturer (who produces goods himself) and only the manufacturer is permitted to sell his own goods (manufactured by him in India) through wholesale and retail, including through e-commerce. The conflict is created by 5.2.5.2 which states that notwithstanding the provisions on trading sector, "100% FDI under Government approval route is allowed for retail trading, including through e-commerce, in respect of food products manufactured and/or produced in India." This provision gives an impression that in grocery/food sector, 100% FDI is permitted not only for manufacturing of food/grocery goods in India but also for the trading (through wholesale, retail and e-commerce) of food/grocery goods. By hiding behind this provision, Amazon and Flipkart have been carrying out inventory e-commerce by trading (through e-commerce) goods manufactured in India by third-party manufacturers and selling them as private labels on their own platforms.

nter-set Music competition held at RKC

Dec Raipur. Following the rich tradi-Rajkumar the Music Department of Rajkumar College had their Inter Set Music Competition for the year 2023 on 5th December, 2023. It commenced at 10am at Stow Hall with the lighting of ceremonial lamp before Goddess Saraswati. It began with the tiny talents of Junior school, followed by M.P. House and finally by Senior Section, who enthralled in the audience.

The results of Junior School and M.P. House were as follows: - Vocal Talents) Chaitanya Gupta, IG, Bikrams 1st. 2. ShrivardhanTalreja, I E, Rajputs – 2nd, Devaang Agrawal, I A, Aryans – 3rd and 4. Mihaan Tiwari, I A, Ranas -4thVocal (MP House) 1. Kirti Jain, V D, Rajputs 1st, 2. RaayaJuneja, IV D, Ranas – 2nd, Hridayansh Jain, IV E, Aryans – 3rd and 4. LeherNihchlani, IV G, Bikrams - 4th Instrumental (M.P.House) 1. Abhyudaya Sharma, VB, Bikrams -1st, 2. Viraja Agrawal, IV F, Ranas – 2nd, Amaira Kaur Rehal, V D, Rajputs – 3rd and4. Nyara Shukla, V B, Aryans – 4thChoice Round (M.P. House) 1. Arshika Agrawal, V F, Aryans – 1st, 2. Anush Joshi, V A, Ranas – 2nd, PranshuChandrawanshi, V B, Rajputs – 3rd& 4. DhariniSahu, Bikrams-4th.

Final Set Position after Junior School and M.P. House were as follows: - 1. Rajputs (903 points)- 1st, 2. Ranas (851 points) – 2nd, 3. Aryans (839 points) – 3rd, 4. Bikrams

(799 points) – 4th The results of Senior



Rajputs – 1st, 2. Atharv Agrawal, Bikrams – 2nd, Saksham Agrawal, Ranas 3rd and

GauriPurohit, Aryans -4thInstrumental Round (Senior Section) 1. Ku. Aditi Agrawal, Bikrams -1st, 2. Navya Agrawal, Aryans – 2nd, Naman

Ku. NishikaBhusania, Rajputs - 4thChoice Round (Senior Section) 1. Rakshit Raj Pandey, Rajputs – 1st, 2. Ku. Aneet Kaur Sachdev, Bikrams -2nd, Ku. Sahana Mandle, Aryans – 3rd and 4. Ku. Aisha Kothari, Ranas -

Grand Final Set Positions after Senior Section were as follows: -1. Rajputs (1566 points) – Gupta, Ranas – 3rd and 4. 1st, 2. Bikrams (1511

points) – 2nd, 3. Ranas (1455 points) – 3rd, 4. A (1445 points) – 4th It is heartening to note

that the winners of IPSC Music Festival, 2023 held L.K. Singhania Education Centre, Gotan, Rajasthan were honoured by the Principal on this occasion. Both Harshifat Kaur and Ishika Bhamra Creditable Performance award in Duet Bhajan category.

TanveerBhamra (Violin) got Creditable Performance award in Indian Instrumental Solo category. Manan Nathani (Tabla) got Creditable Performance award in Indian Instrumental Solo category. The following students also represented the school in the following categories. 1. Shaurya Diwan Shukla (Indian Classical Vocal Solo category),2. The following 9 students were in Hindi Patriotic Group Song namely, Pritha Jain, Adeya Varghese, Nanki Kaur, Harshifat Kaur, Ishika Bhamra, Asmi Jain, Kohinoor Kaur Hora, Shaurya D. Shukla and Swarnim Kunj. Accompaniment:

Khushi Jain (Harmonium), Divyansh Agrawal (Flute), Manan Nathani and Lakshya Sethia (Tabla). Indian Classical Orchestra: -

Khushi (Harmonium), Divyansh Agrawal (Flute), Swarnim Kunj (Sitar), Manan Nathani and Lakshya Sethia (Tabla). Western Vocal Solo -Pritha Jain, Western Instrumental Solo Abhuday Dev Diwan (Flute), Western Band -Privansha Palsania (Violin), Aryan Mundhra (Guitar), Asmi Jain (Keyboard), Arham Jain (Drum), Khushi Jain (Organ), Kohinoor Kaur Hora (Organ) and Rakshit Raj Pandey (Guitar). Raja Harihar Singh

Mardraj of Khandpapra Cup for Best Vocalist went to Adeya Varghese (239) (Rajputs) and Kharaswan Music Kharaswan Trophy presented by Yuvraj P.B. Sigh Deo of Kharaswan went to RA-JPUTS (1566 points)

The judges on the occa-

sion were Anin Roy, Kamla Devi Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Vijaylakshmi Chandrakar and Kumar Pandit, All India Radio, Raipur. Lt. Col. Avinash Singh (Veteran). Principal, Rajkumar College, Raipur (C.G.) distributed the prizes and trophies to the winners of the Inter Set Music Competition, 2023. The judges were also present on the occasion. Vice Principal SNS. Deo read out the names of the winners.

The Principal & the judges appreciated the efforts of the students for giving an excellent& heartwarming performance. They also lauded the effort of the staff members of the Music Department for working tirelessly to prepare the students, informs a press release.

East Coast Railway observes Mahaparinirwan Diwas



Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Mahaparinirwan Diwas was observed at East Coast Railway headquarters, on Wednesday. Senior Officers and staff of East

Coast Railway headed by General Manager, Manoj Sharma offered floral Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar on behalf of ECoR family. Principal Chief Officer Personnel Siddharth Kati and Chief Personnel Officer Surva

Prakash co-ordinated the programme. Mahaparinirwan Diwas was also observed in all the Divisional Headquarters of East Coast Railway at Khurda Road, Waltair & Sambalpur by respective Divisional Railway

UCO Bank accounts opened around transfer dates under CBI scanner

The CBI investigation into surprise credits totalling Rs 820 crore in the accounts of UCO Bank customers brought under the scanner agency's thousands of recipient accounts which were opened around the dates the transfers took place, of-

The CBI is probing a case where over 41,000 UCO Bank customers received surprise credits of varied amounts in their November 10-13 without any corresponding debits in the originating ac-

ficials said Wednesday.

Among various leads, the agency's needle of sus-

counts, they said.

were opened around the time the transactions started and received the transfers, the officials said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had earlier said in a statement that several account holders allegedly exploited this situation, illicitly withdrawing funds from UCO Bank through various banking channels, thereby benefiting wrongfully from the transaction.

"No one who received the funds without criminal intent needs to worry about our investigation. We focus only on those who conspired and orchestrated the massive scheme. It is an early stage of investigation, and all angles are being looked into," an must beware of fraudsters who may want to exploit the situation by posing as investigators. The CBI does not make phone calls to get details in the case, hence, he said in cases of such calls, people may approach the agency directly.

The agency has noted that Rajasthan was the most affected state in the money transfer case, recording 7.50 lakh transactions in three days spread across 230 branches and 28,000 accounts in which Rs 760 crore were transferred.

The officials said it was followed by Karnataka and West Bengal, where Rs 3.40 crore and Rs 2.60 crore were transferred.

They said the money landed in accounts of UCO Payment Service (IMPS) transactions originating from 14,000 account holders of private banks in three days

Surprisingly, they said no corresponding amount was debited from the originating bank accounts. Several account holders withdrew the surprise credits from their accounts, the officials said.

The countrywide transactions resulted in a CBI FIR after UCO Bank approached the central agency with a complaint against two support engineers working with it and other unknown persons on allegations of "suspicious" IMPS transactions amounting to approximately Rs 820 crore, they

"During the searches,

cluding mobile phones, laptops, computer systems, email archives, and debit or credit cards were recovered." spokesperson had said ear-

He had said that between November 10 and November 13, IMPS inward transactions from 14,000 account holders across seven private banks were directed to 41,000 UCO Bank account hold-

ers.
"It was further alleged that this intricate network 8,53,049 transactions, and these transactions were mistakenly posted in UCO Bank account-holders records, despite the originating banks registering failed transactions," the

Day after Michuang, parts of Chennai remain deluged

Chennai, Dec 06 (PTI):

Residents grappled with stagnant water and power disruption in parts of the city and its suburbs on Wednesday, two days after Cvclone 'Michaung' wreaked havoc in the metropolis and neighbouring districts, even as civic agency personnel were involved in relief and rehabilitation efforts.

The government said power was kept suspended in some areas as a "precables were under water, while asserting all efforts were being taken to restore normalcy. Another day's holiday

was declared for schools and colleges in Chennai on December 7. The cvclone-triggered heavy rainfall had led to inundation in localities includ-Velachery Tambaram. Wednesday too, people were seen leaving their homes in the areas sur-

rounded with water to

their children and wading through the stagnant water. They called for help, inpressing more boats to ferry people to higher ground.

Chief Minister M K Stalin visited some of the affected areas and distributed food and essential commodities to people put up at a relief centre in the city. He inspected activities undertaken by the city civic body to drain He also wrote to the

Centre seeking an interim flood relief of Rs 5,060 crore to tide over the situation. Indian Navy personnel evacuate localities still being

surrounded by stagnant water, claiming many residents were stuck inside. hashtag

#Velachery was trending on the microblogging site.



Many users on social stranded residents from a flooded media site 'X' shared colony after heavy rainfall owing to videos of residential Cyclone Michaung, in Chennai district. Police

her relatives were stuck in their home for the last three days without power. drinking water and milk.

There were complaints of delay in supply of milk and Tambaram and residents alleged it was being sold for extra price.

Power supply had not resumed in parts of the city including Kilpauk Kattupakkam.

The state government said relief activities were on in full swing and that people in many of the affected areas were being rescued through inflatable boats even during the midnight. Senior officials of

the Greater Chennai Corporation were overseeing the rescue and relief activities, the civic agency said. The Greater Chennai also nounced helpline

contact them for rescue and relief activities An update from the city police on Wednesday said six rain-related deaths

were reported while many

numbers for citizens to

cued by police personnel in different parts of the city. Among the rescued were aged persons and a number of pregnant women, and a woman and her newborn, an official release said. Further, 11 subways in the metro remained closed for vehicular movement due to water-logging. There were no disruptions in operations at the airport while the Southern Railway announced cancelling a number of services and diversion of many others. However, it announced

resumption of the suburban services on the Chennai Egmore-Chengalpet and Chennai Beach-Arakkonam routes with frequency of 30 and 45 minutes, respectively. Services Tiruvottiyur-Sullurpeta line will be operated in a hourly frequency, it said in an update. State Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena told reporters that water was draining in many parts of the city.

Former K'taka MLA accuses RSS museum of denying entry based on caste

Bengaluru, Dec 06 (PTI):

Goolihatti D Shekar, a former Karnataka MLA from Hosadurga constituency, has alleged that because he was a Dalit he was denied entry into the RSS Founder Keshav Hedgewar Museum in Nagpur. The RSS denied his claim, calling it base-

In an audio message addressed to BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh, Shekar claimed that he had visited the RSS headquarters in Nagpur three to four months ago with two others. On a visit to the Hedgewar museum there, someone at the entrance gate asked him to write his name and address on the visitors' reg-"I wrote my name and

was about to step in when the man standing there asked, 'Sir, if you don't mind, are you from the reserved category'. which means whether I am from the scheduled caste. When I said, 'yes' they said they don't allow SC (people)," Shekar alleged. Shekar,

Minister, had quit BJP and contested the May 2023 assembly election from Hosadurga constituency in Chitradurga district as an independent after the party denied him a ticket. B G Govindappa from Congress won the election while Shekar came fourth. The Karnataka chapter

of the RSS rejected his charge saying that there is no register in any office of the outfit any where as anyone can walk anywhere in the

RSS headquarters. In a statement, it said: Goolihatti Shekar who has said that the incident happened at least four months before the assem

election, met several RSS leaders after that but never told them about the 'insult' meted out to him. It is surprising that he is issuing a statement 10 months after the incident." It further said the RSS welcomes everyone with an open mindset.

Shefali Jariwala ventures into TV

Mumbai, Dec 06: Shefali Jariwala, the famed personality behind the iconic 'Kata Laga' music video, is all set to make her mark on television with Star Bharat's forthcoming show, 'Shaitani Rasmein.' In a candid statement, Shefali discusses her television debut and the excitement surrounding this unique project produced by Triangle Film Company.

Recognized for her unforgettable role in 'Kata Laga,' Shefali Jariwala has been a trendsetter in the entertainment industry. Now, she embraces a new challenge, bringing her talent to the small screen with 'Shaitani Rasmein.'

Produced by Triangle Film Company, this thrilling wedding fantasy promises a fresh take on television narratives with

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13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.



and supernatural elements.

In discussing her decision to enter the world of television, Shefali shares, "I believe I was too tem-

POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand

Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of

that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the

account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any

dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general

television roles before. I couldn't connect with the monotony of television show storylines and con-

However, when I was presented with the opportunity to be a part of 'Shaitani Rasmein.' I knew I had to say yes. It felt like the right opportunity for me to explore television because it offers a very different concept. The intriguing storyline made me hungry as an artist, and it's exactly what I've been waiting for.'

'Shaitani Rasmein' is set to redefine television narratives, and Shefali Jariwala's inclusion adds an exciting dimension to much-anticipated show. Stay tuned for the grand premiere on Star Bharat, where Shefali's charisma and the unique storyline promise an enthralling viewing experi-

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This is inform to General Public that I

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Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400025. Email: hfquerv@motilaloaswal.com Branch Office: 1st Floor, Unit No. 3, Plyank Tower, Raja Talab Road, Ward No.40, Raipur - 492001, Chhattisgarh Contact No .: - YOMKESH SAHU-8097472030

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION CUM SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice of 30 Days for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 and 9 of the Securit

Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Motifal Oswal Home Finance Limited (Earlier Known as Aspire Home Finance Corporation limited) /Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited (Earlier Known as Aspire Home Finance Corporation limited) /Secured Creditor from the Borrowers and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The reserve price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and last date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below.

Guarantor(s) / Loan Account	Date and Amount	of the EMD & Last Date of Immovable Submission of EMD		time of E-Auction	
Kumar Dewangan	01-02-2022/ Rs.727609/- (Rupees Seven Lac Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Nine Only)	Plot Kh No 31/67 Ph No 101/29 Rnm Dharsiwa 1 Ward No 20 Mouja Birgaon Raipur 492001 Raipur Raipur Chhattisgarh	Reserve Price:Rs.1635500/- (Rupees Sixteen Lac Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Date: 11-01-2024 11:00 Am to	
			EMD: Rs.163550/-(Rupees One Lac Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)	5:00 pm (with unlimited extensions of 5 minute each)	
			Last date of EMD Deposit: 10-01-2024		

The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Provider, https://auctions inventon.in for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for e-Auction and the Bid Form which will be submitted online. The interested buyers may go through the auction terms & conditions and process on the same portal and may contact

Place : CHHATTISGARH Date : 07,12,2023

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Terms and Conditions of E- Auction

Authorized Officer

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

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Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under

Name of Original Present Outstanding Date & Time of Earnest Money Date and Time Last Date. Time Sr. Loan Account Date of Reserve Price Borrower/ balance as on Inspection of Deposit (EMD) & Place for No 13-2 Notice 03.12,2023 Submission of Bid Co-Borrower/ Guaranto E-Auction the property in INR 1) Mr. Ram Kushal Rs.11,24,995.20 Rs.88,000/ 09.01.2024, before 05.00 PM 12,12,2023 Rs.8,80,000/-10.01.2024 Jana Small Finance Bank Limited. (Rupees Eleven Lakh Shrivas, S/o. Santosh 09.00 AM (Rupees Eight (Rupees Eighty @ 11.00 AM Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, 45099420001618 Shrivas, 2) Mrs. Indrani 31.03.2023 12.07.2023 TwentyFour Thousand Eight Thousand to Lakh Eighty to Nine Hundred Ninety

05,30 PM Kushal Shrivas 02.00 PM Thousand Only) Only) Raipur-492001 Five Paise Twenty Only) Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of Diverted land bearing Plot No.30, total admeasuring area of 900 Sq.ft., (83.643 Sq.mtrs.), Part of Survey No.307/2, Sheet No.10, Situated at P.H. No.32 Ward No.54, Arvind Nagar Ward, Bandhwapara, Mouza Sarkanda, R.N.M. Sarkanda, Tehsil Bilaspur & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Land of Virnal Dubey, North by: Remainin Land of Seller and South by: Remaining Land of Seller.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted 'On Line'. All payments relating to purchase of above said property to be made in favour of Jana Small Finance Bank. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. 4 Closure at the web portal https://bankauctions.in & www.foreclosureindia.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu, Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000809/ 8142000809. info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank officers Mr. Mahendra Bramhane (Mob No.9029290202) & Mr. Ajay Naik (Mob No.9960948687). To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date nterest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

1. Late Shri Harjeet EMT of Land and Building situated at plot no. 08 Singh (Borrower) and Khasra No. 1442/11, 1443/11, 1444/26, Kailasl 03.10.2023 16,86,663.80 Shri Jaswant Singh Nagar, Village- Kurud, PH No. 19, Tehsil and Dist Bhatti (Co-Borrower) Possession Notice Date with interest and Durg (CG) comprising area- 0.01 hactare. Boundaries: North- Plot of Ritesh Pathak, South applicable Plot of Kapil Nagwanshi, East- 20' Road, Westcharges thereon. 05.12.2023 Branch: Bhilai Main Branch Place: Bhilai Main (C.G.) Date: 06.12.2023 Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

Collector holds weekly time-limit meeting



service. Instructions were

given to ensure necessary

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cations received for sand

Instructions given for proper operation of **Bijapur Express** Jansuvidha bus service

excavation lease under Chhattisgarh Minor Bijapur, Dec 06: Mineral Sand Excavation 2023 Instructions were Collector Rajendra given to increase produc-Kumar Katara, while pretion and sales in all the RIPA centers operating in siding over the weekly time-limit meeting, gave inthe district. In the meeting, structions to ensure proper while reviewing the work of maintenance of paddy prohealth, education, tribal, curement, lifting and keepwomen and child developing in view the rainy seament, public health engison in all the paddy proneering and other departcurement centers of the disments, necessary guidelines were given. During this, DFO Ranganatha trict. He asked to speed-up the development works being conducted in the dis-Ramakrishna Y, Deputy trict, motivate farmers to Director Indravati Tiger donate paddy husk, arrange Reserve Sandeep Balga, fodder adequate CEO District Panchayat Gauthans, transport husk Ravi Kumar Sahu and senand collect it in Gauthans. ior district level officers, Instructions were given to SDMs of all sections, inspect the maintenance, Collectors, Tehsildars, CEO District insurance etc. of the bus for proper operation of Bijapur Panchayat and CMO Urban Express Jansuvidha bus

Life affected by cyclonic storm Michaung

40% paddy not been harvested yet

Rajim, Dec 06:

The effect of cyclonic storm Michaung has started becoming visible in Rajim area also and daily life has been affected due to drizzle since Tuesday morning. People have now taken out warm clothes and lighting a bonfire is becoming a routine. On the other hand apart from disrupting normal life the farmers are suffering the most, as those who have harvested and brought home their produce and those who have sold it, are riddened of the seasonal change but those farmers whose produce is lying in the fields or in the open, and has not been harvested, are worried as 40% of the paddy in the area has not been harvested yet.

The crops are ripe and flourishing in the farmers' fields but the fields are still



wet, due to which the harvester machine is not able to move. It should be noted that only 30% of the farmers are weeding using sickles and 70% of the farmers do machine harvesting here in the region adding to the trouble.

Farmers Udaychand Sahu, Ganpat Patel, Deendayal Mohanlal, Sahu, Ramkumar Sonkar told that although they have to pay for harvesting with harvester machine, but this provides conven-

ience as the machine does both cutting and threshing and also saves time. After harvesting the paddy crop and tying it in bundles, they used to bring it in bullock cart and later threshing was done with a roller or tractor, which took a lot of

At present, various types of harvester and thresher machines are being used, but the bad weather has made the condition of the farmers critical, they opined. After the departure of monsoon in the month of September, the umbrellas were dismantled and kept in an organized place, but lately people have again taken out raincoats and umbrellas to avoid getting wet in the name of rain, apart from warm clothes. Last year it was very cold in December, but this time the cyclonic storm made one feel the cold and climate change is adversely

affecting people's health.

Sweets distributed among the advocates in the court premises



After BJP won with a huge majority in three states

Jagdalpur, Dec 06:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Legal Cell Bastar District celebrated the historic victory of Bharatiya Janata Party in three states Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. Gratitude was expressed for the efficient leadership of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, State President Arun Sao.

BJP Legal Cell Bastar District celebrated the victory by distributing sweets in the court complex Jagdalpur. Sapan Dewangan, District Convener of Law Cell, Bastar, said that the people of three states have risen above caste politics and voted for development and provided an opportunity to form a government with an overwhelming majority.

During this, District Convenor of Law Cell Dewangan, Sapan Deepak Trivedi, Naveen Thakur, Dinesh Panigrahi, Sanjay Mishra, Anand Mohan Mishra L. Ishwar Rao Ish Narayan Jaiprakash Padhi, Anjali Sharma and other workers were present.

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BJP got the blessings of the people of Ch'garh: Verma

Khairagarh, Dec 06:

Leader of Yuva Morcha, Harsh Vardhan Verma, while thanking the people of Chhattisgarh for the return of BJP to the government in Chhattisgarh and its spectacular victory, said that Ram Rajya has arrived in Chhattisgarh and the lotus of good governance has blossomed, the biggest credit for this goes to the people of Chhattisgarh, who have shown their faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party and the party will definitely live up to the trust of the



Regarding Congress's Bhupesh government, Harsh Vardhan said that this is the result of the insult he took to Mother Ganga and taking a false oath on her. Today, the

whole of India considers Mother Ganga as sacred and worships her, the insult done to Sanatan Dharma has not survived date. Regarding Khairagarh assembly, Harsh Vardhan said that we are sad that we could not win the Khairagarh assembly, the candidate here, young Samrat Vikrant Singh, worked very hard, the workers also showed their full strength but still we were disappointed by a very small margin, but there is no doubt that in the upcoming elections, we will definitely win the

Unseasonal rains damage standing crops including paddy National **Highway 130 A**

remains closed

Pandaria, Dec 06:

Unseasonal rains which started in Pandaria city and area from early Tuesday morning, which continued throughout the day has caused damage to the crops including paddy. There is a possibility of the paddy sprouting and turning black due to unseasonal rains and if there is heavy rain in the coming days, the Karpa of paddy may drown and the paddy will completely rot,



Along with this, pigeon pea flowers have started falling due to rain and the infestation of insects has also started increasing. According to the weather department, the weather



is expected to remain like this for the next two-three days. National Highway 130 A passing through Pandaria remained closed due to rain, and construction work of the said road

going from Pandaria to Kawardha and Mungeli is going on. In which base work is being done. Base work is being done by the contractor and in the

Baghamuda on Mungeli road and near Pandatarai on Kawardha road. A large number of employees from Kawardha and Mungeli come to the block headquarters and schools, they are unable to reach their duty places due to road closure. Passengers going to Pandariya from Mungeli, Kawardha and Bilaspur remained troubled since morning and due to closure of the route, most of the passengers had to return before their destination and had to go to Kawardha via Kunda, Padhi, Lormi and other

Weather unpredictable due to storm Michaung



Kurud, Dec 06:

Michong, the weather of rural areas including Kurud city kept changing every moment throughout Meteorological Department had also issued a bulletin regarding cyclonic storm Michaung, due to cloudy sky since

Due to cyclonic storm

Monday morning, light rain occurred in some places of the region on Tuesday morning and due to change in weather the

temperature has dropped. It was cloudy since the morning and with the cloud cover throughout the day, the cold winds coming from the Gulf continued. Due to the cold winds coming from the Gulf, the chill



has increased further these days and people are sitting near the bonfire in the Chowk intersection. Crops are also being affected due to the continuously changing weather and these days, harvesting of paddy crop is going on in the villages of Kurud, but due to wet fields, disruption in harvesting of paddy crop, farmers can

be seen worried. The fields became wet due to light rain in the past few days and due to which harvesting had to be stopped. The situation is that due to the land being wet, the crop is not being harvested by machine and for this; the farmers have to bear the cost of supporting laborers and renting threshers etc.

Gagda has insulted the mandate of the people of Bijapur: Mandavi Bijapur, Dec 06:

The newly elected MLA

of the district, Vikram Mandavi has reacted to the statement of former MLA Mahesh Gagda. He said that elections are held through democratic process. During elections, people choose their representatives as per their choice. Under this process, the people of Bijapur expressed their confidence in the Congress candidate in the assembly elections and democratically elected me as their public representative. But the statement given by former BJP MLA Mahesh Gagda in a press conference on the elections is an insult to the mandate given Congress from the voters of Bijapur.

While addressing the journalists on Tuesday,



Vikram Mandavi said that former MLA and BJP candidate Mahesh Gagda has lost the elections twice in a row. Frustrated with his defeat, he is busy insulting the voters of Bijapur district by making wild statements about the elections held in a peaceful atmosphere in Bijapur. He said that he was also elected MLA in the year 2008 and 2013. BJP government was also formed and he also became a minister. So, did the then Collector and SP

of the district make former MLA Mahesh Gagda win the election or did the people of Bijapur make him win the election? They should disclose this.

Vikram Mandavi said that former MLA Mahesh Gagda has insulted the mandate of the people of Bijapur. Therefore Mahesh Gagda should apologize to the people of Bijapur. Mr. Mandavi said that Mahesh Gagda is an expert in making false allegations. Even now they are trying to cre-

the officers, employees and contractors of the district by making false allegations. Even today he considers himself a minister. challenged former MLA Mahesh Gagda and said that now there is BJP government in the state. If Vikram Mandavi has committed corruption then conduct a fair investigation and put him in jail. During this, a large number of Congress workers including District Congress Committee President Lalu Rathore, District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiam, District Panchayat member Neena Rawatiya Udde, District Panchayat Vice President Kamlesh Karam, MP representative Venugopal Rao

ate an atmosphere of fear in the district by scaring

Panch Kundiya Gayatri Mahayagya concludes

1000 lamps donated

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Dec 06:

'Panch Kundiya Gayatri Mahayagya' was organized from Nov 29 to Dec 2 under the leader-All World Gayatri Parivar Branch Pendra and under the guidance of Shantikuni Haridwar. On the occasion of the conclusion of the program, many important programs were organized in which a special youth consciousness workshop was organized for the youth and children by Gayatri Parivar Youth Branch Diya Divine Group.

During this, Korba Divine Group Diya member and state campaigner Khilavan Patel, state campaigner Diya Chhattisgarh by Kanhaiya Chauhan On this occasion, Kanhaiya Chauhan, Har Prasad Pal Korja provided information about the harm caused by drugs through songs along with



music on the topic of de-addiction. At the end of the program, Deep Yagya was performed by donating

more than 1000 lamps. While explaining the importance of lamp, Swami Krishna Prapannacharya Kamta Maharaj said that just as this lamp removes the darkness, similarly we all need to take a resolution to continuously light a lamp in our hearts, so that no trace of darkness remains away. On this occasion, Vishwa Hindu Parishad District President Harsh Chhabria said that the way Divine Group Diya is continuously working to spread the light of knowledge to the people.

Certainly, by joining through this divine group Diya, the youth will contribute their role in nation building by channelizing their talents and abilities in a positive direction. On this occasion, Diya Mandal was also formed in Amarpur Gram Panchayat in which the announcement of making Kumari Rani Yadav the director of Diya Mandal Amarpur was made by District Coordinator Vasundhara Verma.

On the occasion of the conclusion of Mahayagya, prominent members of the program committee and members of various organizations were present, includ-Natthu Prasad Gupta, Baijnath Patel, Rekha Kesari, Omprakash Balbhadra, Sunita Balbhadra, Rekha Rathore, Vasundhara Verma, Preeti Trivedi, Santoshi Sahu, Sushma Sahu, Ashu Patel, Anita Kewat, Pawar, Naveen Vishwakarma, Bajrang Dal District Coordinator Sagar Patel.

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'Hamar Sughghar Pandar Dalli Seva Samiti' provides aid to ailing woman

Dalli-Rajhara, Dec 06:

A selfless service organization of Dalli-Rajhara "Hamar Sughghar Pandar Dalli Seva Samiti" has lately provided financial help to one Mrs. Mirabai who was ailing since long. The woman lived behind Ward No. 2 Ganesh Chowk Government Primary and Pre-Secondary School, Pandar Dalli (Anasuiya School) and due to ill health; she was admitted to Pushpa Hospital, Dalli-Rajhara for the last two

The doctor told that she was suffering from chest and skin infection and both she and her mother aged sixty and eighty were in bad shape financially. The cost of treatment was borne by Pushpa Hospital



but extended aid was provided by Hamar Sughghar Pander Dalli Seva Samiti in the form of Rs.8000.

Apart from this monetary help was also provided by staff of Government Primary and Secondary School, where the ailing woman priory worked as a cleaning staff and a blanket was also provided by Jain Trading Company. The woman has expressed her gratitude to the organization and its members. On this occasion, all the members of Sughghar Pandar Dalli Seva Samiti, Jeevanlal Sahu, Bhoj Ram Sahu, Shiv Prasad Sahu, Ms. Mamta Netam, Bachittar Singh Sandhu, Milap Kurre, Vikas Gajbhiye, Rohit Sahu were present.

Iran says it sent a capsule capable of carrying animals into orbit



This photo released by the Iranian Defense Ministry on Wednesday, Dec. 6, claims to show a rocket with a capsule carrying animals is launched from an undisclosed location into orbit, Iran. Iran said Wednesday it sent a capsule into orbit carrying animals as it prepares for human missions in coming years.

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A report by the official IRNA news agency quoted Telecommunications

launched 130 kilometres into orbit. Zarepour said the launch of the 500-kilogram (1,000-pound) capsule is aimed at sending Iranian astronauts to space in coming years. He did not say if any animals were in the capsule. He told state TV that Iran plans to send astronauts into space by 2029 after further tests involving animals. State TV showed footage of a rocket named Salman carrying the capsule. Iran occasionally announces successful launches of satellites and other space crafts. In September, Iran said it sent a data-collecting satellite into space. In 2013, Iran said it sent a monkey into space and returned it successfully. Reports said the country's Defense Ministry built and launched the Salman rocket while the capsule was built by the Iranian civil

BLESSED VATICAN GATHERING



Pope Francis is greeted by nuns during his weekly general audience in the Pope Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Hungary plans to turn Amrita Sher-Gil's Lahore residence into museum



Visitors at an exhibition at the residence of Hungarian-Indian painter Amrita Sher-Gil, on the Mall Road, in Lahore, Pakistan.

Lahore, Dec 06 (PTI):

Hungary plans to turn Hungarian-Indian painter Amrita Sher-Gil's Ganga Ram Mansions on The Mall here into a museum, a top diplomat of the country said as several art lovers and intellectuals gathered for the unveiling

plaque and an exhibition to pay homage to the celebrated artist. In connection with her 82nd death anniversary on Tuesday, the Hungarian embassy in collaboration with the Punjab University College of Art and Design held a ceremony to install a commemorative plaque at her residence here in the capital of Pakistan's Punjab province and an exhibition to pay homage to her. The recreated works by

13 university artists were on display at the exhibition. They recreated the artworks of Amrita Sher-Gil with the amalgamation of their ideas to pay homage to the distinguished artist. The plaque installed at

her residence read "1931-1941 The pioneer in modern art of the Indian subcontinent. The artist of Indo-Hungarian parentage, who influenced generations of painters to come, breathed her last in this house on 5th December 1941." Speaking on the occa-Hungarian Ambassador to Pakistan Bela Fazekas said Amrita Sher-Gil was born in Hungary and she was one of the distinguished visual artists of the Indian

Will wait for results of India's probe into plot to kill Sikh separatist: US

Washington, Dec 06 (PTI):

The United States has said it will wait to see the results of the investigation announced by India concerning allegations of the involvement of an Indian official in a plot to assassinate a separatist Sikh leader in the US.

"We have noted at the most senior levels of this government the secretary of state has raised this directly with his foreign counterpart that we take this issue very seriously. They told us they would conduct an investigation," Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told

"They have publicly

reporters at his daily

news conference on

announced an investigation. Now, we will wait to see the results of the investigation...," Miller said in response to a question

American prosecutors have linked an Indian official to a man charged with conspiring to assassinate Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Pannun on US soil. India has described it

as a "matter of concern" and asserted that followup action will be taken based on findings of a panel investigating the allegations.

The US, Miller said, has also urged India to cooperate with Canada's investigation of allegations of Indian involvement in the killing of a

Putin visits Saudi Arabia and UAE

Dubai, Dec 06 (AP)

Russian Vladimir Putin began a trip on Wednesday to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, hoping to shore up support in the Mideast from two major oil producers allied to the US as his war on Ukraine grinds on. Putin landed in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the Emirates, a federation of seven sheikhdoms now hosting the United Nations' COP28 climate talks. It marked his first trip to the region from before the coronavirus pandemic and the war and as he faces an arrest warfrom rant International Criminal Court over the war in Ukraine.

Neither Saudi Arabia nor the UAE has signed the ICC founding treaty, meaning they don't face any obligation to detain Putin over the warrant

personally responsible for the abductions of children from Ukraine during his war on the country. Putin skipped a summit in South Africa over concerns he could be arrested on arrival

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE's foreign minister, met a smiling Putin after he bounded down the stairs of his presidential accusing him of being plane. As he arrived at

Abu Dhabi's Qasr al-Watan palace to meet Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the country's ruler, the UAE's military acrobatics team flew in forma tion with red, white and blue smoke trailing them in the colours of the Russian flag. Soldiers on horseback and with camels lined his arrival route, Russian and Emirati flags also hang-

Indian-American national security expert with roots in Kashmir running for US Congress also thrown her hat in the Wexton who has repre-

Washington, Dec 06 (PTI):

Krystle Kaul, an Indian-origin foreign policy and national security expert with roots in Kashmir, has announced that she will run for the House

Representatives from a Congressional district in Virginia with a focus on core issues like public safety, education and healthcare. Kaul, if elected in 2024,

would be only the second Indian-American woman to be elected to the House of Representatives after Congresswoman Pramila

Pramila Jayapal's sister Susheela Jayapal has

race to the Congress from the third Congressional District of Oregon.

Fluent in eight languages, including Hindi, Punjabi, Dari, Urdu and Arabic, Kaul, the first Kashmiri-origin person to ever run for Congress, said her decision to run the 10th Congressional District of Virginia came after

Both Kaul and Susheela

Jayapal, from the Democratic Party, will have to win the party's primary next year to bag the party's nomination for the November 2024 general elections.

Democratic Congresswoman Jennifer

sented the constituency since 2019 announced her decision not to seek reelection. Kaul has spent her professional life in the national security establishment from the Pentagon to think tanks and the defence industry.

She said education, healthcare and public Safety are the "three core issues" she would focus on in her campaign.

The 10th Congressional District of Virginia encompasses parts of Virginia that have one of the highest concentrations of Indian Americans and South Asians in the state, like Loudoun County, Fairfax County and Williams County.

Elaborating on her

Prince

promises to the electorate, she said: "The first foremost being is education...The second one is improving our healthcare system here. "We have a lot of small business owners and just making healthcare more affordable and more accessible. So from prescription drugs to seeing specialists, that is something that is a concern. And the third is public safety, making sure we have safe neighbourhoods. schools, safe communities," Kaul, who is in her late thirties, told PTI in a recent interview.

UN climate talks near end of first week with progress on some fronts, but fossil fuels lurk

Dubai, Dec 06 (AP)

Negotiators at a critical United Nations climate conference prepared on Wednesday to wrap up their first week of work with moderate progress on some issues, with little time to make a bit more headway before government ministers return for a final week that will shape the planet's path forward in the face of crisis.

Wednesday's sessions were to focus on transport, the second-leading sector for the carbon dioxide emissions warming the planet, with panels like building out EV charging infrastructure and decarbonizing urban freight transportation.

Despite rapid growth of electric vehicles in some countries, oil still accounts for nearly 91 per cent of the energy used in the transport sector, according to the International Energy Agency. And it's a sector that includes hard-to-decarbonise industries like aviation and shipping, where cutting emissions will require big ramp-ups in production of sustainable aviation fuel, for airplanes, and alternative fuels like hydrogen for ships. The climate talks notched some measured wins in the first week when na-

tions finalised the cre-

age" fund to compensate countries hit by climate disasters. 50 oil companies pledged to reach near-zero methane

ation of a "loss and dam-

emissions by 2030, a commitment from the industry to slash greenhouse gases, but "short of what is required," according to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Yet environmentalists are intensely focused on obtaining commitments for the world to phase out the use of coal, oil and natural gas. Climate negotiators are zeroing in on exactly how to deal with the fossil fuels that are overheat-

ing the planet. On Tuesday, negotiators produced a new draft of what's expected to be the core document of the UN talks, something called the Global Stocktake, but it had so many possibilities in its 24 pages that it didn't give too much of a hint of what will be agreed upon when the session ends next week.

China raises stakes in cyberscam crackdown in Myanmar

Bangkok, Dec 06 (AP):

China is ramping up a crackdown on online scams operated by criminal syndicates in border areas of militaryruled Myanmar in an effort that has included a shootout, confession videos and national TV broadcasts of arrests of high-profile suspects.

But the drive has been confined to a limited area and appears unlikely to root out the kingpins behind the human trafficking and other illicit activities aimed at cheating people of their savings via phone calls and online overtures, schemes that thought to generate tens of billions of dollars in revenue a year.

Over the summer,

China announced a series of joint operations with neighbouring coun-

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Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd. **Public Notice**

In compliance to the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the CSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Generation tariff and related matters for Electricity generated by Plants based on Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2022, Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd. (CSPGCL) has filed a Petition before the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC) for determination of ARR / Tariff of CSPGCL's Small / Mini Hydro Plants for FY 2024-25. This petition is registered as Petition No. 81 of 2023. Plant wise summary of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and proposed Tariff for FY 2024-25 are as follows:

Particulars	(4x2.5 MW)	(2x3.5 MW)	(2x0.85 MW)	
ARR (In Lakhs)	707.09	401.65	139,81	
Tariff (Rs./kWh)	2.732	3.325	2.420	

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Copy of this notice and the petition are also available on the Commission's website www.cserc.gov.in. Hardcopy of the aforesaid petition is available in office of the Commission and same can be purchased by paying an amount of Rs. 100/- from 11 AM to 4 PM on any working day. The copy of the petition may also be obtained by post by paying an additional amount of Rs. 50/- as postal expenses. Notice for hearing on aforesaid petition shall be published by CSERC in the newspaper separately.

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Chennai Deluge

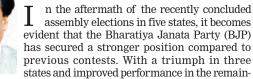
Lessons Unlearned

hennai, a bustling metropolis in the south of India, has once again found itself submerged in despair due to the relentless fury of nature. Cyclone Michaung, accompanied by torrential rain, has plunged the city into chaos, leaving in its wake at least a dozen lives lost and a landscape inundated with floodwaters. This is a grim reminder that despite repeated alerts from the early-warning system, Chennai was woefully unprepared for the cyclonic onslaught. In a discordant note, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin suggested that Chennai narrowly escaped disaster due to the massive desilting efforts costing Rs 4,000 crore. He compared this year's rainfall to that of 2015 when the city faced a devastating flood that claimed nearly 200 lives. However, the people of Chennai have once again been subjected to waterlogged roads, submerged subways, and rescue operations by boat—a chilling reminder of the 2015 deluge. The question looms large: How does the rainfall this time compare to that of 2015? According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the highest recorded rainfall in the recent deluge was in Poonamallee, at 34 cm between December 4-5. Tambaram received 24 cm, while Chembarambakkam saw 21 cm. To put this in perspective, in 2015, Tambaram received over 49 cm of rainfall in a single day, with Chembarambakkam recording over 47 cm. So, why did the 2015 disaster claim so many more lives than the 2023 deluge, despite the "unprecedented" rainfall claims by authorities? The answer partly lies in the mismanagement of the Chembarambakkam reservoir in 2015 when sudden water releases exacerbated the flooding of the Adyar river. It appears that lessons have been learned since then, with precautionary water releases being carried out in anticipation of heavy rainfall this time. However, it is disheartening that amidst this calamity, the Chief Minister has chosen to engage in political one-upmanship. Claiming that the DMK government's response is superior to that of the 2015 floods under the AIADMK's leadership serves no constructive purpose. What this crisis has laid bare are the inadequacies in Chennai's storm-water drainage system and questions surrounding the implementation of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, which is designed to prepare vulnerable states for such eventualities throughout the year. India's approach to disaster management has evolved from relief and rescue operations to a warning-based strategy aimed at minimizing loss of life and property. Cyclone Biparjoy's impact earlier this year highlighted the need for improved disaster mitigation, and the Chennai tragedy underscores this imperative. Regardless of political affiliations, it is crucial for the central and state governments to collaborate closely in addressing these gaps and bolstering preparedness. The flooding of Chennai should serve as a wake-up call for authorities at all levels. It is not just about responding to crises but about anticipating and mitigating them. The citizens of Chennai deserve more than just reactive measures; they deserve a proactive approach that safeguards lives and livelihoods. It is high time that we, as a nation, rise above politics and prioritize the safety and wellbeing of our people in the face of natural disasters. The lessons must not remain unlearned; they should pave the path to a more

Assembly Elections

A Glimpse into Lok Sabha Prospects

Dr. Manmohan Prakash



ing two, the electoral outcomes offer a valuable insight into the mindset of the voters, their preferences, and their assessment of the incumbent parties. From these assembly election results, it is apparent that the public gravitates towards parties and governments with transparent policies and intentions. Voters increasingly seek alignment between rhetoric and action, a commitment to the welfare of the economically disadvantaged, and a dedication to fostering development, education, employment opportunities, and inflation control. They demand the establishment of a law-abiding state, free from crime, and above all, a leadership with a nationalist vision. What these results underscore is the evolving wisdom of the electorate. No longer swayed solely by election-time promises, voters now contemplate which party can genuinely translate those pledges into concrete actions. The message is clear: the public expects sincerity from their elected representatives, and they reject duplicity and deceit. These elections also signal a noteworthy shift in public sentiment. Attacking Hindus, Hindutva, belittling the nation, or favoring one particular class no longer resonates with the educated and discerning electorate. Instead, a winning formula appears to be coalescing: a party with a formidable, nationally respected, honest, and devoted leader: a robust organizational structure; dedicated workers; a sound strategy; and announcements that inspire voter confidence. Moreover, these elections have seen the rejection of indecent and hate-filled rhetoric, both in the recent Lok Sabha polls and the current assembly contests. Anti-incumbency has played a role in three states, while the absence of it in another underscores the public's preference for a unified government at both the state and central levels. There's a prevailing belief that such a setup fosters a more expeditious pace of development. The BJP's improved showing in these assembly elections also highlights the importance of state governments efficiently implementing the pro-poor and pro-women policies initiated at the national level. It reaffirms the significance of a Chief Minister who can forge a genuine connection with the populace and demonstrates unwavering commitment. Winning elections is no longer a matter of mere campaign sprints; parties and governments must remain tirelessly devoted to the public throughout their five-year tenure. However, the lack of coordination and cooperation within the opposition alliance in these state elections raises pertinent questions. Can these parties convincingly convey to the voters that they are united and committed to a shared vision? As we reflect on the outcomes of the recent assembly elections, it becomes evident that they serve as a harbinger for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. The patterns of voter behavior, their inclination towards genuine and effective leadership, and their preference for synchronized governance at the state and central levels all indicate a clear direction for the future.

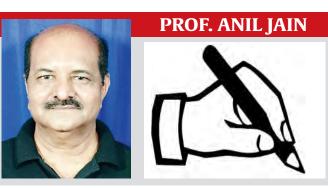
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Jharkhand BJP President Babulal Marandi plays with a traditional drum 'Mandar' during the start of 'Adhikar Yatra', in Pakur, Jharkhand, Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Facts About The Existence Of Aliens



he existence of aliens has always been a fascinating matter of argument. During the last few months NASA held a meeting on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). UFOs are seen time and again which makes us inquisitive as to whether there exist life in the universe and if they are more intelligent than us, to whom we commonly call aliens. Hollywood movies are crammed with the themes of aliens or life beyond this planet. The themes are full of fact and

What are the facts? On the basis of the facts the scientists have assembled and computed, hypothetically, they have come to the conclusion that there exist intelligent seats of learned species somewhere. It is believed that there are 20,000 crore suns or stars in our Milky Way. Our Sun is one of them. Since stars are burning balls of fire life is not possible on the stars but possibility of life may be on the planets of these stars

Which stars have planets?

The scientists computed that the stars which move slowly on its axis may have planets because their rotational velocity has been cheated out by its planets, as of our Sun. They believe that less the rotational velocity of the star more the number of its planets. When it was ascertained then they divided the stars into two similar numerical groups—one, the stars revolving like our Sun and the other revolving fifty times faster on its axis. They found out that approximately six percent of the 20,000 crore stars are moving like our Sun. It means there are around 1200 crore suns that may have planets of their own.

Raw material for life

In the universe there is an abundance of hydrogen, carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and other elements which is the raw material for life. The history of life on earth shows that it took 400 crore years to develop life on our Earth, from protein molecules to man.

For the existence of life, we need 10 degree to 40 degree temperature which is known as the zone of comfort (although there are exceptions to it). This temperature is obtained on some of the planets. After careful study they presumed that millions of planets of the stars may have the possibility of life.

Why do they believe that life on other planets is likely to be more intelligent?

The simple answer to this question is that our Sun is relatively young, 500 crore years old. Young as the Sun, mankind is immeasurably younger. There are many stars in our galaxy which are older than our Sun which means their planets are older than our Earth. As mentioned earlier, life came to this earth around 400 crore years ago. The first human beings appeared about ten lakh vears ago.

Of these ten lakh years at least 9,90,000 were occupied by primitive savagery or infancy of science. The period of transition to modern history is even shorter. If in that small duration humans have attained so much intelligence, then how intelligent would be

the species who are residing on the planets which are millions year older than our planet. If we are to believe the supposition, there is no doubt that there are intelligent seats some-

where in the universe. The legions of stars contain luminaries of all ages. A simple calculation shows that of the several thousand million seats of intelligence only a few complete their transition from infancy to maturity at each given moment. So, some civilizations may be in the state of infancy, but according to the calculus of probability have undoubtedly achieved the highest stages of social harmony and technical might.

The scientists are hopeful that one day they will meet these developed civilizations, who are our 'elder brothers' in spirit and intelligence. For that they have coined the phrase The Era of Great Ring'.

The Ring Era will cause a revolution in mankind's social thinking. The Earth will become a member of the community of intelligent forces of the Universe. People will be regenerated spiritually and morally and join their brothers in intelligence in a single, infinitely happy family.

(Writer is from Deptt. of English, Govt. PG College, DAMOH MP.)

Hindi Heartland Alliance

Five months can seem like

an eternity when it comes to reshaping public opinion, especially in the Hindi heartland. Despite the Congress party's setbacks in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh, the future of the INDIA alliance appears uncertain. The Congress confidently predicted victories in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and even Telangana, yet only the latter materialized. They couldn't retain Chhattisgarh, reclaim Madhya Pradesh, or secure Rajasthan. Kamal Nath's arrogance and Congress's reluctance to grant seven seats to Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav contributed to their defeat in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress's loss not only erodes its leadership within the alliance but also squanders the opportunity to present a united opposition. The alliance now stands on shaky ground. The Congress must become more accommodating and cooperative in the lead-up to the national elections. The opposition, particularly the Congress, must learn to collaborate without expecting immediate gains. It's time for introspection and setting an example of consideration towards allies.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, **Faridabad**

Saffron wave on top

The BJP swept Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh on Sunday, inflicting a resounding defeat on the Congress to tighten its stranglehold in the Hindi heartland, in a big boost for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and setting the tone for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In some consolation for the Congress in the face of the saffron wave after it lost Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, the party ousted the BRS in Telangana to make it 3-1 for the BJP in the latest round of Assembly elections billed as a semifinal before next year's poll showdown. Thereby, on the one hand, the BJP set the tone for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. On the other hand, Congress has won Telangana, which shows that it has not died; it has just been marginalized.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai Rising Drug Trend

Today, the country's youth face a growing drug problem due to declining resilience. Quick loss of morale leads to depression and eventual drug addiction. Parents must instill resilience in their children to combat such situations. Another major issue is the glorification of addiction in popular culture, with films depicting smoking and drinking. This influences young minds to embrace drug use. The vulnerability of youth lies in succumbing to peer pressure. Empowering and open communication with parents is crucial for them to resist this

harmful trend. Ashraf Nawaz, Hyderabad

Ronado, Aussies and Rat-Miners

Kajal Chatterjee

N o congratula-tion is enough for Christiano Ronaldo for successfully urging the referee to reverse a penalty decision given in his favour while representing Al Nassr club in Asian Champions League as the tackle by the rival Persepolis player didn't merit such a harsh decision.

The iconic Ronaldo has transmitted a great message through his actions that despite hard competition in life;

morality and remaining true to one's conscience are the only things which matter at

the end of the day. Now the World Champion Australians. Far from returning to the home country as the combined full squad in victorious mode, as many as seven of them (that included Adam Zampa Steve Smith Glen Maxwell Marcus Stoinis and even Man of the Match in World Cup final Travis Head) preferred to stay back to play an absolutely inconsequential T20I series against an almost "India B team" led by Suryakumar Yadav.

Thereafter in batches of 2 or 4 the winning members have returned to Australia after playing few matches with the star sensation Head still remaining in India.

So obviously arises no team parade upon bus rooftop or even public reception despite such stupendous success after initial setbacks in group league stage.

Only after more than a week, just a simple media conference attended by just the captain Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc with the casual display of the World Cup without any fanfare or boisterous-

What a sense of maturity and poise on the part of the Aussies! No public or media lunacy on victory with the cricketers being turned into "Gods", no question of attacking the residences of cricketers or burning their posters on defeat also treating them as

Can such things be imagined if India wins any World Cup tournament in foreign shore! Many stars of the squad remaining in that country to play inconsequential matches against home team, players returning in batches, no public parade or reception with the captain Rohit Sharma and say Mohammad

Shami casually meeting the press after passage of more than a week.

When would the Indians take a lesson of maturity from the Aussies and learn the

essence of life. As for the saviour heroes in Uttarakhand who had ultimately accomplished the 'Mission Impossible"; on being asked "What do you want in return", the rat-miners replied "Absolutely nothing. Labourers have saved fellow labourers. May be someday we will be trapped somewhere during work and these rescued workers will save us".

How coolly can they utter the hard realities of life with full knowledge that they can also get similarly trapped somewhere in life along with optimism intact that their fellow brothers would also save them selflessly

What a message of optimism and selflessness have been transmitted by these unsung valiant philosophers of life in this materialistic world where prices of airlines to hotels, cabs to essential commodities get astronomically inflated in the slightest smell of any "opportunity", that too even during crisis as got witnessed in Balasore with hotel tariffs attaining a massive height immediately after the devastating train accident in nearby Bahanaga Bazar railway station few months ago.

Will the commercial sector learn few lessons of humanity and fair play from these "uneducated" rat-miners (languishing at the lowest end of social and economic hierarchy) and get morally enlightened that compulsion and tragedy of people should never be encashed upon.

Neither the filthy rich glamorous matinee stars nor the overhyped cricketers, rather these hardworking community are the real heroes of the nation and society.

BRIEF

Digital India Act



ernment may not be able to put in place the Digital India Act, which aims to replace over 23 years old IT Act 2000, before the next general election, as there is not much time left for extensive consultation, minister of state for electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday. While speaking at the Global **Technology Summit** 2023, the minister, however, said that the rules for Digital Personal Data Protection Act will be out later this month for consultation and are expected to be no-

Appointment

January.

tified by the end of

December or early

■ Mumbai: Electric mobility firm Magenta Mobility on Wednesday announced the appointment of Aravind Kumar SR as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Kumar, a veteran finance professional, joins the company from Kineco Ltd and will be leading finance and accounts, supply chain management and legal and secretarial functions as CFO at Magenta, the company said in a statement.

Model bylaws



New Delhi: Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said 31 states and Union Territories have adopted the model bylaws that aim to bring professionalism transparency and accountability in the operation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). After incorporating the suggestions received, the model bylaws were circulated to all states/ UTs on January 5, 2023 for their adoption by PACS, he said.

Coal import

■ New Delhi: Country's coal import has registered a drop of five per cent at 125.21 million tonnes (MT) in the April-September period of the ongoing financial year. Parliament was informed on Wednesday. Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, coal and power minister Pralhad Joshi said that, had the production through auction, commercial coal auction not started, then as per compound annual growth rate (CAGR) there would have been a need to import 150 million tonnes (MT) of coal, but the country has actually imported only 125.21 MT of coal during the April-September period of

India's economy to grow at 6.8 pc in current fiscal: CII

New Delhi, Dec 06

Industry chamber CII expects the country's economy to grow at 6.8 per cent in the current fiscal and accel erate to 7 per cent in 2024-25, driven by the government's continued focus on infrastructure development and promotion of ease of doing business. In an interview with PTI, CII President R Dinesh, who is also the Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, said even on a conservative basis, the expected gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 6.8 per cent will be more than the 6.5-6.7 per cent estimated earlier by the industry body. Sharing growth projections, the CII President said: "In the beginning, we had said 6.5-6.7 per cent. Now, actually, we are saving it is going to be 6.8 per cent for this year, and we are

New Delhi, Dec 06:

As many as 65 illegal

telecom setups, that al-

lowed international calls

with spoofed Indian num-

bers, were busted during

FY2023-24, Parliament was

informed on Wednesday.

Telecommunications

(DoT) has directed the

(ILDOs) to drop incoming

calls with no Calling Line

Identification (CLI), or im-

proper CLI or having cer-

tain prefixes. Moreover,

DoT is blocking the apps

allowing the origination of

spoofed calls. Such apps

are also blocked at Google

Play Store and iOS App

Store, Minister of State for

Communications,

Devusinh Chauhan said in

a written reply in Lok

International

Distance

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Operators



looking at 7 per cent for next year. Obviously, the first half has given the comfort for 6.8 per cent. In fact, I would say it is a conservative number because if you look at what has happened in the first half, we are being conservative here". On the recent state elections, he said the stock market and the industry favour continuity in policy. During the recently held state elections, the BJP won in three

As many as 65 illegal telecom

setups unearthed during

FY24: Devusinh Chauhan

major states -- Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, while the won Telangana. "We welcome continuity in policy and making sure that the consensus is for the growth of the country.... for us, continuity in policy is very important and that's something that whichever party be in power, we make sure that we communicate that... The stock market is cheering the fact that there is continuity from an approach". According to him, India is in a "sweet spot", owing to various reasons, including the government's focus on infrastructure and the push for ease of doing business

India's economy recorded a growth of 7.7 per cent in the first half of the current fiscal ended in September. When asked about the possibility of an

interest rate cut by the RBI in its upcoming bi-monthly monetary policy review, he said: "We are not asking for that (interest rate cut) at all because we don't believe that it's the right time to ask because inflation is above the benchmark (4 per cent), which they (RBI) have set for themselves" "Today, we have 75 per cent to 95 per cent capacity utilisation cutting across many sectors, that has been there for the last 3 quarters. So, more or less, we can expect that very soon, we will have that percentage crossing, where people will continue to make capex investments. We did our membership survey and found that a majority of our members were actually looking at higher private sector investments taking place in H2 as compared with H1,"

Govt recognises 1,14,902 entities as startups as on October 31

New Delhi, Dec 06:

The government has recognised 1,14,902 entities as startups as on October 31, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. These eligible firms are allowed to seek fiscal incentives under the Startup India Action Plan, which was launched in January 2016, and that includes income tax exemption for three years. Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha, Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said the action plan includes 19 items spanning across areas such as simplification and handholding, funding support and incentives and industry-academia partnership incubation. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) "has recognised 1,14,902 entities as startups as on 31st October 2023," he said. Replying to a separate question, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel



said subdued demand in major export destinations such as the US, Hong Kong, the Middle East and China and availability of raw materials at competitive rates were some of the challenges faced by the gems and jewellery export industry. Export of gem and jewellery during 2022-23 was at USD 38.11 billion, a decline of 2.95 per cent compared to the previous year's export of USD 39.27 billion, she informed. The sector constituted 8.45 per cent in the total merchandise exports

million skilled and semiskilled workforce. In another reply, she said that to ensure goods imported are not of substandard quality, the customs authority follows a risk-based framework to intelligently prevent entry of non-compliant goods at the borders. "A task force has also been constituted in CBIC (Central Board Of Indirect Taxes Customs) for enforcing national standards," Patel said. She added that as far as imported goods such as TVs and tvre, are con cerned, the trade data indicates that there are several categories of import of such products where there has been considerable reduction in imports. Citing certain examples, she provided data that showed imports of different size of TV sets, liquid crystal display television set, and different kinds of tyres deduring clined

dustry employs around 5

Govt to mandate e-invoice for **B2C** transactions in 2-3 years

New Delhi, Dec 06:

The government is likely to make it mandatory for businesses to issue electronic or e-invoice for B2C transactions in the next 2-3 years, an official said on Wednesday. Currently, businesses with a turnover of Rs 5 crore and above are required to generate e-invoice for their Business to Business (B2B) sales and purchases. The government is planning to extend the e-invoice requirement to B2C transactions as well. Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) member-GST Shashank Priya said GST systems have to be upscaled and the work is on to bring B2C (business to consumer) transactions under

"We are looking at re-

Systems will have to be put in place. We have to see which are the sectors we can start first. It is work in progress but we hope in years to come we will be able to take this forward,

Govt to take serious note of any report about dumping of lithium-ion battery waste: Nitin Gadkari

New Delhi, Dec 06:

The government will

take serious note of any report about ill effects of dumping lithium-ion battery waste on the environment and is promoting circular economy for recycling of various waste materials, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. The issue of ill effect of lithium-ion battery waste dumping and on workers in manufacturing units of this storage system was raised by Congress member Ranjeet Ranjan during the question hour in the Rajya Sabha. In a supplementary question, Ranjan stated that there is a research report which highlights the ill effect on the health of workers involved



in the process of manufacturing lithium-ion batteries. The report also shows that the dumping of these batteries after completing life cycle affects the environment and poisons earth and deteriorates soil fertility, she stated. In response, Gadkari said, "There is no such report or finding with us. If anything of such sort comes to our notice then we will consider it. We will take serious note

of the issue and work out recycling of lithium-ion battery waste.' This is futuristic technol-

ogy. Our government is working in the direction with the futuristic technology, vision and planning, he stated. The highway minister said that India will become the leading nation to export electric cars, buses, trucks in the next five years. He also told the House that the Union finance minister has talked about circular economy in her budget speech and under this we have car scrapping, rubber is recycled with bitumin and plastic is being used in road construction. He informed the House that the government has used municipal solid waste for road construction for protecting

e-invoicing.

he said at an Assocham event. Priya further said businesses turnover between Rs 5-10 crore are not fully issuing e-invoices and CBIC officers have been nudging non-compliant businesses. "Its (business with Rs 5 crore turnover issuing e-invoice) implementation is still quite tardy. We have issued instructions. We are trying to nudge taxpayers that it has certain advantages like ease of doing business. GSTR -1, e-way bills will get populated," Priya said at the National

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Enforcement Agencies

Providers (TSPs) is un-

earthing illegal telecom

setups that allow interna-

tional calls with spoofed

Indian numbers. Such ille-

gal setups are used to by-

pass the ILDOs for anti-na-

tional activities, cyber-

crimes and financial

frauds, Chauhan said.

Telecom Service



Lamborghini's Regional Director for Asia Pacific Francesco Scardaoni with the company's India Head Sharad Agarwal during the launch of the Lamborghini 'Revuelto', in Mumbai, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

ONGC to cut gas flaring, use green power at oil wells: Arun Kumar Singh

New Deini, Dec 06

State-controlled Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) plans to wheel green electricity to its installations in the Arabian Sea to replace natural gas it uses in operation of oil wells as part of its ambitious decarbonisation programme, its Chairman Arun Kumar Singh said. India's top oil and gas producer has substantially cut gas flaring -- burning of methane gas is produced when oil is extracted from below surface -and would look to bring it down to nil as part of its environmental commitments, he said while



speaking at the 28th UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai, called COP28. Singh said ONGC uses a lot of gas to generate electricity as well as meet compression and other process needs of an oil and gas field. By 2028, this gas is intended to be

replaced with green power wheeled to installations as far as 160 km from the west coast. The gas thus freed will be sold to industries like fertiliser and power plants.

Companies around the globe have pledged to slash down methane emissions by 30 per cent from 2020 levels by 2030. Methane, which is a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, tends to leak into the atmosphere. This is sometimes deliberate when companies flare the gas that comes alongside crude oil, due to lack of consumption markets. It also can leak undetected from drill sites, gas

pipelines and other oil and equipment. gas Controlling methane, which has been rising in atmospheric concentration for decades, is seen as one of the easiest and cheapest ways to make an immediate impact on global greenhouse gas emissions. "We have been working very consistently on reducing methane emissions," Singh said at the session on 'Accelerating Elimination Methane Emissions and the Decarbonisation of Oil & Gas'. "Because of the (Indian) geography and population, we hardly have any scope to flare," he

Markets scale fresh lifetime highs; Nifty nears 21k-level

Mumbai, Dec 06:

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty rallied for the seventh straight session to hit fresh lifetime highs on Wednesday, driven by gains in index majors Reliance Industries, ITC and L&T amid persistent foreign fund inflows. Besides, receding crude oil prices in international markets also boosted sentiment, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 357.59 points, or 0.52 per cent, to settle at a new record of 69,653.73. The barometer rose to 69,744.62 during intra-day. The broader index Nifty also climbed 82.60 points, or 0.40 per cent, to hit its fresh peak of 20,937.70. "Post-state elections, market optimism



thrives, confirming policy continuity and meeting investor expectations. A robust FII reversal is fuelled by receding inflation and dropping yields in US and Indian markets. The allure of Indian market gains post-China credit rating downgrade and decline in oil prices was followed by ease in geopolitical tensions," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

RBI's MPC meet begins amid expectations of status quo on interest rate

Mumbai, Dec 06:

The RBI's high-powered

rate setting panel on Wednesday began its 3-day brainstorming on the next set of bi-monthly monetary policy amid expectation of continued pause on the short-term key lending rate as GDP growth is gaining momentum, and inflation manageable. RBI left the benchmark policy rate (repo) unchanged in its past four bi-monthly monetary policies. It had last increased the repo rate in February to 6.5 per cent, thus ending the interest rate hike cycle which began in May 2022 in the aftermath of Russia-Ukraine war and subsequent disruptions in the global supply chain resulting in high in-

flation in the country. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das would unveil the decision of six-member MPC(Monetary Committee) on December 8. On expectations from the MPC, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA said with the GDP data for the second quarter of 2023-24 appreciably higher than the MPC's last forecast, and continuing concerns on various aspects of food inflation, "we expect the MPC to pause in its December 2023 review, amidst a fairly hawkish tone of the policy

According to Deutsche Bank Research, RBI will likely increase 2023-24 GDP forecast to 6.8 per cent yearon-year, from 6.5 per cent earlier, while holding the

document".

CPI forecast unchanged at 5.4 per cent. "RBI will likely keep repo rate and stance unchanged, persist with tight liquidity and ensure that short-term rates remain around 6.85-6.90 per cent, resulting in an 'effective rate hike'," it said. India retained the tag of the world's fastest-growing major economy, with its GDP expanding by a fasterthan-expected rate of 7.6 per cent in the September quarter on booster shots from government spending and manufacturing.

Director of Medical

Technology Association of (MTaI) India Sanjay Bhutani, said the central bank's recent MPC meetings have kept the policy rate unchanged, aligning with market expectations.

Rupee rises 5 paise to close at 83.32 against US dollar

Mumbai, Dec 06:

The rupee appreciated 5 paise to close at 83.32 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, helped by a bullish trend in domestic equities and sustained foreign fund inflows. Forex traders said elevated American currency in the overseas markets and dollar buying by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) capped sharp gains for the local unit. The rupee consolidated in a narrow range as investors remained on the sidelines ahead of the RBI's monetary policy decision later this week. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.35 against the greenback. The rupee oscillated between an intra-



day low of 83.37 and a high of 83.29 against the greenback and finally settled at 83.32 (provisional) against the dollar, higher by 5 paise from its previous close, even as domestic benchmark touched new lifetime peaks. On Tuesday, the rupee settled at 83.37 against the dollar.

Police nab culprit in obscene photo circulation case

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Dec 06: In a significant breakthrough, Khairagarh police have successfully apprehended Arpit Rai, the individual responsible for circulating an obscene photo of a young girl on social media. The swift action taken by the local authorities has ensured that the accused

is now in custody. The incident came to light when the victim reported the matter to the Khairagarh police station, prompting an immediate response from law enforcement. The victim revealed that Arpit Rai had been harassing her for several days with malicious intentions, even going so far as to send her private photos father to her WhatsApp

According to the victim, the accused had used deceitful tactics to manipulate her into abandoning her education and staying at home. As a result of the

victim's complaint, Arpit Rai, 21 years old and son of Jaikumar Rai, residing in Ward No. 19 Vidyasagar Chowk, Baraiha Marwahi district, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, is now under investigation.

He is being charged under Section 354 (d) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67A of the IT Act at the Khairagarh police station, and senior officials have been informed of the case. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, a special team, led by Police Station In-Charge Rajesh Devdas, and under the guidance of ASP Neha and SDOP Pandey Khairagarh Lalchand Mohle, was formed to apprehend the accused.

The police, with the assistance of the Technical Branch, closely monitored suspicious mobile numbers. Finally, on December 4th, after confirming the possible location of the accused in Marwahi, a successful



raid was conducted.

Arpit Rai was taken into police custody, and during the interrogation, he admitted to sending the obscene photo of the girl to her father's mobile via social media WhatsApp. The

mobile phone used for this malicious act has also

been seized by the police.

It has come to light that the accused had been exploiting the victim by providing her with intoxi-

cused youth had raped her after drugging her. Subsequently, the police filed a statement under Section 164 of the CrPC in the Honorable Court, resulting in additional charges under sections 376(2)(n) and 323 of the Indian Penal Code being filed against the accused. Khairagarh police acted

victim's statement, the ac-

swiftly and decisively, leading to the arrest of Arpit Rai, who is now behind bars. The accused has been presented before the Honorable Court on judicial remand.

This marks a significant victory for justice and a testament to the dedicated efforts of TI Rajesh Devdas, ASI Prakash Soni, ASI Cyber Cell Talesh Singh, constables Laxman Sahu, Pradeep Yadav, Mani Shankar Verma, Pradeep Kumar Dhankar, Vijay Kurre, and the District Technical Branch who played pivotal roles in this case.

Unpredictable weather threatens paddy harvest

Farmers fear losses as bad weather looms over ripe crops

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Dec 06: As the post-Diwali paddy harvesting season gains momentum, farmers in the region are busy reaping the fruits of their labour. Fields are bustling with activity as farmers harvest their crops and begin the threshing process. However, the specter of bad weather has cast a shadow of concern over their efforts.

with ripe crops standing in the fields, farmers are increasingly worried about the unpredictable weather conditions. The looming threat of rain and adverse weather patterns could spell disaster for their hard-earned yields. On Tuesday, Anwari experienced a change in weather, with drizzles in the morning that eventually subsided. Nevertheless

the skies remained overcast throughout the day, exacerbating the challenges faced by farmers.

The fear of significant damage to the mature paddy crops due to unseasonal rains has etched lines of worry on the foreheads of farmers. Many have yet to complete their harvest, while some fields still hold unharvested crops. This precarious situation leaves them vulnerable to potential losses caused by rain.

Farmers Bhuneshwar Sahu,Thamman and Golu, voiced their concerns, stating that numerous farmers have only just begun their harvest. The abrupt change in weather and rain pose a genuine threat to the paddy crops. Rain could lead to the collapse of paddy plants in the fields, resulting in grain losses. Late sowing this year delayed the crop's maturity, leaving most farmers with unharvested paddy. Farmers also mentioned that several paddy crops had already suffered damage due to disease, and the impending bad weather might further ex-

SECR celebrates Mahaparinirvan Divas

Raipur Division pays tribute to Dr Ambedkar

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 06: The South East Central Railway's Raipur Division came together in a solemn rate Mahaparinirvan Diwas, paying homage to the visionary leader and architect of the Indian Constitution, Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The event saw the active participation of railway officials and employees, reaffirming their respect for Dr. Ambedkar's enduring legacy.

Divisional Railway
Manager Sanjeev Kumar,
accompanied by
Additional Divisional
Railway Manager (Infra)
Ashish Mishra,
Additional Divisional
Railway Manager
(Operations) RK Sahu,

Divisional President of

Scheduled Caste and Tribe performed by officials

All India Railway Employees Association Bholi Choudhary, Divisional Secretary YK Mihulia, and Divisional Personnel Officer (Incharge) Rahul Garg, led the tributes by garlanding the portraits of Dr. Ambedkar and Lord Buddha.

The ceremony also in-

cluded a Buddha Vandana

performed by officials from the Scheduled Caste and Tribe All India Railway Employees Association. Various employee organizations shed light on the life of Bharat Ratna Dr. Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, emphasizing his exceptional intellect and visionary

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Kumar ex-

thinking.

tolled the multidimensional personality of Babasaheb Ambedkar and urged all railway personnel to dedicate themselves to the service of Indian Railways. He emphasized that true homage to the great leader could be paid by diligently fulfilling their responsibilities.

Additionally, Sanjeev

Kumar commended the outstanding contributions of the various departments within the Raipur Railway Division, highlighting their roles in passenger transportation, goods transportation, and ensuring women's safety. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Divisional Personnel Officer (In-charge) Rahul Garg, reaffirming the commitment of the railway community to the ideals of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Unity emerges victorious

In School level football tournament

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Dec 06: In a vibrant display of sportsmanship and teamwork, a school-level football competition took center stage on December 5th at the Adarsh Government Boys Higher Secondary School in Dongargaon.

The football tournament, held as part of the school-level sports competition series, was graced by several esteemed individuals, including Uma Harivansh, the school's principal, Bhupesh Kumar Yadav, a special guest, Laxman Rao Kadam, a national football player, Pooja Rajput, a state-level



football player, and program coordinator Anil Kumar Patel, along with exercise instructors from various schools and dedicated match officials Aman Thakur and Purushottam Kumar.

The distinguished guests used the occasion to emphasize the importance of promoting constitutional values and human virtues such as social spirit, unity, fraternity, freedom, and gender equality among students through

The highly anticipated final match unfolded between Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Unity and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Unity. In a hard-fought battle on the field, both teams failed to score a goal in stipulated match time.

As a result, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Unity claimed victory with a 4-3 win in their favour, through a penalty shootout. The triumphant players were showered

with well-deserved gold medals, while the runnersup received silver medals in a heartwarming gesture of recognition from the guests.

Throughout the entire football tournament, players like Dameshwari Kanwar, Deepika Dhimar, Usha Mandvi, Pooja, Nirmal Kumar, Bhisham, Subhash, Shiv Nirmalkar, Maulesh Rajkumar, Gauray. Pradeep, Sajan, Vipin Sahu, Dhruv, Sanjay Khilendra Sahu, Ansh Sauray. Kumar. Avtaar, Krishna Kumar, Devendra, Ajay, Sumit, Devkaran, Prakash displayed their exceptional skills and sportsmanship, making the event a true celebration of talent

and teamwork.

Anusuiya Sahu receives prestigious Women Empowerment Award

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Dec Kharora. Anusuiya Sahu, a dedicated supervisor at the and Development Department, who has tirelessly worked to uplift education and healthcare for rural women and young children while fostering positive behavioural changes in underprivileged and sensitive regions, has been bestowed with the prestigious title of "Excellent Women Empowerment Award 2023."

This well-deserved recognition has garnered



praise and congratulations from the local community. Leading the expressions of appreciation was District Panchayat President Hemant Dhruy, along with Jhadu Ram Mandavi, Janpad Member, Saurabh Thakur, Sarpanch of Korer, Ramkumar Daron, Sarpanch of Haatkaran,

Sunher Gajendra, Deputy Sarpanch, Naveen Pandey, Raghavendra Rajput, Mamta Sukhdev, Project Officer, as well as all the supervisors and Anganwadi workers from

Anganwadi workers from Sector Haatkaran, along with other prominent women in the area who joined in celebrating this remarkable achievement.

Soldiers demolished Naxalite memorial in Bagdeguda

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Dec 06: In the district, the joint party of DRG, Bastar Fighters, District Force and CRPF has demolished the memorial of Naxalites in Bagdeguda.

The Naxalites had built a huge memorial here, but with the effort to open a new camp, this Naxalite memorial built years ago has been razed to the ground.

According to the soldiers, this memorial was built by Naxalites in Bagdeguda in 2006.



Sukma SP Kiran Chavan said that work is being done to demolish the memorial of Naxalites and start a new camp in the area.

Cyclonic storm Michaung caused heavy rains

In many parts of Bastar division

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Dec 06: Bastar division has been cloudy for the last two days due to the impact of cyclonic storm Michaung formed in the Bay of Bengal. It has been raining lightly since Tuesday afternoon and it intensified by night time and due to which the chill in the air has increased. It rained throughout the night and it continued to rain throughout the day on Wednesday.

Due to change in weather, the entire work of the

li-Rajhara triumphs in cluster-level sports competition



city has come to a standstill. A drop in temperature has been recorded due to rain. Due to the sudden change in weather, there is a possibility of damage to the paddy and maize crops kept in the barns of the farmers, and there is also a possibility of damage to the paddy procurement center due to rain.

According to the Meteorology to the Meteorology to all Department, there is a possibility of a drop in the maximum temperature. As soon as the weather opens after the storm, the temperature will start falling and the cold will increase

Safety related mock drill held at HTPS

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Dec 06: In the series of programmes being organized under the Industrial Safety Week, a training program related to Hazard Identification was conducted for the personnel and contract workers working in the 1500 MW plant of Hasdev Thermal Power Station, Korba West, on Dec 5, after which Hazard Hunt game was conducted. The participants who performed excellently by making the plant workers aware through this medium were rewarded. In this series, a safety related mock drill was organized in the chlori-



nation plant of the thermal power plant, in which a large number of plant employees enthusiastically participated.

Bringing glory to the Iron city

Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, Dec 06: DAV Dalli-Rajhara has emerged as the undisputed champion in the recent cluster-level sports competition held in Bhilai. The talented students of the school have not only made their institution proud but have also brought honour to the iron city by showcasing exceptional performance in various sports disciplines

Executive Director (Personnel and Administration), Pawan

Kumar, graced the city today and extended his heartfelt encouragement to these remarkable young athletes in the school's multipurpose hall. He shared his best wishes for their promising futures, joined by Chief General Manager (Mines) and DAV Management Committee Chairman, R.B. Gaharwar, blessed and motivated the victorious players. Also present at this in-

Also present at this inspiring occasion were C. Srikanth, GM of Rajhara Mines, and A.G.M. Personal IOC, M.D. Reddy, who congratulated the accomplished athletes.

The three-day DAV

DAV HUDCO Sector 2 School and DAV ACC Jamul, with participants competing in three categories. The school achieved remarkable results, securing first place in several events.

complished athletes. Under 14 girls excelled
The three-day DAV in badminton, under 17
Cluster Level Sports boys dominated in volley-



ball, under 14 boys triumphed in volleyball,
under 19 boys emerged victorious in football, and
under 19 girls displayed
their prowess in the relay
race. The under 19 boys
also clinched the top spot
in the chess competition.
In an exciting cricket

In an exciting cricket final, DAV Rajhara set a target of 102 runs in 12

Chasing this challenging score, Sector-2 could manage only 95 runs, granting Rajhara a well-deserved victory. Similarly, in the football competition, the Rajhara team defeated DAV Monnet Mandir Hasaud with a score of 3-1.

overs for DAV Sector-2.

In addition to these accomplished by a balance of most of the state-level competition, while five Judo players secured gold medals. Additionally, players of Usu were selected to participate in the state-

level competition.

During the felicitation ceremony held in the Multipurpose Hall, school Principal Alka Sharma

congratulated the winners and offered guidance for their future endeavours, aiming for similar success in national competitions.

She acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the participants, highlighting the significant role played by sports teacher A.K. Singh and Purnima Mandal in their success.

Furthermore, the school's sports competition in Bhilai received unwavering support from teachers VV Giri, L. Kashyap, Ajay Thawre, Dhiresh Dubey, Sarita Dwivedi, and Kavita S. Kumar, who provided continuous encouragement and guidance to all the players.

Mushfigur Rahim becomes first Bangladesh batter to be out for obstructing field



captain Rahim on Wednesday became the first Bangladesh batter to be given out for 'obstructing the field' in a bizarre dismissal on the opening day of the second Test against New Zealand here.

The 36-year-old Rahim defended a rising delivery from New Zealand quick Kyle Jamieson in the fourth ball of the 41st over and then extended his right hand to apparently keep the ball away after it bounced up wide outside off stump. The Black Caps were quick to appeal and the on-field umpires referred the matter to the TV umpire Ahsan Raza who gave Rahim out.

According to Law 37.1.2, The striker is out obstructing the field if, except in the circumstances of 37.2, in

delivered by the bowler, he/she wilfully strikes the ball with a hand not holding the bat. This will apply whether it is the first strike or a second or subsequent

The act of receiving the ball shall extend both to playing at the ball and to striking the ball more than once in defence of his/her wicket."Earlier such dismissals were classified as "handled the ball" but a change in the laws in 2017 brought them under "obstructing the field" category. Former England captain Michael Vaughan was the last batter to be given out 'handling the ball' against India in 2001. Rahim was Bangladesh's top-scorer with his 35 off 83 balls as the hosts were bundled out for 172 inside 67 overs Bangladesh won the first Test in Sylhet by 150 runs.

Bangladesh takes control of 2nd test

Bangladesh asserted their dominance on the second test match against New Zealand, with a dramatic day one in Mirpur that saw 15 wickets tumble. The hosts were determined to secure their firstever test series win against the Kiwis, and their performance on the opening day put them in a favorable position.

After Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto elected to bat first, his team struggled to find their footing on a challenging wicket. New Zealand's bowlers maintained a disciplined line and length, conceding only eight runs in the first seven overs. Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner (3-31) and offspinner Glenn Phillips (3-65) wreaked havoc on the Bangladesh batting lineup, with Ajaz Patel and skipper Tim Southee also chipping in with crucial wickets. Mushfiqur Rahim topscored for Bangladesh with 35 runs before a controversial dismissal for handling the ball. The experienced batter used his right hand to push the ball away while defending a de-



Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz (2R) celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of New Zealand's Tom Blundell.

livery from Kyle Jamieson, leading to his dismissal.

Despite the challenges, Bangladesh managed to post a total of 172 runs. In response, New Zealand's batting lineup struggled as well. Mehidy Hasan led the charge for Bangladesh with three wickets for just 17 runs, while Taijul Islam,

who had taken 10 wickets in the first test, added two more to his tally.

Tom Latham, Devon Conway, Kane Williamson, and Tom Blundell all fell victim to Bangladesh's determined bowling attack. When bad light forced the day to end prematurely, Phillips were at the crease for New Zealand, with the visitors reeling at 55-5.

Despite the low-scoring and challenging conditions, the second test in Mirpur promises to be an exciting contest, with both teams aiming to gain the upper hand and secure a

ICC Rankings: Ravi Bishnoi becomes world's No.1 T20I bowler



Young Indian leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi on Wednesday rose to the top spot in the ICC T20I bowling chart on the back of his recent player of the series-winning performance against Australia.

The 23-year-old was India's go-to bowler in the just-concluded against Australia, taking nine wickets from five

Bishnoi, who is on 699 rating points, has jumped five places to displace Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan (692) from the top slot. Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and England's Adil Rashid, who both have 679 points, are in joint third.

Sri Lanka's Maheesh Theekshana (677) completes the top five.

Bishnoi is the only Indian bowler in the top 10 in the shortest format even as Axar Patel climbed nine spots to be 18th. Meanwhile, the swashbuckling Suryakumar Yadav, who captained India during their 4-1 T20I series win against Australia, held on to the top spot among batters, while opener Ruturaj Gaikwad dropped a place

Hardik Pandya retained the third spot in the allrounders' list, despite missing the series against Australia due to injury.

Junior Hockey WC

ndia need to guard against complacency against Spain

IKuala Lumpur, Dec 06 (PTI):

Their campaign has started off positively, but India must guard against complacency when they face Spain in their second Pool C match of the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup here on Thursday.

Vice-captain Araijeet Singh Hundal came out to be India's saviour, scoring a hat-trick as India overcame beat Korea 4-2 in their opener on Tuesday.

But India's coach C R Kumar was not too satisfied with the performance and said his side needs to be more clinical and avoid conceding unnecessary penalty corners.

India conceded six penalty corners, while earned just two against Korea.

"We are very happy that we got the three points and that's the positive side. But we have to more clinical in both circles. We conceded two goals in penalty corners which we need to pay

attention to," Kumar said after the Korea match.

'We gave away too many penalty corners, six in the whole game where we had just two. We need to be more cautious." India are striving to secure their fourth podium finish in the event after having won the tournament twice in 2001 (Hobart) and Lucknow (2016). The country had clinched a silver medal way back in 1997 in Milton Keynes, England.

Skipper Uttam Singh and his deputy Hundal are the only two players who have experience of the big event, having featured in the last edition of the tour nament, where India finfourth Bhubaneswar, losing to France in the bronze medal

play-off match. The Spaniards, who have a bronze medal in their kitty at the 2005 edition in Rotterdam, are India's toughest opponent in the pool, comprising Canada

Wozniacki awarded one of the first wild cards for 2024 Australian Open

Melbourne, Dec 06 (AP):

Former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki has been awarded one of the first wild cards for the 2024 Australian Open and is planning on bringing her two young children to the scene of her biggest Grand Slam triumph.

Wozniacki, the 2018 Australian Open women's champion, and six Australian players were granted the first batch of wild cards.

The 33-year-old Wozniacki returned to top-flight tennis in August after more than three years off the tour. She played in Montreal and Cincinnati before making a run to the fourth round of the US Open, where she lost to eventual champion Coco Gauff.

"I have so many wonderful memories of Melbourne, and of course winning the Australian Open is an career highlight,' Wozniacki, ranked No. 242 this week, told Australian Open organizers on Wednesday.

Wozniacki won her only Grand Slam singles title in Australia a couple of years before she left the sport in early 2020 to start a family. She spent time working as a TV analyst, and now, she and former NBA play-



er David Lee are the parents of two children. Wozniacki said she planned to travel to the tournament at Melbourne Park with her daughter, Olivia, and her son, James

"I can't wait to share it with my family and my kids," she said.

Tournament director Craig Tiley announced in October that three former Australian Open champions Naomi Osaka, Wozniacki and Angelique Kerber were set to return to the year's first major following maternity leave. (AP)

Khawaja urges selectors to pick Warner's replacement on class not form



Australia Test batter Usman Khawaja has urged the national selectors to look for class over form when they choose his next opening partner after David Warner quits the longest format next montn.

Warner is set to play his last Test at his home ground in Sydney against Pakistan in the final game of the three-match series starting January 3.

Khawaja isn't too concerned about his next partner but urged the selectors to pick the right player who can flourish and succeed at the international

Will play IPL until I can't

my next opening partner is) doesn't really matter to me, genuinely. Whoever the selectors are going to pick, they're going to pick because they think they're the best for the role,' Khawaja told on SEN Radio. "I don't even believe in the 'bat-off' people are talking about right now. I think it is going to come to a lot more than that. You can't pick teams on form. You've got to pick teams on who you think the best player is.

level."To be honest, it (who

"If we pick teams on form, the Australian team would be changing every second week, so you just can't do that.

India open campaign against Afghanistan in ACC U-19 Asia Cup on Friday

Uday Saharan will lead India at the under-19 Asia Cup.

■ Face Pak on Sunday

Dubai, Dec 06 (PTI):

India will face Afghanistan in the opening match of the ACC Men's U-19 Asia Cup cricket tournament here on Friday.

Pakistan will play Nepal in the other match of the opening day. Arch-rivals India and Pakistan will face each other on Eight teams will compete for

the top prize in the 50-over event which is being hosted by the Emirates Cricket Board. The teams have been divided

into two groups of four each. India, Afghanistan, Nepal and Pakistan are placed in Group A. Bangladesh, Japan, Sri Lanka and hosts UAE feature in Pool

The top two teams from each of the two groups will progress to the semi-finals which will be played on December 15.

The tournament final will be Dubai played at the International Stadium on December 17. All group matches and semi-finals will be played at the ICC Academy Ovals 1 and 2. All tournament matches will begin at 9:30 am local time.

Too much cricket is affecting development of all-rounders: Kallis

New Delhi, Dec 06 (PTI):

Jacques Kallis, one of the last multi-skilled legends, says quality allrounders have become a scarcity in modern-day cricket, especially in Test cricket, because of "too much cricket across formats". While Sir Garfield Sobers (8032 runs and 235 wickets) is considered 'greatest of 'em all' across generations, Kallis (25,000plus runs and nearly 600 wickets in three formats) is inarguably one of the legendary all-rounders the modern era has seen.

In the 1980s, there were four great all-rounders in Imran Khan, Richard Hadlee, Ian Botham and Kapil Dev while the new millennium saw emer-gence of Kallis and Andrew Flintoff.

But with advent of T20 cricket and mushrooming leagues across the globe with new rules have actually discouraged develop-



ment of multi-skilled cricketers. "It is a tough question to answer, allrounders don't come around every day. There aren't many throughout the history. Lot of things, amount of cricket that is played certainly plays a role," Kallis told PTI during an exclusive interview.

The former Proteas captain is in India to play the Legends League Cricket.

While he didn't name Indian Premier League but the former KKR coach isn't a great fan of 'Impact Player' rule where a team can change one player during its batting or bowling innings as per need.



Melbourne, Dec 06 (PTI):

er Glenn Maxwell has vowed to play in the world's biggest cricket league, the IPL "until he can't walk anymore" The 35-year-old, who

played a massive role in Australia's ODI World Cup-winning campaign in India recently, will once again don the colours of Challengers Bangalore in the IPL next year.

"The IPL will probably be the last tournament I ever play, as I will play the IPL until I can't walk anymore," Maxwell was quoted as saying by Australian Associated Press (AAP) at the Melbourne Airport on Wednesday.

"I was talking about how good the IPL has been to me throughout my career, the people I've met, the coaches I have played under, the international players that you get to rub shoulders with, how beneficial to my whole career



that tournament has been. "You're rubbing shoulders with AB (de Villiers) and Virat (Kohli) for two months, talking to them

while watching other games. It's just the greatest learning experience that any player could ask for,' he said. Maxwell feels Australian cricketers should play in the IPL for experience ahead of the T20 World Cup in the United States and the West

Indies in June.

"Hopefully, a lot of our Australian players can get over to the IPL and get to work in slightly similar conditions to the West Indies, where it is a little bit drier, it will spin.'

Maxwell will return to action as captain of Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League opener against Brisbane Heat in the opener at the Gabba on Thursday.

72 newly-elected MLAs are crorepatis; BJP tops list

as 72 out of 90 MLAs in the newly-elected Chhattisgarh legislative assembly are crorepatis, four more compared to the previous Vidhan Sabha.

The BJP, which won a landslide victory in the recently-held elections, tops this list with 43 crorepati MLAs, followed Congress

Out of 90 seats, the BJP has won 54 and Congress 35. A total of 72 newlyelected MLAs (80 per cent of the House strength) are crorepatis. The BJP tops the list with 43 (80 %) of 54 MLAs each having declared assets valued at more than Rs 1 crore.

Congress are crorepatis, as per the analysis done by the Association for Reforms Democratic Chhattisgarh Election Watch. The average of assets per winning candi-

At 29, 83% of 35 MLAs of

elections held this time is Rs 5.25 crore compared to Rs 11.63 crore in the 2018 assembly polls.

With assets worth Rs 33.86 crore, BJP's first-time MLA Bhawan Bohra (Pandariva seat) tops the crorepati club, followed by the outgoing chief minister and Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel (Patan constituency) with assets worth Rs 33.38 crore. BJP's Amar Agrawal (Bilaspur seat) stands at a third position with assets valued over Rs 27 crore.

Congress MLA from Chandrapur, Ramkumar Yadav, and his BJP coun-Ramkumar Toppo and Gomati Sai, the incumbent MP who contested the assembly elections, are at the bottom of the list of MLAs with the lowest assets.

Yadav has declared assets worth Rs 10 lakh, the lowest among all MLAs,

17 face criminal cases

(7 per cent) MLAs and the

Congress has two (6 per

cent) legislators who have

declared serious criminal

cases against themselves.

As per the report, outgoing

Chief Minister Bhupesh

(Patan

Nagar) and Atal Shrivastav

(Kota) are among the

Congress winners who face

criminal cases. Similarly,

former ministers Rajesh

Munat (Raipur City West)

and Dayaldas Baghel

Singh Portey (Pratappur),

(Raigarh) Vijay Sharma

(Kawardha seat), Vinayak

Goval (Chitrakot-ST) and

Asharam Netam (Kanker-

ST) are among the newly

elected MLAs from BJP who

face criminal cases as per

Devendra Yadav

(Navagarh),

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As many as 17 of the 90 MLAs in the newly elected Chhattisgarh assembly have declared criminal cases against themselves, with six facing serious charges like voluntarily causing hurt and criminal intimidation.

As per a report by non-Chhattisgarh Watch Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), of the 90 newly elected MLAs, 17 (about 19 per cent) have declared criminal cases against themselves in their poll affidavits. Of them, six (7 per cent)

MLAs have declared serious criminal cases against themselves, it said. Twelve (22 per cent) of BJP's 54 MLAs and five (14 per cent) of Congress' 35 MLAs have declared criminal cases against themselves. Similarly, the BJP has four

Sai Rs 15.47 lakh, as per the analysis. The report also states

that 33 out of 90 MLAs (37 per cent) have declared their educational qualification as having passed class 5 to class 12. At 54, a maximum of 60 per cent of the total MLAs hold graduate degrees or higher qualifications. Two others hold diplomas while an MLA has declared himself as just "literate".

A total of 44 winning candidates (49 per cent) have declared their age between 25 and 50 years while 46 others (51 per cent) are between 51 and 80

BJP's Korsewada (75), elected from the Ahiwara (SC) seat is the oldest MLA in the newly-elected assemwhile Congress' Bilaigarh (SC) legislator Kavita Pran Lahrey (30) is the youngest of all.

HOMAGE TO AMBEDKAR



(L-R) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former president Ram Nath Kovind and Union MoS Ramdas Athawale during the death anniversary of BR Ambedkar, at Parliament House complex, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Five of AAP's 53 candidates secure more than 5,000 votes

Raipur, Dec 06: Five of Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) 53 candidates have managed to secure more than 5,000 votes in the recently concluded Chhattisgarh elections.

In nine constituencies, the nominees of the party led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal polled fewer votes than the NOTA (none of the above) The AAP tried its luck

for the second time in the assembly elections in Chhattisgarh. Its candidates polled 0.93 per cent of all votes cast in the state, as per the Election Commission (EC).

In 2018, the party had fielded candidates in 85 of the 90 constituencies in the state and all of them had lost their deposits. The party's vote share stood at 0.87 per cent then.

This time, it fielded 53 nominees but only five of them managed to secure more than 5,000 votes. The data on how many candidates lost their election deposits is yet to be shared unit chief Komal Hupendi secured 15,255 votes and stood in 3rd position, facing defeat for the second consecutive term from Bhanupratappur seat.

The other four candidates who got more than 5,000 votes are Santram Salam (Antagarh), Baloo Ram Bhawani (Dantewada), Khadgraj Singh (Kawardha) and

Jasveer Singh (Bilha). AAP candidates in Chitrakot, Jagdalpur, Bastar, Keshkal, Saja, Arang, Ramanujganj, Lundra and Kunkuri polled fewer votes than NOTA.

Commenting on their performance, party's state spokesperson Amyatam Shukla told PTI on Wednesday that though they tasted defeat, they did well in the Bastar region.

(Bhanupratappur, Antagarh and Dantewada) of the five seats where our party candidates have polled more than 5,000 votes are from Bastar region," he said. However, their expectations as the party could have done better, said Shukla. AAP leaders will introspect the reasons for such performance, he said.

"The results were even very surprising as all the poll surveys and commentators had predicted the victory of Congress in the state. We were expecting to do well in some seats but that could not happen,' Shukla said, adding that the party will try to perform better next time.

Kejriwal, who extensive campaigned in Chhattisgarh, had promised ten guarantees includ ing free electricity, monthly samman rashi' for women and Rs 3,000 monthly allowance for the unemployed if his party was voted to power in the

BJP made a stunning comeback in Chhattisgarh after a gap of five years winning 54 seats in the 90member assembly. The Congress was reduced to 35 seats while the Gondwana Gantantra

SINGHDEO ON CONG'S DEFEAT

'Like India's World Cup campaign, lost in finals'

New Delhi, Dec 06 (PTI)

Outgoing Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister T S Singhdeo on Wednesday likened the Congress' assembly polls defeat in the state to the Indian cricket team's recent World Cup journey in which it won all matches but lost the finals. In an interview with PTI, Singhdeo said the collective leadership in the state, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and him, were working together and not so disunited. However, he stressed that, in general, greater unity is always better.

71-year-old Singhdeo, who lost his Ambikapur seat by a slender margin of 94 votes, also contended that the view propounded that there has been a shift in the tribal vote is "limited" and pointed out that the

party had also done badly Asked about

Congress doing well in local body polls and in the run up to the elections but losing in the all-important contest, Singhdeo said, "It does look very much like this World Cup where we did very well in other events (matches) but could not make it in the fi-India won all 10 match-

es before the World Cup final. However, it lost the cup to Australia. On whether greater

unity in the ranks would have helped, the former Union minister said, "100 per cent. Any house which is together is far better than a divided house. There can never be two ways about it."

Asked if it was a divided house, Singhdeo said it is not a question of being

divided or not but, in general, every time it is required for the whole family to be together.

further Pressed whether it would have helped if he and Baghel displayed greater unity, he said, "It is not just both of us and display is synthetic, people can very easily see through things. So synthetic things do not run. You have to be actually together and every effort should be made, it is not just between us, there are so many people and so many sets of organisational levels..It is not limited to any two individuals and at every one of those stages, it is necessary, that we are a house together."

On whether there should have been more unity in the collective leadership in the ranks, he said, "Whether or not

think we were so disunited, we were working together but you asked a particular question, so in general, 100 times out of 100 times, it should be a house together rather than divided," he said. Talking about the talk of tribal vote shifting to the BJP, Singhdeo said one needs to look separately the result for the Congress in the tribal areas of Bastar and Surguja where out of 26 seats, the party was able to win only four, and the performance in other tribal areas. There are four from

we were united I don't

Bastar, we did not win any seat from Surguja. Five of the seats are non-reserved seats in Sarguja, 9 are tribal seats, and 11 there (Bastar). So 20 tribal seats. out of which we won four. There seems to be a shift

here from time to time. Some people see a 10-year cycle in this," he said.

Singhdeo recalled that there was a time when the BJP won 11 out of 12 seats in Bastar and similar numbers in Sarguja area. In the next election, it

was three for the Congress in Bastar and then there was a turnwhen around Congress won a larger number and then it won all the seats, he pointed out.
"This election, it was a

different scenario where there is a gain for the BJP in these tribal seats in Surguja and Bastar, otherwise there are many other tribal seats which the Congress has won," he said. So, this view which is being propounded that there has been a shift in the tribal vote is "limited",

Mother of two breaks stereotype to become first female e-rickshaw driver

In J-K's Chenab valley

Bhaderwah (J-K), Dec 06 (PTI)

The world turned upside down for 39-year-old Meenakshi Devi, a mother of two, almost a year ago after her husband was diagnosed with renal failure and put on weekly dialysis, forcing the family to wrap up their business and sell their car to clear the debt. But instead of being overwhelmed by penury, she decided to tread the hard road of driving an e-rickshaw despite being discouraged by her relatives, neighbours and also the auto-rickshaw association. Her husband



'Japan in favour of strengthening ties with Nagaland'

too was initially apprehensive about her taking up driving an e-rickshaw.

Despite all odds, she became the first female erickshaw driver in the Chenab Valley and in the

process an inspiration for the village women of the region aspiring to make a living for themselves and

"I remember the day

their families.

first entered the auto stand at Seri Bazar in Bhaderwah with my erickshaw. Not only the passersby, but my male counterparts also looked at me as if I was an alien among them," Devi said.
Some rickshaw drivers

even suggested she return home as they did not want to their customers risk their lives.

"Unfazed by the negativity, I was steadfast in my resolve and slowly gained confidence. I now earn Rs 1500 to Rs 2000 per day,' Devi said. "Today one can hardly find me at the auto stand as I am busy ferrying my loyal customers, especially ladies, throughout

Japan to study and work

The diplomat hoped that

through such an initiative,

people-to-people exchange

there, he said.

'Kashmir suffered for years due to Nehru's two major blunders'

New Delhi, Dec 06 (PTI)

Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday blamed India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's "two major blunders" -- declaring a ceasefire without winning the entire Kashmir and taking the issue to the United Nations -- for the sufferings of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to a debate in the Lok Sabha on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill. Shah said if Nehru had taken the right steps, a large chunk of territory would not have been ceded and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir would have been part of India.

"I support the word that



blunder. Nehruvian Because of the blunder that was committed during the time of Nehru, Kashmir had to suffer. With responsibility, I want to say that the two big blunders that happened during the tenure of Jawaharlal Nehru, happened due to his decisions, because of which Kashmir

had to suffer for years," Shah said.

Members of Shri Rani Sati Shyam Bhakta Mandal participate in a 'Shobha Yatra'. in Varanasi. Wednesday.

"Kashmir had to suffer due to Nehruvian blunders. One was that when our Army was winning and as soon as Punjab area was reached, ceasefire was declared and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir was born. If the ceasefire would have been (declared) three days later, PoK would have been part of India," the home minister said.

The ceasefire made without winning the entire Kashmir was one "blunder" and the other was taking the issue to the UN. There was an uproar by the opposition benches over the remarks on Nehru and they staged a walkout but returned later. After their walkout, BJD leader Bhartruhari Mahtab said the home minister should also talk

about the

blunder", a reference to Nehru's actions leading up to the war with China in 1962. Shah quipped that his talking about two blunders had upset the opposition benches and if he had used the phrase "Himalayan blunder", they would have resigned.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the remarks made were not an insult to anyone and were only made to put things in con-

In his remarks, Shah also alleged that the Kashmir matter was taken to the UN in a hurry. "If at all it had to be

taken to the UN, it should have been sent under Article 51 rather than Article 35 of the UN Charter," he said, asserting that he of course believes that the issue should not have been taken to the UN in the first place.

Kohima, Dec 06 (PTI) Japanese Ambassador to India, Hiroshi Suzuki, on Wednesday said his country is in favour of strengthening and expanding ties with Nagaland. Japan and Nagaland

have long-standing historical ties that go back to World War II, Suzuki said. He was speaking as the chief guest of the sixth

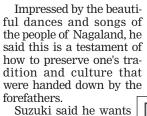
day of Cultural Connect', a cultural extravaganza of the tribes of Nagaland at the Hornbill Festival in Naga Heritage village Kisama here.

Suzuki expressed gratitude for the generosity the Nagas extended to the Japanese people who came here to collect the remains of their families after the



"We are grateful for the warmest support to the Japanese by the Naga people," he said.

Suzuki said, "We want to strengthen and expand our cooperation and the friendship that we enjoy between Nagaland and



more Japanese people to visit Nagaland and be wowed by the Naga cul-Stating that he is also

in favour of more people of the state going to Japan, Suzuki said that Nagaland University and Japan have inked a Memorandum Understanding Kohima on Tuesday.

The MoU seeks to provide Japanese language education to enable Naga students to go to

would expand in the चाट एव जलन कालडा बन एव

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