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## **CM apprises PM of steps** taken to fulfil poll promises

Centre releases Rs 2485.79 cr to **Chhattisgarh** 

New Delhi, Dec 23:

Newly Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday and apprised him of the steps being taken by his government to fulfil the party's poll promises, official sources said

Deputy chief ministers Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma accompanied Sai in the meeting with Modi at

■ For 2024 LS polls

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI):

The Congress constitut-

Committee for the 2024

Lok Sabha polls on Friday

and appointed former

Chidambaram as its chair-

man. Former Chhattisgarh

deputy chief minister T S

Singh Deo has been made

the convenor of the impor-

tant panel. The 16-member

panel includes Karnataka

Congress general secretary

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Chief

Siddaramaiah

minister

Manifesto

Minister

and



PM Modi with CM Vishnu Deo Sai and his deputies Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma during a meeting, in New Delhi, Saturday.

his residence. During the meeting, the chief minister apprised Modi of the steps being taken by the

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Vadra.Former Union ministers

Anand Sharma, Jairam Ramesh

and Shashi Tharoor are also part

of the committee. Senior

Congress leader and former

Manipur deputy chief minister

deputy leader in the Lok Sabha

Gaikhangam and the party's

mittee, along with All India

Praveen Chakravarty.

**Professionals Congress chief** 

Chhattisgarh government to fulfil the promises made by him during the assembly elections. They also dis-

cussed the formation of the state cabinet, the sources said. Sharing pictures of the meeting, Sai said in a post on X that he had a detailed discussion with the prime minister regarding various public welfare schemes related to development, progress and public interest of Chhattisgarh and received his guidance.

'Under the able guidance of the prime minister, the double-engine government of the BJP will definitely establish new records of service, good governance, public welfare and development in the state," the chief minister added in his post.

#### **POONCH AMBUSH**

#### Search underway for terrorists; govt announces compensation

Jobs to kin of 3 civilians killed

Jammu, Dec 23 (PTI):

tant panel. The 16-member panel The includes Karnataka Chief Minister Jammu and Siddaramaiah and Congress gen-Kashmir administration on Saturday announced compensation and jobs to the kin of the three civilians who were found dead in Poonch district as a massive search operation was underway to track down terrorists behind the Gauray Gogoi are also in the comrecent ambush on two Army vehicles that left five soldiers dead. The three men, aged between

#### **Major infiltration** bid foiled

One terrorist was killed as army troops guarding the International Border (IB) scuttled an infiltration attempt here early Saturday, officials said. The operation happened when a group of four heavilyarmed terrorists was noticed sneaking into this side from across the IB in the Khour sector of Akhnoor in the early hours, the officials said.

27 and 42, were found dead under "mysterious circumstances" on Friday.

#### Teenager stabs classmate to death

Hazaribag, Dec 23 (PTI):

A 14-year-old boy celebrating his birthday has been stabbed to death by classmate Jharkhand's Hazaribag district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place in Hazaribag Lake area on Friday evening, Lohsinghna Police Station officer-in-charge Bipin Kumar Yadav said, adding the cause of the incident is yet to be ascertained. The

#### **Merchant vessel** with 21 Indians hit by drone

#### In Arabian Sea

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI)

A suspected drone attack on a merchant vessel with 21 Indian crew in the Arabian Sea off India's west coast caused an explosion on Saturday but there was no report of any casualties in the incident, according to military sources and a maritime agency. A P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, deployed by the Indian Navy after the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, or UKMTO, reported the incident, ascertained the safety of the vessel and its crew, Indian military sources said. An attack by Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) on a vessel 200 nautical miles South West of Veraval, India, caused "an explosion and fire", the UKMTO said on its website. Indian Navy officials said a maritime patrol aircraft sent to the area flew overhead the merchant vessel and established contact with it.

boy received grievous knife injuries on his abdomen and was taken to Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College and Hospital, from where he was referred to RIMS Ranchi for better treatment but he succumbed to his injuries on the way. The deceased's father on Saturday lodged an FIR against the prime accused and four other boys accusing them of killing his son, following which the main accused was arrested, Yadav added.

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#### **BJP MEET**

## Party eyes big boost in vote share

■ To score 'overwhelming' win in 2024

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI):

The BJP has set its sights on an "overwhelming" win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking key organisational leaders to work towards boosting the party's vote share by 10 per cent, sources said.

Addressing the BJP's national office-bearers and state presidents on the concluding day of the two-day brainstorming meet on Saturday, Home Minister Amit Shah said that the BJP's performance should leave the opposition "stunned", the sources said.

With the opposition INDIA bloc planning to put up a one-on-one fight against the BJP, Modi called for raising the BJP's

vote share by 10 per cent from its show in the 2019 polls when the ruling party had fetched over 37 per cent of votes while the National Democratic Alliance led by it had bagged around 45 per cent votes. Since coming to power at the Centre in 2014, the BJP has continuously striven to raise its vote share to 50 per cent in state assembly polls and succeeded in this feat in many elections. Shah, like Modi a day before, underlined the primacy of organisation in elections and said it should score such an "overwhelming" win that the opposition thinks many times before challenging it, sources said. The prime minister emphasised the need to reach out to women, youth, farmers and the poor whom he has often de-

scribed as the four biggest

Karti Chidambaram appears before ED

#### In money laundering case

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI):

Congress MP Karti Chidambaram on Saturday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate for his questioning in a money laundering

case linked to the issuance of visa to some Chinese nationals in 2011, official sources said. The ED case stems from a CBI complaint. The agency recorded the statement of the 52-year-old MP from Sivaganga Lok Sabha seat in Tamil Nadu, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Karti had earlier said the ED probe was a "fishing and roving" enquiry and that he has earlier submitted documents to the agency. He sought more time to collect documents as he skipped appearance on December 12 and December 16.



Chidambaram to head Cong's

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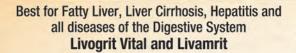
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## **Rakshak Trophy Cricket** tournament inaugurated

Bhilai, Dec 23: Rakshak Trophy Cricket Tournament is being organized by Frontier Headquarters, Security Force (Special Operations), Chhattisgarh from December 23rd to 25th 2023 in Sector-01 Cricket Ground. This tournament is being organised by the officers, subordinate officers and jawans of Frontier Headquarters under the guidance of Satish S Khandare, IPS, Inspector General.

The tournament was inaugurated on Saturday by former international volleyball player, SR Jakhar (DGM), BSP. On this occa-



Deputy Inspector General; Pangte, Deputy Inspector General / Principal Staff Officer; Ratan Lal Bagadia, Deputy Inspector General (Communication): ND Commandant Mow. (Administration)

Border Security Force (Special Operations) Chhattisgarh, were present along with other officers. This tournament is being organized under the supervision of Manisha Kumar Sinha, Assistant Commandant

tournament was played between the cricket teams of Bank of Baroda and Durg Police, in which the cricket team of Durg Police was victorious. The final match of Rakshak Trophy will be played on December 25 at 02:00 pm.

The tournament is witnessing participation of enthusiastic players from 08 teams and audiences from all sections of the society. This initiative of BSF underlines the commitment of BSF to engage with the public in a positive and inclusive manner. Through this tournament, the Border Security Force aims to strengthen trust, understanding and coop-

## 1137 people file applications at VBSY Camp

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: More than 6000 people reached the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camps organized in Kosa Nagar and Sanjay Nagar on Saturday. 1137 people filled the forms of various schemes at the

The camp of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra was organized Radhakrishna Mandir in Kosa Nagar and Sanjay Nagar Pond Ground. BJP District President Brijesh Bijpuriya, MIC member Sandeep Nirankari, Chandrashekhar Gavai, C o r p o r a t o r ChandeshwariBandhe, Ravi Shankar Kurre, Collector Pushpendra Meena and Commissioner Rohit Vyas formally inaugurated the camp by lighting lamps. 1137 people filled applications of vari-

like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swanidhi Yojana, Ration Card, Ujjwala Yojana, Vishwakarma Yojana, Women and Child Development, District Department, Aadhar Card, Pension Scheme, Mudra Loan, Ayushman Card etc.

In the camp, beneficiaries of various schemes of

Mishra, Abdullah Tamrakar, Ahmed. M Anita. K Kameshwari, Balkrishna Pandey, Rajkumar Prasad, Vishnu Prasad, Neelmani Gaikwad, Kewant Lal, Dasmat Sahu expressed their views. Citizens, public representatives, officers and employees took pledge to make India a de-

government school staged a Chhattisgarhi cultural programme. On December 24, the camp will be organized in Contactor Colony

#### Supela and Mangal Bazar Corporator Lalita Pillai, Santosh Srirange and Shankar Lal Dewangan have been invited in the

## SPARSH-4: Fashion show and Bollywood night today

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: To make the vear 2023 memorable, a grand fashion show and Bollywood night "SPARSH-4" is being organised in Durg by the renowned organization of Chhattisgarh, Megh Ganga Group. Famous Bollywood actor Sharman Joshi will attend this program. The grandeur of the programme has become a topic of discussion in twin-city Bhilai-Durg. People are making efforts to get the entry passes of this

This event has been organized by Avish Educom, Life Care, Mahavir Jewelers and Jaydeep Gas Agency Bhilai run by Megh Ganga Group. Megh Ganga Group Chairman Manish Parakh said that the fashion show and Bollywood night SPARSH-4 is being organized in Durg on December 24. This event will be at par with the grand events organised in metro cities.

The event will be held at Prithvi Palace. Bollywood actor Sharman Joshi will be the show-stopper at the event. All preparations have been made to make it a grand programme. Durg MLA Gajendra Yadav, Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav, Vaishalinagar MLA Rikesh Sen, Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal and CRM-HPCL Pankaj Prakash Ratnaparkhi will attend the programme as guests.

**CMO Avish Parakh said that** preparations for the fashion show and Bollywood night SPARSH-4 are being done by the students and staff for the last one month. He also informed that their institution Life Care has state-of-the-art facilities for modern health re-



lated tests, which include Advance MRI-3 Tesla Scanner,

128 Slices Cardiac CT Scanner, 4D Sonography, CBCT (Dental CT Scan) and Advanced Pathology Services. All health facilities are available to the patients under one roof. Avish Educom CEO Nilesh Parakh said that Avish Educom is successfully running in Bhubaneswar. The students here are creating records using new technology.

Students are being trained and linked to employment in the industry through new technology. Avish Educom is famous for its art and technology. The objective of the organization is to connect people with employment along

keeping in mind the awareness of modern India and giving importance to designing as per the interest of the youth.

Group director Nitish Parakh said that their organization has 25 years of experience. Youth trained by the organization are joining employment across the country including Chhattisgarh. This is a big achievement for the organ-Chhattisgarh's Institute of Academic and Industrial Travel 35000 Sq.ft, Wi-Fi Campus, Industry Specific Courses, Sports Events, Smart Lab and AC Class Rooms, IT Certified Trainers, World Class CourseWare, Free Career and Home Counselling, Personality Development Sessions, etc. The organization is training the youth with 70% practical and 30% theory learning.

## Rikesh announces Rs 10 lakh for Satsang Samiti



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: Vaishali Nagar MLA Rikesh Sen attended the three-day spiri-

ized in Ram Nagar Ward-26. The satsang has been organized by the Nav Uday Satsang Committee, Amen Mata Mahila Mandal.

Satsang, MLA Rikesh Sen announced Rs 10 lakh from the MLA fund for the construction of access road and building of the

## **Gayatri Mahayagya begins with Kalash Yatra**

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: Under the auspices of All World Shantikunj Haridwar, "5 Kundiya Gayatri Mahayagya and Shiv Mahapuran Katha" is being organized by the villagers and Gayatri Pragyapeeth Samiti in Dhanora. The religious event was inaugurated on Saturday at Bazar Chowk, Dhanora.

The religious rituals Punsavan, Namkaran, Annaprasan, Mundan, Vidyarambh. Diksha, Yajnopavit, marriage etc will be organised. The programme began with a grand Kalash Yatra.

A large number of women and girls partici-



pated in the Mangal Kalash Yatra which began at 15:00 hrs on Saturday. Women carrying Kalash on their heads marched across the village, fetched water

from the pond and returned back to the Yajna

Children dressed as Lord Shiva and Lord Ram - Lakshman were the centre of attraction.

devotional Singing songs, the women participated in the Kalash Yatra. The program concluded in the evening after the Dev Sthapana and Kalash Sthapana.

## Female drug peddler nabbed with psychotropic drugs

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: Police arrested a female drug peddler and recovered a huge cache Nagar Durg. She was pedof psychotropic drugs from her possession. A total of 4800 pieces of Alprazolam Rlam 0.5 tablets worth Rs 45,000 were seized from her.

Under the direction of SSP Ramgopal Garg and supervision of ASP (City) Abhishek Jha and CSP Mani Shankar Chandra, a team of Durg Police led by Trainee DSP Aanksha Pandey and Inspector Vijay Yadav (SHO, Mohan Nagar) is taking action against the people involved in illegal activities of drug peddling and smuggling. In this se-

off regarding a woman, Aaksha Khandelwal, a resident of Shankar dling drugs in the vacant plot of Rajendra Sahu in Shankar Nagar Durg After informing the senior officers about the information, a police team was formed and sent to the spot. The team found a woman of the same appearance as described by the informer, in the vacant plot of Rajendra Sahu in Shankar Nagar Durg. On spotting the cops, she tried to escape but the cops managed to take her in custody

She was identified as

Akanksha Khandelwal (31)

Mar Baselios Vidhya Bhawan celebrates Annual Day 'Vibrancy 2023'



Khandelwal, a resident of Shankar Nagar, Durg. She was searched in front of the witnesses. A total of 4,800 pieces of Alprazolam Rlam 0.5 tablets worth around Rs 45.000 were found in 08 boxes kept inside a white colored bag of the accused.

The drugs were confiscated in front of witnesses. The accused was found to have committed a crime under Section 8, 22 (c) 27 (a) of the Narcotics Act and was duly arrested. The arrested accused was sent to jail on ju dicial remand.

Inspector Vijay Yadav (SHO, Mohan Nagar), Sub Inspector Preeti Jaiswal, Sub Inspector Laxman Singh Thakur, Head Constable Ajay Vishwakarma, Javed Khan, Female Constable Monica Gupta, Constable Sachin Singh, Abhishek Yadav, Nasir Baksh, Gaur Singh, Vedram Bande and Kamlesh Yadav played a vital role in arrest

## Power supply to be affected in some areas of Township

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: The Town Electrical Engineering Dept. (TEED) under SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department chalks out an annual preventive maintenance plan each year to minimize breakdowns and enhance the reliability of the system to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the township.

As per the Annual Maintenance Plan for 2023-24, there will be a planned shutdown for preventive maintenance of the HT system during the period from December 2023 to March 2024, to carry out several maintenance jobs and take corrective action.

As per the maintenance schedule, power supply will be affected in the following areas of the township every day from 10:00 hrs to 013:30 hrs from December 26th to 30th,

The power supply shall be affected in Sector-08, and some parts of Sector-07 on December 26, and at Sector-05 and Indira Place Centre) December 27 respectively. On December 28, 2023, the power supply shall be affected in Sector-01 and some parts of Sectors-

The power supply shall be affected in 32 Bunglows and some parts of Sector-07 on December 29, while in some parts of Sector-06, on December 30, 2023, from 10:00 hrs to 013:30 hrs.

**Electrical Engineering** Dept has appealed to residents to cooperate. All the residents are requested to take note of the same.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Dec 23: Mar Baselios Vidhya Bhawan, Kailash Nagar, celebrated annual function Vibrancy with zeal on December 21 and 22, 2023. The first day was marked as the annual function of our Senior Wing and the Chief Guest for this day was a distinguished figure Prof Dr GA Ghanshyam, Directorate of Higher Education, Chhattisgarh, Raipur. The Guest of Honour was Rikesh Sen, MLA Vaishali Nagar. The program started by colourful welcoming Goan dance by class VI students, followed by welcome song and the traditional lamp lighting by Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

Welcoming of the guest was done by School Head Girl, Tulsi Šadhwani. The Chief Guest shared his experience on NEP 2020 and moral values affected by artificial intelligence. Principal Fr Jacob Thomas presented annual



report of the school. The Chief Guest was felicitated by Vice President, Fr Thomas Ramban. The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour handed out the certificates and prizes to the winners and toppers in various categories. Special prize "Mar Theodosius Memorial Award" was presented to Ganga Surbhi Jaiswal of Class XII. She stood 2nd in MGM Group Institutions in CBSE Examination 2023. Sanskar Chauhan of Class XII was awarded for participating International Powerlifting held in Nepal. The most important part of the event was the science exhibition in which many working models were displayed by the students which was guided by Deepa Justin, Maheshwari, Varghese and Seema Mishra. The show stopper of the program was the Nukkad Natak based on "Perspective

thought provoking program for all the audience. The program was conducted by Nancy Victor and Vote of Thanks was proposed by Achsa Joshi of Class XII.

On December 22, 2023, the Chief Guest was Dr Prashant Shrivastava, Dean, Student's Welfare, Yadav Hemchand University, Durg for Annual Day celebration of Junior Wing. Guest of Honour was Neha Sahu, Ward Councillor, Nagar Education" that was a Nigam, Bhilai. The Chief

Guest was felicitated by the Treasurer, Fr Aju K Varghese and Principal Fr Jacob Thomas. The program began with a welcome song followed by the traditional lamp lighting by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Fr Jibin Johnson, Secretary of MBVB, welcomed all the dignitaries and the audience. The Prizes were given by Fr Dr Joshi Varghese and Fr Dr PS Varghese. The program that mesmerized the audi-

ence was presented by

Class II students on Girl Child Education. And other attractive cultural programs captivated the ambiance. The theme of this year was based on Education, Morality and Culture and students excelled in bringing out their best. All the parents, teachers and supporting-staff attended the program. The event was conducted by Deepa Justin and Vote of Thanks was proposed by Harshita Soni of Class XII. The celebration concluded with National Anthem.

Kavi Sammelan on 'Veer

Bal Diwas' on 26th Dec

RAIPUR

### **Chhattisgarh Govt gears up for Good Governance Day Celebrations on** Vajpayee's birth anniversary

Week-long cleanliness campaign to be initiated in all urban areas on 25th

**Newly elected pub**lic representatives and general public to pledge for good governance

Raipur, Dec 23: In commemoration of the birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Chhattisgarh will observe 'Good Governance Day' on December 25. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has directed the distribution of the pending paddy

bonus amounting to Rs 3716 crore 38 lakh 96 thousand, for the Kharif marketing years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the state's farmers on this day

As part of efforts to encourage paddy-producing farmers, the state government has allocated funds for the 'Dhaan Utpadan Protsahan Yojna' (Paddy Incentive Production Scheme) in its supplementary budget. The Good Governance Day programme will commence at 10 am at Atal Chowk in urban bodies, with newlyelected public representatives and the general public taking a pledge to 'establish good governance.' The event will also include garlanding the portrait of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the tradi-

Over 6,216 Ayushman cards issued to beneficiaries

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schemes is being provided

to the people. The focus is

on educating the public

about schemes including

Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana, Pradhan Mantri

Suraksha Bima Yojana,

Ayushman Card, Pradhan

Mantri Kisan Samman

Nidhi Yojana, Pradhan

Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima

tional lighting of the lamp.

In preparation for the celebration, the state government has instructed the cleaning and necessarv repairs of the existing 'Atal Stambh' in urban bodies by December 25. Besides, a week-long cleanliness campaign in urban areas will kick off on December 25. On Good Governance Day, 'Atal Sandhya' will be organized in all urban bodies across the state. The event will feature a Kavi Sammelan, a poetry reading dedicated to Atal ji, 'Atal Vichar Sangoshthi', an essay competition, and an exhibition focusing on the life, personality, and work of the late Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari

have been distributed to a

total of 6216 beneficiaries in the camp. Additionally. 96 beneficiaries have received new gas connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The camp facilitated the new registration of 57

beneficiaries under the

Pradhan Mantri Kisan

Samman Nidhi Yojana.

Moreover, 143 beneficiar-

ies were enrolled under

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan

Jyoti Bima Yojana, and 139

beneficiaries were regis-

tered under Pradhan

Mantri Suraksha Bima

Yojana. In line with the Pradhan Mantri Awas

amounts were disbursed

to a total of five benefici-

aries. Furthermore, the

camp processed applica-

tions from 16 farmers for

sanctioning KCC loans.

installment

of the Khalsa Panth.

Mughal Subedar Wazir Khan for not accepting Islam. Kavi Sammelan (poet's conference) is being organized in honor of these brave children who, even in their childhood, gave more importance to religion, truth and their Guru's teachings than their lives. Noted poet Dr Kumar Vishwas, Padmashree Dr Surendra Dubey and other famous poets of the country will pay tribute to martyrdom of two elder sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji through their poems. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will be present on the occasion as chief guest. The function will be presided over by Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Sai and Vijay Sharma. Om Mathur and Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh will be pres-

ent as special guests.

## **Over 2600 eligible citizens directly** benefited from Central Govt schemes

**Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Camp** in Ward 16 of Zone-1

Raipur, Dec 23: A one-day camp under the Central Government's philanthropic Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra campaign was held in Veer Shivaji Ward No. 16 of Raipur Municipal Corporation's Zone-1 falling under Raipur West Assembly Constituency. Information about various public welfare schemes including PM Swanidhi,

Vishwakarma, Ayushman Card, PM Ujjwala, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana of the Central Government was provided to the people at the Raipur West MLA Rajesh

Moonat, Ward Number 18

Corporator Mrs. Godavari

Gajju Sahu, Superintending Engineer of Municipal Corporation Rajesh Sharma, Executive Engineer Rajesh Rathore, Zone NR Commissioner Chandrakar, Executive Engineer Gajaram Kanwar

along with officials of vari-

ous government depart-

Corporation, Raipur District Administration, dignitaries, social workers, women and youth were present at the camp. More than 2600 eligible citizens directly benefited from various public welfare schemes of the Central Government in the camp organized in Ward 16 in the first shift of the day today. More than 5000 citizens came to the camp and got information about the public welfare schemes of the Central Government.

Munat directly observed the arrangements in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Camp of Veer Shivaji Ward by visiting all the stalls and told to concerned government officials that no eligible citizen should be deprived of getting the full desired bene fits of any public welfare scheme of the Central Government. A public health awareness camp was organized in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan Camp of Veer Shivaji Ward No. 16, in which doctors examined the health of more than 850 citizens and gave them medical advice along with medicines More than 1300 citizens took a pledge to make India a developed nation. As many as 460 eligible citizens got benefit of PM Ujjwala Yojana and 870 eligible citizens got benefit of PM Vishwakarma Yojana. More than 70 citizens narrated story of success in their own words. More than 60 citizens participated in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Quiz Competition.



'Kavi Sammelan' is going

to be organized with the

title "Nava Suruj" by the

Culture Department of

Chhattisgarh Government, 'Samajik Chetna Manch' 'Shivasha Foundation' on Tuesday, 26th December, on "Veer Bal Diwas" at Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium, Budhapara, Raipur. Last vear. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced to celebrate December 26 as 'Veer Bal Diwas' on the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs and the founder

> Among the four sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the two elder sons had bravely sacrificed their lives in the battle of Chamkaur, while the two younger sons were imprisoned alive



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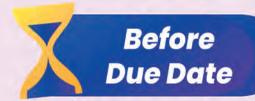
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#### the masses. As part of this Yojana, KCC, and others to initiative, camps are being ensure maximum benefiorganized in various ciaries avail themselves of gram panchayats of Balod the benefits. district, where informa-Since December 16, 2023, Ayushman cards **Chief Justice Sinha conducts surprise**

Raipur, Dec 23: Chhattisgarh High Chief Court Ramesh Sinha conducted a surprise inspection

**Viksit Bharat** 

Sankalp Yatra

Raipur, Dec 23: 'Viksit

Bharat Sankalp Yatra' has

been launched with the ob-

jective of disseminating

information about the

Government of India's

public welfare schemes to

of all the sections the High Court, Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy and ADR Building. He admired the clean and conducive environment of the Judicial Academy and expressed satisfaction over the cleanliness of the ADR building. Chief Justice Sinha in-

The Chief Justice also directed the Additional Registrar (Admn) and offi-PWD the Department present to pay special attention to cleanliness and maintenance and directed the Registrar

structed all the section

heads to pay more atten-

tion to the cleanliness of

their section.

inspection of all sections of High Court, **Judicial Academy, ADR Building** General to remove the deficiencies found in various branches. He di-

rected all the offi-

cers and employees

of various sections of the registry to be present on time, work in a timely manner and complete the tasks with disci-

On December 22, Chief Justice Sinha had conducted surprise inspection of the district courts of Raipur and four remote districts of Chhattisgarh, Kondagaon, Keshkal, Kanker and Balod. In his short tenure of just 8 months, the Chief Justice inspected all the district courts of Chhattisgarh. All the judicial officers of the Registry and Academy including Registrar General Arvind Kumar Verma were

#### **Sachin Pilot made** general secretary in-charge of Chh'garh

Yojana,



Raipur, Dec h  ${\tt Congress}$ appointed

in-charge of Chhattisgarh replacing Kumari Selja. The appointments come two days after a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), party's highest decision-making body, which was chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by senior leaders, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. Pilot, a former deputy chief minister of Rajasthan, replaces Kumari Selja, who has now been given the charge as general secre-

in-charge

Uttarakhand, the state-

ment said.

Pilot the general secretary

## BBPS's annual sports gala unwraps a tapestry of young triumphs



Sipat, Dec 23: The Annual Sports Day at Bal Bharati Public School (BBPS), NTPC Sipat unfolded as a resounding success for the preprimary students on 20th December, Wednesday. The distinguished gathering included Ramanath Pujari - CGM - NTPC Sipat, as the Chief Guest and Archana Pujari - President -Sangwari Mahila Samiti, as the Guest of Honour. Notable attenalso featured Arun

Varshney, General Manager Operations and Maintenance, Jayprakash Satyakam, Deputy General Manager Resources, Praveen Bharti, Manager - Human Resources and members of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the torch by the chief guest and a symbolic release of pigeons marked the official inauguration.

Thereafter, students who participated in regional and nationallevel sports competitions paraded with torches, creating a vibrant display of sportsmanship. The little igniting spirits from the pre-primary section conveyed messages of healthy living, happiness, unity in diversity and strength through a lively march past. Following this, separate competitions were organized for boys and girls. Outstanding performers securing the first, second and third positions were honoured with certificates and medals. Also a special event, needle and thread race was organized for parents, fostering spirited participation and celebrating victories. During his welcoming address, Shalabh Nigam, the school's principal, highlighted the significance of sports and exercise for a promis-

## \*Taxpayers required to file FORM GSTR-9

All GST taxpayers having Aggregate Annual Turnover above ₹ 2 Crore (during F.Y. 2022-2023) except the following:

**Input Service Distributor** 

Non-Resident Taxable Person

**TCS Collector** 



Casual Taxable Person

Taxpayers whose Aggregate Annual Turnover is above ₹ 5 Crore (during F.Y. 2022-2023) are required to file a self-certified reconciliation statement in FORM GSTR-9C along with Annual Return in FORM GSTR-9

\*Taxpayers required to file FORM GSTR-9C

Late Filing of FORM GSTR-9 and FORM GSTR-9C will attract late fee



















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## Give top priority to PMAY work: CM

Vishnu Deo Sai's video conference with Collectors

Raipur, Dec 23: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday addressed all the collectors of the state for the first time through video conferencing. He instructed all the collectors to quickly prepare the list

beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana so that they can be constructed soon. He gave strict instructions regarding maintaining law and order in the state. He said that the rule of law should be visible in the state. The Chief Minister asked to take strict action to control gambling, betting, illegal liquor and crime. Sai also gave instructions to resolve revenue related matters expeditiously. He said that there should not be any complaint from the public regarding works like caste certificate, demarcation and map correction. People's work should be done quickly without any transaction. He asked to lay special emphasis on cleanliness of drains and streets in urban areas. Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Sao and



Secretary Amitabh Jain also participated in the video conferencing.

Chief Minister Sai said that as soon as the new government is formed in the state, a big decision has been taken to provide Prime Minister House to 18 lakh people and to give two years' outstanding bonus amount to 12 lakh farmers. He instructed the collectors to immediately prepare a list of all the people eligible for housing. Sai also gave necessary instructions regarding the preparations for Good Governance Day to be celebrated in the state on December 25th.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the current situation of Corona in the state with senior officials of the Health Department and all the collectors. In view of the increasing cases of Corona in the country, he instructed to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the Government of India for its prevention and precaution.

He asked to test as many samples of people with possible symptoms of Corona as possible every day. He also asked to conduct mock-drills in hospitals to check the arrangements required for the treatment of Corona.

Deputy Chief Minister

Arun Sao told all the collectors in video conferencing to ensure that the instructions of the Chief Minister are followed. The law and order situation in the state should be good. The people of the state should not face any kind of problem. Every scheme of the government should reach the people in a good way. He said that all officers should use their abilities and capabilities in the interest of the public. Pay special attention to the work that has been stalled since the code of conduct came into effect for the assembly elections. I hope that you will work with new energy and enthusiasm keeping in mind the

needs of the people. Deputy Chief Minister

Vijay Sharma said in the VC that many major decisions have been taken in the state in the first eight days of government formation. The government and administration have to work together to deliver the benefits of these decisions to the people in a better way. He said that after Good Governance Day on December 25th, Veer Bal Diwas is to be celebrated on December 26th. The spirit of bravery will be awakened in children through Veer Bal Diwas. He instructed the collectors to prepare for it. Additional Chief Secretary of Health Department, Renu Pillay, Secretary Siddharth Komal

Pardeshi, Secretary to the Minister Dayanand, Commissioner of Health Department Dr. C.R. Prasanna, Special Secretary Urban Administration Development Department, Mr. Ayyaz Fakir Tamboli, Director of Health Services, Mr. Jaiprakash Maurya, Director of National Health Mission, Bhoskar Sandipan, Managing Director of CGMSC, Mr. Chandrakant Verma and Nodal Officer of IDSP, Dr. Dharmendra Gahwai were present in video confer-

## **COURTESY VISIT**



The Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai paid courtesy visit to the Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar at V-P's official residence in New Delhi on Saturday. The Dy. CMs Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma also accompanied him.

### CM directs financial aid of Rs 4 lakh each

 For families of deceased in passenger bus accident

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 23: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai cerned to extend financial aid of Rs 4 lakh to the families of each of the three passengers who lost their lives in a tragic passenger bus accident at Markatola Ghat in Balod district

today. Besides, he has directed to ensure proper medical treatment for the injured. Expressing his condolences to the grievfamilies, Chief

scribing the news of the three casualties in the Balod district accident as deeply saddening. He offered prayers for the injured in the accident.

### Training given for self registration in RTI portal

Central Chronicle News

Vijay Sharma and Chief

Raipur, Dec 23: Training was given on Friday on the subject of self-registration in the RTI portal for Public Information Officers and First Appellate Officers at Mantralaya Bhawan and Head of Department Bhawan located in Naya

The training was given by Chhattisgarh State Information Commission and National Informatics Centre. In this training, Secretary State Information Commission Mr. G.R. Churendra, Deputy Secretary and Nodal Officer of General Administration Department Mrs. Mary Khes, Under Secretary of Information Commission Mrs. Geeta Diwan, Section Officer Mr. Atul Verma, Mr. Ashok Maurya of NIC. The team provided guidance to

CM expresses

deep sorrow over



Officers and First Appellate Authorities.

In the training workshop, the process of selfregistration in the online portal, disposal of applications after on-boarding and the process of uploading were explained in detail through demo. The Public Information Officers and First Appellate Officers were also resolved in the training. The first appellate authorities were informed about viewing the

Raipur, Dec 23: The annual

its disposal. The process for demanding fees online was explained. In the workshop, Secretary of the State Information Commission, GR Churendra said that in compliance with the order of the Supreme Court and the instructions given by the state government, the work of self registration has to be completed in the month of December. He has advised the officers to be aware of the Right to Information rules and im-

#### **Stolen material recovered from** possession of 2 minor children



Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Dec 23: Two minor boys have been arrested who had stolen the mobile, smart watch and home theater kept in the shop by ripping off the sheet from the big shopkeeper Deepak mobile shop of the district. Evidence of crimes against minor children has been found. The stolen material like mobile, smart watch and home theater was seized from the possession of both of them and after the proceedings on

sented on judicial remand before the Juvenile Justice Board.

According to the information received from the police, a crime was registered on the report of applicant Brijesh Verma and taken up for investigation. During the investigation, the accused was identified. The said team identified the suspect and arrested him. When taken into custody and interrogated, two minor children admitted to having committed the incident, from whose possession the entire stolen

#### Bonus payment of Rs 3716 cr to be made to farmers on Dec 25 order issued by the

**On National Good Governance Day** 

Central Chronicle News

Raipur.

Dec Chhattisgarh government has started rapidly implementing the guarantee given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After the acceptance of Prime Minister's awas to more than 18 lakh families of the state and the implementation of the promise of purchasing 21 quintals of paddy per acre from the farmers at Rs 3100, now preparations for paying the two vears' outstanding bonus to the farmers have started in full swing. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has said

National Governance Day, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on December 25th, we will distribute the bonus of outstanding paddy of Kharif marketing year 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the farmers of the state. We will pay an amount of Rs 3716 crore 38 lakh 96 thousand.

It is noteworthy that as a guarantee from Modi, the government had promised to pay the dues of two years to the farmers of the state. To fulfill this promise, in compliance with the instructions of Chief Minister Sai, preparations have been started in full swing by the Agriculture

Ministry Agriculture, farmers will be paid a bonus (Paddy Procurement Incentive Scheme) at the rate of Rs 300 per quintal in lieu of the paddy procured at the support price in the above two years. The payment of bonus amount will be scheduled from state level to development block level December 25th. On this occasion, Minister Sai will communicate with the farmers through video conferencing. In the program organized at the development block level, certificates of paddy production incentive will also be provided to the beneficiary farmers by local public represen-

#### Abhivyakti 2023 Unveils a Tapestry of Emotions with 'Navaras - Reflections of Emotions'

Raipur, Dec 20: The highly anticipated annual function, Abhivyakti 2023, unfolded with a symphony of emotions as students from Grade 1 to 12 showcased their artistic prowess under the theme "Navaras - Reflections of Emotions." The Mega Event, held at NH Goel World School, was inaugurated by the esteemed presence renowned Bollywood actor BomanIrani, voice artist, photographer and screenplay mentor. The Ocassion was graced by the Chairman Managing Goel, Suresh RajendraGoel, Director Esteemed board members Narendra Goel, AnandGoel, Director Goel Group of Companies, Vijay Gupta, Chairman Beekay Industries,

nurturing and mentoring environment provided by the school. Adding to the grandeur of the event were the various club activities, that were meticulously presented in the exhibition, Igebra's Gen AI Master corner knocked the shoes off with their brilliant exhibits and Helen O' Grady dramatist students were stealing the show. Students passionately showcased their achievements and contributions in fields such as science, literature, music, and more. Students were awarded for their achievements in various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, nationally and internationally. Sandli Vyas of grade 12 bagged the Student of the Year (Girls) and Isckon Jain of grade 12 as the Student of the Year (Boys) award. Best Hostel Boy ShivamSultania, Best Hostel Girl PrishaJuneja, Best Sports Person BoysVijay Yadav, Best Sports Person Girls SanskritiTayal and Ananya Pandey. NH Goel World School is celebrating its

exhibition not only

highlighted the creative bril-

liance of the students but also

served as a testament to the

## **Daga Girls' College celebrates annual day**

demise of Smt. function of Smt. Pramila **Premlata Sharma** Gokuldas Daga Girls' College, Kutchari Chowk, Raipur, Dec 23: Minister Raipur (C.G.) was held in the Vishnu Deo Sai excollege premises on Saturday, pressed deep sorrow 23 December 2023. The program started with lighting of at the demise of Smt. Premlata Sharma, the lamp and garlanding the idol of Goddess Saraswati. the mother of KK Sharma, senior jour-On this occasion, the Chief nalist and former guest of the program, Prof. President of Raipur (Dr.) Sachchidanand Shukla, Press Club and. Sai Vice Chancellor, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, expressed sympathy to bereaved family Rainur described student life and prayed for peace as the most important time of to the departed soul. life. He also stated that belief



in self is the most necessary thing to make good use of future. He also inaugurated

time and to create your own

college magazine " ARO-HAN" along with other dignitaries present at dias.

Chairman of the program, Ajay Tiwari, while explaining the importance of education, emphasized on the multifaceted development of girl students' and sent best wishes for the further progress of the institution. The annual report was presented by the Principal of the college, Dr. Sangeeta Ghai. Thereafter, during the prize distribution, the students representing the national and state level sports competitions in the

ning and runner-up teams of the college in the inter-college competition were honored with certificates, medals and prizes. During this, a colorful cultural program was presented by the college students. The cultural program started with performance of Ganesh Vandana. Krishna Leela, Ram Aayenge, along traditional Chhattisgarhi, Panthi dance, Rajasthani, Gujarati, Marathi, Western dance were presented by the stu-

session 2023-24 and the win-

Ryan celebrates talent and tenacity The event commenced with solemn prayer, setting the tone for a day filled with

Athletic Meet.

# The coveted trophies for the

Best School and Runner-up awarded to Ryan International School, Raipur (Best School) and St. Xavier's High School, Runner up school], respectively, recognizing their overall outstanding performance and the cumulative achievements of their athletes. Mrs . Dhaneshwari Sharma, Principal ,Ryan International School , Raipur expressed gratitude for the honor and emphasized the importance of sports in shaping the holistic development of students.

## **Obituary**

**Premlata Sharma** 

M r s Premlata Sharma (Sandi Arang Wale), resident

Shanti Vihar

Colony behind Chandrakar Hostel, Mahadev Ghat Road passed away on Saturday morning at the age of 70. Her last rites were performed at Mahadev Ghat. She was the wife of late Omprakash Sharma and mother of senior journalist KK Sharma (former president of the Press Club) and Shweta Sharma. She was the mother-in-law of Ashish Sharma, aunt of advocates Akhilesh and Vipin, Praveen Sharma and younger sister of Amapara resident Radheshyam **Pandey** Kapsiwale.

#### Hosts inter-school athletic meet

Raipur, Dec 23: Ryan Sports Club proudly organized the 3rd Rvan Inter school Chhattisgarh region Athletic Meet at Kota Stadium on December 21st and 22nd, 2023, an event that not only exemplifies the commitment to sports but also fulfilled the visionary aspirations of Chairman Sir Dr. A.F. Pinto. The meet witnessed enthusiastic participation from athletes across four schools Ryan Raipur, St. Xavier's Raipur, St. Xavier's Durg, and St. Xavier's Dhamtari.

The two-day extravaganza showcased a total of 70 events tailored for different age groups, ranging from 10 to 18 years. This extensive range of competitions ensured that every participant had a platform to showcase their athlet-



Kota Stadium was a testament to the enduring vision of Chairman Sir Dr. A.F. Pinto, who has consistently emphasized the importance of holisdevelopment through sports. The event not only provided a platform for healthy competition but also fostered a spirit of camaraderie and discipline among the young ath-

Athletes from St. Xavier's Dhamtari, Ryan Raipur, St. Xavier's Durg, and St. Xavier's Raipur competed passionately, zones with pride. The diversity of events catered to various age groups, ensuring that every participant had a chance to shine and contribute to their schools overall performance. The Zonal Athletic Meet was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Satya Narayan Sharma (former MLA) who brought a wealth of experience and inspiration to the event. His address motivated the young athletes to pursue excellence, instilling in them the values of dedication, perseverance, and fair play.

sportsmanship, dedication, and camaraderie. The highlight of the opening ceremony was the symbolic release of balloons, signifying the spirit of unity and sportsmanship, by the esteemed representing their respective

Chief Guest, Satya Narayan Sharma. The colorful balloons soared into the sky, symbolizing the aspirations, dreams, and unity of the athletes gathered from various schools and clubs within the zone. In an exhilarating culmina-

tion of sportsmanship and talent, Ryan International Raipur hosted the prize distribution ceremony for the Zonal Athletic Meet 2023, recognizing the exceptional efforts of participants and awarding the top-performing schools and athletes. The prize distribution ceremony was a momentous

occasion, the participants were lauded for their outstanding performances and commitment to excellence. The ceremony commenced with a heartwarming tribute to all the athletes, highlighting their hard work and determination throughout the Zonal

Preeti Sharma.

**Director Admininstration SK** Tomar, Principal Dr Awinash Pandey and Vice Principal The heart of Abhivyakti 2023 was an awe-inspiring exhibition that brought to life the diverse emotions encapsulated in the concept of Navaras. From joy and love to sorrow and anger, students expressed themselves through a myriad of artistic forms, ranging from paintings to 15 years of excellence in sculptures to haunted house, school education.

T'khand prepared

for any spurt in

COVID-19 cases'

Ranchi, Dec 23 (PTI): Jharkhand is prepared to deal

with any spurt in COVID-19

cases, although the situation

is presently under control, a

health official said on

Saturday. No fresh coron-

avirus cases have been re-

ported in the state since

December 18, when two in-

fections were detected in a

Jamshedpur hospital, the of-

ficial said. "In view of a rising

number of coronavirus cases

in some states, the Jharkhand

health department has al-

ready conducted mock drills

of functioning of oxygen

plants and reviewed the

number of beds available

with oxygen support, non-

oxygen support and those in

the ICU as per directions of

the Centre," Alok Trivedi,

National Health Mission

(NHM) Director in the state,

told PTI. India saw a single-

day rise of 752 coronavirus

May 21 this year, while active

cases have increased to

**Anurag Thakur** 

Bengaluru, Dec 23 (PTI):

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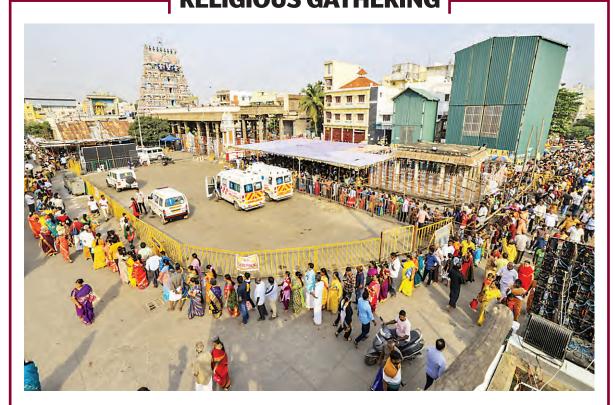
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### **RELIGIOUS GATHERING**



Devotees wait in queues to offer prayers at the Parthasarathy temple on the occasion of 'Vaikuntha Ekadashi', in Chennai, Saturday.

## Arunachal

Itanagar, Dec 23 (PTI):

In insurgency-hit

eastern districts

Pradesh Lieutenant General (Retired) K T Parnaik on Saturday called for strengthening the security apparatus in the state's insurgency-hit eastern districts of Tirap, Changlang and Longding.

The governor, during a meeting with a senior Assam Rifles officer at Raj Bhavan here, discussed ways and means to strengthen the security in the three districts.

The governor's call came after a series of kidnappings in Longding district over the last few

is a preferred option."

Marengo

former MLA Yumsem Matey by unknown assailants near the India-Myanmar border in Tirap district on December 16.

Parnaik suggested realtime sharing of intelligence with other security forces, including state police, operating in the three districts.

The Assam Rifles sector commander briefed the governor on the security situation in the three districts and various goodwill projects undertaken by the force. He elaborated on the proactive role played by Assam Rifles in maintaining law and order in the eastern part of the state.

The state government on December 21 decided to transfer the case relating to the killing of Matey to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

**Arunachal Governor calls to** 

strengthen security apparatus

The government has requested the Union Home Ministry to take up the matter of probe of the incident with the NIA, the state's Deputy Home Secretary Likha Sampu

Matey, former Congress legislator, was shot dead by unidentified assailants when he went to Lazu with three of his supporters for some personal work. He had recently declared before his supporters that he would contest the 2024 assembly polls from Khonsa West constituency.

Matey was first elected as an MLA in 2009 on a Congress ticket. After losing the 2014 polls, he joined the BJP in 2015.

a series of kidnappings in Longding district over the last few months. In all the cases, ransoms were demanded and the captives released after several days, with no clarity on whether the amounts were paid.

Militants of the Ang Mai faction of banned outfit NSCN-K had abducted village chief Chopkhu Gangsa (53) and gaon bura (village Chijgsan Wangham (45) from Chop village in the district on November 28 for

They were reportedly taken to Longpa village in neighbouring Myanmar and released on December 21 after remaining in captivity for nearly a month.

allegedly not paying a levy

of Rs 50,000 to the outfit.

#### **RIJIJU TO STUDENTS**

## 'Shun bandh culture, focus on academic activities'



Kiren Rijiju

Itanagar, Dec 23 (PTI):

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday advised students to focus on academic activities and denounce the culture of bandhs and dharnas. The Union Minister of Earth Sciences, who inaugurated a post office, a bank branch and unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi on the campus of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) at Jote near here, said

authorities are hopeful

preparations for the con-

vocation ceremony, sched-

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the city to attend the pro-

"We are making all

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developing a growth mindset, students will become contributing members of society. Congratulating the students and the faculty of the institute, Rijiju said, "Improving facilities

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Advocate Nikhil Agrawal Managing Partner, Complete Legal Solutions LLP Office at C/o "Vastu Sadan", C-4, Ground

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Dated-22.12.2023

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Mr Virendra Singh

Sabha Marg

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Mr Dilip Parakh S/o Shri Phool

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Other Charges

₹29,80,000+ Rs. 43,00,000/- Residential Plot admeasuring 1102 Sq. Ft. and residential building thereon, situated at House no. 185, Near Tarun Talkies, Santra Badi, Ward 120,000 Co. 185, Near Tarun Talkies, Santra Badi, Ward 120,00 no.26, District- Durg, CG owned by Mr. Inderjee Singh Kanda S/o Late Suchcha Singh Kanda and Mrs. Ranjeet Kaur Kanda W/o Mr. Inderjeet Singh Kanda

₹ 17,02,000+ Rs. 18,50,000/- Rs. 1,85,000/- 16/24, Nuzul sheet no. 28D,RI circle Durg 01, area 211.50 sq mt. at village –Khas Durg ,ward no. 06 ,Thethwarpara .Kavasthnara inner side Tahsil & Distt-Durg chhattishgarh

Details of encumbranches over the above properties, as known to the Bank- Not Known www.unionbankofindia.co.in .For further detailed any quarry please contact: For Serial No. 1 - Shri Ritesh Jain, Mob 9993695079, For Serial No. 2 : Shri Niraj Rakesh, Mob. 9007075597, For Serial No. 3 : Devesh Rathore, Mob. 9981321808

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**Marengo CIMS Hospital creates** 

Lung Transplantation is

Ahmedabad, Dec 23

the most complex medical endeavor undertaken by mankind. Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad is a recognized Transplant Centre. Lung transplantation is

a definitive treatment for Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. IPAH, also known as Hypertension (PPH), manifests in the second and third decades of life. It kills young people suddenly and is one of the causes of sudden cardiac (heart)

Symptoms of IPAH are shortness of breath, easy fatigability, chest pain, blackouts, and sudden carinfections, the highest since diac death. These symptoms are progressive. Marengo CIMS Hospital 3,420, according to Union Health Ministry data updated therefore endeavors to create awareness of this dis-

'INDI Alliance set of leaders

facing corruption charges'

the Parliament security

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gling in other states.

They can't speak in one

voice. They are a set of

people facing corruption

charges and have come

together," Thakur, the

Broadcasting Minister,

said. "They do not have a

common ideology, they

do not have a common

minimum programme or

a common candidate.

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On the suspension of

opposition MPs from

Parliament, the minister

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Alliance." Thakur said.

Information

breach on December 13. Where is the alliance?

Minister Amit Shah on were "barred by the



**Dr Jnanesh Thakkar** 

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Dr Jnanesh Thakkar, Director, Transplantations, Minimal Invasive Lung Transplantations says, "The IPAH can be a combination influenced by ge-

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netic and environmental factors. There are treatments at the early stages of diagnosis that can help manage symptoms and improve the quality of life for a patient. These may include medications to dilate the blood

vessels, reduce blood clot formations, and alleviate symptoms. However, at end-stage failure of the lungs, a transplantation of the lungs from a cadaver Lung Transplantations (MILT). This is compared to the standard procedure which is done by clamshell incision. A clamshell incision is a bilateral anterior thoracotomy Transverse Sternotomy. Simply means that this incision is a cut right

across the chest. In Minimally Invasive Lung Transplantations, the cuts are made only on the sides. The sternum is not divided. The advantages of MILT are less pain, quick recovery, and cosmetically loved by female patients. The scars are not seen from the front and the back or the side. It is only seen when she raises her hands as the incisions lie in the crease of her

## **Preparations underway** for JU convocation today

Kolkata, Dec 23 (PTI):

Preparations were underway at Jadavpur University here for hosting its annual convocation on Sunday, a senior official of the institute West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose, who is the ex-officio chancellor of the institute, and Education Minister Bratva Basu have been invited to attend the function, the official said.

The convocation, which is held on December 24 every year, was marked by uncertainty after the governor did not accord permission to hold the university's court meeting, which is crucial for hosting the event.

However, citing the University Jadavpur statute, which allows the state university to host the annual event every year on the same date, and the government's recent communiqu which called for holding the function as around 3,000 students are scheduled to get their degrees and certificates, the institution went ahead with the court meeting to discuss the modalities of the 66th convocation.

Registrar Snehamanju Basu told PTI that the university is yet to receive any response from the governor over the invitation to attend the function as the chief guest but the

### NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Ashok Kumar Jain S/o Pukhraj Golchha resident of H.No. - 9/352, Behind Mahavir Bhawan, Budhapara, Raipur (C.G.) have changed my old name Ashok Kumar Jain S/o Pukhraj Golchha so in future, I should be recognized by my new name

that is Ashok Golchha S/o Pukhraj Golchha in all government and other documents.

#### Ashok Golchha

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LS Speaker Om Birla and other leaders pay homage to former prime minister Charan Singh on his birth anniversary, at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, in New Delhi, Saturday. 



## Collector and SP inspect Paddy **Procurement Centers**

Korea, Dec 23:

Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh Superintendent of Police Trilok Bansal are leading by example, ensuring transparency and fairness in the paddy procurement process. They have been actively visiting the procurement centers and engaging directly with farmers to address their concerns and challenges.

Paddy procurement for the season commenced on November 1, 2023, and will continue until January 31, 2024. The district boasts 22,274 registered farmers cultivating 29,771 hectares of paddy across 22 procurement centers. Notably, both thick and thin paddy varieties are being purchased at support prices, with thick paddy at Rs 2,183 per quintal and thin paddy at Rs 2,203 per quin-

A significant number of farmers are bringing their produce to these centers in Korea district. In this vein,



Trilok Bansal visited the Patna, Sarbhoka, and Jharnapara procurement centers to engage with local farmers. As of now, 4,662 farmers have sold 224,032.40 quintals of coarse paddy at support prices through these cen-

Swift action ensures fair practices

During his visit, when a

Rajwade, reported receiving a torn sack, Collector Langeh promptly inspected the issue and reprimanded the nodal officer. He emphasized that farmers should not be provided with damaged or undersized gunny bags and instructed the nodal officer to replace Budhulal's sack

Farmers applaud anticorruption stance

Collector Langeh also assured farmers that any attempts to extort money from them would not be tolerated, and appropriate action would be taken. A young farmer named Sahil expressed his readiness to report such incidents directly to the Collector, which received applause from fellow

stressing that the weight should adhere to the specified range of not more

> given for re-weighing as per regulations. Efforts to facilitate a procurement

than 40 kg 700 grams or

less. Instructions were

farmers and laborers. Ensuring fair weigh-

During the visit to the

Jharnapara procurement

center, Collector conduct-

ed weight checks on the

paddy sacks. Some sacks

were found to weigh 39 kg,

while others weighed 42 kg. Langeh promptly called the nodal officer and reprimanded them,

Nodal officers were reminded of their responsibility to inform authorities about any issues related to paddy lifting promptly. Instructions were issued to ensure farmers face no problems and to provide essential facilities such as gunny bags, clean drinking water, and electricity at the procurement

## Station in-charge addresses grievances



#### In mobile police station

Khairagarh, Dec 23:

On the initiative of SP, the District Police has taken a new initiative, under which the complaints of the villagers are being resolved quickly by setting up a mobile police station. Under this scheme, the police station incharge himself is giving his presence in the mobile police station, to address public grievances.

Let it be known that under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Sharma, Additional Superintendent of Police

VBSY gains momentum in Manendragarh

Neha Pandey and under the direction of Sub-Divisional Officer Police Khairagarh Lalchand Mohle and under the leadership of Police Station Khairagarh Incharge Rajesh Devdas, December 20, Khairagarh police station was transformed into a mobile police station in village Katangi Khurd.

As per information, a serious complaint of casteism received was resolved and in the said complaint, police station incharge Rajesh Devdas, during his visit to the mobile police station, was present at village Katangi Khurd and discussed with the villagers and heard the problems in which the ap-

the beard with the villagers. The applicant felt humiliated and humiliated by this compulsion, his complaint was made in Khairagarh police station. The station in-charge, along with his staff Shivlal Verma, Pradeep Dhankar, Laxman Sahu, was present and explained to the villagers by informing them about the ill effects of such activities in the future, instructing them to live in harmony with the villagers and lead a peaceful and happy life. Information regarding loan fraud, cyber crimes and women related crimes and Abhivyakti App and Suvidha App were also

plicant was forced to shave

## Do surprise inspection in government offices: Kumar

Korba, Dec 23

Collector District Saurabh Kumar reviewed the departmental schemes in the deadline meeting and instructed other departmental officers and Tehsildars to immediately resolve the revenue cases like undisputed transfer, undisputed division, demarcation etc. Collector directed the subofficers, divisional District Panchayat CEO to conduct surprise inspection of schools and Anganwadi centers for the smooth operation of government schemes and take disciplinary action against the absent officers and employ-

The Collector also in-



tions before the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra should be completed by the block level officers in the villages and during the yatra, proper monitoring should be done by the officials to ensure that the benefits of 17 important of Government of India reach all the eligible benefi-

The Collector directed all the Chief Executive District

ize a program on Good Governance Day on 25th December at the previously constructed Atal Chowk and Atal Stambh site by including public representatives and directed adequate arrangements should be made for procurement at paddy procurement centres. Giving detailed information about the Janman campaign being run in the district for the upliftment of special backward tribes and bringing them into the main stream of the society, the Collector directed that on the basis of the format of 11 points determined under this campaign, the Patwaris will work at the ground level and a survey should be conducted so that the special backward

#### Community enthusiasm grows as schemes reach rural villagers

Manendragarh, Dec 23:

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Rath, a dynamic initiative in the district, is making remarkable progress. To maximize its reach, the district administration selected eight program sites and established camps at two locations in each area. Today, the yatra's chariot journeyed Sonvarsha. Maharajpur, Rokra in the Manendragarh development block, Ratanpur, Kotya in the Khadgaon development block, and remote regions of the Janakpur development



aspirational. The camps organized under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra have generamong the people, especially in schemes related to Ayushman Cards, Ration Cards, Aadhaar Updates, and Ujjwala, among others. The local residents have enthusiastically registered their presence in large numbers, particularly for Aadhaar updates. Additionally, rural residents have been actively participating in the stalls set up by various

departments to learn about both central and government schemes.

According to information provided by the Health Department, health camps were held at six locations during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the district. These camps offered screening and treatment

diabetes), sickle cell disease, and tuberculosis. A total of 299 individuals were screened for TB, with 20 being referred for further evaluation Furthermore, 172 individuals underwent NCD screening, 13 had their BP checked, and 172 were tested for diabetes. Additionally, 60 individuals were screened for sickle cell disease, with two positive cases identified. In Rampa, 322 individu-

diseases (such as BP and

als were tested for TB during the health fair, with 14 individuals testing positive. Similarly, 205 individuals underwent NCD testing, 13 of whom were found to have diabetes. Additionally, 24 cases of high blood pressure were identified, and 98 individuals were screened for sickle cell disease, with four

## VBSY: Delivering benefits to eligible beneficiaries Information about law given

tribes can get its benefit.

#### Collector Vinay **Kumar Langeh** inspects yatra's progress

Korea, Dec 23:

Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh visited the village of Chakdad in the Sonhat development block to oversee the progress of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp including the 'Modi's Guarantee' initiative. During his visit, he engaged with eligible beneficiaries to discuss various government schemes and programs aimed at benefiting the local population. Collector Langeh also had the opportunity to meet talented artisans. such as Gangotri Bai, Sukhmania, and Kundan,



who showcased their skill in crafting attractive earthen pots, elephants, lamps, flowerpots, and more, earning his praise.

Under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Langeh directed concerned officers to disseminate information about important Government Central schemes to the villagers

and ensure that the maximum number of eligible beneficiaries receive these benefits. He highlighted schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, cleanliness initiatives, Ayushman Card, Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, security insurance, Jeevan Jyoti

Insurance, tuberculosis awareness, KCC, free ration distribution, and tap water connections for every household.

A large number of vil-

lagers engaged with LED displays on campaign vehicles to listen to the honorable Prime Minister's speeches and gain insights into Central Government schemes. During collector's visit, a concern was raised by Asami Bibi, who expressed difficulty in employment finding under MNREGA and reported not receiving benefits from the "Old Age Pension Scheme.' Collector Langeh immediately summoned the District CEO to address the issue and ensure that elderly citizens like Asami Bibi do not face any hard-

ships. He assured her that her concerns would be resolved.Langeh emphasized to the villagers of Chakdad that the primary goal of Modi's Guarantee and the Viksit India Sankalp Yatra is to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits they are entitled to, and the voices of those in need are heard, with their problems promptly addressed. As part of the yatra, cleanliness drives were conducted in villages like Sardi in the Baikunthpur development block and Kachhadi, Baser, and Sundarpur in the Sonhat development block under the Swachh Bharat Mission campaign. Additionally, villagers took pledges for cleanliness during the yatra's ac-

## by setting up Jan Chaupal

Kharagarh, Dec 23:

Under the auspices of Chhattisgarh State Legal Authority, Services Bilaspur, Taluk Legal Services Committee Khairagarh organized a legal literacy camp on 18th December in village Changurda, where paralegal volunteer Goluda S Sahu informed the villagers present about the POCSO Act.

The POCSO (Protection of Children Act 2012) law has been enacted to protect children from sexual crimes and through this law, action is taken in cases of sexual crimes and molestation of minor children like sexual harass-

KCPS rising stars shine in spectacular English presentation showcase



ment, sexual exploitation and pornography and different punishments have been prescribed for different crimes.

The villagers were also informed about the free and competent legal aid and tele law application provided by the Taluka Legal Services Committee,

Class 7th A, Yugal Patel

earned the first position,

and Soumya Mahawar se-

Khairagarh, while the rural women and children asked questions to resolve their doubts, to which legal solutions were given. Village head Sarpanch Devki Dhurve, Secretary Poonau Dhurve Panch and a large number of villagers were present in the

## Traffic Awareness campaign held

Korea, Dec 23

Under the guidance of

Collector Korea Vinay Kumar

Langeh and Superintendent of Police Trilok Bansal, Additional **Superintendent of Police** Monica Thakur and Deputy Superintendent of Police Shyam information about traffic rules was provided to girls from class 9th to 12th studying in schools. Under the leadership of Traffic **Police Samarth Awareness** Campaign, the students of **Government Adarsh Girls** Higher Secondary School Baikunthpur were taught by Lance Naik Mahesh Mishra for 3 hours about traffic rules, signs and symbols, women

harassment, domestic vio-

lence, POCSO Act, cyber



crime and human trafficking. Minor girl students were advised not to drive and were asked to drive only after getting a driving license if they are above 18 years of age. Detailed explanation of traffic rules was provided, correct answers were given to the questions asked by the girl students and school staff, students were resolved not to violate traffic rules in future and those who answered the ques-

tions asked correctly were rewarded. Traffic Lance Naik Mahesh Mishra provided detailed information related to traffic along with information about mandatory, warning and informative traffic signs, rules for crossing the intersection, traffic signal lights, and operation of traffic system through hand signals, helmet and seat belt also. During the said awareness campaign, Block **Education Officer Devesh** Jaiswal, Block Resource Coordinator Nilesh Shukla, Principal of the organization Amritlal Gupta, District Youth Officer Pawan Gupta, and a large number of school girls including Gautam, Shahista Anjum Ali, Alfa Barwa, traffic constable Rakesh Korram were

present.

#### **■ Talented students** steal the spotlight with outstanding performances

Kurud, Dec 23:

Kaliram Chandrakar Public School (KCPS) in Kurud showcased the incredible talent of its secondary class students during a series of English language presentations. The English Department organized this event over consecutive Saturdays, allowing students to demonstrate their prowess in poetry recitation, storytelling, and

topic-based presentations.

With enthusiasm and a



strong command of the gram, students were hon-English language, the stuored with citations in the prayer hall. In the Class dents presented their 6th category, Navya class's curriculum-based poems, stories, and presen-Dewangan secured the tations. Their performancfirst position, while Riya es captivated the audience Rajput claimed the second with impeccable rhythm, position. Class 6th B saw Janvi Sahu take first pronunciation, and delivery. "For their outstanding place, followed by Ghata Sahu in second place. In performances in this pro-

cured second place. In Class VII B, Mohammad Yasin came in first, with Hriday Asrani in second place. Class VIII A witnessed Piyush Jain's firstplace performance, closely followed Dhananjay Sahu in second place. In Class VIII B, Disha took first place, and Aditya Sahu came in sec-

Furthermore, Krishnapriya S, a promising student from class 7th A, was honoured for delivering the overall best performance.'

Principal K. Manjita Thakur commended the students, stating that their presentations were truly impressive. Manjita encouraged them to continue honing their talents and participate in activities across all subjects. Principal emphasized that everyone possesses hidden talents waiting to be discovered, and encouraged students to overcome their fears and excel academi The event also featured

the presence of school Vishwanath manager Chandrakar, senior teachers, and the dedicated teaching staff, demonstrating the school's commitment to nurturing and celebrating its students' abili-

## India gets consular access after flight carrying mostly **Indians detained in France**

The Indian embassy in France has received consular access to its citizens after a Nicaragua-bound flight carrying 303 people, mostly Indians, was detained by French authorities during "a technical halt" at an airport near Paris over suspected "human trafficking".

The plane that took off from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates carrying 303 Indian passengers was grounded at the Chalons-Vatry airport in Marne on Thursday over suspected "human trafficking", French officials were quoted as say-

"French authorities informed us of a plane w/ 303 people, mostly Indian origin, from Dubai to Nicaragua detained on a technical halt at a French airport," the Indian mission said in a post on 'X'.

"The embassy team has reached & obtained consular access. We are investigating the situation, also ensuring the wellbeing of passengers,

According to a Le Monde newspaper report, the civilian protection unit of the Marne department said on Saturday that the plane was carrying 13 unaccompanied minors as well as accompa-

An earlier report noted that France's national antiorganised crime unit JU-NALCO has taken over the investigation. Special investigators are questioning all those aboard and two people are in custody pending further examination, the Paris prosecutor's office said in a statement. The prefecture in the northeastern department of Marne said the Romanian company Legend Airlines. "remained

grounded on the tarmac at

Vatry airport following its

landing" on Thursday. The

Chalons-Vatry airport, lo-

Paris, serves mostly budget airlines. The newspaper report says the prefecture said the plane had been due to refuel and was carrying 303 Indian nationals who had probably been working in the UAE. According to the reports, the travel may have been planned by the Indian passengers to reach Central America from where they can attempt to enter the United States or Canada illegally. After landing in France, the passengers were first kept on the aircraft, but then let out and given individual beds in the terminal building. The entire airport was cordoned off by police.

## SANTA CLAUS PARADE



Bikers wearing Santa Claus costumes ride their bikes during a Santa Claus parade as they travel to a children's hospital to deliver toys to patients in Belgrade, Serbia, Saturday.

## Pak's top poll body rejects internal polls in Imran Khan's party

Islamabad, Dec 22 (PTI)

In a huge setback to the party of Imran Khan, Pakistan's top election commisison on Friday reiected Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's organisational elections and its plea to have cricket bat as the electoral symbol for the February 8 general elections. A five-member panel the Election

Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday reserved the verdict after concluding the hearing of multiple petitions filed by members of the PTI against the party elections held on December 2 in Peshawar.

The panel issued the reserved verdict on Friday, saying that the PTI failed to hold polls according to its party Constitution. It also ruled that the party cannot retain the bat as the electoral symbol.

With this decision, Gohar Khan, a close aide

minister Imran Khan, 71, lost his position as chairman of PTI, days after his appointment.

Khan, being a former international cricketer, is considered synonymous with the cricket bat. He is lodged Adiala Jail at Rawalpindi facing multi-After the ECP judg-

ment, the PTI can either challenge it in the Supreme Court or it can field its candidate as independents. It can also enter into an alliance with another party to allow its candidates use the symbol of that party for elections. Several petitioners led by PTI's estranged former leader Akbar S Ahmad challenged the election in the ECP by blaming the party for carrying out a selection process in the name of party election, aiming at throwing out party workers to give the reins to a of jailed former prime few lawyers. The ECP

panel led by the Chief **Election Commissioner** Sikandar Sultan Raja had reserved the verdict after hearing arguments by the rival parties.

Earlier, following an order by the ECP to organise polls within the party in order to retain cricket bat as party symbol, the PTI held the intraparty polls, electing Barrister Gohar Khan, who replaced Imran Khan as PTI chairman.

Khan had decided to stay away from party elections as it would have invited a legal challenge by his opponents on the grounds that he was disqualified by the ECP in the Toshakhana corruption case. The verdict was issued hours after a delegation of the PTI met the ECP official earlier on Friday following a directive by the Supreme Court on a complaint that the party was not being provided a level playing

### **Wanted TTP** commander killed

Lahore, Dec 23 (PTI)

Pakistani security forces on Saturday killed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) who was involved in several terror plots, including a deadly attack on an ISI building in Punjab

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in a statement said that it received a tip-off that some terrorists were hiding in the Chiniot area, some 200 km from Lahore, the provincial capital.

The CTD along with police raided their hideout in the early hours of Saturday.

"When the police surrounded the hideout the terrorists opened fire on them. The fire was returned and during the shootout, two terrorists were killed," the CTD

One of the terrorists has been identified as

Ghazanfar Nadim alias Khalid Habib who was carrying a bounty of Rupees five million.

It said Nadim was the mastermind of a bomb attack on the ISI building in Faisalabad city, some 130 km from Lahore.

In 2011, a car-borne improvised explosive device exploded outside the Inter-Service Intelligence building Faisalabad, killing 25 people and injuring over 100.

"Nadim was a key commander of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in the Punjab province. He was also involved in 11 major terror activities including attacks on Shia Muslims in the country in which 50 people were killed," the CTD said and added he had been absconding since 2011.

The CTD said that explosives and weapons in a large quantity have also been recovered from the

#### Israeli strike kills 76 members in one Gaza family

Rafah (Gaza Strip), Dec 23 (AP): An Israeli airstrike killed 76 members of an extended family, rescue officials said Saturday, a day after the UN chief warned again that nowhere is safe in Gaza and that Israel's ongoing offensive is creating 'massive obstacles" to the distribution of humanitarian aid.

Friday's strike on a building in Gaza City was among the deadliest of the Israel-Hamas war, now in its 12th week, said Mahmoud Bassal, a spokesman for Gaza's Civil Defence department. He provided a partial list of the names of those killed 16 heads of households from the al-Mughrabi family and said the dead included women and children.

Among the dead were Issam al-Mughrabi, a veteran employee of U.N. Development Program, his wife, and their five children.

'The loss of Issam and his family has deeply af-



Soldiers clear debris on the damaged houses after the earthquake in Chenjia Village of Dahejia Township, Jishishan County on Saturday.

civilians in Gaza are not a said Achim target," Steiner, the head of the agency. "This war must

Israel declared war after Hamas militants stormed across the border on Oct. 7, killing some 1,200 people and taking some 240 hostages. Israel has vowed to keep up the fight until Hamas is destroved and removed from power in Gaza and all the hostages are freed. More than 20,000

back"

Worker visa route

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Minister Lord Andrew

Sharpe in his Lords state-

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GBP 29,000, that is the 25th

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Skilled Worker visas, mov-

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Palestinians have been killed in Israel's war to destroy Hamas and more than 53,000 have been wounded, according to health officials in Gaza, a besieged territory ruled by the Islamic militant group for the past 16 years.

Israel blames Hamas for the high civilian death toll, citing the group's use of crowded residential areas for military purposes and its tunnels under urban

### **Bomb found in train at Cantt railway station**

Karacni, Dec 23 (PTI)

The Sindh Counter Terrorism Department has foiled a terror attack at the main railway station of Pakistan's biggest city Karachi when a time bomb was found in a train. Asad Raza, DIG

Operations CTD, said that on Friday they found an IED device in a bag which was placed under a seat of the Peshawar Express from Peshawar which had just reached the Karachi Cantt Station.

Raza said that the bag was found on Friday at 9:15 pm. The bag contained a "time bomb attached to a battery, wire and switches". "A vigilant security guard while observing the embarking of passengers

Tacoma (Washington),

Dec 22 (AP): A jury

cleared three Washington

state police officers of all

Thursday in the 2020 death

of Manuel Ellis, a Black

man who was shocked.

beaten and restrained

face-down on a Tacoma

sidewalk as he pleaded for

Two of the officers

Matthew Collins, 40, and

Christopher Burbank, 38

had been charged with sec-

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Timothy Rankine, 34, was

charged with manslaugh-

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gued that Ellis died from a

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system as well as a preex-

isting heart condition, not

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charges

noticed a bag lying under a seat. He immediately informed the CTD and Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS),' Raza said.

The senior official said the BDS found an IED device bomb with a watch timer attached to it and the bomb was then taken and diffused through two controlled blasts. 'There was at least two

kilograms of explosive material in the IED device which weighed five kilograms," he added. Dozens of passenger

and cargo trains come and

go at the busy Cantt sta-

tion daily from the five

functional platforms. The DIG said it appeared that someone left the bag there and disap-

from the officers' actions,

and the jury found the

three not guilty on all

the gallery when the first

not-guilty verdict was

read. Rankine sat forward

There was a gasp from

counts.

#### **SC rejects prosecutor's push to fast-track** ruling in Trump election subversion case

The Supreme Court said Friday it will not immediately take up a plea by special counsel Jack Smith to rule on whether former President Donald Trump can be prosecuted for his actions to overturn the 2020 election results.

The ruling is a scheduling

win for Trump and his lawyers, who have sought repeatedly to delay the criminal cases against him as he campaigns to reclaim the White House in 2024. It averts a swift ruling from the nation's highest court that could have definitively turned aside his claims of immunity, and it further throws into doubt the possibility of the landmark trial proceeding as scheduled on March 4. The issue will now

of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which has signaled it will act quickly to decide the case. Special counsel Jack Smith had cautioned that even a rapid appellate decision might not get to the Supreme Court in time for review and final word before the court's traditional summer break.

Smith had pressed the Supreme Court to intervene. citing significant public interest in a prompt resolution to the case. The request to leapfrog the appeals court, which Smith himself acknowledged was "extraordinary," also underscored prosecutors' concerns that the fight over the issue could delay the start of Trump's trial beyond next year's presidential election.

Smith's request in a single sentence order Friday. As is customary, the court gave no explanation for the decision. With the justices remaining out of the dispute for now, additional appeals are likely that could delay the case. If the appeals court, which is set to hear arguments on Jan. 9, turns down Trump's immunity claims, he could then ask for the Supreme Court to get involved giving the justices another opportunity to decide if they want to weigh in. U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan has already put the case on hold while Trump pursues his claim that he is immune from prosecution. Chutkan has raised the possibility of keeping the March trial date if the case promptly returns to her court

early 2024. "I think the principle Jury acquits 3 state officers in death of a Black man

> "We're increasing the salary threshold significantly, and we're going exactly as we said we were doing it we're just doing it in two stages," he said.

Thursday in reply to a

S.E.C.Railway, Bilaspur

#### **UK Family Visa salary threshold** hike to be in incremental stages' written parliamentary question in the House of

London, Dec 22 (PTI)

The UK's proposed hike in the minimum annual threshold for British citizens and permanent residents to be eligible to sponsor a spouse or partner on a Family Visa will take place in "incremental stages" instead of an instant rise to GBP 38,700, the government has told Parliament.

Speaking to reporters on a visit to Lincoln in eastern England on Friday, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said the higher end of the increase will come in by early 2025 after the first threshold hike of GBP 29,000 to be enforced in

here is absolutely right. that if people are bringing dependents into this country as part of their family, they must be able to support them," said Sunak.

The update came on

ing to the 40th percentile (currently GBP 34.500) and finally the 50th percentile Lords, stating that the threshold will initially (currently GBP 38,700 and rise to GBP 29,000 in early the level at which the gen-2024 from the current level eral skilled worker threshof GBP 18,600 and then be old is set) in the final stage followed by two further inof implementation," he creases. The move, which said. He reiterated Cleverly's stance that the will affect many Indians, has been branded a "row-MIR had not been inby the creased for over a decade Opposition after Home and therefore no longer reflected the level of income Secretary James Cleverly had told the Commons earrequired by a family to enlier this month that the sure they are self-suffithreshold will jump to cient and do not need to GBP 38,700 in line with the rely on public funds. 'Family life must not be minimum salary require-

ment for the Skilled established here at the taxpayer's expense and fami-Latest Home Office docly migrants must be able uments now say that while to integrate if they are to the intention remains to play a full part in British align both thresholds, it life It is intended that this will be done in stages over change will contribute to reducing net migration Income when it is introduced in Requirement] will be inspring 2024," he added. Labour's shadow home creased in incremental

secretary Yvette Cooper,

who had warned of rushed weddings between now and spring 2024 by those desperate to circumvent the new rules, accused the government of failing to properly assess the impact of the changes. SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR PARKING STAND CONTRACT Work Description : - E-Auction for allotment of Two Wheelers & Four

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"The biggest reason why I personally think this jury found reasonable doubt is because the defense was essentially allowed to put Manny Ellis on trial," Ericksen said via email.

"The defense attorneys were allowed to dredge up Manny's past and repeat to the jury again and again Manny's prior arrests in 2015 and 2019. That unfairly prejudiced iurors against Manny'

30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Seattle, late on March 3, 2020, when he passed a patrol car stopped at a red light, with Collins and Burbank

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S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur

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#### **Wrestling Federation's Crisis**

#### **Wrestlers Deserve Better**

n a disheartening turn of events, BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has successfully retained his grip on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), with one of his loyalists stepping into the role of president. This outcome deals a significant blow to the wrestlers' ongoing protest against the outgoing chief, who faces grave allegations of sexual harassment made by several female grapplers. Despite these serious accusations and widespread calls for accountability, a heavily garlanded Brij Bhushan remained brazenly unapologetic, flashing the victory sign as the panel led by his associate Sanjay Singh secured victory in 13 out of 15 positions in the WFI election. The results, unfortunately, appeared predetermined, as Brij Bhushan had confidently predicted his ally Sanjay's team's triumph over the panel led by Commonwealth Games gold medallist Anita Sheoran. The outcome of this election has left many disheartened, and it has compelled Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik to promptly announce her retirement from wrestling. Sakshi, along with her fellow international wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia, had been spearheading the agitation to seek justice for Brij Bhushan's alleged victims and to initiate a thorough clean-up of the WFI. However, with the lopsided results of Thursday's election, it seems that the demand for justice and transparency within the federation has fallen on deaf ears. Brij Bhushan has made promises that the new leadership will operate impartially and that the protesting wrestlers will not face any form of retaliation. However, the words of the outgoing chief are hardly sufficient to placate the deeply aggrieved players. They had hoped that no supporter of Brij Bhushan would assume a position of power within the WFI, and they believed that the government had given them assurances in this regard. It is entirely understandable that they now feel frustrated and betrayed. In response, Punia has taken the decision to return the Padma Shri award, a poignant gesture reflecting the frustration and disappointment that the wrestlers are experiencing. This unfortunate episode not only casts a shadow over the administration of Indian wrestling but also exemplifies the pervasive politicization of sports in the country. Such unsavory developments have grievously undermined India's standing in the international sporting arena, casting doubts on the nation's preparedness for the upcoming 2024 Olympics. It is imperative to recognize that such incidents not only jeopardize the careers and aspirations of our athletes but also tarnish the nation's reputation on the global stage. The Wrestling Federation of India must take immediate and decisive steps to restore faith in the integrity of the organization. It should prioritize a thorough investigation into the allegations against the outgoing chief and implement strict measures to prevent any recurrence of such scandals in the future. Additionally, the federation should embark on a path of transparency, ensuring that the selection and functioning of its leadership adhere to the highest ethical standards. Sports in India deserve better than to be mired in controversy and political maneuvering. It is time for meaningful reform and genuine commitment to the principles of fair play, accountability, and justice within our sporting institutions. Only by upholding these values can we hope to provide our athletes with the environment they need to succeed on the international stage and to truly elevate India's status as a sporting powerhouse.

#### **Electoral Reform**

#### **A Tug of War Between Powers**

Yash Pal Ralhan he passage of the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Bill, 2023, by the Lok Sabha has ignited a fierce debate in the political landscape. This contentious legislation aims to reform the appointment process of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs). While the government applauds it as a crucial step towards streamlining the electoral machinery, the opposition sees it as a perilous move that may compromise the independence of the Election Commission. The heart of the controversy lies in the composition of the selection committee responsible for recommending candidates for the CEC and EC positions. The bill proposes a selection committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Union Cabinet Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition. Critics argue that this setup could lead to the appointment of individuals inclined towards the ruling party, thus eroding the neutrality of the Election Commission. To understand the backdrop of this legislation, one must recall the Supreme Court's recent ruling on the appointment process of the CEC and ECs. The court had stipulated that the President should make these appointments based on the advice of a committee composed of the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and the Chief Justice of India. This directive was seen as an interim measure until a law was enacted by Parliament to govern the appointments. The government's argument for amending the bill centers on the principle of separation of powers enshrined in the Constitution. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal asserted that the appointment of election commissioners is a vital executive function. He argued that this should be the prerogative of the executive branch of government, as laid out in Article 50 of the Constitution. In this context, the amendment to the bill designates the Law Minister to head the search committee, a role previously held by the Cabinet Secretary. While this change may have been made to streamline the process, it has raised concerns about undue political influence. Opposition parties have expressed apprehensions over these changes. They fear that the composition of the selection committee could lead to the appointment of individuals who might not act independently. These concerns have led to protests, with some even viewing the amendment as a blow to democracy. In response to these concerns, the government introduced amendments to address issues such as pay disparity and the removal process for the CEC and ECs. The revised bill maintains the salary and perks of the CEC and ECs at the level of a Supreme Court judge, aligning them with the importance of their roles. Additionally, the amendment shields the CEC and ECs from legal proceedings related to actions taken in the discharge of their official duties. While the government emphasizes the need to institutionalize and clarify the appointment process, critics believe that these amendments may have inadvertently politicized a crucial aspect of Indian democracy. The disagreement between the two sides reflects the complexities of a mature democracy like India. In this democratic journey, differences of opinion are natural and expected. However, the guiding principle should always be a commitment to democratic values and the preservation of the integrity and independence of constitutional bodies like the Election Commission. Ultimately, the true test of this legislation's impact will lie in how it is implemented and whether it strengthens or undermines India's elec-

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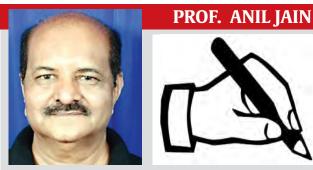
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#### **KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES**



Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Thakur and Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare & Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin with former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand during the launch of the logo, mascot and torch of the Khelo India Youth Games 2023, in Chennai.

## **James Hadley Chase: His Themes and Plots**



uthors like James Hadley Chase have not been given a proper place in literature though they have a lot of flair for writing. It may be due to some prejudice or any other faculty of mind of the learned that despite being the writers of caliber they are deprived of their place in the literary world. James Hadley Chase is one of them. If we examine the novel of James Hadley Chase deeply we come to know that there is so much to be said for him and his talent.

James Hadley Chase (24 **December 1906 - 6 February 1985)** was an English writer. Chase novels bear a sound testimony to his encyclopedic range of knowledge. When one has written as many as ninety novels one needs familiarity of almost everything happening around. Chase has an in-depth understanding of civil and criminal laws of the world, diseases, international relations etc. His novels are full of such wisdom and awareness. His novels are written on a variety of subjects.

He is the master in the art of plot construction. There are plots and under plots in almost all his novels. The main plot is sensational and

melodramatic whereas the under plots are full of realism. Chase plots are dramatic in nature and so well constructed that some of his novels can be compared with Sophocles' play, Oedipus, The Rex which Aristotle has praised for its plot construction. The three unities of time, place and action have been followed very clearly. He has created Paradise City as Hardy has created 'Wesssex' and Faulkner has created Yokanapatawpha country. Paradise city is a billionaire's playground. A complete map of Paradise city has been devised by him. The city has a very efficient police force. Many of his novels have been set in this background. Where the author thinks he does not need efficient police force he shifts the setting of his novel to some other place as he does in "Lav Her among the Lilies and Tell it to the Birds. The action of his novel is limited to a few days or a couple of weeks. He gives a detailed description of every moment. Not a single moment is left out. We know what Lepski was doing when Reynolds was burning the evidence of the murder in You Must be Kidding . The novels are written from different points of view and the story always moves through dialogues and never through narration. It is another important feature of his skill as a novelist. His plays read like

#### **Themes**

Chase has written around ninety novels. These novels deal with a number of crime stories but within these stories run a number of themes on human predicament. These stories are not only interesting but very realistically highlight-

Want to Stay Alive deals with the theme of human relationship. The story of the novel is a simple crime story but the basic theme of the novel is to describe the relationship between whites and black (to

whom they call Seminole Indians). You Must be Kidding deals with the psychological development of a character Crispin Gregg. It shows how our society, which is full of snobs, has affected the mental makeup of people. There are three factors which work behind the mental makeup of Crispin-the treatment of his mother Amelia Gregg towards his father, Cyrus Gregg; hereditary influence of his maternal uncle, Martin; and the circumstances in which he has been

brought up. There is one more novel which can be put in the category of psychological novel. It is Not Safe To Be Free. The novel is the story of Jay Delaney, the son of a famous Hollywood Film producer. Jay IIStens to whispers from within that he should murder a girl to test his ingenuity whether he could save

cuting the girl.

Well Now, My Pretty is a story of casino robbery but the husband wife relations are beautifully

Have a Change of Scene deals with a story of crime but underneath runs the story of a town which is full of dirt and squalor. It is a beautiful satire on social work and social workers.

Come Easy, Go Easy deals with the theme of how money has corrupted the character of a person where a simple hearted person is cheated for the sake of money whom he had once saved from im-

Joker in the Pack shows the common man's faith in superstitions of voodoo and black magic. Such stories are very popular and believed throughout the world; not only illiterate but literates also believe in them. An Ace up My Sleeve investigates the life and problem of gay.

Have This One on Me investigates the inter-state relations that existed between two world power countries during the cold war.

Consider Yourself Dead deals with the theme of the psychology of an Italian girl who has gone so mentally sick that instead of living with her father she desires to be raped. It shows how absolutely corrupt the system has corrupted absolutely.

Mallory deals with the nostalgia that the revolutionaries suffer with and the problems they face in the foreign country and how the locali-

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#### **Preserving Electoral Integrity**

The amendments to the process of appointing the Chief Election Commissioner Commissioners (ECs) raise concerns about the integrity of India's electoral system. The removal of the Chief Justice of India from the selection panel in favor of political appointees is a contentious move that threatens the independence of the Election Commission. Upholding free and fair elections is crucial, and any changes to the appointment process should prioritize the credibility and impartiality of the EC. The government's decision to bypass the Supreme Court's order on this matter raises questions about the motives behind these amend-

#### Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, **Faridabad Legal Reforms**

The passage of three comprehensive criminal laws has raised concerns about their practical implementation. The hurried discussions and recommendations by a 31-member parliamentary committee have cast doubts on the fairness of the process. Mandating strict time limits for all aspects of the justice process, while well-intentioned, may be challenging given the limited police resources in India. Implementing these reforms effectively will be a significant test for the justice system, and rushing the legislative process without adequate deliberation is a cause

#### MK Nair, Raipur **Aussie Flavours in**

for concern.

Australian Players have proven their strengths in IPL from the get-go and always they have been auctioned off high prices and now they have crossed all the expenses in IPL auction 2024. However, both teams (KKR and SRH)needed a good foreign pacer to lead the battery of some domestic players while coming into the auction room with a purse of Rs 34 crore. The Sunrisers management also might have taken into consideration Cummins' leadership qualities that has been quite evident this year, carrying Australia to triumph in World Cup and WTC Final. SRH shot down two birds with one stone a premier bowler and a thinking person who can contribute immensely to their leadership group. Can they vindicate the price tag then with a flurry of wickets?

MT.Farooqi, Chennai

## Selfish MPs turned Parliament into a joke

himself from the police after exe-



Priyanka Saurabh

he country is disappointed with what has been happening in the Parliament for the last few days. Only by running Parliament can the government answer the opposition's questions properly. In the atmosphere of uproar, MPs do not get a chance to express their views. Even a child can understand how protest can be expressed by going to the well and stopping the proceedings of the House by raising slogans and creating a ruckus. A good thing will be said only when you put your questions clearly and the government can answer clearly. But what is even more worrying is that obstruction of Parliament has become the rule rather than the exception and our politicians have no compunction about it. This decline has occurred very rapidly in the last few years. MPs shout at each other, snatch and tear legislative

papers, and come to the middle of the House over small issues. In the past years, most of the bills have been passed without discussion. This is an abuse of the parliamentary system.

Now the opposition parties and some MPs have ruined the Parliament. It is common for both Houses to stall proceedings by creating unproductive uproar over personal agendas. Noise in the Parliament, sloganeering in the well, taking personal digs at each other, and sometimes even getting into a scuffle is a common picture of the Parliament today. After all, why has the behavior of political parties and MPs become so chaotic? Have the vested interests of the parties today made Parliament a

Looking at the attitude of the MPs, it does not seem that they intend to allow development plans for the country. It seems as if the MPs have taken the entire parliamentary democracy hostage. Because the proceedings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are shown live on TV nowadays, the common man of the country also sees everything that is happening in the Parliament every day. After all, what image are the MPs presenting before the people? Just imagine what image is being created of you in the minds of the people of the country.

The reason for this decline indeed is that politics today has become a game of numbers due to which regional satraps exert pressure to get their wishes done. They not only believe in bullying politics but also make the vardstick of a successful Parliament session 'whose stick is his buffalo'. Today, size has become more important than content, due to which scenes like street fights are seen in Parliament. Therefore, in this declining political culture and moral values, the content that influences politics is not found in parliamentary proceedings. Overall, it seems that Parliament

has now become just a scoring club. Many would know that Rs 2.5 lakh is spent on one minute of Parliament proceedings. In this way, an average expenditure of six crore rupees is incurred on one day's normal proceedings. The more the proceedings continue, the more the expenses increase. Just think where this money comes from. It comes from the pockets of the common people of the country. What could be a bigger joke in a democracy than the Parliament proceedings being stalled continuously or there being uproar intermittently throughout the day, yet Rs. 6 crores are spent in a day? Just imagine what can be done with Rs 6 crore. The fate of thousands of villages can be changed by the expenditure incurred on one day of Parliament proceedings. Lakhs of poor girls can get married. Small and cottage industries can improve the fortunes of thousands of youth. But MPs don't think about all this. Even if development plans are not

made, personal interests must im-

prove. Have MPs become above

the country? One more thing, it is not the case that all the MPs are creating a ruckus. Those who are serious about their work are unable to do anything. The question is why MPs don't create an atmosphere every time. Do the MPs arrive only to create a ruckus? The MPs have paralyzed the Lok Sabha. The reality is that in a democracy, the people of the country directly elect the Lok Sabha. In such a situation, the indirectly elected House should respect the dignity of the House of the People i.e. Lok Sabha. It should not happen that every work done

in the Lok Sabha is hampered. All MPs should be allowed to speak about their constituencies in the Lok Sabha on fixed days, at least for three minutes each. MPs who repeatedly create ruckus should be identified and their list should be publicised. Such rules should be made that automatically certain action is taken against the MP who comes to the well waves the pamphlet or creates any kind of ruckus. Why do some MPs come back to the House after walking out? They do this only to show off, they have nothing to do with the development of the country.

He is not able to do anything in the Parliament and on the other hand the people of his Lok Sabha constituency are suffering because he is not able to solve their problems. After all, there is only a ruckus in the Parliament. Therefore, stop Parliament from

becoming an arena. Explain your point to the leadership also, do not blindly follow their every right or wrong order. The first duty of MPs is to preserve the dignity of the sacred temple of democracy. Perhaps these people do not understand the dangerous dimensions of making Parliament unimportant. Our Parliament is the cornerstone of our nation which represents the people and is expected to exercise sovereign oversight over our national interests. The Government is answerable to the Parliament and the existence of the Government depends on the confidence of the Lok Sabha in it. Therefore, the time has come that all our MPs should pay attention to how parliamentary democracy can be strengthened. Otherwise, the public will start ridiculing him. Our MPs should consider what kind of legacy they are leaving. Will they allow Parliament to collapse under the weight of its decline? We are seeing what is happening today. It is hoped that the MPs of the country and those who run the Parliament will soon realize how much hope the citizens of the country look for them. Also keeps him as an example on many occa-

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#### **BRIEF**

#### **New inauguration**



(Arunachal): Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday inaugurated the first five-start hotel in the state, Vivanta Tawang, at an altitude of above 10.000 feet close to the border with China. The hotel has 80 rooms and suites that offer mountain and valley views and the cosy ambience of heated wooden floors and walnut veneer-adorned walls Khandu said tourism in Arunachal now gets an iconic facility in Vivanta Tawang. He said the Vivanta Hotels are known for their elegance and hospitality and tourists

#### Service support

December 26.

can book rooms from

Chennai: European automaker Volkswagen India has extended its enhanced service support to affected customers in Tamil Nadu following the impact of heavy rains and flooding in the state, the company said on Saturday. The initiative, with effect from December 22, would offer service support to flood affected car owners including Roadside Assistance, special benefits on parts, labour costs and car care treatment among others.

#### **National conference**



**New Deini:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the 'third national conference of chief secretaries' in the national capital next week, a senior government official said on Friday. The third national conference of chief secretaries will be held in Delhi from December 27-29 and it will be a significant step towards further strengthening the partnership between the Centre and state governments, the official

#### **Ground-breaking** ceremony

told PTI.



Bhubaneswar: Terming Odisha as the Aluminium capital of India, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik presided over the ground-breaking ceremony for Aditya Alumina Refinery (HINDALCO) and an apparel unit to be set up by Utkal Alumina Social Welfare Foundation.

## Inflation outlook likely to be clouded due to volatile food prices: RBI Guv

The overall inflation outlook is expected to be clouded because of volatile and uncertain food prices, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said at the recent Monetary Policy meeting. Committee Governor Das-headed sixmember Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which met on December 6 to 8, unanimously decided the keep the key interest rate (repo) unchanged at 6.5 per cent citing inflationary concerns. "The overall inflation outlook is expected to be clouded by volatile and uncertain food prices and intermittent weather shocks," the Governor opined, as per the minutes of the meeting released on Friday. He said that a resurgence of vegetable price inflation is likely to



inflation. "We have to remain highly alert to any signs of generalisation of price impulses that may derail the ongoing process of disinflation," he said. Das also stressed that in these circumstances, monetary policy has to be actively disinflationary and any shift in policy stance now would be premature and risky. Deputy gover-

Michael Debabrata Patra too opined that monetary policy has to remain on high alert with a restrictive stance. "...the monetary policy reaction function needs to assign a higher weight to inflation relative to growth in a forwardlooking sense," Patra said, while voting for a status quo on the policy rate and continuing with the stance of withdrawal of accommodation. RBI executive director and MPC member Rajiv Ranjan said the economy is running at full steam. Growth has been resilient and continuously surprising on the upside. "It is important to note that for the first time in Q2:2023-24, the fault lines in India's growth story since the pandemic tepid private investment and

rural demand seem to be

Ranjan also stressed that the best way monetary policy can support this high growth trajectory is by maintaining its commitment to price stability.

The three governmentappointed members on MPC - Shashanka Bhide, Ashima Goyal Jayanth R Varma -- too had voted for keeping the rate unchanged. The repo rate has remained at 6.5 per since cent April. According to the minutes, Bhide said given that inflation remains well above the target over the short term, with the projected headline CPI rate of above 5 per cent up to Q1: 2024-25, there is a need to continue the policy support for sustaining the trajectory to the target. Goyal opined that if inflation sustainably approaches 4 per cent

rates can easily become too high if nothing is done. "A repo of 6.5 per cent in 2018 and tight liquidity with headline inflation of around 4 per cent, even though core inflation was around 6 per cent, proved severely deflationary. Both headline and core inflation fell steeply over the next year," she said.

MPC member Varma noted that current indications are that, after many difficult quarters, the economic environment is turning more benign in terms of both inflation and growth. The challenge for monetary policy is to facilitate this benign outcome where inflation trends down and growth remains robust, he said. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for February 6-8, 2024.

## Scindia asks airport operators to look at biometric models for smooth air travel

The civil aviation ministry, which is taking measures to prevent congestion at airport in the upcoming festive season, has asked airport operators to look at the successful biometric models being used in other countries for smooth travel of air passengers.

During a meeting with an advisory group, civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia asked airport operators to promote Digi Yatra, which provides for contactless, seamless movement of passengers at various check points at airports based Recognition Technology (FRT). Currently, Digi Yatra is available for domestic passengers at 13 airports, including Delhi, Mumbai and Varanasi.

At the meeting on Tuesday, the airport operators were also tasked with



presenting biometric en abled models being successfully used in other countries, according to an official release. On December 15, Scindia said the Digi Yatra facility will be available at 25 more airports in 2024. The release said that a suggestion at the meeting was to integrate Digi Yatra' for internation al passenger access for departures as well as arrivals. "With the upcoming season

in mind, the minister emphasised on the importance of preventing congestion at

#### EPFO adds 15.29 lakh members in October, higher by 18.2 pc on-year ministry observed. In ab-

New Delhi, Dec 23:

Retirement fund body EPFO added 15.29 lakh members on a net basis in October, up by 18.22 per cent compared to the same month last year, according to payroll data released. Around 7.72 lakh new members have come under the social security coverage Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in October 2023, an increase of 6.07 per cent over the yearago month, a labour ministry statement said. The EPFO's provisional payroll data released highlights that the EPFO has added 15.29 lakh net members in the month of October 2023, the ministry said. Among the newly joined members,

Chandigarh, Dec 23:

Puniab Finance Minister

Harpal Singh Cheema on

Friday asked banks to meet

targets of disbursement of

Mudra and other loans for

startups in the state by

March. He said emphasis

should be given on schemes

aimed at empowering the

Scheduled Caste communi-

ty and women. Cheema was

chairing a meeting of PNB

and other banks, along with

Rajya Sabha MP Vikramjeet

Singh Sahney, here, accord-

ing to an official release. The

meeting was convened to as-

certain the quantum of

loans extended by these

banks for self-employment

and startups under various

schemes like Pradhan

the age group of 18-25 years constitutes 58.60 per cent of total new members added during the month. This shows that the majority of the members joining the organised sector workforce are first-time job seekers in this age group. The data also showed that approximately 11.10 lakh members exited but rejoined the

These members have switched their jobs and reioined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection with the EPFO. A declining trend in the number of exits has been observed for the last four months, the

**Punjab FM Cheema asks** 

banks to meet loan targets

for startups by March

Mantri

solute terms, the number of members exiting EPFO in October 2023 is the lowest in the last 12 months, it stated. Gender-wise analysis of payroll data represents that out of the total 7.72 lakh new members added during the month, around 2.04 lakh are new female members, joining EPFO for the first time. Also, the net female member addition during the month stood at around 3.03 lakh which is around 15 per cent higher compared with the corresponding month of the previous year. State-wise analysis of payroll data denoted that net member addition is highest in the five states of Maharashtra, Nadu, Delhi,

## Centre released Rs 900 crore in two installments to TN: FM

New Delhi, Dec 23:

Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Centre has released Rs 900 crore in two installments to Tamil Nadu in the current financial year, to deal with the havoc caused by the unprecedented rainfall and flooding.

A total of 31 people died in four southern districts owing to the heavy rainfall that occurred early this week, the Finance and Corporate Minister said. Briefing reporters here, the natural calamity has claimed human lives and caused damage to infrastructure and communication sys-



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacts with Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development and Electronics and Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar during a meeting, in New Delhi.

dolences to the bereaved family Sitharaman, who spoke in Tamil, said, "The amount of rainfall that should

whole year has been received in a single day. For example, if the total amount of rainfall is 50 cm in a place like Tuticorin, it has received the entire

Chennai has ultra-modern equipment including three dopplers and had forecast on December 12 itself that there would be heavy rainfall in the four districts Tenkasi, Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin on December 17. She was responding to Chief Minister M K Stalin's charge that the India Meteorological Department had failed to issue timely warnings about the extreme rainfall that battered four south ern districts and it had issued a red alert two days

single day." Sitharaman

Meteorological Centre,

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## India's alcoholic beverages exports

New Delhi, Dec 23:

ected to cross USD 1 billion in the next few years on account of increasing demand for spirits in global markets, a senior government official said on Thursday. As against the exports of USD 325 million in 2022-23, the outbound shipments from the sector touched USD 230 million during April-October this fiscal, Additional Secretary in the commerce ministry Rajesh Agrawal told reporters

National Urban Livelihood The global trade of these products is about alised banks are supposed to USD 130 billion. "The demand for Indian spirits is increasing...It is expected

to go beyond USD 1 billion the areas where we are tryin the next few years. ing to negotiate upon...we The country's alcoholic Indian beverages market are also trying to see the is growing very fast and duty concessions that are slowly demand for these brands across the world is also picking up," Agrawal said, adding that in the forthcoming three-day Indus Food show in Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh), there will be a wine and spirits section. Over 2,500 global buyers, 5,000 domestic buyers and 86 retail chains would be participating in the show apart from over 120 foreign exhibitors. The world trade in the segment is being captured by Scotch (USD 13 billion). When asked if free trade agreements of India will help promote these exports, he

said, "This is also one of

to cross USD 1 bn in next few years required in various destinations, we get (that)". The condition that for a product to qualify as a whisky, it must be matured for a period not less than three years has not yet been resolved. The Indian industry claims that because of the warm climate in India, the product matures in one year and gives the same outcome. "The debate is still on whether we should brand it as Indian whiskey or look for a (brand)...International law in many countries prohibits that (one-year thing). It is an unresolved

issue," he added.

#### Better profitability to support corporate rating headroom: Fitch

Mumbai, Dec 23:

Profit margins of domestic companies are likely to swell by 290 basis points over FY23 levels, boosted by lower raw material costs and rising volume led by local demand, despite faster capacity additions in some industries, which will lead to their rating upgrades next fiscal, says an international rating agency.

In a report on the domestic corporates in particular and the economy in general, Fitch Ratings Friday said it seems the profit margins of the corporates it rates jumping by 290 bps above the FY23 levels. But it was quick to warn that a sharp or sus-

tained rise in energy prices, given the ongoing geo-political risks, presents downside risks to the projection.

On the economy, it expects the country to be among the world's fastestgrowing large sovereigns, with resilient GDP growth of 6.5 per cent in FY25, marginally down from a likely 6.9 per cent GDP print this fiscal. The higher growth will be buoyed by strong demand for cement, electricity and petroleum products. This along with the rising infrastructure spends will also boost steel demand. Car sales will continue to rise, despite a likely moderation after robust growth in 2023, said the report.

#### **VINTAGE OVEN**

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Employment Generation

Programme (PMEGP), and

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extend the loan of Rs 50,000

to 2 crore young entrepre-



A chef shows a vintage oven at The Bakery, established in 1830, of the Lalit Great Eastern hotel which was used to prepare cakes during the British era, ahead of Christmas, in Kolkata, Saturday, Dec. 23.

### Lack of contribution to network costs from large traffic generating digital players a challenge: COAI

New Delhi, Dec 23:

The telecom industry faces a "major challenge" as large traffic-generating digital platforms do not contribute to network costs, COAI said on Friday asserting that the "conundrum" is placing undue burden on telcos, hampering their financial sustainability and impeding further investments into network enhancements. The large traffic-generating platforms, despite earning both from subscription fees and advertising revenues, do not contribute to the network costs financially, rued Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) whose prominent members include Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea. Telcos

have been demanding a fair share from such platforms, emphasising the need for equitable cost distribution amid rising infrastructure expenses and increasing costs of network deployment and maintenance. "Despite the overall growth of the sector, the industry faces a major challenge, revolving around the lack of contribution to network costs Large Traffic from Generating (LTG) digital platforms/players," COAI said in a note summing up the year. In the write-up citing the year-end perspective that highlighted among multiple things the "LTG conundrum", COAI Director General, SP Kochhar, said the situation places an undue burden on telcos, hindering their financial sustainability and impeding further investments in network enhancements. "The recent bill introduced in the US Senate is also an acknowledgement of the need for high traffic generating 'Edge Service Providers' to contribute to the costs of delivering affordable broadband to all citizens and corroborates the stance of the Indian telecom sector," according to COAI.

Industry stakeholders also look forward to a collaborative effort with LTGs to develop high-quality networks and a responsible fair-sharing model, ensuring sustainable growth for the entire digital ecosystem. The evolving regulatory landscape is also expected to play a pivotal role in addressing challenges, and providing a supportive framework for innovation while maintaining fair competition, as per COAI.

India's telecom sector witnessed significant developments in 2023, including "remarkable growth" propelled by the nationwide rollout of 5G, setting unprecedented benchmarks. With over 3.97 lakh of 5G BTS sites established in more than 738 districts until November, India has risen to become a global 5G leader. With 1.148 billion wireless subscribers as of August, the industry has witnessed a 1.9 per cent growth from the previous year, with the average data usage per subscriber soaring to 17.4 GB per month.

## **District hospital takes proactive** measures to combat omicron variant

20 New ICU beds prepared for COVID-19 patients





Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Dec 23: In light of the Omicron variant's recent spread across several states in the country, the district administration has taken swift and proactive measures to safeguard its residents. Responding to the rising number of COVID-19 cases nationwide, the Health Directorate in the district

Under the guidance of Janmejay Mahobe, CMHO Dr. Sujoy

has completed all neces-

sary preparations.

Mukherjee, and Civil Surgeon Dr. Suryavanshi, a thorough inspection of 20 ICU beds and essential facilities in the newly constructed district hospital building was conducted.

The district hospital has now established a dedicated 20-bed ICU ward, fully equipped to handle COVID-19 cases, complemented by comprehensive healthcare facilities. Remarkably, as of now, the district has reported no COVID-19 cases.

Mukherjee noted an increase in patients with cold and cough symptoms visiting the district hospital, exercising caution in response to the new Covid-19 variant.

The district hospital has taken extensive measures for COVID-19 treatment, with doctors and paramedical staff operating in three shifts. Field-level health officials have been mobilized to control the spread of the virus.

The newly established ICU beds boast all essential amenities, including Additionally, Late Sudha

Devi Dharamshala has prepared 40 beds with oxygen facilities.

Health officers, workers, Mitanins, and Auganwadi workers in the district have been diligently instructed to take necessary precautions and stay vigilant among the public. Immediate reporting of any COVID-19 symptoms is encouraged. Doctors and nursing staff are on active duty at the district hospital, with additional medical personnel available if needed.

CMHO Dr. Mukherjee highlighted the increasing number of infections in Kerala, prompting the central government's advisory on mask-wearing in crowded places and the use of sanitizers after hospital or crowded area visits. With concerns emerging in neighboring Karnataka, adjacent to Kerala, special vigilance is being maintained in those states as well, further fortifying the region's defenses against

## MSEC embarks on educational empowerment mission

Aims to support talented students and Promote education in the community

Central Chronicle News Katgi, Dec 23: In a recent

gathering held at Village Hasuwa, Post Office Mangal Bhawan (Temporary Employees Cell Office), members of the Manikpuri Samaj Employees Cell (MSEC) came together to discuss their mission and objectives. The meeting was filled with enthusiasm as staff officers and members brainstormed ways to contribute positively to the field of education and uplift the community.

President Chhamman Mahant passionately described the cell's objectives, which include motivating talented students to excel, providing support to underprivileged yet brilliant students, and spreading the teachings of Kabir Saheb. As part of their initiative, the cell plans to annually honour highachieving students from

the examination results. During the meeting, a significant decision was made regarding monthly contributions. Members agreed on three levels of monthly deposits: Rs 50, Rs 100, and Rs 200. These contributions will be collectively deposited in the bank each month under

the joint names of the

high school, higher sec-

ondary school, and col-

lege during a special so-

cial program following

Individuals who wish to contribute to the cause of supporting students will receive a receipt for their contributions. The discussion also revealed plans to involve more of ficers in the upcoming meetings to expand the initiative further.

Among those present at the meeting were President and Principal Chhaman Mahant, Principal of Oxford School, Co-Secretary Suresh Das Manikpuri, and many other dedicated members committed to the cause of education

## WRD Secretary inspects irrigation projects

High-level inspection focuses on ensuring timely land acquisition and forest diversion

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha. Dec 23:

Anbalagan P, Secretary of Department (WRD), along with a team of state-level officers, including Chief Engineers I.J. Uike and Mukesh Kumar Santoshi, Superintending Engineer D.K. Bhagoriya, and Executive Engineer N.K. Chauhan, conducted a comprehensive inspection of vital irrigation projects within the Water Resources Division in Kawardha.

The inspection commenced with a visit to the Sutiapat Medium Reservoir Project, where the team examined the expansion of the Sutiapat Canal. Special attention was given to ensuring water availability



for encouraging Rabi crop cultivation among farmers. The inspection also focused on the canal expansion site's progress, emphasizing the importance of timely completion.

Subsequently, Secretary explored the proposed sites of the Reservoir Jagmadwa Scheme and Baroda Khurd Reservoir Scheme, gathering crucial information about these projects. In particular, the inspection highlighted the need to expedite land acquisition processes, forest land diversion, and

address any delays on a priority basis. Clear directives were provided to the relevant agencies to adhere to prescribed parameters and expedite the necessary procedures.

The inspection team also visited the Kariama Reservoir Scheme and Medium Baherakhar Reservoir Project, with a particular focus on leveraging tourism opportunities, especially under the Baherakhar Medium Project. The directive was clear: explore all possibilities to promote tourism in the region. Throughout the inspec-

tion, key officials, including Sub-Divisional Officer of Sutiyapat Project Sub-Division No. 03 Sahaspur Lohara, Sub-Divisional Officer of Karranala Barrage Sub-Division Sahaspur Lohara, Sub-Divisional Officer of Water Resources Sub-Division No. 02 Kawardha, and other concerned officials, actively participated, demonstrating a collective commitment to the successful execution of these critical

## Addl Collector conducts surprise inspection in district offices

#### Notice served to employees who failed to arrive on time

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Dec 23: In a concerted effort to instill punctuality and accountability among government and non-government office personnel, Additional Collector Neelam Toppo took the initiative by conducting a surprise inspection of the Collectorate office.

This proactive approach has been taken to address the issue of employees consistently arriving late for work, despite repeated reminders from the district administration.

During the surprise inspection, it was discovered that 22 employees failed to report to the office on time. As a result. notices have been issued



urging them to provide a satisfactory explanation for their tardiness.

Additionally, clear instructions have been issued to initiate appropriate actions as per established rules should their responses not meet the re-

tance of punctuality, Toppo emphasized that Collector Vinay Langeh had recently underscored the need for all office heads to reinforce punctuality among their teams. Employees who did not adhere to the specified ofof their responsibilities and sternly warned against any future negli-

Toppo further emphasized that office hours are set from 10 am to 5:30 pm, and it is essential for officers and employees to fulfill their duties within this timeframe.

## Food inspector suspended for misconduct

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Sukma, Dec 23: In a resolute move to uphold the standards of integrity and discipline in public service, Collector Haris.S has taken immediate action by suspending Food Inspector Harishankar Sahu for negligence in duty. The decision comes following a thorough investigation prompted by a complaint from Rakesh Jaiswal of Chintalnar village against Tehsildar Dornapal and Inspector Harishankar Sahu.

The investigation, conducted by Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Konta, included inspections by a district-level investigation team and an examination of evidence provided by the applicant, such as video and audio recordings. The inquiry revealed suspicious conduct in the functioning of Food Inspector Harishankar Sahu, constituting a clear violation of Chhattisgarh Civil Services Conduct Rules In light of the prima

facie findings, Food Inspector Harishankar Sahu has been suspended with immediate effect, in accordance with the Chhattisgarh Civil Services Conduct Rules 1965. During the suspen-

sion period, he will receive subsistence allowance as per the rules, and his designated headquarters will be Tehsil Office Sukma.

Additionally, as part of the ongoing efforts to maintain transparency and accountability, a disciplinary action recommendation has been forwarded In-charge against Dornapal Tehsildar (Assistant Superintendent of Land Records) for alleged misuse of authority personal gain. Collector Haris.S has sent a formal complaint to the Divisional Commissioner, initiating the process for potential disciplinary or

Central Chronicle News

Lavan, Dec 23: Eighty enthusiastic students from the 11th and 12th grades of PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (PMSJNV), Lavan, embarked on an unforgettable educational journey that brought them face to face with the marvels of nature. As part of this enriching experience, they had their first glimpse of the Dendeshwari Devi Temple, located at the archaeological site of Malhar, on December 20.

Their adventure continued as they explored the Bilaspur Energy Education Park and ventured into Kanan Pendari to observe an array of captivating wildlife species. Under the guidance of Principal B. Girija, this three-day educational excursion unfolded with excitement and learning.

On the initial day. December 18, young learners from the sixth, seventh, and on 19th eighth and nineth grades embarked on an insightful pilgrimage to the renowned Giroudhpuri and Ma Shabri Ma's shrines, acquiring profound knowledge.

The third day, December 20, witnessed the 11th and 12th-grade students immersing themselves in the historical and spiritual aura of Malhar in Bilaspur district. Here, they visited the sacred shrine of Ma Dendeshwari



stones and sculptures unearthed by the Archaeology Department. Their thirst for knowledge was further quenched with a visit to the Urja Shiksha Park in Bilaspur, enhancing their educational journey. In the evening, the stu-

nations of the remarkable

dents arrived at Kanan

Pendari, located 15 km from Bilaspur, where they had the extraordinary opportunity to observe diverse species of animals and birds in a captivating zoo setting. While en route, the students engaged in spirited Antakshari sessions, singing songs, and dancing, creating a joyous at-

PMSJNV students explore wildlife on educational tour

This educational tour was made possible through the efforts In-Charge Educational Rajendra Sikka, along with teachers Pradeep Kumar, Arup Das, Govardhan Prasad Sahu, Chandihaldar, Monica Thakur, Nidhi Gupta, Mandakini Seth, and many others, including Tejas Sahu. Students like Tushar Navak, Devendra Banjare Rahul Dewangan, Jethu Sahu, Neha Saumya, Monica Pooja, Preeti Ojaswini, Isha, Aanchal, and more, reveled in this comprehensive learning experience, combining education, culture, history, and the wonders of the natu

## Guru Ghasidas Folk Art Festival resonates with vibrant hues of Panthi Dance

suspension actions.

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Dec 23: The enchanting rhythms of Panthi dance filled the air at the Guru Ghasidas Folk Art Mahotsav, celebrating the birth anniversary of the revered Saint Shiromani Guru Ghasidas.

Panthi dance troupes from various villages illuminated the stage with their splendid performances in the district-level Panthi dance competition held Cultural Khairagarh.

The event was graced by the presence of Collector Gopal Verma, MLA Yashoda Verma, District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh, and distinguished public representatives and citizens.



for the society: Collector

Collector Gopal Verma, inaugurating the competition, emphasized the profound impact of Guru Ghasidas's teachings on society, which revolve around the ideals of truth, equality, and harmony. He commended and extended congratulations to the participants who perpetuate these ideals through the medium of Panthi dance. Collector Verma reiterated

the significance of the Guru

Ghasidas Folk Art Festival, aimed at preserving and promoting the rich folk arts of Chhattisgarh.

Panthi dance is an invaluable heritage: Yashoda Verma

Khairagarh MLA Yashoda Nilambar Verma lauded Panthi dance as a priceless cultural heritage that imparts the wisdom of Guru Ghasidas's teachings. She conveyed her best wishes to all the talented dancers participating in the competition, instilling confidence in their abilities.

Panthi Dance is the soulful identity of Chh'garh: Vikrant Singh

District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh, addressing the gathering, underscored the role of Panthi dance as Chhattisgarh's cultural identity and urged collective efforts to uphold and nurture it. He extended

his congratulations to the event organizers and fellow participants. The Panthi dance performances featured dancers adorned in white dhotis, waistbands, and

ankle bells, swaying to the melodic rhythms of Mridang and cymbals. The dance artfully portrays the life, spiritual message, and devotion of Guru Ghasidas. The event, organized by the Social Welfare Department, saw also the presence of District Panchayat President Ghamman Sahu, Viplav Sahu, Janpad President Neena Tamarkar, as well as esteemed social workers Vikesh Gupta, Vijay Verma, Vinod Tamarkar. Representing the administration were Additional Collector DS Rajput and Deputy Collector Tankeshwar Sahu. The program was attended by other public representatives, district presidents, community leaders, a substantial audience, and dedicated

## **Good Governance Day to** be celebrated on Dec 25

mosphere throughout the

**Celebrating Atal Bihari** Vajpayee's legacy

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Dec 23: The birth anniversary of India's beloved former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, will be celebrated as Good Governance Day on December 25th. As per the state government's decision, a series of meaningful programs is set to unfold in all gram panchayats and urban areas to mark this occasion. In preparation for this day, Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia has issued a circular to the Project Director District Panchayat (DRDA), all district CEOs, and Chief Municipality Officers to en-

sure a dignified and memorable celebration of Good Governance Day. The circular outlines several important activities, starting with the cleaning and necessary repairs of the Atal Pillar, constructed in various Gram Panchayats, before December Additionally, a week-long cleanliness campaign in villages and panchayats will kickstart on December 25th. The main event on December 25th will commence at 10 am at Atal Chowk, graced by

During this event, after lighting the lamp and offering garlands to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's photograph, elected representatives and the public will collectively pledge their commitment to establishing good governance in

elected public representatives

and the general public.

urban bodies will also organize a program on December 25th, commencing at Atal Chowk, attended by elected public representatives and the general public. The evening of December 25th will witness "Atal Sandhya," featuring a Kavi Sammelan, readings of Atalji's poetry, an Atal Vichar Seminar, an essay competition, and an exhibition highlighting Atalji's biography. The Collector has called for

their Gram Panchayats. Similarly,

widespread publicity for these programs and extended special invitations to local public representatives, enlightened citizens. journalists, and lecturers to participate in the celebrations, ensuring that the legacy of Atal Bihari Vajpayee continues to inspire good governance and progress.

## Harmanpreet Kaur leads India Women's fightback but Australia take slender lead

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's (2/23) golden arm came to India Women's rescue with two late wickets as the hosts endured a challenging outing in the oneoff Test here on Saturday. with Australia leading by 46 runs at stumps on the third

Kaur brought herself on in the third session after India tried almost every trick in their arsenal with the ball but failed to make inroads, as a resolute Australian side overhauled the hosts' 187-run lead in the first innings with consummate ease.

Kaur cleaned up Tahlia McGrath (73 from 177 balls, 10 fours) who hit a second consecutive fifty in the Test and snaffled the dangerous Alyssa Healy (32) after a sudden burst of aggression.

Before dismissing her counterpart, Kaur fired a sharp return throw at Healy, who took an evasive action and the ball raced to the ropes as it deflected off the Australian skipper's

Kaur appealed against Healy for obstructing the field which was rejected by on field umpires Anil Chaudhary and N Janani.

On the next ball, Kaur had Healy out leg-before while attempting to sweep.



Australia Women's captain Alyssa Healy and Tahlia McGrath run between the wickets on the third day of the one-off Test cricket match between India Women and Australia Women, at the Wankhede Stadium, in Mumbai, Saturday.

Annabel Sutherland (12) and Ashleigh Gardner (7) were at the crease at stumps with Australia reaching 233/5 in second in-

It was Australia all the way on third day with their unleashing a

short-ball attack on the Indian tail, which folded in a little over half an hour into the day's play with 30 runs added for the loss of last three wickets.

Sutherland (2/41) was Australia's primary weapon as she claimed two wickets batter Pooja Vastrakar (47) and Renuka Singh (8), while Kim Garth accounted for Deepti Sharma (78) but not before the Indians reset a

India's first-innings total of 406 is now their highest ever in Test cricket against Australia.

A 122-run stand for the eighth wicket between Deepti and Vastrakar is India's highest in the format and second best for any side in the world.

Deepti was India's topscorer with 78 from 171 balls with nine fours while Vastrakar missed her maiden fifty by a narrow margin of three runs.

in deficit, With 187 Australia openers Beth and Phoebe Mooney Litchfield began well but both were guilty of throwing away their starts.

Richa Ghosh deserved full credit for running out Mooney for 33 (37 balls, 7 fours) after the batter carelessly ventured out of her crease after defending a delivery from Sneh Rana

Ghosh, positioned at silly point, hurled the ball back at the wickets while Mooney seemed to have lacked awareness of getting back into the crease.

Litchfield (18) cleaned up by Rana when

verse sweep but missed connecting completely.

Australia star Ellyse Perry looked set for a big score as she batted in a commanding manner in the second session for her 91-ball 45 with five fours, putting on 84 for the third wicket with McGrath.

But India wicketkeeper Yastika Bhatia was sharp enough to follow a delivery from Rana which kept drifting down the leg, collecting a faint edge off Perry's bat.

McGrath had some luck on the way to a fine fifty as Rana, standing at wide first slip, had an outside edge off Rajeshwari Gayakwad passing under her hands.

On 52, McGrath had luck favouring her again when she was adjudged leg-before on Kaur's first delivery which she got overturned.

But a few deliveries later, the Indian captain got the breakthrough when an inside edge off McGrath's bat trickled onto the wickets much to the dismay of the batter who had prodded forward totally while presenting the full face of the bat.

With the pitch not breaking down to assist spin as much as it was anticipated, it was vital for the Indian bowlers and fielders to work collectively but luck

## AITA loses appeal in ITF tribunal, Indian Davis Cup team will have to travel to Pak

The ITF tribunal has rejected AITA's contention that its Davis Cup team could face security concerns during the World Group I Play-off tie in Islamabad, paving the way for an Indian tennis team's visit to Pakistan for the first time in 60 years.

If the Indian team fails to travel to Pakistan, the tie will be awarded to the host country and the Indian team will be relegated to World Group II.

The last time an Indian Davis Cup team travelled to Pakistan was way back in 1964 when it beat the hosts 4-0.

India Tennis All Association (AITA) Secretary General Anil Dhupar confirmed to PTI that ITF has rejected their

appeal. "I have got a message that AITA's appeal has been rejected by the ITF Tribunal. We will approach Sports Ministry on Monday and seek guidance if we will send a team," Dhupar told PTI.

AITA had recently announced a five-member squad for the February 3-4 World Group I play-off tie and said that if ITF rejects its appeal, it will send the Davis Cup team to

for a neutral venue was rejected by the 15-member Davis Cup Committee (DCC) and later the national federation approached Tribunal.

"The DCC's decision to hold the tie in Pakistan has solid grounds and it is pertinent on all the nations to visit the venue (country) selected by the DCC for the Davis Cup ties," the Tribunal said, Pakistan media reported.

AITA's contention was that India should not be treated like other countries since the bilateral relations are tense between the two nations.

AITA had also contended that Pakistan will have its General Election on February 8, so the Indian team should not travel.

The DCC had ruled that there is no such situation in Pakistan where an Indian team cannot travel and participate in the Davis Cup tie.

"Pakistan has hosted some important Davis Cup ties just recently in a successful manner so there is no solid grounds as to why Pakistan cannot host the tie against India in a befitting manner. "Maintaining law and order is a sole responsibilIndian team should rest assured that required security measures will be in order for their travel and participation," the com-

mittee had opined. India's top players Nagal Sumit Sasikumar Mukund have pulled out of the tie, where the winning team will ensure its stay in World Group I for the rest

of the 2024 season.

Ramkumar Ramanathan, N Sriram Balaji, Yuki Bhambri, Poonacha and Saketh Myneni were named in the Indian team. Digvijay Pratap Singh, who made his debut against Morocco in India's last Davis Cup assignment in Lucknow in September, was named as a reserve player in the squad.

India were drawn to meet Pakistan in Pakistan in 2019 also but the ITF had then moved the tie to Kazakshtan on AITA's request and India emerged winner with an emphatic 4-0 margin. Pakistan's top players had then pulled out of the tie in protest against AITA's decision to not travel to their country. Pakistan fielded rookie players who were no match to India's strong

### 'Olympic qualifiers a chance to show our commitment to hockey'



Ace Indian midfielder Salima Tete on Saturday the Olympic Qualifiers here from January 13 are not just about making the cut for the 2024 Paris Games but also an opportunity for the women's hockey team to showcase its commitment to the sport. Eight teams, including India, will vie for three Paris Games berths when the tournament com-

mences her and the hosts will play the United States on the opening day. "This tournament in Ranchi is not just a qualification bid; it's an opportunity to showcase our relentless spirit and commitment to the sport we love. "We're ready to give it our all and, hopefully, secure our spot in the Paris Olympics, carrying the spirit of Ranchi with us on that global stage, Salima said in a Hockey

## Combination Confusion: Rahul's keeping, ideal choice between Prasidh and Mukesh

Centurion, Dec 23 (PTI):

The best combination as per conditions isn't always a team's best eleven and it will certainly be a struggle for India to find the right blend going into the opening Test against South Africa on Boxing Day'.

At least two slots will give head coach Rahul Dravid sleepless nights.

The teething issues for India will be KL Rahul being asked to keep wickets to bolster the batting and the tricky task of choosing between Mukesh Kumar and Prasidh Krishna to replace the literally irreplaceable Mohammed Shami, who is recuperating from an ankle niggle.

On the face of it, some decisions might look straightforward but things won't be as easy as it seems for the Indian team management, which will again have to make unpopular decisions.

The Centurion track has primarily been a pace bowlers' paradise -- hard



and bouncy with humidity that aids reverse swing during the latter half of the day. So if one is talking about lateral movement, then Mukesh, who has already made his Test debut in the Caribbean, walks straight into the playing XI. But the Bengal seamer hasn't looked in the best of form during the white ball leg of the series.

However, with 151 wickets from 40 first-class

games, red ball cricket is where Mukesh feels at home and has an average of 21 plus runs per wicket. His strike-rate remains a very decent 48 balls per wicket. More importantly, Mukesh is a like a workhorse, who can bowl long spells and has also been known to use reverse swing during his post tea spells in Ranji Trophy cricket. The other advantage is channel bowling --

#### Mukesh's nearest competitor is one of Dravid's favourite and a fellow Bangalore man Prasidh, whose hit-the-deck stuff is ideal for the Supersport

fuller length.

right on the line in and around the off-stump corridor and keeping it at

Prasidh, who hasn't

even played 15 first-class games since his Ranji Trophy debut in 2015, wouldn't even be in the picture had Shami been fit.

However, he hasn't done his cause any harm by picking up a fifer for India A' against South Airica A' in first Unofficial Test' in Potchefstroom. Prasidh, whose speed is a bit more and a natural length on the shorter side, is expected to get more bounce. But he can also leak runs as he is not known to be consistent with his lines.

If one goes by form in ODIs, Mukesh could lose out but going by skills in red ball cricket, he does hold a distinct advantage

## Now Deaflympics gold medallist Virender Singh to return Padma Shri over WFI president's election



New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI)

Deaflympics gold medallist Virender Singh Yadav, better known as Goonga Peniwan, has now decided to return his Padma Shri to the government, showing solidarity with the country's top wrestlers who have objected to election of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh loyalist Sanjay Singh as WFI presi-

Throwing his weight behind Olympic bronze medallist grappler Sakshi Malik, who announced her retirement from the sport soon after Sanjay

Singh's victory in the re cent WFI polls, Virender said he would return the honour as a mark of protest against the election of Brij Bhushan's close aide.

Bajrang Punia, one of the prominent faces of the protest against the former WFI chief, had returned his Padma Shri on Friday.

"I will also return the Padma Shri for my sister and the country's daughter. Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, I am proud of your daughter and my sister Sakshi Malikkh,"

## Surya out of Afghanistan series with ankle injury, Hardik unlikely too

Centurion, Dec 22 (PTI)

Suryakumar Yadav is all set to miss the upcoming three-match T20I series against Afghanistan starting January 11 due to an ankle injury sustained during the recent series against South Africa.

The 31-year-old twisted his ankle while fielding against South Africa in Johannesburg and there could be a suspected tear that could take six weeks

"Surya has reported to NCA for rehab work and the Medical Science team as of now has ruled him injured. He won't be able to play against Afghanistan which starts in three weeks time. Since he is unlikely to be selected for Tests, he will possibly play for Mumbai in Ranji TRophy in February to check his fitness before playing in the IPL," a BCCI source told PTI on condition of anonymity. It has also been known that chances of Hardik Pandya recovering from his ankle injury looks unlikely at the moment.

"There is no update on Hardik's fitness status as of now and one can say there remains a big question mark of him being available before the end of IPL," the source added.

With Surya or Hardik unavailable, the selectors might need to ask Rohit Sharma to lead the side unless they want to look forward and appoint Rayindra Jadeia, the stop gap leader for a series.

But Jadeja will play all five Tests against England and will need to take care of his workload management. Even Asian Games skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad has broken his finger and will be out for the series.

Ishan Kishan recently pulled out of the South Africa Tests due to "personal reasons" and there are reports of keeper-batter prioritising mental health after being on the road for past one year.

### **Boxing Nationals: World champion** Saweety Boora, Pooja Rani advance to pre-quarters

Greater Noida, Dec 23 (PTI):

The experienced duo of Saweety Boora and Pooja Rani cruised into the prequarterfinals with contrasting wins on the second day of the women's National Boxing Championships here on

While Saweety (81kg), the reigning world champion, faced a tough challenge from Alfiya of Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) before securing a 4-

win, two-time Asian Championships medallist Pooja dominated the proceedings against Renu of Nagaland in the 75kg bout as she completed a commanding 5-0 victory.

Besides Saweety and . World 2022 Pooia. Championships bronze medallist Manisha Moun

(60kg) and Saneh (70kg)

were the other boxers from

Haryana to clinch victories

and enter the Round of 16.

Meanwhile, Nupur of RSPB went head to head against Himanshi Antil of Delhi in her 81+kg round-

Demonstrating swift and aggressive boxing, Nupur wasted no time in securing the victory in the first with Referee Stopping the Contest (RSC) verdict. Nupur will be up against Monica Sahun of Uttarakhand in the quarterfinals.

The day also witnessed domination from Uttar Pradesh boxers as four registered convincing wins in their respective matches.

While Aprajita Mani (57kg) and Rinky Sharma (63kg) beat Maharashtra's Aarya Bartakke (5-2) and Tamil Nadu's V Monisha (5-0) respectively, Rekha (66kg) and Deepika (75kg) notched up RSC wins against their respective opponents Pooja Biswas of Telangana and Odisha's Sunita Jena.

## Nikhil, Utkarsh from CG into Gondwana Cup Tennis tournament

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Dec 23: Nikhil Marathe from Chhattisgarhi defeated Shreyas Shiva Prasad from Kerala with the score of 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-4 to qualify for the Gondwana Cup All India Tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA) at the newlybuilt International Tennis Stadium at Krishak Nagar here on Saturday.

Similarly, Arish Khan from CG, Tanmay P Shirish from Maharashtra, Girish Chagule from Maha, Prajwal SV from Karnataka, Samir Barik, Harneet Singh Khanuja from MP, Utkarsh Mishra from Cg, Raghav Verma from Cg, Manish Chhabaria from Delhi, Ankit Shah from Chhattisgarh also entered into main draw after winning their respective qualifying matches here. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the CSTA Joint Secretary and Organizing Committee member Rupendra Singh Chouhan said that the sign-in for the Main draw would be held on Sunday. He informed that the prize money for the above tournament is Rs 2 lakh and added that the Public Works Department and Ministry of Sports & Youth Welfare have been providing assistance to organize the tournament. He said that the White Badge Referee Prabin Nayak is the

Tournament Director.



## 'Forces scornful towards India's culture should be retaliated against'

Dehradun, Dec 23 (PTI)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday said a small section of people in the country had no respect for its 5,000-yearold cultural legacy and asked those who take pride in it to retaliate against such forces.

Some misguided people in this great country cannot swallow the progress it has made in recent years, he said at a programme held at the Gurukul Kangri University in Haridwar.

"It is a matter of concern that a section of people in the country who are not many, have no respect for India's 5,000-year-old culture or its glorious past. They have a scornful attitude towards it and keep tarnishing the country's image. They are either misled or misguided. They deserve to be retaliated against by people who take pride in our own culture and roots," Dhankhar



VP Jagdeep Dhankhar speaks during the inauguration of the Veda Science and Culture Mahakumbh at Gurukul Kangri, in Haridwar, Saturday.

said. "They are against the inclusive education policy in mother tongue. The day is not far away when all education in India will be given in mother tongue,

Describing the Gurukul Kangri (deemed to be) University as the epicentre of Indian nationalism and a symbol of the essence of its cultural ethos, he said some western universities are engaged in tarnishing India's development journey and

You have the scholarship and erudition that can counter this smear campaign," he said.

Dhankhar said India will have to return to the Vedas if it wants to regain position as the Vishwaguru.

The new National Education Policy is based on taking pride in the country's cultural roots, he said.

He said the 5000-year-old culture of the country which is at the core of its identity was beautifully showcased during the G20 summit held in Delhi and the entire world glimpsed it with curiosity and admiration. He said the wheel of the Konark Sun Temple and the statue of Natraj which symbolise India's ancient culture was appreciated by the world leaders who gathered in Delhi for the summit. India is gradually coming out of the "shackles of its colonial mindset", he said, adding that the three new legislations passed Parliament to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act are a reflection of this changing mindset.

"The system of penal law introduced by the British has been turned into a legal system of justice," he said.

The statue of Subhas Chandra Bose at the India Gate, the conversion of Raj Path to Kartavya Path show India's growing faith in itself and its own icons.

He extended an invitation to the students of Gurukul Kangri University to visit the new Parliament building in Delhi, saying they would be his guests.

"A look at the new Parliament building will show you what a positive change has come about in the country under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership," the vice presi-

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI):

Overall brain health,

not only protein clump-

ing and age, is a more

powerful predictor of

who is likely to progress

to Alzheimer's disease, a

Researchers said that

while the clumping of

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"Our findings are con-

sistent with studies show-

ing that the amyloid accu-

new study has found.



People wearing face masks as a precautionary measure after cases of COVID-19 sub-variant JN.1 were detected in the country, at a hospital in Chikkamagaluru, Saturday.

#### **'FAKE' MEDICINE ROW**

## BJP demands sacking of Delhi minister Bharadwai

Cong calls for probe

New Delhi, Dec 23 (PTI):

The Delhi BJP on Saturday demanded the sacking of Health Saurabh Minister Bharadwaj Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena recommended a CBI inquiry into the alleged supply of drugs that failed quality standard tests in Delhi government hospitals

The Delhi Congress said

against the culprits after an investigation.

Addressing a press conference, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva blamed the Aam Aadmi Party government for the situation.

'We have the lab and vigilance report. The samples of the medicines being provided in the Delhi government hospitals have failed. We demand that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal immediately sack his health minister,"

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that the investigation should be completed swiftly.

He emphasised that the issue of substandard medicines is not just a matter of corruption as it puts people's lives at risk. "Those responsible for

this should face strict action," he said.

teins in the brain, known to signal Alzheimer's disease, accelerates in old age, other aspects such as the presence of lesions or

Reacting to the development, Delhi Congress Arvinder Singh Lovely demanded the setting up of a medical board

mulation in the brain takes decades to develop, and occurs in the context of other brain pathologies, specifically small vessel disease," said Oscar Lopez, professor of neurology University of Pittsburgh, US, and corresponding author of the study published in the journal

Neurology. In this research, 94 elderly cognitively unimpaired individuals were enrolled at an average age of 85 and followed for 11 years or until their passing. Their rate of protein clumping in the brains was compared to those of a younger group from the Australian Biomarker, and Lifestyle

### **NEW STUDY**

'Not just protein clumping, overall brain health better predictor of Alzheimer's risk'

(AIBL) study.

The researchers found a steady increase in the clumping of amyloid proteins, or amyloid accumulation, in the participants' brains with time, a rate that was "significantly faster" in those in their 80s and older than those in their late 60s.

Further, they also found that the individuals brain scans showed protein clumps at the start of the study developed dementia two vears earlier than those who did not show protein clumps in their scans.

However, through imaging, the team also

BJP MLA Ramdular

sentenced to 25 years of rig

orous imprisonment for

raping a girl nine years ago,

has been disqualified as a

member of the Uttar

Pradesh assembly, official

sources said on Saturday.

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These indications included the presence of white matter lesions (suggesting small vessel disease) and a decrease in gray matter thickness in the brain cortex (suggesting neurodegeneration), The lead researcher

the researchers said. They said that these signs of brain damage were the "strongest predictors of the risk" of developing Alzheimer's disease, and indicated that an "active pathological process was already in place when the study began", at which point, the researchers had

deemed the participants to be cognitively unim-

complexity of the increased amyloid accumulation, when individuals are cognitively normal, is critical for improved implementation of dementia treatments," said

said that while this study could not examine the occurrence of a vascular (vessel-related) process in parallel to the protein accumulation, however, "understanding of the timing of the presence of these pathologies will be critical for the implementation of future primary

## Day after conviction in bank scam, Cong MLA Kedar gets Shiv Sena (UBT)'s support

Mumbai, Dec 23 (PTI):

The Maha Vikas Aghadi, stands strongly benind senior Congress leader Sunil Kedar, Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said on Saturday, a day after the former minister was handed a five-year jail term by a court for misappropriation of funds in a cooperative bank.

Taking a dig at its former ally BJP, Raut said many leaders in that party should be tried and convicted for ers to five years' rigorous

"Because of the pressure from the opposition are summoned (by Central probe agencies), arrested, and they face disqualification as lawmakers," Raut alleged while speaking to reporters. A magistrate's court in

Nagpur on Friday sentenced Congress MLA and former Maharashtra minister Sunil Kedar and five oth-

imprisonment for misappropriation of funds at the on the judiciary, only those Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank (NDCCB) in a 2002 case.

> "I am not surprised that he has been convicted for five years and if a sword is hanging on Kedar's membership. Sunil Kedar is a fighter and the entire MVA, especially Shiv Sena (UBT), is strongly behind him. We will keep fighting along with him," Raut said.

#### 'MP's e-Nagarpalika portal suffers cyber attack, data corrupted'

Bhopal, Dec 23 (PTI):

Madhva Pradesh's e-Nagarpalika portal, which is the online civic tax payment software covering 413 towns and cities in the state, has suffered a cyber attack, leading to corruption of data, a senior official said on Saturday.

Offline data, of which back-up is created on tapes every three days, is safe, he added.

The portal oversees the mechanism by which citizens of these civic bod-

ies get online services like birth and death as well as marriage certifi-Lucknow, Dec 23 (PTI): cates, payment of property, water and sanitation taxes, among others.

"Following the attack, the e-Nagarpalika portal been shut till Tuesday. Civic bodies have been told to work offline till the restoration of the system," said Neeraj Mandloi, the Principal Secretary of the state's Urban Administration Housing

People Act, a lawmaker sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more shall be disqualified "from the date of such conviction" and remain disqualified for another six years after serving

Ahsan Ullah Khan, additional district and sessions judge of the MP-MLA court in Sonbhadra.

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**BJP MLA Ramdular Gond disqualified** 

after 25-year jail in rape case

sum would be given to the

rape survivor who is now married and the mother of an eight-year-old girl. Special Public Prosecutor Satvaprakash Tripathi said the court held the MLA from Duddhi seat -- reserved for Scheduled Tribes -- guilty on December 12 and announced the quantum of punishment three days

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## **Message of Christmas**

hristmas means various things for different people. For some the Christmas tree draws the maximum attention; for some the very dear Santa is the prime attraction of Christmas; for most of us Christmas has become more of a commercial venture of buying and giving beautiful dresses, greeting cards and the list is never ending. These are only the peripherals then what Christmas is in reality? It is the celebration to mark the birth of Jesus The Christ. word 'Christmas' comes from the old English "Cristes maesse" meaning Christ's Mass. Unlike any other

baby, the one born that night in Bethlehem was unique in all of history. Who is Jesus Christ? He is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world and the Lord of the Heaven and the Earth. He had a heavenly pre-existence. He is God, the Son—Creator of the universe. This is why

Christmas is called the in-



means "in the flesh." In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh. Why did God make himself a true man and live among us, when he knew full well how terribly he would be treated? Jesus came to the earth, firstly, to take away the Sin of the humanity and destroy the works of satan and give eternal life to all of us, and thus, lastly, to make us children of God. In the book of John it is

said: "For God so loved

the world that He gave His one and only son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Any purgation requires

a sacrifice. And a purgation that would save the human race entire, from absolute destruction would therefore require a sacrifice of gigantic proportions. Thus by offering himself as that sacrifice on the cross at Calvary. Jesus takes upon himself the entire body of sin of all the human race that had been committed, was being committed and would be committed in future. This was the greatest sacrifice which generated the greatest power manifested in Resurrection of Jesus. Thus Jesus came to show us the way, the truth and

Do we consider Jesus to be relevant today? From the very first man and woman, we have disobeyed God's laws, even though they are for our best. And we have failed

to do what is right. We have inherited this condition from the first man, Adam. The Bible calls this disobedience, sin, which means "missing the mark". Thus our sins have broken God's intended relationship with us. We have missed the mark when it comes to the purpose we were created for. Therein lies the relevance of Jesus in today's world. He connects us back to God by sacrificing his life for our sins. Ultimately, it is upon us

to make Jesus relevant. We should understand that Jesus lived a life in the essence of love that was beyond the boundaries of time or culture. His is a love that extends beyond ourselves and reaches out to others, and impacts the common good of all. It involves a change of heart and spiritual accountability. Sin causes the severing of all relationships: the human race is severed from its environment, individuals

people severed from other people, and people are severed from God. Like links on a chain, once the first link between God and humanity was broken, all contingent links became uncoupled. What Jesus offers is the way to re-link the broken chain. Wish you all a Blessed

Christmas and a Joyful New Year ahead! Dr A F Pinto

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