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## Cancel NEET-UG 2024? SC seeks Centre's reply

Apex Court made it clear that it will not stay the counselling process.

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Thursday sought responses from the Centre, the National Testing Agency (NTA) and others on a slew of petitions, including those seeking scrapping of the NEET-UG 2024 exam and a court-monitored probe, amid mounting outrage over alleged irregularities in conducting the all-India medical entrance test.  
 The apex court also stayed further proceedings on similar pleas pending before different high courts. The top court, however, made it clear that it will not stay the counselling process.



Students stage a protest over the NEET-UG and UGC-NET exam, in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

**HIGHLIGHT**  
 ● SC issued notices to the parties seeking their responses on four separate pleas filed by the NTA.

**Furnish data to back methodology used to ascertain the 'time-loss' for candidates**  
 Sumeer Sodhi  
 Advocate

tions, the counsel appearing for the testing agency urged it to stay the related proceedings before different high courts. "Issue notice returnable on July 8," the bench said, adding, "In the meantime, further proceedings before the high courts shall remain stayed." It also dealt with

several other petitions including the one filed by 20 aspirants who are seeking scrapping of the exam held on May 5. These 20 petitioners, represented by advocate Dheeraj Singh, have also sought a direction to the NTA and others to conduct the test afresh.

## HC strikes down Bihar's quota hike from 50 to 65 pc

**PATNA:** In a setback to the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar, the Patna High Court on Thursday struck down its last year's decision to raise quotas for Dalits, backward classes and tribals from 50 to 65 per cent. A Division Bench headed by Chief Justice K Vinod Chandran passed the order on a bunch of petitions which had opposed the legislation brought by the state government in November

2023. The quotas were increased following a comprehensive survey of castes which gave a fresh estimate of the population of SCs, STs, OBCs and extremely backward classes (EBCs) in Bihar. The Nitish Kumar government on November 21 last year issued gazette notifications for raising the quota for deprived castes from 50 to 65 per cent in state government jobs and educational institutions.

## Kejriwal gets bail

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been granted bail in the liquor policy case. Mr Kejriwal's lawyer had argued the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had no evidence against him. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief is likely to come out of jail on Friday, as the bail order has to reach the jail first.

## Rlys conducts trial run

**NEW DELHI:** Indian Railways on Thursday successfully conducted a trial run of an eight-coach MEMU train on the world's highest railway bridge - Chenab Bridge - in Jammu and Kashmir, paving the way for the start of rail service on the route from Reasi to Baramulla in Kashmir. "After an extensive inspection of the newly constructed Chenab Bridge by senior officers from RB, NR and Konkan Railway, a trial run was conducted," the Ministry said in a statement.

### NEWSLINE

**NEW DELHI**  
**Won't spare anyone: Pradhan**  
 Under fire for the irregularities in NEET and the cancellation of the UGC-NET exam, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that a high-level committee will be formed and that the interest of the students is the first priority of the government.



**CHANDIGARH**  
**Saini govt in 'minority': Hooda**

A delegation of the Haryana Congress met Governor Bandaru Dattatreya here on Thursday, claiming the Nayab Singh Saini's BJP government is in the "minority" and demanding dissolution of the Assembly as well as holding fresh polls.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Bhartruhari Mahtab is pro-tem Speaker**

Seven-term parliamentarian Bhartruhari Mahtab was on Thursday appointed pro-tem Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said. He said Mahtab, a BJP member from Cuttack, was appointed as pro-tem Speaker by President Droupadi Murmu under Article 95(1) of the Constitution to perform the duties of the Lok Sabha presiding officer till the election of the Speaker.

**MUMBAI**  
**Burglary at Anupam Kher's office**

Two unidentified persons broke into the office of Bollywood actor Anupam Kher and stole the negatives of a film produced by his company and Rs 4.15 lakh in cash, police said on Thursday.



**FINEDINE**  
**The Cozy Corner Cafe: A Delightful Escape in Kota Raipur**

Welcome to the inviting world of The Cozy Corner Cafe and Gaming Hub, nestled in the vibrant Teachers Colony of Kota Raipur. Here at our cafe, every visit promises a delightful blend of warmth, adventure, and culinary indulgence.

## 'Assly polls preparation start in Jammu and Kashmir'

MAJOR DECISION

**Press Trust Of India**  
**PM praised the youths of J&K for the high turnout in the recently-concluded LS polls.**



PM speaks during 'Empowering Youth, Transforming J&K' event, in Srinagar.

**SRINAGAR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said preparations for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir have begun and the Union territory will get back its statehood too. Addressing an event after laying foundation stone and inaugurating 84 developmental projects worth Rs 1,500 crore in Srinagar, Modi also said the central government has taken the recent terror attacks in the

**FACTFILE**  
 ● Modi said, enemies of J&K will be given a befitting reply.

youths of Jammu and Kashmir for the high turnout in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha polls and said they have ensured victory of democracy. Modi said the wall of the Article 370, which was scrapped in August 2019, collapsed and fruits

of Indian Constitution ensured in Jammu and Kashmir. "Today the Indian Constitution has truly been implemented in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. The prime minister said today the forces inimical to peace and development are making last ditch efforts to stop the progress of Jammu and Kashmir. "The Centre has taken the recent terror attacks very seriously. The home minister held a meeting and reviewed the entire mechanism. I want to assure that we will leave no stone unturned to punish the enemies of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. Modi assured the people that permanent peace will be established in Jammu and Kashmir.

## 2 CAF jawan killed as vehicle falls into gorge

**Press Trust Of India**  
**CAF personnel were engaged in shifting their camp when the incident occurred.**



**BALRAMPUR:** Two personnel of the Chhattisgarh Armed Force (CAF) were killed when a mini goods vehicle they were travelling in plunged into a gorge in Balrampur district, police said on Thursday. A CAF jawan and the vehicle's driver, a civilian, were also injured in the accident which took place late Wednesday evening in a Naxalite-affected area, they said. The CAF personnel were engaged in shifting their camp when the incident occurred between Pundag and Bhutahi villages, bordering Jharkhand state, Bal-

**FASTFACTS**  
 ● The vehicle fell into a gorge and hit a tree.  
 ● Constable Narayan Prasad, was from Surguja district.

rampur Superintendent of Police Lal Umed Singh said. The 'D' company of CAF's 10th battalion was transferred from Ramchandrapur to Pundag in the district. As part of the redeployment exercise, security personnel, goods and other materials were

being shifted in buses and trucks to a new location of the camp, he said. A big truck which was engaged in transportation could not go beyond Bandarchua village, hence a mini vehicle was engaged to carry goods loaded in the truck from there to the new camp location, he said. After ferrying the goods once, the vehicle was engaged in another round of transportation when its driver failed to negotiate a sharp turn on a hill. The vehicle fell into a gorge and hit a tree, the official said. "Head constable Fateh Bahadur, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, and constable Narayan Prasad, from Surguja district in Chhattisgarh, were killed in the incident while constable Rapratap Singh and the civilian driver suffered injuries," Singh said.

## Monsoon inches northwards; covers Chhattisgarh

**Press Trust Of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** NEW DELHI: Southwest Monsoon started northwards on Thursday after a 10-day lull, covering parts of Odisha, Chhattisgarh and large tracts of Vidarbha, bringing relief to the parched regions that were reeling under hot weather conditions.



**NUMBER**  
**17**  
 ● Country has received 17 pc normal rainfall than normal this monsoon season

cient rainfall than normal this monsoon season -- 77 mm as against the normal of 92.8 mm between June 1 and 20. "Southwest Monsoon has further advanced into some more parts of Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Northwest Bay of Bengal, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and some parts of Bihar," the weather office said.

## 34 dead in Tamil Nadu hooch tragedy

**Press Trust Of India**  
**CHENNAI:** The entire Karunapuram locality in Kallakurichi on Thursday echoed with the wails of the family members of the victims of illicit arrack that claimed the lives of at least 34 people. About 100 others are undergoing treatment. Following the tragedy in the state's northern dis-

trict, the opposition lashed out at the DMK while the ruling party said it should not be assumed such issues happened only during its regime. While Leader of Opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami demanded Chief Minister M K Stalin's resignation, the CM said: "The Kallakurichi incident must not have happened and it has caused deep anguish to me," he said.



# Raipur



Yoga Day to be organised under theme of 'Swachh Maan, Swachh Shahar' in all the urban bodies.

**Arun Sao**  
Dy. Chief Minister Chhattisgarh.



CM Vishnu Deo Sai and Dy. CM duo chaired Cabinet meeting in state secretariat.

## Role of agents finished in Sai's liquor policy

Vishnu Deo Sai's govt took a major decision on corruption-free governance.

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**RAIPUR:** The BJP government in the state under the leadership of CM Vishnu Deo Sai has started intensively working on the new policy of 'zero tolerance' over corruption in the state. One of its testimony was the cabinet meeting held under chairmanship of CM on Wednesday, wherein Vishnu Deo Sai's government took a major decision on corruption-free governance and it is being appreciated all over the state. To make the liquor business transpar-

ent, CM Sai's government has changed the policy of earlier Congress government in the state. In the old liquor policy, there was arrangement of purchasing wholesale IMFL liquor through licence system. This has been closed now and the Excise Minister and CM Vishnu Deo Sai's government has taken a decision to directly purchase liquor from the liquor manufacturers. The government has given its responsibility to the Chhattisgarh Beverages Corporation. In entire state, this particular initiative by

### HIGHLIGHT

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CM is being termed as major action against corruption. State's image received a blow in liquor scam of Cong govt:

It is notable here that there was massive corruption and scam on liquor during the last term of Congress government in the state. This scam of around Rs 2200 cr is in centre of discussions all over the country and it has maligned the state's image. Now the Sai's government has changed the Congress govt's policy on liquor to make the liquor business more transparent.

## Collector inspects register in Panchayat

**RAIPUR:** Collector Dr Gaurav Singh conducted inspection of the office register in Gram Parsulidih and he directed to keep update every death and birth records in the village, so that the right person can get benefit of the schemes at the right time. During inspection of the register, he got information about death of two persons due to current from power line. On this Collector directed the authorities to get them compensation from the Electricity department and pay it to their family members soon. Collector also inspected the Tania Fish Feed centre there and it has got benefit of 'Pradhan Mantri Sampada Yojana'. Collector took information from the Director of the Centre Seema Kaushik about the fish feed centre. Collector also inspected the venue for proposed NIT at Gram Parsulidih and here 10000 plant saplings are to be planted.

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Congmen staged massive dharna and protest against arson and riots in Balodabazar and termed it as failure on part of the state government to handle law & order situation

**RAIPUR:** Congmen staged massive dharna and protest against arson and riots in Balodabazar and termed it as failure on part of the state government to handle law & order situation and demanded his resignation. Congmen raised slogans in protest and court arrest near Sapre School, mid-way to gherao CM and HM's residence in support of their demands here on Thursday.

Congmen started their dharna in city in the morn-



Congmen number clashed with police on way to gherao CM's, HM's residence.

### FACTFILE

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ing hours and charged that the type of action which should have been taken for the damage to 'Jaitkham' and damage to Collectorate and SP's office in Balodaba-

zar, the Home Department is just targetting innocent persons. Demanding CBI inquiry into the same, ex-MLA Vikas Upadhyay demanded CM and HM's resignation on the same. He said that Congmen were trying to take out peaceful protest wearing black-badges and placards in their hands and were on way to submit memorandum to the Collector in support of their demands. But they were stopped

## Qureshi to get better treatment now

**RAIPUR:** Dur to initiative by Collector Gaurav Singh, now it will be possible to get better treatment for Akhtar Hussain Qureshi of Telibandha. Collector issued him a cheque amount of Rs 20000 sanctioned by the Red Cross Society of India. On receiving the cheque, Qureshi expressed gratitude towards the district administration and showed his happiness.

## Collector urges villagers to leave 'Gutka'

**RAIPUR:** Collector Dr Gaurav Singh during tour to villagers in Abhanpur on Thursday, held talks with the villagers. During this he met a villager Gaikwad in Gram Bharenga and he urged the villager to leave consumption of 'gutka' and other such items. He said that chewing 'gutka' is injurious to health and it poses risk for cancer as well and may lead to other serious illnesses. Set aside this by leaving 'Gutka', it also help in saving money. On request by the Collector, Gaikwad expressed confidence that he will try to leave 'gutka'.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### THEFT

## Unidentified accused took away precious Sandal-wood from SFRTI campus

**RAIPUR:** In an almost unbelievable turn of event, unidentified accused took away precious Sandal-wood trees from the Chhattisgarh State Forest Research and Training Institute campus on Wednesday night. The accused had cut 20 sandalwood trees and took away 14 of them with the help of a machine. All this occurred even when there was CTV vigilance. This incident has caused havoc in the forest department. Despite having security guards in the campus at night, the accused succeeded in cutting the sandal-wood trees one by one and took them away with machines. The forest officers said that the institute is spread over 155 acres. Due to this, CCTV cameras are not installed in all areas. Cameras have been installed in the institute building itself.

### YOGA

## Yoga to be held near Amrut Sarovar in villages



**RAIPUR:** As per instructions by the Collector Dr Gaurav Singh, on occasion of the 10th International Day of Yoga on June 21, Yoga day will be organised at Amrut Sarovar premises. In this programme, the villagers, students and public representatives have been invited. During the programme the villagers will be given information about yoga and its importance. It is notable here that Amrut Sarovar provides peaceful and healthy atmosphere conducive for practicing Yoga.

### MEETING

## Cabinet sub-committee meeting held



**RAIPUR:** In context of the preliminary preparations for the paddy procurement for Khariff marketing year 2024-25, the meeting of cabinet sub-committee was held under the chairmanship of Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Dayaldas Baghel at state secretariat here on Thursday. On this occasion Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam, Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, Revenue Minister Tankram Verma were present. In the meeting, initial preparations for paddy procurement for Kariff marketing year 2024-25 was reviewed.

The cabinet sub-committee held discussions on arrangements of gunny bags for procurement of paddy and arrangements at the paddy purchase centres for the farmers. In the meeting, Secretary to CM and Food Dept Basavraju S., Secretary Agriculture Production Commissioner Shalsha Nigar, Secretary Revenue Avinash Champawat, Secretary co-operative CR Prasanna, Special Secy. (Food) KD Kunjam, MD MARKFED Ramesh Sharma, Director Food Department Jitendra Shukla and other departmental officers were present.

## Congmen stage dharna, court arrest against lack of action

| DHARNA & PROTEST |

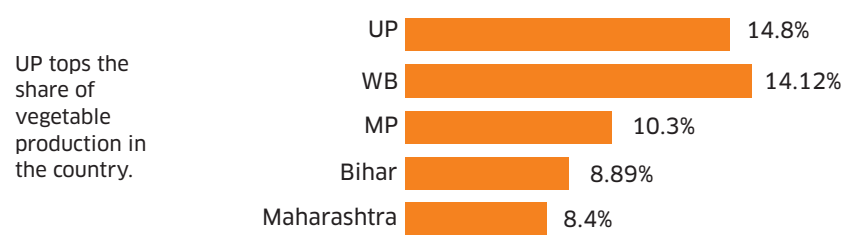
forcefully by the police mid-way and this resulted in forceful suppression by the police and was strongly protested by the Congress workers and leaders.

Congmen charged that it is more than one week that the Collectorate incident of Balodabazar has taken place and so far no accused in this case has been nabbed.

Congmen also made an appeal to maintain peace and law & order in the region and this dharna and protest was participated by Congress party workers and leaders from all cells of PCC including ex-MLA Vikas Upadhyay, DCC District President Hitendra Thakur, VS candidate Shailesh Nitin Trivedi, ex-MLA Janak Ram Verma, Surendra Sharma and BCC President Vikram Giri, Rupesh Thakur and others.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### SHARE OF VEGETABLE PRODUCTION IN INDIA IN FY 2022



Source :Agencies

### YOGA

## Yoga sessions to be held at all branches of Sant Nirankari Mission today

**RAIPUR:** Sant Nirankari Mission will observe International Yoga Day on 21st June by organising Yoga sessions at its various branches from 6 am to 7 am with great enthusiasm by yoga instructors. In this series, yoga session will be conducted at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan (opposite Hind sporting Ground) located in Lakhe Nagar, Raipur and Jhulelal Dharamshala in Street No. 5 of Telibandha. The theme of International Yoga Day this year has been given by the United Nations as Yoga for Women Empowerment, which is undoubtedly the need of the hour. Sant Nirankari Mission has also been working from time to time with many welfare schemes for women empowerment, such as sewing and embroidery centers, beautician course, tuition classes etc. Joginder Sukhija Ji, Social Welfare Incharge of Sant Nirankari Mission has informed that since the year 2015, the social welfare wing of Sant Nirankari Mission, SNCF, has been organizing Yoga Day Sessions. This year too, it will be organized at the same time in almost all the branches of the Mission spread across the country and abroad. Yoga is an ancient Indian method through which spiritual, physical, mental and spiritual health is balanced.

### HONOUR

## Dr Chandel to be honoured with 'Colonel Commandant' rank



**RAIPUR:** Vice Chancellor Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Dr Girish Chandel will be honoured with the rank of 'Colonel Commandant' by NCC on June 21. The Addl. Director General Ch'garh and MP NCC Directorate Maj. Gen. Ajay Kumar Mahajan would present the honorary rank of Col. Commandant to V-C IGKV Dr Chandel tomorrow at the auditorium of IGKV at 11:00 am.

It is notable here that National Cadet Core honours the Vice Chancellors running the NCC course in different University with the rank of 'Colonel Commandant'. This year Dr Chandel is the only V-C to be honoured with this rank of Colonel Commandant in Chhattisgarh.

['SWACHH MAAN, SWACHH SHAHAR']

## Yoga in all urban bodies under new theme

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**RAIPUR:** The International Yoga Day on June 21 in all the urban bodies will be observed under the theme of 'Swachh Maan, Swachh Shahar'. Dy. CM and Minister in-charge of Korba District Arun Sao will be the chief guest of the main programme to be held in Korba. The 'Swachhchata didis', 'Swachhchata Commandoes', health employees and officers and employees working under 'Swachh Bharat Mission

(urban) in all the urban bodies of the state, will get linked with the web-link of their respective bodies and would practice Yoga as per the main programme.

For physical and mental health improvement of 'Swachhchata didis', 'Swachhchata Commandoes', health employees and officers and employees, to create awareness about sanitation, stress management, concentration and increase in working efficiency and for positive outlook towards work at the work place, it is



through 'heartfulness' that special Yoga programmes will be organised in all the Urban Bodies under the theme of 'Swachh Maan, Swachh Shahar'. In all

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### Officials

Korba Municipal Corporation  
the urban bodies sufficient arrangements have been made for the same. Dy. CM Arun Sao will also address



# Raipur News

## Baghel seeks Dr Joshi's removal from state panel

The panel formed was aimed at making recommendations on reforms.

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** Former Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday sought removal of Dr Pradeep Kumar Joshi, the head of the National Testing Agency (NTA), from the position of chairman of a panel constituted by the state government.

The new BJP government in Chhattisgarh in March this year had constituted a commission headed by Dr Joshi to give recommendations for conducting the examinations held by Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) in a transparent manner on the lines of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams. In a post on X, Baghel said, "The controversy over the NEET scam is not over yet and it has been confirmed that the UGC-NET paper was leaked. The exam will be held again.

Questions have been raised on the NTA, the agency that conducts the exams." "The Chhattisgarh government has appointed Prof Dr Pradeep Kumar Joshi, the head of the governing body of the same NTA, as the chairman of the CGPSC reforms commission. Will Chief Minister @vishnudsai still not remove Prof Joshi?



Bhupesh Baghel and Dr. Pradeep Joshi. | File Photos.

### FASTFACTS

● **Dr Joshi, former chairman of the UPSC, is currently heading the governing body of the NTA.**

Remove him, it is a question of the future of lakhs of children," he wrote. Talking to PTI, Baghel, slammed the BJP-led Centre and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should apologise to students for allegedly playing with their future. Wherever BJP was in rule, such irregularities have surfaced, he claimed.

In a statement on

### Congress resorting to political drama

BJYM President Ravi Bhagat has termed the agitation of Congress over NEET paper leak, to be a political exercise. In a statement issued here, the BJYM State Unit President Ravi Bhagat said that the Congress has nothing for the unemployed youth which is evident with the fact that the Congress Govt had used the youth as delivery boy to supply liquor during its regime.

March 12, the Vishnu Deo Sai government had said, the state's General Administration Department has issued an order for constituting a commission under the chairmanship of Prof Dr Pradeep Kumar Joshi, former Chairman of UPSC, to make recommendations on the state PSC.

As per the order, the commission will give suggestions for conducting the CGPSC examinations in a transparent manner on the lines of UPSC exams, making an annual calendar of examinations and enhancing credibility towards the state PSC among the candidates.

## NCC DG Lt Gen. GP Singh meets Governor

**RAIPUR:** The Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC) New Delhi, Lieutenant General GP Singh made a courtesy call on Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan today at Raj Bhavan. He was accompanied by Assistant Director General of NCC Major General A.K. Mahajan, Group Commander Vikram Chauhan and Brigadier Nitesh Chaudhary. He informed the Governor about the activities of NCC in Chhattisgarh.

The Governor asked the officers to conduct various activities through NCC for igniting the spirit of patriotism among the students and to create awareness about their responsibilities towards the society.

## Baloda Bazar gets four new police personnel

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** State Government on Thursday removed two police personnel from the Baloda Bazar district after the recent incident including the Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Avinash Singh and Sub-divisional Officer (Police) Bhatapara Ashish Arora.

According to information received, ASP Dharmtari Abhishek Singh has been posted as new ASP Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara whereas ASP Dial 112 Raipur Hemsagar Sidar has also been posted as ASP of the violence-hit district. ASP Anivash Singh has been shifted as ASP Dial 112 whereas SDO (Police) Ashish Arora has been

### HIGHLIGHT

● **Two new ASP rank officials appointed after recent arson incident.**

given posting as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) (Operations) at Mohla-Manpur-Ambikapur Chowki with immediate effect. Aishwarya Chandrakar posted as DSP Naxal operations at Jaspur has been posted as SDO (Police) Baloda Bazar District. Apart from them, DSP Kaushal Kishore Wasnik has been shifted from Mohala to Baloda Bazar as DSP. All the above personnel have been directed to assume office with immediate effect.

### NEWSLINE

#### SPORTS

**Deep, Abhay advance in Jr Badminton tourney**



**RAIPUR:** Deep Patel defeated Abhishek Nagdeo with the score of 15-9, 15-5 in the Junior category of the District Badminton tournament being organized under the aegis of Raipur District Badminton Association (RDBA) at Sapre School-based Badminton Hall here on Thursday.

Similarly, Abhay Krishna Singh, Arush Sachdev, Arnav Sharma, Abhirup, Parth, Raunak Sahu, Divyansh, Nikshaya, Sushant, Aditya, Aryan, Rash Soni and Arhan Khan won their matches in the category for Under 19 boys.

In the Boys Under 11 years category matches, Saksha, Hridaya, Sharav, Brayan, Advik, Utkarsh, Kavyansh, ayan, Pushkal, Darshil, Devyansh, Advaya, Aryan and Ransh Soni won their matches to advance ahead.

## Dy CM to attend Yoga Day in Durg

**RAIPUR:** The state government cabinet ministers, MPs and MLAs have been nominated for the yoga program to be organized on the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21 in all the districts of the state. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma will attend the Yoga Day programme as the chief guest in Durg. The programme will be organized at Ravishankar Stadium.

## Dr Raman to shift to Speaker House soon

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh on Thursday performed House-warming ceremony at Speaker House, the official residence of Speaker, situated at Shanker Nagar road. According to information received, Dr Raman would formally shift from his personal residence at Maulshri Vihar on VIP Road to the Speaker House soon. Several BJP leaders including



the Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) Rajesh Munat and Dharmal Kaushik were present during the ceremony. Former Assembly Speaker Gaurishanker Agrawal was also present on the occasion to greet him.

## Collector inspects Health Wellness Centre



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**RAIPUR:** District Collector Dr Gaurav Singh on Thursday inspected the Health Wellness Centre situated at village Parsuldih of Abhanpur Block and collected information related with availability of medicines.

During the interaction, he instructed the health staff to encourage Institutional deliver during the child birth. He also asked the officials to start registration for making Labour Card so that they can avail the benefits of various government schemes.

## Administration keeping watch on social media

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**RAIPUR:** The district administration and police are keeping a close watch on social media to maintain peace and order in Balodabazar district.

Under which the administration is getting great success. The district level social media monitoring committee (SMMC) has so far identified 55 suspicious cases (Facebook, Instagram, Whatsapp and X ID) and sent them to SDO (police)

through SDM. The district police have registered cases against 3 persons with the help of cyber cell. Furthermore, legal action has been taken by identifying 4 other persons. There are 49 cases registered so far in Balodabazar subdivision, five in Kasdol and one case in Simga. Cyber cell is constantly contacting Google, Instagram, Facebook, Whatsapp and X ID) to identify suspicious IDs.

### REVIEW MEET

## Verma for strengthen of sports facilities in CG

Central Chronicle News

Officials gave presentation on forthcoming works during review meeting.

**RAIPUR:** Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare Tankram Verma on Thursday stressed on the need to strengthen the Sports facilities and also asked the officials to encourage creative works among youth.

During the review meeting, the officials gave a presentation on proposed forthcoming activities. Officials further informed that the announcement of the Sports Award to encourage the medal winners and sports talents would be made soon.

Presiding over the meeting, the Minister directed the officials to draft a work plan for the



Minister interacting with officials during meeting.

### FASTFACTS

● **He directed the officials to fill up the vacant posts in the department and added that Contractual appointment could be made till the recruitment process, particularly for coaching camps.**

maintenance of the available sports infrastructure as well as for expansion in near future.

Minister also directed the officials to get affiliation from the prestigious Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPIE) of neighbouring Madhya Pradesh and also to get approval from Centre for starting

the College Unit in Chhattisgarh.

He also advocated for updating of the website for regular use.

Secretary Sports & Youth Welfare Himsikhar Gupta, Joint Secretary Taran Sinha, Director Sports Mrs Tanuja Salam and other senior officials were present on the occasion.

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India

# RE/MAGINEERING YOGA

स्टील की तरह मज़बूत,  
योग के साथ करो स्वास्थ्य का निर्माण

आप सभी को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस की शुभकामनाएं।

SMARTER STEELS BRIGHTER FUTURES





"Durg District Administration is all set to tackle rain fury".

Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector, Durg

# Gay Date murder: Haryana native held

Durg Police solves blind murder mystery within 24-hours.



ASP Sukhnandan Rathore presented the accused before media on Thursday.

Central Chronicle News

## FASTFACTS

**BHILAI:** Police arrested a native of Haryana on charges of killing his partner on a Gay Date in Vaishali nagar on the intervening night of June 18. The accused is a college student and was presently residing at a hostel in Anjora.

ASP Sukhnandan Rathore informed that the body of Vedant Kumar Sharma (24) was found at his home located at MIG34, Vaishali Nagar on Tuesday morning. Autopsy report

● **Gay man kills partner on the first date**

● **The accused resided at a hostel in Anjora**

confirmed that he was strangled to death. According to his uncle, Vedant returned home with a friend around 00:30 hrs on June 18. His friend stayed overnight at Vedant's room (on the first floor of the house) and left in the morning.

## The accused met the victim on gay dating app

The accused revealed that he contacted Vedant Sharma through Gay Dating app "Grindr" on June 17. On the same night, Vedant brought the accused home on a Gay Date. They consumed liquor and while having sex, the accused got angry and strangled Vedant to death. Sanjay Sharma, uncle of the deceased, has identified the accused. He has been booked under section 302 of IPC.

While leaving, he even greeted Vedant's uncle who had come out to pick the newspaper.

Police examined the call details and Apps installed in Vedant's

phone and nabbed the suspect Anmol Rana (21) son of Rishipal Rana, a resident of Karnal Haryana. During interrogation, he confessed to killing Vedant.

## Deputy CM in Durg today

**BHILAI:** Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma will be on his day long visit to Durg on June 21. He will grace the district level Yoga Day event at Pt Ravishankar Shukla Stadium as Chief Guest. Thereafter, he will inaugurate a tree plantation campaign and flag off the vehicles for door-to-door sapling distribution. Later, he will attend a programme at the BJP District Office. In the afternoon, he would chair a review meeting at District Collectorate.

## RMC Yoga camp at Dussehra ground

**BHILAI:** A yoga program will be held from 7:00 hrs at the Yoga Langar Maidan next to the Bada Dussehra ground of Risali Municipal Corporation. RisaliMunicipal Commissioner Monica Verma said that MP Vijay Baghel, MLA Durg (Rural) Lalit Chandrakar, Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha, Speaker Keshav Banchhor, all the MIC members and councillors of RMC along with all the members of the Yoga Langar family will participate in the yoga practice to observe International Yoga Day.

## DSCET organises faculty development programme

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**BHILAI:** Dev Sanskriti College of Education and Technology (DSCET) Khapri Durg organized a 10-day online faculty development program on the topic "Research Methodology" from June 03 to 12. Durg University VC Dr Aruna Palta was the chief guest of the inaugural session. Prof SK Tyagi (Devi Ahilya University Indore) and Dr Pramod Kumar Gupta (Central University of Haryana) were the keynote speakers. In the first four days, Dr Pramod Kumar Gupta gave detailed information about the concept of research meth-

ods, literature review and identification of variables, research and questionnaire design, research hypothesis and sampling techniques. In the next five days, Dr SK Tyagi conducted detailed practice of various para-

## HIGHLIGHT

● **FDP on "Research Methodology" proves beneficial for faculty**

metric tests of data analysis such as Independent T Test, Paired T Test, ANOVA Test through SPSS. Dr Prashant Srivastava, DSW Durg University, praised the college for this program.

## Mayor inspects asphalt work in Girdhari Nagar

**BHILAI:** Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal inspected the asphalt work going on in Ward 09 from Girdhari Nagar culvert to Arya Beauty Parlour. Apart from this, the Mayor also took stock of the road asphalt work near the district BJP office. He asked the officers to pay special attention to the quality and no negligence should be seen on slope maintenance to ward off water accumulation on the road. Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal was accompanied

by MIC members Sanjay Kohle, Deepak Sahu, Ward Councilor Vijendra Bhardwaj, Bhaskar Kundle, Executive Engineer Dinesh Netam, Assistant Engineer Sanjay Thakur, Deputy Engineer Vikas Damahe and contractor. Asphalt work is being done to the tune of Rs 6.50 lakhs on a stretch of about 250 meter long road. He added that there should be no compromise in asphaltting work and it should prevent waterlogging on the road.

## DMC Commissioner monitoring pre-monsoon cleanliness

Central Chronicle News

Instructs officers to pay attention to areas prone to waterlogging.

**BHILAI:** The Durg Municipal Corporation staff is continuously working on the cleanliness system of the city ahead of the monsoon. DMC Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar is constantly monitoring the cleanliness system. On Thursday, he inspected Chandi Mandir Road, Baniya Para, Mahavir School and Luchki pond and gave necessary instructions.

He asked concerned officer to immediately remove the bushes and grass from around the pond and roadside drains. Accompanied by Health Officer Javed Ali, he also took stock of the progress of working by sanitation workers. He checked the garbage collection work being done door to door along with cleanliness. Necessary guidelines were also given to improve on the spot cleaning system. During this, the supervisor of the concerned area was also present on the spot. In the Indra market area shopkeepers have been appealed not to throw the remains of rotten vegetables and garbage anywhere but only in the garbage vehicle arranged in the market. If people throw garbage, the corporation will impose fines on them.

## IMS system updated at BSP, Post-audit

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** After the first surveillance audit of the Integrated Management System-IMS of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, by M/s TUV Nord, the ISO Certified IMS System of BSP was re-certified for the period 2023 to 2026. At present, ISO certification has become a parameter that shows the credibility, level, and capability of the company. Integrated Management System-IMS include Environmental Management System-EMS, Quality Management System-QMS, and Occupational Health and Safety System-OHSMS.

These systems are beneficial for the Plant in various ways, including facilitating and maintaining effective processes and training employees to provide flawless products and services. This audit was conducted to maintain the parameters and continue this certification. It is worth mentioning here that TUV Nord adheres to stringent criteria for quality standards, safety standards, relevant regulations, best practices, management skills, and business objectives. Though IMS (Integrated Management System) certification is not mandatory locally, but is required if the company endeavours to expand its services internationally.

## BMC removing illegal damaged hoardings

**BHILAI:** In order to prevent any accident due to falling of hoardings during monsoon storms, action is being taken to remove old illegal hoardings in the Bhilai Municipal Corporation limits. Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv has instructed to inspect all the hoardings installed on the roadside, on top of houses and square intersections. The old hoardings which have become weak should be removed immediately and action be taken.

## Dry Flower handicraft training held at Piparchhedi

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**BHILAI:** A three-month training workshop as part of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's CSR programme to train women from Village Piparchhedi, Durg in the skill of making Dry Flower handicrafts in association with Chhattisgarh Hastshilp Vikas Board concluded on June 19, 2024. Anupama Kumari, GM (MWRM)

was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function.

Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR), CS Kehri, Manager (CG Handicrafts Devpt Board), SK Kamde, Sr Mgr (CSR), and other officials from the CSR Department and CG Handicrafts Devpt Board were present on this occasion, along with trainee women, and villagers in large numbers. Chief guest Anupama Kumari in her address

## FASTFACTS

● **Chief guest Anupama Kumari in her address appreciated the dry flower handicrafts made by the trainee women and encouraged them.**

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to do well in life. These handicrafts can generate good business in the market, Anupama Kumari said. As many as 30 women were trained for three months by craft trainer Smt. Lata Chakradev, so that they can be self-employed and thereby empowered. During the course of their training, the women were paid a stipend of Rs 3000 per month.

## NEWSLINE

### CRIME

## Ruffian held for attempt to murder



**BHILAI:** Police arrested a ruffian who tried to kill a man with a knife at Laxmi Nagar Supela late evening on Wednesday. The victim Jitendra Giri was sitting at a tea kiosk when the incident occurred. Owing to some old dispute, the accused Sunil Chaudhary attacked Jitendra with a knife. The victim resisted but suffered an injury on leg. Police arrested the accused Sunil Chaudhary and sent him to jail on judicial remand.

### WORKPLACE MISHAP

## Contract labour killed in BSP

**BHILAI:** A contract labour died in a fatal workplace mishap at Bhilai Steel Plant on Thursday evening. The deceased Uday Kumar Sahu (41), a resident of Zone 2 Khursipar, worked as Shunting Staff of Transport and Diesel Department at Universal Rail Mill. Around 17:00 hrs, he got stuck between the wagons while coupling them. He suffered a fatal head injury and was declared 'brought dead' at the Main Medical Post.

### NOTICE

## Notice for tax served to Apsara Talkies

**BHILAI:** The campaign being run for recovery of outstanding tax initiated by Durg Municipal Corporation has started gaining momentum. Meetings are being held with big businessmen regarding recovery of outstanding tax. Such defaulters are being encouraged to pay tax in June and avail the benefit of six percent discount.

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# N-E-W-S



“Uddhav Thackeray has discarded the ideology of Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray for vote-bank politics”.

Eknath Shinde  
CM, Maharashtra.

## President Murmu inaugurates ‘MITI’ cafe



President Droupadi Murmu celebrates her birthday during the inauguration of 'MITI' cafe, at the President's Estate, in New Delhi. It works for persons with disabilities. PTI

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### COMPLAINT

#### Case filed against MP unwilling to oblige those voted for rivals

**MUZAFFARPUR:** A complaint was lodged before a court in Bihar's Muzaffarpur on Thursday against JD(U) MP Devesh Chandra Thakur who had recently vowed not to oblige people from communities which had supposedly voted for rivals in the Lok Sabha poll.

The case was lodged by Dilip Kumar Kushwaha, a social worker based in Muzaffarpur, before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court. Kushwaha's counsel Hari Om Kumar told reporters "The court has fixed July 2 as the date of hearing on our case. We have prayed that the accused MP be booked under IPC Sections 501 and 505 for hurting sentiments of Kushwahas, Muslims and Yadavs". The Sections 501 and 505 pertain, respectively, to defamation and creating enmity between communities. PTI

### CITY PROJECT

#### Andhra CM Naidu visits Amaravati, promises white paper on capital city



**AMARAVATI:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday visited Amaravati to take stock of the projects in the stalled greenfield capital he had championed.

Amaravati capital city project came to a standstill for five-long years from 2019 to 2024 under the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSRCP government. However, the change in government breathed life into the capital city project. This is the first time the chief minister is visiting Amaravati after assuming the office for the fourth term. PTI

# Sena Foundation Day: Shinde, Uddhav ready for next poll

Uddhav Thackeray claimed the new Narendra Modi government at the Centre, which was sworn in on June 9, will collapse and will be replaced by an INDIA bloc dispensation.

### Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Fresh from their bruising battle in the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra, rival Shiv Sena factions used the party's Foundation Day for show of strength ahead of the assembly polls as they sought to cement their position in the state politics two years after a split.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who heads the Shiv Sena, and his rival and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray addressed separate events organised in Mumbai to mark the 58th Foundation Day of the party founded by the late Bal Thackeray which started with the 'son of the soil' agenda and later embraced

### HIGHLIGHT

- Naidu and Kumar are key allies of the NDA and helped the BJP-led alliance reach the majority mark.

- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde asserted Uddhav Thackeray lacked the moral authority.

Hindutva, bringing it close to the BJP. Speaking at his party's event in Shanmukhananda Hall, Thackeray said he will never go with those who tried to "finish off" his party, putting paid to speculation about a possible reconciliation with the BJP post the Lok Sabha polls.

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dra Modi government at the Centre, which was sworn in on June 9, will collapse and will be replaced by an INDIA bloc dispensation.

The BJP was trying to hide its failure by spreading rumour that the Shiv Sena (UBT) will join the ruling NDA, he said, adding that the poll results showed that the saffron party was not invincible.

### PREPARATION FOR YOGA DAY

#### CJI along with fellow judges to participate in 10th International Yoga Day in Delhi

**NEW DELHI:** Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and other Supreme Court judges will participate in the 10th International Yoga Day celebrations to be held on Friday. "On the occasion of the 10th International Yoga Day on 21 June 2024, a Yoga Event will be organised for Officers and staff members of the Registry in Congregation Hall, 2nd floor, 'C' Block and Yoga and Recreation Hall, 4th Floor, 'A' Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India. PTI



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Take necessary action to reduce road accidents at black spot locations on the national highway.

Ajeet Vasant  
Collector Korba



# Chhattisgarh



A district level program was organized for sickle cell screening and awareness in Dilip Singh Bhawan on Wednesday.

## Screening, awareness on Sickle Cell done

On World Sickle Cell Day, a district level program was organized for sickle cell screening and awareness

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**KHAIRAGARH:** On World Sickle Cell Day, a district level program was organized for sickle cell screening and awareness in Dilip Singh Bhawan on Wednesday in the presence of chief guest District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh and Collector Chandrakant Verma. The program was jointly organized by Health and Family Welfare Department and Tribal Development Department.

District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh

said in his address that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kept Mission Mode 2026 for eradicating sickle cell disease under this campaign and in which sickle cell screening of all persons in the age group of 0 to 40 years will be done in mission mode by the year 2026. He said that this campaign should also be the responsibility of all of us so as to avail health facility on time in case of sickle cell related symptoms.

He appealed to all and said that we all need to reach out to the people by

### HIGHLIGHT

● Sickle cell identity cards distributed to beneficiaries in the program.

● Guests flagged off sickle cell eradication promotion vehicle.

running public awareness campaigns, not only about sickle cell but also about the symptoms of all health related diseases. Collector Chandrakant Verma said that till now sickle cell

screening of 97,512 people has been done in the district. Out of which 3,744 have been found positive. Currently, sickle cell screening is being done by running a campaign in all the health centers and panchayats of the district. In the program, sickle cell identity cards were distributed to the Baiga families of Nachaniya Madapocket operated under Chhuikhadan development block and the beneficiaries of Khairagarh development block who have been screened.

## MP is guest at Int'l Yoga Day

**SUKMA:** On International Yoga Day on June 21st 2024, a district level program based on the theme, "Yoga for self and society" will be conducted from 7 to 8 am at Gyanodaya Bhawan, Atmanand English Medium School, Kumharas, Sukma.

## Keshkal MLA chief guest for Yoga Day

**BIJAPUR:** Cabinet MPs and MLAs have been nominated for the yoga program organized on the occasion of International Yoga Day in all the districts of the state. In this connection, Keshkal MLA Shri Neelkanth Tekam will attend the yoga program organized in Bijapur on the occasion of International Yoga Day on 21st June as the chief guest.

## GBM of District Panchayat

**SUKMA:** The District Panchayat General Assembly Meeting will be organized on 21st June at 01:00 pm in the District Panchayat Hall. All the concerned district officers have been asked to attend the meeting with the information in the prescribed format.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### PILGRIMAGE

## 102 devotees from Korea district embark on Ramlala pilgrimage

**KOREA:** Under the guidance of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Dev Sai, Aastha Special Train is being run from Chhattisgarh to Ayodhya for Shri Ramlala Darshan Yojana. Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, District Panchayat Member Smt. Vandana Rajwade, District Panchayat President Baikunthpur Smt. Saubhagyavathi Kusro, dignitary Shri Krishna Bihari Jaiswal presented flowers to the pilgrims and wished them a happy journey and flagged off 102 devotees of district Ambikapur. The devotees left for Ayodhya Dham at 12:00 noon by Aastha Special train from Ambikapur railway station. For Shri Ramlala Darshan, 50 devotees have been sent from the district's development block Baikunthpur Rural and 22 from Sonhat, 17 from Nagarpalika Baikunthpur, 10 from Charcha and 3 escort officers.

### MLA'S B'DAY

## Sahu Samaj IT Cell celebrates MLA's birthday with tree planting



**KHARORA:** On the occasion of the birthday of Kasdol MLA Sandeep Sahu, under the guidance of Honorable State President Tahal Singh Sahu, the President and Raipur Division planted trees in Sant Mata Karma Sahu Samaj Bhawan, Temri. During this, many fruit bearing trees were planted and a pledge was taken to protect trees. During this, everyone expressed happiness and congratulated Sandeep Sahu on his birthday and wished him a bright future.

### NOBLE CAUSE

## SECR holds voluntary blood donation camp



**BILAPUR:** A voluntary blood donation camp was organized by St. John Ambulance Brigade S.E.C.R. Railway, on the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day (19 June) and St. John Ambulance Brigade Foundation Day (22 June), at Central Hospital, South East Central Railway, Bilaspur on Jun 19 in which voluntary blood donation by members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Railway officers and employees and others was made successful. A total of 22 units of blood were collected in this

blood donation program which will be used for the treatment of patients of central hospital and for patients suffering from sickle cell disease of CIMS Hospital.

Dr. Birbal Pradhan, Dr. Sarita Dhan, Dr. PK Singh, Dr. Rupak Chatterjee, Dr. Shibrum Aachari, Dr. Meera Goyal, Dr. Prashant Dwivedi, Sunita sonwane, Rajani gupta from central hospital SECR and Dr. Saxena and team from CIMS Hospital were present in this blood donation camp program.

## Information for Magistrate investigation

**BIJAPUR:** On 29 May, an incident took place between police and Naxalites in the forest between village Konjed and Banderpara under police station Madded, in which after the firing stopped, the police party searched the spot thoroughly following security rules. During the search, the body of 1 unknown female uniformed Naxalite and 1 unknown male Maoist, safety fuse 5 meters, cardex wire 8 meters, 12 pieces of jettin rod, 30 thousand rupees cash, 7.62 mm pistol with magazine 6 rounds, scanner set and backpack, Naxalite uniform, 12 bore gun single shot and other weapons were recovered from the spot. If anyone has any information regarding the said incident, then they can appear in the court of Sub-Divisional Magistrate Bhopalpatnam on 03 July and submit written or oral information evidence documents.

### ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

## District Collector leads road safety committee meeting

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Collector directed all the departments to seriously discharge the responsibilities assigned to them to improve the traffic system in the district.

**KORBA:** A meeting of the district level road safety committee was held on Wednesday in the Collectorate meeting room under the chairmanship of Collector Ajeet Vasant to prevent road accidents, to provide road safety and facilitate traffic system. He directed all the departments to seriously discharge the responsibilities assigned to them to improve the traffic system in the district. On this occasion, Superintendent of Police Mr. Siddharth Tiwari, District Transport Officer Mr. Vivek Sinha, Public Sector Undertak-



A meeting of the district level road safety committee was held on Wednesday.

### FACTFILE

● Instructions were given to all the departments to seriously discharge the responsibilities assigned to them to improve traffic system.

● Before the rains, fill the potholes on the roads and get other repair works completed mandatorily: Collector.

ings SECL, BALCO, PWD, National Highway, NHA

and other department officials were present.

In the meeting, the Collector took information regarding the efforts made related to road safety in the district, major causes of road accidents, accident control measures and road safety awareness. He gave instructions to prevent road accidents, control over speeding and use necessary safety equipment. The collector directed all the officers to fill the potholes on the roads before the rains, complete the necessary

repairs, and compulsorily install indicators and blinkers at different places. The collector directed to take necessary action to reduce road accidents at black spot locations on the national highway. He asked to ensure arrangements like lighting at night, speed limit boards, rumble strips, cameras, road markings at all the places. For this, he directed the traffic, transport, NHPWD, NHAI departments to form a joint team and inspect all the black spot locations and submit a proposal.

### BEATING THE DOWNPOUR

## Last-minute roof tile repairs underway

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**RAJIM:** These days, the trend of repairing houses with tiles to protect houses from rainwater is going on rapidly in the region. On the other hand, potters coming from outside have stopped coming for the last 20 years. Since almost everyone's houses have concrete roofs, they are forced to buy the remaining tiles by paying a huge amount. The labor-



ers who repair it are also earning well these days. These laborers Dukalu Sahu, Jyoti Pal, Ishwar, Narayan, told that they have to do repairs from

morning to 1:00 pm in the scorching sun. It was told that the wage rate of these repairers is different at different places. At some places it is 300,

That is, they are earning more than the wage rate fixed by the government under the employment guarantee. But they are also working very hard. The promise of providing concrete houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana by the central and state government has not been fulfilled in the state yet due to which people are forced to live in houses made of mud tiles.



This is the only time in the year when we get wages by fixing tiles and this work is very difficult.

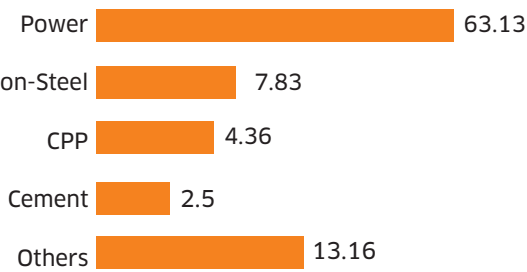
Tile Worker  
Pandaria

at some places it is 350, while at some places it is even 400 to 500 rupees.

### The Day's NUMBERS

Power generation consumes highest quantity of coal.

### HIGHEST CONSUMPTION OF COAL IN TOP FIVE SECTORS IN INDIA (IN M.T.)



Sources- MoSPI

### TRAINING

## FLN Blended offline Training: Phase 2 begins in all the three zones

**PANDARIYA:** After completion of the first phase of offline training at the development block level, the second phase of offline training is being conducted in all the three zones of development block Pandariya in the presence of DRG, SRG, trainee teachers following the guidelines of senior officials and successfully completing the event. On the second day of the second phase, development block education officer GP Banerjee, CEO Chetan Patel, Women and Child Development Assistant Project Officer Brijesh Soni, BMO of Health Department Dr. Anamika Patel attended the training for physical monitoring in Pandariya zone and gave necessary guidelines and sent best wishes to all the trainees. In Pandariya zone, SRG Shivkumar Banjare, Laxman Bandhekar and district trainers Uttam Loyal, Kashi Goyal, Nirmal Patre are attending and giving quality training in which, under the New Education Policy 2020, Nipun Bharat Abhiyan 2021, NCF Outline 2022, mother tongue of children has been given prime importance to develop basic language and numeracy skills in children.

### FESTIVAL

## Devotees celebrate strength and devotion on Bhimseni Ekadashi



**KHARORA:** Bhimseni Ekadashi or Nirjala Ekadashi festival was celebrated in the region on Tuesday. Nirjala fast is observed on Bhimseni Ekadashi, which has great importance.

There are 24 Ekadashi fasts in the whole year. If Purushottam month comes in the year, then the number of Ekadashi increases to 26. But Ekadashi of Jyeshtha Shukla Paksha is considered as the biggest Ekadashi and the toughest fast. It is the month of extreme heat and even in that, the devotees have to stay without food and water, which is considered very difficult.

According to the mythological story, Yudhishtira, Mata Kunti, Draupadi, Arjun, Nakul and Sahadev etc. observed a fast on the day of Ekadashi, but Bhima did not observe the fast, so he was also forbidden to eat food on Ekadashi.



## Collective efforts needed to eradicate Sickle Cell: Patel

MLA Katghora Premchand Patel said that participation of all of us is necessary in the elimination of sickle cell anemia.

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**KORBA:** Under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Campaign, with the aim of making the common citizens aware about sickle cell disease, on the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day, a sickle cell anemia eradication awareness program was organized in the presence of MLA Katghora Premchand Patel. On this occasion, District Panchayat President Shivkala Chhatrapal Singh Kanwar, Collector Ajit Vasant, CEO District Panchayat Sambit Mishra, Mayor Rajkishore Prasad, Vice President District Panchayat Smt. Reena Ajay Jaiswal, Chairman Municipal Corporation Shyamsundar Soni, Hitanand Agarwal and officers of various departments were present.

Addressing the program, MLA Katghora Premchand Patel said that participation of all of us is necessary in the elimination of sickle cell anemia. He further said that this disease can be completely eradicated from the society only with the cooperation of all and for this, it is necessary to create awareness about this disease among people of all sections of the society



A sickle cell anemia eradication awareness program was organized in the presence of MLA Katghora Premchand Patel.

### FASTFACTS

- **MLA said that this disease can be completely eradicated from the society only with the cooperation of all.**
- **MLA said that in rural areas, people will be screened by Anganwadi workers, Mitanin and Health Department.**

and the sooner the society becomes aware of this genetic disease, the sooner it can be completely eradicated. MLA Patel also

### Sickle Cell genetic cards given to 47

In the camp, Sickle cell genetic cards were provided to 47 beneficiaries, where a large number of people got free sickle cell testing done. A Sickle Cell Awareness Rath was flagged off by MLA Katghora Premchand Patel, Collector Ajit Vasant and other guests from the district office premises for widespread publicity of prevention and protection of sickle cell disease. This awareness chariot will make people aware about sickle cell disease in urban and rural areas of all the development blocks of the district till 03 July 2024.

said that people of some communities of our society are more afflicted by this disease and it is very important to create awareness about this disease in those communities

and also, our district is a tribal dominated area, people do not have much information about this hereditary disease, due to which their children also get afflicted with this disease.

## Dr. Mahant on Korba visit till June 21

**KORBA:** Leader of Opposition Dr. Charan Das Mahant will be on Korba visit till June 21 and will visit various places under Katghora Assembly constituency. On 20th June at 10 AM, he will leave for Uрга (Saliha Bhatha) and will have a courtesy meeting with the workers. His itinerary is as per schedule - departure from Uрга to Bhainsma at 11 AM, arrival at Bhainsma at 11:30 AM and will meet the workers, departure from Bhainsma to Nonbirra at 12:30 PM, arrival at Nonbirra Rest House at 1:30 PM and will meet the workers, departure from Nonbirra to village Ghinara at 2:30 PM, arrival at Ghinara and will meet the workers, departure from Ghinara to Korba at 4 PM.

## Kamleshwar Singh elected member HRPC

**KHAIRGARH:** Human Rights Protection Council (HRPC), New Delhi, an autonomous government body active for the protection of human rights under the World Human Rights Protection Council of the United Nations, has appointed lecturer Kamleshwar Singh posted in the city's girls school as an active member of the council.

## Cleaning of Sangam River done on Ganga Dussehra

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**RAJIM:** Under the Ganga cleaning mission, cleaning of Sangam River was done under the joint aegis of Gayatri Parivar and Bajrang Dal, and as a future programme, a plan was made to run a similar cleaning campaign on the first Sunday of the month. In this program, former MP Chandulal Sahu, Mahesh Yadav, Kamal Singha, Tikam Ram Sahu from Gayatri Parivar, Santosh Sahu, Pawan Gupta, Ramkumar Sahu, Nishad Samaj city president Sadhuram Nishad, Doctor Sant Ram Dhruv, people from Bajrang Akhara Rajim, Seva Sangam Samiti's president Vikram Meghwani, Maniram Sahu, Vyas Narayan Chaturvedi, Yogeshwar Puri Gos-



wami, Kisan Seva Samiti's president Bhagwat Ram Sahu, Shiv Kumar Sahu, Ashish Shinde, Yadav Samaj's district president Puran Yadav, Ward No. 11 councillor Vinod Sonkar, Patel Samaj's president Somnath Patel, Bhukhan Patel, Yanendra Sinha, Likeshwar Sahu, Ashish Pandey, Ramnarayan Sahu, Ragini Soni, Gajju Dhruv, Harshvardhan Sahu, Dhivar Samaj's president Rajesh Dhivar, Indradev Diwan, besides 50 cleanliness ambassadors were present.

## Int'l Yoga Day to be organized on June 21

**KORBA:** International Yoga Day program will be organized on 21st June 2024 at Amrit Sarovar sites built in the gram panchayats of the district under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Under the direction of Collector Ajit Vasant and guidance of CEO District Panchayat Sambit Mishra, CEO Janpad Panchayat and Program Officer MNREGA have been directed to orga-

nize International Yoga Day on 21st June on the banks and premises of Amrit Sarovar to promote health, well-being and harmony with nature. CEO District Panchayat informed that yoga sessions will be organized for the local community, general public, government officers-employees and beneficiaries at Amrit Sarovar sites, which includes yogasana, pranayama and meditation related activities.

### NEWSLINE

#### APPOINTMENT

**Sujeet Sarthi appointed President Sarthi Samaj K'h'garh**



**KHAIRGARH:** As per instructions by the Soot Sarthi Samaj Chhattisgarh, Jila Sarthi Samaj (JSS) was formed at Sarthi Samaj community building. In the meeting the former President Sarthi Samaj Dilip Sarthi, District President Pawan Bghel, District Secy Toran Sarthi, Kishan Sarthi were present.

On this occasion the appointment of new members of Sarthi Samaj for the new district of Khairagarh was done. Sujeet Sarthi was appointed as the first President of Sarthi Samaj and Dushyant Sarthi as District Secretary.

#### PLANTATION

**Pirthi has planted more than 70 saplings**



**BIRKONI:** Pirthi Nishad, a R/o Gram Acharadih has made a commitment to plant saplings of 'Peepal', 'Bargad' and 'Neem' trees till his last breath, as these plants/ trees releases Oxygen in large quantity. So far Pirthi has planted more than 70 saplings of 'peepal' tree. Pirthi has been planting saplings of above three plants on the barren, grassy and green fields of the Gram Panchayat Aachardi for the last 7 years. He is watering these plants with water from Kodar Nullah and when the river dries-up, then he takes care of plants watering with the help of bucket.

#### ON DEMAND

**Jamun high on demand, selling like hot cakes**



**RAJIM:** The superfood 'Jamun' is very much in demand in the city these days, as it provides lots of benefit. This fruit is available only in the month of May and June. The traders directly purchase it from the whole-sale vegetable Mandi and sell it in the retail market. It is in no time that this fruit is sold like hot cakes, no sooner it is put on display by the vendor anywhere. Many are purchasing it half-a-kg or even 1 kg as well, even though it is very costly at present. Among the persons purchasing 'Jamun', Mohanlal Sahu, Rishi Sharma, Bhikam Sonkar informed that this sweet fruit 'Jamun' is known for its sweet taste and medicinal qualities.

## Consumers of Jalabandha area irked by power cuts



Central Chronicle News

**Due to power cuts during the day, consumers are suffering from heat and humidity, and face darkness at nights.**

**KHAIRGARH:** Electricity consumers of the region are irked by the continues power cut, due to weather change and pre-monsoon showers. According to information, power cuts are being done for 4 to 5 hours daily since the last fortnight in the substation of the power distribution company established in village Peti for Jalabandha area. As per the villagers to solve this problem,

rural consumers have informed the linemen and senior officers of the electricity department several times, but the problem has not been solved yet. Due to power cuts during the day, consumers are suffering from heat and humidity, and face darkness at nights, where the fear of reptiles and other poisonous insects are troubling them. As calls to the electricity department and other provisions of rectification are not being called by the department, there is a resentment among the villagers which is continuously increasing and if the problem is not resolved, the villagers of the area are warning of violent protests.

## Harakh Jain honoured on World Blood Donation Day

**ANWARI:** Harakh Jain (Pappu), resident of Bhakhara Bhateli, was honoured on World Blood Donation Day, for his continuous public service and blood donation and blood donation awareness work. District Magistrate Namrata Gandhi, former MLA Ranjana Sahu, Mayor Vijay Devangan, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. SK Mandal, Civil Surgeon Dr. AK Tondar, Blood Bank Incharge Dr. Aditya Sinha, were present at the World Blood Donation Program.

## TR Verma to attend Yoga in Dhamtari

**DHAMTARI:** On occasion of International Yoga Day Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare and Minister in-charge of Dhamtari Tank Ram Verma will take a part in the Yoga session at Hardiha Sahu Samaj Bhavan in district hq's Dhamtari.

## Sickle cell awareness vehicle flagged off

Central Chronicle News

**Collector Haris. S said that on World Sickle Cell Day, along with bringing awareness about sickle cell, people have to be motivated to get it tested.**

**SUKMA:** On World Sickle Cell Day, a district level program was organized for screening and awareness of sickle cell in the District Hospital in the presence of public representative Dhaniram Barse and other public representatives and District Collector Haris.S. It was jointly organized by the Health Department and Tribal Development Department.

Under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission, sickle cell screening of all persons in the age group of zero to 40 years is being done



### FASTFACTS

- **Collector Haris. S flagged off the public awareness vehicle from the district hospital premises for the identification, diagnosis and prevention of sickle cell disease.**

from the year 2023 to 2026 and in the program; public representatives distributed sickle cell

identity cards to 02 beneficiaries who have been screened. Also the public representatives and Collector Haris. S flagged off the public awareness vehicle from the district hospital premises for the identification, diagnosis and prevention of sickle cell disease. Public representatives namely Arun Singh Bhadauria, Smt. Bhuvaneshwari Yadav, Damruram Nag Vice Pres-

ident District Panchayat Sukma, Dilip Peddi, Mahendra Singh Chauhan and Sharad Chandra Shukla Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Sukma, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Mahesh Shandia, Mitanin, Nursing and ITI students and medical staff, officers and employees of Tribal Development Department were present in the program.

### LACK OF CLEANLINESS |

## 'Sone Tirtha Ghat' losing its existence!

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**RAJIM:** The famous Sone Tirtha Ghat, one among the Sangam Ghat, Atal Ghat, Nehru Ghat, and Belahi Ghat mentioned in the Puranas is fighting for its existence today. These ghats particularly Son Tirtha Ghat is definitely discussed during the Kumbh Mela but the Ghat is losing its existence, due to lack of cleanliness, a pile of garbage is visible on the ghat, with water hyacinth spread far and



wide in the water. Though people come here to take holy bath and perform other rituals but the presence of thick hyacinth growth other than filth is causing them to evade the bath. Apart from the local people,

**Due to the lack of cleanliness of the ghat, there is a decrease in the number of devotees.**

Visitors Sone Tirtha Ghat the visitors and devotees who have come here have demanded to keep the Sontirth Ghat clean many times, but everything has

proved futile. Seeing the plight of the ghat, many devotees who had come to immerse ashes have even decided not to come again. It is said that due to the lack of cleanliness of the ghat, there is a decrease in the number of devotees, which is a blow to the very religious importance of the ghat. Here, there is a lack of facilities and the biggest thing is that there is no cleanliness in the river, due to which devotees are keeping distance from the religious city.

In all the states across the country, there are pilgrimage or tourist places and the government here is doing various types of construction work to promote it, but the irony of lack of resources mainly sanitation and hygiene is a major blocking to the situation. The district headquarters Gariaband is 44 kilometers away from here, capital Raipur is 45 kilometers away, despite this, no attention is being paid, directly to this issue on a large front.

## Residents submit memo to SDM for 'pucca' road

Central Chronicle News

**PANDARIA:** The residents of Gram Panchayat Rohara getting frustration over muddy lanes & by-lanes of the village that of daily use, went to SDM and submitted a memorandum to them. There is about 100 mts road from house of Rekchand Patel in Rohara to that of Rajkumar Patel, which has become completely muddy and the residents said that if this is the situation in sum-

mers, then one can think of likely consequences after heavy rains.

This will close down the movement of general public and students to the schools, as the school dress, shoes and all other things are going to turn with muddy spots. Set aside this it is very difficult to even drive any two-wheeler or bike on this road. The residents of this locality in the village have demanded the SDM to construct 'pucca' road before start of monsoon.





Lok Sabha results indicate people's mood ahead of assembly polls.

Sharad Pawar  
NCP (SP) chief

## Children enjoying first showers



Boys play football during rains, in Nadia, Thursday.

# Handwriting to stay, gadgets can't replace it: Prof Janardhan

The advent of digital tools and, the proliferation of Android phones might seem to be a setback to writing traditions. But that is on the ground only.

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**KOLKATA:** Handwriting will remain firmly rooted and despite people going gaga over electronic gadgets, those devices can never fully replace this tradition, said renowned handwriting and calligraphy expert Prof K C Janardhan. To support his point, Janardhan said the demand for various types of pens including fountain pens has been rising over the years.

"People are going gaga over electronic gadgets. The advent of digital tools and, the proliferation of Android phones might seem to be a setback to writing traditions. But

that is on the ground only. The act of writing and reading will never go away. Rather it will remain and become stronger," he said.

Janardhan, who is also a famed artist and author, was speaking to PTI on the sidelines of a discussion on 'Power Handwriting and its elements' at a Kolkata bookstore.

Observing that the sales of different types of pens, including fountain pens, have been steadily on the rise in the past few years, he said "A resurgence is taking place."

"Lots of IT professionals, lawyers and doctors have been ordering pens with nib in online sites,"

### HIGHLIGHT

● Act of writing and reading will never go away.

● Rather writing will remain and become stronger.

said the calligraphy expert. People need to speak even if they have virtual assistants and people need to walk even if they have cars, he said adding that writing on papers, and not typing on devices, is a very human thing. "If we don't turn into robots, the human element cannot be obliterated," Janardhan said.

To a question, he said

the curriculum in schools should be devised in such a way that students can hone their skill in handwriting up to the secondary level at least.

Observing that good handwriting was being encouraged by teachers from pre-primary to eighth standard as per traditions, Janardhan said when the Covid-19 pandemic struck, students forgot to write and when they returned to schools after two years, teachers were aghast.

"To undo that damage, we need to support them up to the school final. Why school final... I think (it should be) from pre-primary to PhD

Level," he added.

Decrying the general attitude of society towards writing, he said many people think they don't need to read printed matters and scribble any more since they have cell phones and apps in them.

"If parents don't read newspapers and books, how can you tell your children to browse through printed matters," he asked the audience at the bookstore.

"Put your thoughts in beautiful lettering, with pens and positive energy... Unleash your strokes and get the power of your writing," he signed off.

## Saryu Mahotsav begins with holy dip

**AYODHYA:** Saryu Mahotsav commenced in Ayodhya on Thursday, with a large number of devotees heading to the Saryu River's ghats to take a dip. Saryu Jayanti, which celebrates the putative birth of the river, falls on Jyeshtha Purnima, the full moon day in the month of 'Jyeshtha,' according to the Hindu calendar. The day will be observed on June 22 this year. On Thursday, devotees offered prayers and performed rituals along the ghats. Om Prakash Pandey, a local priest here, told PTI Video, "Saryu Jayanti will be observed on 22nd June on the occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima. Starting from Saryu Mahotsav, the auspicious timings for Saryu Jayanti have been set." Saryu River is mentioned in various ancient Hindu texts and epics, including the Ramayana.

### WOMAN EMPOWERMENT

# Women leads the way in SECR, redefining landscape of IR

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SECR stands as a beacon with 3655 women contributing to IR.

**BILASPUR:** In a significant stride towards gender inclusivity and leadership, women are redefining the landscape of Indian Railways across various critical roles. The South Eastern Central Railway stands as a beacon with 3655 women actively contributing to operations across departments including Operations, safety, Guard-driver, engineering, and station management with public interface.

At the helm of this transformative effort is GM Neenu Itiyera, leading by example. Under her



Mrs Pratibha Bansod, first DEMU pilot of the Raipur Division. (inset) Neenu Itiyera GM SECR.

### FACTFILE

● At the helm of this transformative effort is Neenu Itiyera, General Manager SECR, an IRTS officer from the 1988 batch.

guidance SECR is going towards new heights.

Mrs Pratibha Bansod has made history as the first DEMU pilot of the Raipur Division, navigating trains into remote, naxal-affected areas of southern Chhattisgarh.

She drove the Passenger train to Gudum station of Bastar. Further exemplifying this shift, Itwari Station in Nagpur Division is exclusively managed by women, with Smt. Ashlesha Patil spearheading the PRS.

### WASTE TO WEALTH

## Efforts underway to reclaim acidic soils in Odisha

Press Trust Of India

**BHUBANESWAR:** Tata Steel and Odisha government have decided to implement a sustainable agricultural initiative to reclaim acidic soils in the state, an official said.

The collaboration aims to utilize industrial waste, such as basic oxygen furnace (LD) slag and fly ash,

as soil amendments to reclaim acidic soils in Odisha. The first consignment of LD slag was flagged off from Tata Steel Meramandali (TSM) plant in Dhenkanal district on June 18, the official said.

The project, titled "Economic and Environment-Friendly Utilisation of Basic Slag and Fly Ash as Soil Amend-

**Utilisation of bulk generated industrial solid waste is challenge for iron and steel sectors.**

Ramesh Kumar Ekka  
regional officer, State  
Pollution Control Board



ments to Reclaim Acid Soils of Odisha (SAFAR)," is being spearheaded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-National Rice Research Institute (ICAR-NRRI) in Cuttack, Odisha. The initiative is part of the Odisha government's "Waste to Wealth" programme, which promotes a circular economy.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ALLEGATION

**UGC-NET exam: Oppn accuses NTA, Centre play with future of students**

**NEW DELHI:** Opposition leaders on Thursday launched an attack on the National Testing Agency (NTA) after the UGC-NET exam was cancelled and accused the agency as well as the Union government of destroying the future of students who appeared for these exams.

The UGC cancelled the UGC-NET examination on Wednesday, a day after it was held, after receiving certain inputs from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the ministry of home affairs on the examination.

Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Saket Gokhale said the examination process in the country has crashed and the lives of students are being destroyed. He accused the NTA of being complicit. **PTI**

### COURT RULING

**SC stays criminal proceedings against MDs of IREO, Oberoi Realty**



**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court has stayed criminal proceedings against IREO Group Managing Director Lalit Goyal and Oberoi Realty Limited Chairman and Managing Director Vikas Oberoi over allegations of cheating, criminal breach of trust and forgery. A vacation bench of Justices PV Sanjay Kumar and Augustine George Masih issued notice to the Haryana government on a plea filed against an order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. **PTI**

### Kannada atmosphere

**People living here should learn Kannada, develop love for the language: CM Siddaramaiah**



**BENGALURU:** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday urged people to take pride in speaking their mother tongue and said it is the responsibility of every Kannadiga to protect the Kannada language, land and water.

He noted that people living in Karnataka should learn Kannada and stressed the need to create a "Kannada atmosphere" in the state.

Speaking after performing 'bhoomi puja' for the construction of a 25-feet-tall bronze statue of Nada Devi Bhuvaneshwari on the premises of Vidhana Soudha here, the CM said speaking our mother tongue should

be a matter of pride.

"A vow must be made that no language other than Kannada is spoken in the state. Kannadigas are generous. That is why there is an environment in Karnataka where even those who speak other languages can live without learning Kannada. The same situation cannot be seen in Tamil Nadu, Andhra and Kerala. They speak only in their mother tongue," he pointed out.

Calling on Kannadigas to speak in their mother tongue, Siddaramaiah said there is no need to feel inferior about it. "We also have to speak in our mother tongue. That should make us proud..." he added. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

### STATE WISE PRODUCTION OF BANANAS (IN MILLION TONNES)

Tamil Nadu	5.8 million tonnes
Maharashtra	4.7 million tonnes
Gujarat	4.2 million tonnes
Andhra Pradesh	3.9 million tonnes
Karnataka	2.3 million tonnes
Bihar	1.7 million tonnes

Source: Statista

### STRICT ACTION

**IIT Bombay fines 8 students for play that mocked Lord Ram**

**MUMBAI:** The Indian Institute of India (IIT) Bombay has imposed a fine of up to Rs 1.2 lakh on eight students, who performed a play that allegedly mocked Lord Ram and portrayed the 'Ramayana' in a bad light, a fellow student said on Thursday. The students had presented the play named 'Raahovan' on March 31 this year, as part of the Performing Arts Festival (PAF).

"The play that was presented mocked Lord Ram and portrayed the Ramayana in a vulgar and derogatory manner," said a Masters student at the institute.

The student, who declined to be named, is one of those who lodged a complaint against the play with the administration. Another student affiliated to the Ambedkar Periyar Phule Study Circle (APPSC) at the IIT Bombay also confirmed that students were fined for presenting the play. **PTI**

### Probe underway to determine why goods train breached speed limit

**KOLKATA:** A North East Frontier Railway (NFR) official on Thursday said investigation is underway to determine why the goods train driver exceeded the permissible speed limit before the rake collided with the Kanchanjunga Express at Ranganipani in West Bengal. The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) is probing Monday's accident, which claimed 10 lives. **PTI**

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# PM in Srinagar on 2-day visit

This is PM's first visit to J&K after taking charge at the Centre for the 3rd term.

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**SRINAGAR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived here on Thursday for a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir where he will inaugurate and kick start projects worth Rs 1,500 crore and participate in the International Yoga Day. The prime minister, accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, headed to the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake where he was welcomed with flowers and traditional Kashmiri songs. "Leaving for Srinagar, where I will be taking part in two programmes. Later this evening, I will be at the 'Empowering Youth, Transforming J&K' programme, which focuses on youth-led development. "Key projects worth over Rs 1500 crore will be inaugurated or their foundation stones would be laid. These works cover infrastructure, water supply, education and more. Tomorrow morning, I will take part in the Yoga Day programme in Srinagar," the prime minister posted on X before leaving for Srinagar. This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after taking charge at the Centre for the third term. He will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones of multiple development projects in J&K worth over Rs 1,500 crore.



PM Modi during 'Empowering Youth, Transforming J&K' event, Srinagar.

## PM to lead Yoga Day event today

The sanitisation operation at the SKICC was concluded on Tuesday and the background security check of all officials of the SKICC, security personnel and others on duty, and the sportspersons who will attend has been conducted, they said. As part of the security measures, the Srinagar Police declared the city a 'Temporary Red Zone' for the operation of drones and quadcopters. "Srinagar city has been declared as 'Temporary Red Zone' for the operation of drones and quadcopters as per pro-

### HIGHLIGHT

- Srinagar city has been declared as 'Temporary Red Zone'.
- PM will participate in the Yoga event at SKICC in Srinagar.

main function on Friday, a series of yoga events have been held over the past three days at many places in the city and elsewhere in the valley, the officials said. A yoga event was held near the iconic clock tower at the Lal Chowk city centre here while a mega yoga camp was held at Polo Ground on Wednesday, they said. Another event was also held at the SKICC here, the officials said, adding similar events were held at many places in the Valley to mark the celebrations for the 10th IYD.

# Child prodigy Aditya to practice yoga on Int'l Yoga Day

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** 11 years old Dr Aditya Raje Singh is not a new name for the city now. The wonder boy, Paryavaran Mitra and Little Yoga Champion has recently added a new feather to his cap by receiving Honorary Doctorate ( PhD) in the field of Environment & Yoga from a prestigious university of USA .

Dr. Aditya Raje Singh has been doing Yoga since the age of 4 and is now making people aware of world wide known benefits of it. He also appeals everyone to take out at least 20mins everyday



from their busy schedule for yoga, to keep themselves healthy from within, mentally and physically. During & post Covid 19, he became very peculiar about environment for oxygen conservation and global warming reduction ; and for yoga so as to maintain Physical & Mental well-being.

# Actors get ready to celebrate Int'l Yoga Day

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**MUMBAI:** Ram Yashvardhan, who essays the role of Lord Shiv in 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' says, "Lord Shiva is revered as Adiyogi - the embodiment of yoga itself. He is the divine

lord who governs the union of body, mind, and consciousness. According to our ancient scriptures, it was Lord Shiva who first shared the knowledge of yoga and meditation with his beloved wife, Goddess Parvati.

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Department of Rural Development  
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यूनि रान्न शासन को यह प्रति होत है कि अनुसूची के खाने (1) से (5) में वर्णित भूमि की अनुसूची के खाने (7) में उनके नाम के समाने दिने सार्वजनिक प्रवेदन के लिए आवश्यक है अथवा आवश्यकता पड़ने की संभावना है। अतः भूमि अर्जन, पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिफल और पारदर्शिता का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2013 की धारा-11 की उपधारा-(1) के उपबन्धों के अनुसार इसके द्वारा सभी संबंधित अधिकारों को इस अध्याय की सुचना दी जाती है कि राज्य शासन इसके द्वारा अनुसूची के खाने (6) में उल्लिखित अधिकारों को उका भूमि के संघों में उका धारा-12 द्वारा दी गई शक्तियों को प्रयोग करने के लिए अधिकृत करता है--

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2/ उपरोक्त अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन दिने के 60 दिवस के भीतर उचित की जाने वाली भूमि के क्षेत्रफल एवं उन्मुखता के बारे में विस्तृत पत्रकार अपना सूचा अर्पित लिखित में कलेक्टर को स्वयं अपना अपने द्वारा अधिकृत व्यक्ति के माध्यम से अधिनियम की धारा 15 की उपधारा (1) के अंतर्गत प्रस्तुत कर सकते।

3/ भूमि का सक्का (प्लान) के निर्देशक अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (राजस्व), रायपुर के कार्यपालन में किया जा सकता है।

छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल के नाम से तथा आदेशानुसार (डॉ. गौरव कुमार सिंह) कलेक्टर, रायपुर एवं पदेन उप सचिव, छ.प्र. शासन, राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION,  
PENDRA ROAD DISTT. GOURELLA PENDRA MARWAHI (C.G.)

**TENDER CANCELLATION ORDER**

Order No 2149/ S.A.C./ Pendra Road / 2024 Date:- 18/06/2024

Due to unavoidable circumstances the (1) NIT No. 12/SAC/2023-24 Dated 21.02.2024 First Call (System No. 153179) HEAD WORK & REPAIR OF CANAL AND ENOVATION WORK & C.C. LINING WORK OF BARPALI DIVERSION SCHEME AND (2) NIT no. 14/SAC/2023-24 Dated 23.02.2024 (System No. 153226) RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK OF KHUDARI TANK SCHEME is cancelled.

Executive Engineer,  
Water Resources Division, Pendra Road  
Distt. Gorella- Pendra- Mawahi (C.G.)

**CHANGE OF NAME**

IT IS INFORMED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I MRITUNJAI SINGH S/O SAMEER KUMAR SINGH RESIDENT OF H.NO. B804, WARD NO.27 GHANSHYAM HOMES VYAPAR VIHAR ROAD, BILASPUR (C.G.) 495001 HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME MRITUNJAI SINGH S/O SAMEER KUMAR SINGH, SO IN FUTURE I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MY NEW NAME MRITUNJAI SINGH S/O SAMEER KUMAR SINGH IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

**MRITYUNJAI SINGH**  
H.NO.B804, WARD NO.27 GHANSHYAM HOMES VYAPAR VIHAR ROAD, BILASPUR (C.G.) 495001

**बैंक ऑफ बरदोरा Bank of Baroda**

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)**  
(Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the date, mentioned below calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned below.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagee's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Property Mortgaged & Owner of the Property	Date of Demand Notice Possession Notice affixed on Type of Possession	Amount outstanding as on the Date of Demand Notice
1.	Mrs. Jamila Khatun and Mr. Md. Hanif	Kh No. 80/19, Area 0.009 Hect., Situated At P.c 0009 Baikunthpur Baikunthpur, Dist.- Koriya (C.G.) standing in name of Mrs. Jamila Khatun Wo Md Hanif.	01.06.2023	₹ 6,24,103.47 and interest thereon
	Boundaries (as per deed/TCR): East- Manju Namdev, West-Border of Dhaurastakra, North-Plot of Sushila, South-C C Road.		14.06.2024	
2.	Mr. Md. Hanif and Mrs. Jamila Khatun	Kh No. 419-6, Area 0.48 Hect., Total Plot 1, Total Area 0.048 Hect., Situated At Odgi R.N.M. Baikunthpur 80-19, Area 0.009 Hect., Situated At p.c. 0009 Baikunthpur.	15.01.2023	₹ 14,19,527.14 and interest thereon
	Dist.- Koriya (C.G.) Standing in name of Mrs. Jamila Khatun Wo Md. Hanif. Boundaries (as per deed/TCR): East- Road, West-Plot of Ram Charan Patilnra, North-Balance Land of Sailer, South-Plot of Mahendi Hussain.		14.06.2024	

Date: 20.06.2024 Place: Bilaspur (CG) Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

**Canara Bank**

**E-Auction Date: 10.07.2024**

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorized officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 10.07.2024 from 12.00 am to 2.00 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner	Demand Notice Dt.	Reserve Price	Branch Name
		Possession Dt.	EMD Amt.	Account No. & IFSC Code
M/S. Shubha Associates, Prop.: Mr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar Sharma S/o Surendra Sharma.	Under Constructed residential building at Kharsa No. 248/85 (0.009 Hect.) & 248/86 (0.005 Hect.), Ph No. 27, RI Circle & Tehsil- Manendragarh, District- Korea. Chhattisgarh, 497442 Area: (0.0090 Hect. + 0.0050 Hect. = 0.014 Hect.) Boundary: North: Land of Kantilal Chawadea, South: Land of Shashikant Chawadea, East: Road, West: Land of Ashok Chawadea.	05.07.2023	₹ 56,00,000/-	Mr. Anurag Shukla (Mo.- 8109021060) Manendragarh Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0304307 Email: cb4307@canarabank.com
		14.09.2023	₹ 5,60,000/-	
		as on 19.06.2024 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-	

Terms and Conditions: a. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 and to the following conditions: a. The property will be sold in "as is where is and as is what is" basis including encumbrances, if any. There is no encumbrance to the knowledge of the bank. b. Auction / bidding will be through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website [www.bankauction.com](http://www.bankauction.com). Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. c. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer. d. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. e. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer of above mentioned branches respectively OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of of above mentioned branches respectively on or before 08.07.2024, 5:30 pm. f. Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. (Contact- Mitthesh Kumar, 7960804456) support@bankauction.com immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (if not holding a valid digital signature) g. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 08.07.2024, 3.00 PM, to above mentioned branches respectively by hand or by email. (1) Demand Draft/Play order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (3) Bidders Name, Contact No. Address, E Mail Id. (4) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. h. The intending bidders should register their names at [www.bankauction.com](http://www.bankauction.com) (mention the website address of service provider) and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. (Contact- Mitthesh Kumar, 7960804456) support@bankauction.com. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them within 2 days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest. j. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 10,000. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. k. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. l. All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. m. Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason therefor. n. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating in the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or above mentioned branches respectively who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. o. For further details contact Branch Manager of respective branches OR Authorized Officer, M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. (Contact- Mitthesh Kumar, 7960804456) support@bankauction.com. p. For further details you may contact Canara Bank above mentioned Branch or M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. (Contact- Mitthesh Kumar, 7960804456) support@bankauction.com (Note: Auction will be held as per Terms & Condition of DIC)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION**

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 20.06.2024 Authorized Officer, Canara Bank





**QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE**  
Indifferentism is the worst kind of disease that can affect people.  
[B.R. Ambedkar]

# Comment

## Yoga Day: Ancient tradition meets modern popularity

| OUR VIEW |

### Climate crisis wreaks havoc on health and safety

The unprecedented heatwave scorching India this summer has underscored the grim reality of climate change, exacerbating human suffering and environmental devastation. With temperatures soaring to nearly 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit), India recorded over 40,000 suspected heatstroke cases and more than 100 fatalities, a stark reminder of the urgent need for climate action. As extreme heat gripped the nation, hospitals reported a surge in heat-related illnesses, and authorities were compelled to take emergency measures. The health ministry directed both federal and state institutions to prioritize heat-affected patients, and hospitals in Delhi, already grappling with a water shortage, were ordered to increase bed capacity. Despite these efforts, the health system struggled to cope with the overwhelming influx of patients. The heatwave's impact extended beyond human suffering, with wildlife also bearing the brunt. Birds, unable to withstand the extreme temperatures, fell from the skies, prompting a flood of rescue calls to non-profit organizations like Wildlife SOS. Co-founder Kartick Satyanarayan reported receiving 35-40 rescue calls daily, highlighting the dire conditions for both humans and animals. Meanwhile, parts of northeast India faced the opposite extreme: devastating floods triggered by relentless rain. In Assam, more than 160,000 people were affected, and the death toll from floods and landslides has climbed to over 30 since the end of May. The deluge has caused rivers to overflow, destroying homes and livelihoods. Tragically, in one incident, a landslide buried a woman and her three daughters alive, highlighting the severity of the crisis. The dual threats of heatwaves and floods illustrate the increasing frequency and intensity of climate-related disasters, posing severe challenges to India's infrastructure and emergency response capabilities. The nation's cities, described as "heat traps" due to unbalanced urban growth, are particularly vulnerable. The weather office's forecast of continued above-normal temperatures only adds to the urgency. These climate extremes demand a robust response.

| GUEST VIEW |

### Sorry state of Pak cricket: Lack of unity and skill

Except for the late 80s and early 90s, the Pakistan cricket team has rarely shown a united front, with the notable exception being under the leadership of Imran Khan. Imran, a towering personality, provided a father-figure presence, leading the team to a memorable World Cup victory in 1992. However, after his retirement, Pakistan cricket has struggled. Despite Wasim Akram's leadership in the 1999 ODI World Cup final and Inzamam-ul-Haq's respected captaincy, internal conflicts have worsened. Head coach Garry Kirsten recently expressed frustration over the team's lack of unity following their early exit from the T20 World Cup. His remark about never witnessing such disarray as a coach highlights the deep-rooted issues. Under Babar Azam, Pakistan's performance has become alarmingly predictable. Kirsten's critique of the team's skill levels compared to global standards is particularly damning, given Pakistan's rich cricketing talent. His comments are a severe indictment of the Pakistan Cricket Board and its selectors, emphasizing the urgent need for reform.



Dr. Ganapathi Bhat

The significance of Yoga Day has increased over the past few years, largely credited to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev, and Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. "International Yoga Day" started being celebrated on the initiative of Prime Minister Modi.

This day is observed every year on June 21st, which is the longest day of the year, symbolizing longevity—a core benefit of yoga.

The first International Yoga Day was celebrated in 2015, following Prime Minister Modi's address to the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2014, where he advocated for its observance. On December 11, 2014, 193 members of the United Nations approved the proposal to celebrate "International Yoga Day" on June 21st.

Though "International Yoga Day" began on June 21, 2015, yoga's history in India spans over 10,000 years. References to yoga are found in the Rigveda, and a figure in a yoga posture has been dis-

covered on a seal from the Indus Valley Civilization.

The Upanishads also mention physical exercises, and the current form of yoga is described in the Kathopanishad. Additionally, the Bhagavad Gita and the Shanti Parva of the Mahabharata contain detailed references to yoga.

Maharishi Patanjali is considered the father of modern yoga. He viewed Yoga Darshan as universal and fundamental to Indian culture, encapsulating its essence in his Yoga Sutras. Yoga is divided into three main paths: Jnana Yoga (the path of knowledge), Bhakti Yoga (the path of devotion), and Karma Yoga (the path of blissful action).

The word "yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Yuj', meaning the union of the soul with the divine. While commonly associated with physical exercise, yoga also symbolizes emotional and spiritual integration.

Yoga, an ancient Indian way of life, harmonizes the body, mind, and soul. It not only helps maintain physical and mental health but also

cures diseases and treats various physical and mental problems.

Yoga strengthens the body's immunity, infuses new energy into life, controls thoughts, and keeps both the body and mind active through asanas and mudras.

The Bihar Yoga University in Munger, Bihar, is internationally renowned for its comprehensive yoga training and large library. Established in 1964 by Swami Satyanand Saraswati, the university aims to spread this ancient knowledge globally. It is the only yoga university providing yoga training, affiliated with over 200 international and numerous national yoga and spiritual centers.

The university, which operates in the Gurukul style, offers popular one- and two-year courses in yoga philosophy, psychology, practical yoga, and environmental yoga science. Students from around the world come to study here and, upon returning to their countries, establish yoga centers. Since the inception of "International Yoga Day," its

popularity has surged due to its numerous benefits. In today's world, plagued by human disorders like selfishness, anger, jealousy, and hatred, yoga offers a means of control and improvement.

Regular practice of asanas and pranayama promotes physical and mental health and instills discipline. Children, young adults, and the elderly all benefit from yoga, with many incorporating its spiritual aspects to enhance their lives.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, yoga helped keep millions of people healthy, potentially reducing the number of untimely deaths. Given its widespread benefits, it is likely that yoga's popularity will continue to grow globally. Despite some political controversy in India, where yoga is sometimes linked to Surya Namaskar, these allegations are unfounded.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to establish International Yoga Day focuses solely on human health and welfare, transcending political boundaries.



Satish Singh

## Olympics: From ancient Greece to modern glory

The Olympic Games, a global multi-sport event held every four years, unite athletes and nations, celebrating human excellence, peace, and solidarity through sportsmanship and competition.



Unity in Diversity: The Spirit of the Olympic Games | Photo AP



Aditi Agrawal

The Olympic Games, an international multi-sport competition, are held every four years in different cities worldwide, alternating between Summer and Winter Games every two years. These events are founded on three pillars: "Move", "Learn", and "Discover", aiming to unite people and promote peace and solidarity.

The origins of the Olympics date back nearly 3000 years to 776 BC in Greece, where athletic competitions were held every four years in Olympia. This tradition continued until 393 AD when Emperor Theodosius I banned them. The modern Olympic Games, revived by Pierre de Coubertin, were first held in 1896 in Athens, Greece. The International Olympic Committee (IOC), established on June 23rd, oversees the organization and ensures the continuation of the Games, marking this day as International Olympic Day.

The Olympics have grown significantly, from just 10 countries earning medals in the first modern Games in Athens to 93 medal-winning nations in the Tokyo Olympics 2020 (held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Historically, certain countries have consistently performed well, dominating the medal tally. The United States, Russia (formerly the

Soviet Union), and China have been prominent forces. The United States tops the chart with a medal tally of around 3000, including over 1000 gold medals. Most of these medals come from swimming and track and field events. The Soviet Union was a dominant force until its dissolution in 1991, after which Russia continued to be a strong contender, especially in athletics, gymnastics, and winter sports. China, after rejoining the Olympic movement in 1984, has rapidly ascended the medal standings, excelling in gymnastics, diving, and table tennis.

India's Olympic history,

spanning over a century, is marked by numerous highs and lows. The country first participated in the Olympics at the 1900 Paris Games, represented solely by Norman Pritchard. The 1928 Amsterdam Olympics marked the beginning of India's hockey dominance, with the Indian men's hockey team, led by Major Dhyan Chand, winning gold. They repeated this feat in 1932 in Los Angeles and 1936 in Berlin. Competing as an independent nation for the first time at the 1948 Olympics, India won a fourth gold in men's hockey. The team continued its winning streak with gold medals in

1952 and 1956. The 1952 Helsinki Olympics also saw KD Jadhav become the first Indian to win an individual Olympic medal, earning a bronze in wrestling. India experienced an Olympic drought starting from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, during which it didn't win a single medal. This drought ended with Leander Paes securing a bronze in men's singles tennis at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. In 2000, weightlifter Karnam Malleswari became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal, a bronze. Abhinav Bindra earned India's first individual gold in the 10m Air

Rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Neeraj Chopra won India's first track-and-field gold in javelin throw at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. A total of seven medals made 2020 India's most successful Olympics to date.

The Paris 2024 Olympics, scheduled from July 26 to August 11, 2024, align with Olympic Agenda 2020, focusing on sustainability and inclusivity. The Games aim to reduce their carbon footprint by using renewable energy, existing or temporary venues, and promoting eco-friendly transportation. The opening ceremony will be held along the Seine River, marking the first non-stadium opening ceremony in Olympic history. New sports like breaking (breakdancing), sport climbing, skateboarding, and surfing will be included, reflecting the evolving global sports landscape.

With the opening ceremony set for July 26, India hopes to surpass its previous medal tally from Tokyo. Several athletes have qualified for Paris 2024, including reigning Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, Lakshya Sen (Men's Badminton Singles), Lovlina Borgohain (Women's Boxing 75kg), and Manu Bhaker (Women's 25m Air Pistol). As the countdown begins, Indian athletes are training hard for the upcoming Games.

### YOUR LETTERS

#### Cost of food waste

Food waste remains a major issue despite changing eating habits. The UN Environment Program and WRAP report that 931 million tonnes of food are wasted annually across various sectors. This problem spans all income levels, with significant environmental impacts, contributing 9 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and increasing agricultural land and water use. To effectively address this, behavior change campaigns focusing on reducing waste at all levels are essential.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur

#### Railway's major failure

Blaming the driver for the Kanchanjunga Express disaster is an attempt to cover the Railway department's failures. Why didn't authorities fill thousands of vacant loco pilot posts or install anti-collision devices on tracks? Instead, they squandered precious funds on launching luxurious trains and other inconsequential projects. This negligence highlights the department's priorities and inefficiencies, ultimately endangering lives and undermining railway safety. The focus should be on addressing these critical safety and staffing issues.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

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The letters can be edited or rewritten for clarity.



# Business



The cabinet approved continuing mining in 13 tailing dumps at Bharat Gold Mines Limited in KGF.

**H K Patil**  
Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### WEALTH CREATOR

#### Vedanta Group biggest wealth creator in FY25 so far; adds over Rs 2.2 lakh

**NEW DELHI:** Vedanta Group comprising, Vedanta Ltd and Hindustan Zinc Ltd, have generated the maximum wealth for investors on the Dalal Street in the current fiscal so far, with the combined market valuation of both firms surging by Rs 2.2 lakh crore. The market capitalisation of the Vedanta Group surged by over Rs 2.2 lakh crore between March 28 and June 20, 2024, according to stock exchange data.

This is higher than the market cap growth witnessed by leading Indian businesses like Reliance Industries, Mahindra Group, and the Tata Group during the same period.

Share prices of Vedanta and Hindustan Zinc have doubled from their 52-week lows, backed by multiple positives, including the proposed demerger, the management's consistent focus on deleveraging, and significant improvement in earnings, as per stock exchange data. **PTI**

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	77,478	+0.18
Nifty	23,567	+0.22
Nifty, MidCap	54,473	+0.95
Nifty SmallCap	18,266	+0.61
Nifty Bank	51,783	+0.75

Closing rates as on June 20, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.62 (+)
Euro	89.66 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.51 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.77 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On June 20, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	38,890	+0.14
FTSE 100 Index	8261	+0.69
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	225: 38,663	+0.16
S&P 500	5,491	+0.08

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, June 20, 2024)

### How the markets behave today

#### Markets end flat after record highs amid profit taking in key sectors, volatile trading



**MUMBAI:** Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty soared to new lifetime highs on Thursday, fuelled by intense buying in market heavyweights Reliance, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank amid a recent surge in foreign capital inflows. Besides, stable global crude prices extended support to capital markets amid investors looking for fresh triggers, traders said. Rallying for the sixth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 141.34 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 77,478.93. During the day, it surged 305.5 points or 0.39 per cent

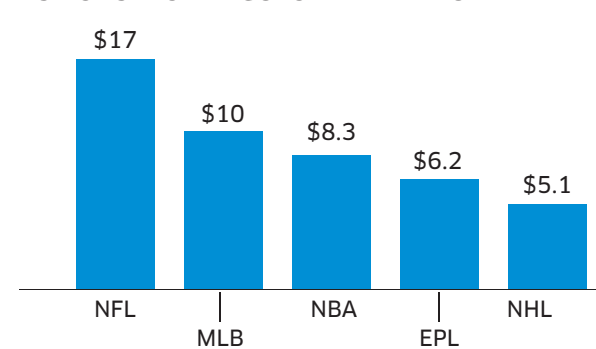
to 77,643.09. As many as 2,282 stocks advanced while 1,571 declined and 128 remained unchanged on the BSE. The NSE Nifty rose 51 points or 0.22 per cent to settle at its fresh closing high of 23,567. Intra-day, it soared 108 points or 0.45 per cent to 23,624.

**MAJOR GAINERS:** Among the 30 Sensex companies, JSW Steel, Tata Steel, Axis Bank, Reliance Industries were among the biggest gainers. **MAJOR LOSERS:** In contrast, Mahindra & Mahindra, Sun Pharma, NTPC, Wipro, State Bank of India and Power Grid were among the laggards.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(Revenue in billions)

#### TOP SPORTS LEAGUES BY REVENUE



### RECORD-BREAKING

#### EPFO adds record 18.92 lakh net members in April, highest Since 2018

**NEW DELHI:** Retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) added a record 18.92 lakh net members in April, payroll data released on Thursday showed. The addition during the month is the highest since the first payroll data was published in April 2018, a labour ministry statement said. An increase of 31.29 per cent was registered in net member addition during April as compared to March 2024, it stated. According to the statement, EPFO's provisional payroll data released on Thursday highlights that it has added 18.92 lakh net members in April. Further, the year-on-year analysis reveals a growth of 10 per cent in net member addition. The surge in membership can be attributed to various factors, including increased employment opportunities, a growing awareness of employee benefits, and the effectiveness of EPFO's outreach programmes, the statement said. **PTI**

### BULLION MARKET

#### Gold jumps Rs 120; silver surges Rs 900 amid strong global cues

**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices jumped Rs 120 to Rs 72,550 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid strong trends globally, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had ended at Rs 72,430 per 10 grams in the previous session. Silver prices also surged Rs 900 to Rs 92,300 per kg. It had settled at Rs 91,400 per kg on Wednesday. "In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams, up by Rs 120 from the previous close," Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said. **PTI**



Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman chairs a pre-budget consultation meeting with industry leaders and associations.

# India Inc urges FM for Tax cuts and increased capex

India Inc has requested Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reduce taxes and increase capital expenditure in the upcoming Union Budget to sustain economic growth.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India Inc on Thursday asked Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reduce tax burden on common man, continue capital expenditure, and announce steps to contain food inflation in the upcoming Union Budget.

During pre-Budget consultation with Sitharaman, the industry leaders and associations also urged the government to focus more on infrastructure development with a view to maintaining the economic growth

momentum.

The industry leaders also laid stress on boosting the MSME (Micro, small, and medium enterprises) sector, considered a backbone of the Indian economy and main employment generator.

The full Budget (the 5th) 2024-25 is expected to be presented in Parliament next month.

President of industry body CII Sanjiv Puri put forth eight points for consideration for the finance minister.

These include relief in income tax at the lower

end of income slabs, streamlining of employment inked incentive schemes like Production Linked Incentive (PLI), and promoting ease of doing business. CII also made recommendations for agriculture and rural development.

Recommendations of Ficci centred around capex drive, innovation and tax simplification.

During the meeting, Subhrakant Panda, former Ficci president, made a case for supporting growth momentum by energising demand, laying thrust on infra-

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• Industry leaders emphasize the need for infrastructure development to maintain growth.

• Recommendations include tax relief, support for MSMEs, and measures to curb food inflation.

structure development, taking further measures to rein in food inflation,

supporting MSMEs and prioritising innovation and research and development in the country.

"The Union Budget, being the first major public policy announcement of the government, is expected to set the tone for the next five years in terms of policy direction," Panda noted.

Sanjay Kirloskar (CMD of Kirloskar Brothers), Arathi Krishna (MD of Sundram Fasteners) and many industry stalwarts also made several key recommendations to the minister for consideration in the Budget.

### RBI AVERTS RISKS

# 'RBI actions on unsecured loans to avert bigger problems'

Press Trust Of India

RBI's proactive measures on unsecured loans aim to prevent potential credit crises.

**MUMBAI:** The Reserve Bank's endeavour is to smell a crisis early and act on it, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday, stating that not taking any action on unsecured lending front would have created "bigger problems".

The November 2023 action to curb growth in the riskier unsecured lending has had the desired impact as the growth in such portfolios slowed down, Das said while addressing an inter-



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das addresses the 2nd CoS-Global Conference.

### FACTFILE

• Governor Das cites early intervention to curb riskier unsecured lending growth.

• Credit card growth slowed from 30% to 23% post-RBI action.

national conference on financial resilience at the RBI's College of Supervi-

sors here.

Das said restrictions on unsecured lending were the result of a view that there could be a potential problem in the credit market because of growth in unsecured lending.

The overall headline parameters were looking good, but there was "clear evidence" of dilution of underwriting

standards, lack of proper appraisals and a mentality to join the bandwagon for driving up the unsecured lending among some lenders, he added.

"We thought if left unattended, these vulnerabilities can become a bigger problem. So, we thought it is better to act in advance and slow down the credit growth," Das said.

He expressed satisfaction that the RBI's action has had the desired impact, as the growth in unsecured lending has indeed slowed down.

Das said the growth in credit card portfolios has slowed down to 23 per cent from 30 per cent before the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) action.

### SWISS FUNDS PLUNGE

# Indian funds in Swiss banks plunge 70 pc to Rs 9,771 cr

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI/ZURICH:** Funds held by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks saw a sharp decline of 70% in 2023, hitting a four-year low of CHF 1.04 billion (Rs 9,771 crore), according to data from Switzerland's central bank. This marks the second consecutive year of decline after peaking at

CHF 3.83 billion in 2021. The drop was mainly due to a significant reduction in funds held through bonds, securities, and other financial instruments, along with declines in customer deposit accounts and funds held through other bank branches in India.

These figures, reported by banks to the Swiss National Bank



(SNB), do not reflect alleged black money

held by Indians in Switzerland or funds held by Indian entities through third-country entities. The total liabilities of Swiss banks to Indian clients at the end of 2023 included CHF 310 million in customer deposits, CHF 427 million via other banks, CHF 10 million through fiduciaries, and CHF 302 million in various other financial instru-

ments. The decline continues a downward trend since the record high of nearly CHF 6.5 billion in 2006, with exceptions in 2011, 2013, 2017, 2020, and 2021. Swiss authorities continue to support India in combating tax fraud and evasion through automatic exchange of financial information and targeted information sharing.



# World



US space agency will expand collaboration with India and it will include a "joint effort" aboard the International Space Station with an Indian astronaut.

**Bill Nelson**  
NASA administrator

## Ladies Day, Royal Ascot, horse race meeting



Racegoers arrive wearing a variety of hats on the third day of the Royal Ascot, horse race meeting, traditional known as Ladies Day, at Ascot, England. | Photo: PTI

# 'Dalai Lama must correct his political propositions for talks'

China asks US to respect its sensitivities over Tibet.

Press Trust Of India

**BEIJING:** China on Thursday asked the Dalai Lama to thoroughly reflect and completely correct his political propositions for it to hold talks with him and asked the US to respect its sensitivity and importance to Tibet-related issues as Washington is set to pass a tough Tibet policy law.

On the central government's contact and talks with the 14th Dalai Lama, China's policy is consistent and clear, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told a

media briefing. The key is that the 14th Dalai Lama must thoroughly reflect on and completely correct his political propositions, he said, without elaborating.

On the US delegation's visit to Dharamsala and its talks with the Dalai Lama, Lin said, "We urge the US to clearly see the sensitivity and importance of Xizang-related issues and earnestly respect China's core interests on its comments on Xizang, refrain from any forms with the Dalai group and stop sending out to the world wrong signals."

### HIGHLIGHT

● China watched warily the high-powered US Congressional delegation's visit to Dharamsala and its meeting with the 88-year-old Dalai Lama besides the strong remarks made by its leading members.

He also criticised the reported remarks by the Tibet government-in-exile that it is going to use the new Tibet legislation passed by the US Senate and Congress to try to

force China to come to the negotiating table and urge other countries to put pressure on Beijing to hold talks with it.

"The so-called Tibet government-in-exile is an out-and-out separatist political group and an illegal organisation in total violation of China's constitution and laws. It is not recognised by any country," Lin said.

After the US Congressional talks with the Dalai Lama, McCaul said on Wednesday that the Tibetans have the right to self-determination and should be allowed

to practise their religion freely. At a felicitation ceremony held after the seven US Congress members met the Tibetan leader, McCaul said the delegation had defied a warning from the Chinese Communist Party.

"The Tibetan people possess a distant religion, culture and historic identity and they should have a say in their own future. You should be able to freely practise your religion and that is why we are here today in defiance of the CCP (Communist Party of China) warning," he said.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### LAHORE

**Political advisor to jailed former Pakistan PM Imran Khan abducted**

**LAHORE:** The political advisor to jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has reportedly been abducted by unknown men from Lahore, the capital of Punjab province, according to a media report on Thursday. Ghulam Shabbir, who is the elder brother of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shahbaz Gill, was abducted by unknown individuals two days ago while he was travelling to Islamabad, according to an FIR registered at the Kahna police station, the Express Tribune newspaper reported. The FIR, registered by his son Bilal, states that Shabbir had left his residence in Lahore's Khayaban-e-Amin late at night and headed towards Islamabad. Khan has been in jail since August last year after being convicted in some of the nearly 200 cases slapped on him since his ouster in April 2022. **PTI**

### HINDU RIGHTS ACTIVIST

**'Minorities migrating due to worsening security situation'**



**PESHAWAR:** Many families of minorities in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have migrated to other parts of the country or abroad due to the worsening security situation, according to a religious scholar and Hindu rights activist. Haroon Sarabdiyal of the Pakistan Hindu Mandir Management Committee said that Hindu, Sikh and Christian families mostly shifted to the provinces of Punjab and Sindh while some moved to foreign countries. **PTI**

### RUSSIA-NORTH KOREA DEAL

**South Korea says it will consider supplying arms to Ukraine**



**SEOUL:** South Korea's presidential office on Thursday condemned an agreement reached by Russia and North Korea that vowed mutual defence assistance in the event of war and said it will reconsider its policy of limiting its support to Ukraine to non-lethal supplies.

The comments by a senior presidential official came hours after North Korea's state media released the details of the agreement reached between its leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin during their summit on Wednesday in Pyongyang. The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the

deal requires both countries to use all available means to provide immediate military assistance in the event of war.

The office of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol issued a statement condemning the agreement, calling it a threat to the South's security and a violation of UN Security Council resolutions, and warned that it would have negative consequences on Seoul's relations with Moscow. The presidential official, who spoke on condition of anonymity during a background briefing, according to office rules, said Seoul in response will reconsider the issue of providing arms to Ukraine to help the country fight off Russia's invasion. **PTI**

## 35 Pakis among over 900 died during Haj

**ISLAMABAD:** At least 35 Pakistanis were among more than 900 people from around the world who died during this year's Haj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia marked by searing heat, the government has confirmed.

Pakistan's Ministry of Religious Affairs said on Wednesday that Haj was challenging this year due to extreme heat and harsh weather conditions, with temperatures reaching 50 degrees Centigrade.

Saudi state TV said temperatures on Monday rose as high as 51.8 degrees Celsius at the Grand Mosque in Makkah.

The Director General of Pakistan's Haj Mission, Abdul Wahab Soomro, said on Wednesday that as of June 18, a total of 35 Pakistani casualties had been reported.

### RESCUE COORDINATION

# EAM Jaishankar jointly commission Maritime Centre

Press Trust Of India

The minister also called on Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and reiterated India's strong support through development and connectivity initiatives.

**COLOMBO:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Thursday held talks with Sri Lanka's top leadership, including President Ranil Wickremesinghe, and jointly commissioned with him the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre built with a USD 6 million grant from India, as New Delhi stepped up bilateral cooperation with its time-tested neighbour.

Jaishankar, who met Wickremesinghe at the



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his Sri Lankan counterpart MUM Ali Sabry.

President's House, said that he conveyed the warm greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed the way forward for the bilateral cooperation, especially in power, energy, connectivity, port infrastructure, aviation, digital, health, food security, education and tourism sectors.

"Honoured to call on Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe. Conveyed the warm greetings of PM @narendramodi. Appreciated the progress made on various bilateral projects and initiatives," Jaishankar said in a post on X. "Under President @RW\_UNP's guidance, discussed the way forward

### FASTFACTS

● This includes a centre at Navy Headquarters in Colombo, a sub-centre in Hambantota and unmanned installations at Galle, Arugambay, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Kallarawa, Point Pedro and Mollikulam.

for the India-Sri Lanka cooperation, especially in power, energy, connectivity, port infrastructure, aviation, digital, health, food security, education and tourism sectors. Committed to working for the steady development of our traditionally close and friendly ties," said the minister who arrived here early Thursday, his first visit here in his second consecutive term in office.

### SOCIAL ACTIVIST

# 'Farmers income can be increased by changing pattern'

By Lalit K Jha

**WASHINGTON:** The income of farmers in India can be increased substantially by changing the cropping pattern from grains to fruits, Mayank Gandhi, an Indian social activist has said.

Gandhi is the founder of the non-governmental organisation Global Vikas Trust, which aims at trans-

forming the drought-hit villages of Marathwada, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, by working to increase the minimum income of farmers from the average of Rs 10,000 to over Rs 1 lakh per acre per annum.

"The Niti Aayog of India says that there will be a supply-demand gap of 42 per cent by 2030. We realised that by chang-



ing the cropping pattern from grains to fruits, the farmer's income can be increased substantially. So, we are changing the cropping pattern, training

**We are changing the cropping pattern, training the farmers, helping them market it.**

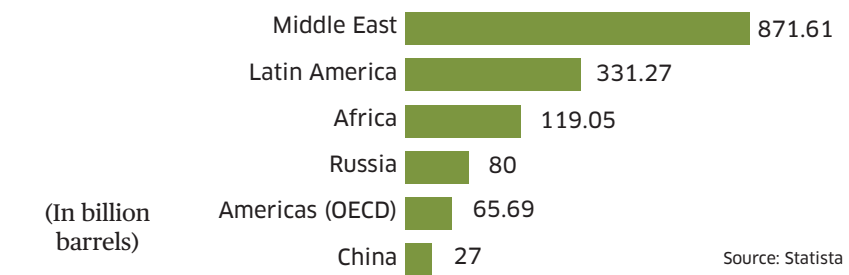
**Mayank Gandhi**  
Indian social activist

the farmers, helping them market it," Gandhi told

PTI here. On a three-city trip of New York, Washington DC and San Francisco, Gandhi along with industrialist Ravi Jhunjhunwala are meeting Indian Americans to raise awareness about their project in India which he says is helping the farmers in the poorest of the poor regions of the country by increasing their annual income multifold.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### LARGEST PROVEN CRUDE OIL RESERVES IN 2023 BY REGION



### TO SHORE UP TIES

**Putin signs deals with Vietnam in bid to shore up ties in Asia**

**HANOI:** Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a series of deals with his Vietnamese counterpart To Lam on Thursday, during a state visit that comes as Moscow is seeking to bolster ties in Asia to offset growing international isolation over its military actions in Ukraine. The two signed agreements to further cooperation on education, science and technology, oil and gas exploration and health. They also agreed to work on a roadmap for a nuclear science and technology centre in Vietnam. Following the talks, Putin said that the two countries share an interest in "developing a reliable security architecture" in the Asia-Pacific Region based on not using force and peacefully settling disputes with no room for "closed military-political blocs". This was echoed by Vietnam's new President To Lam, who said they seek to further "further cooperate in defense and security to cope with non-traditional security challenges" while implementing energy projects and expanding investments. **PTI**

### TRAIN COLLISION

**Train collision in Chile kills at least 2 people and injures several others**



**SANTIAGO:** At least two people were killed and nine others injured Thursday when a train full of passengers collided head-on with another train on a test run just outside Chile's capital of Santiago. Investigations were underway to determine the cause of the crash, which vaulted one car fully on top of a car from the other train.

The eight-car freight train, which was carrying 1,346 tonnes of copper, was also packed with people, while the other train had 10 workers on board operating a speed test, the state rail company said. **PTI**





# FineDine

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

## The Cozy Corner Cafe: A Delightful Escape in Kota Raipur

The new cafe situated in Teachers Colony, Kota, Raipur has a fun vibe for family and friends as they enjoy its delicacies while also playing fun games at the gaming hub.



Hut-inspired seating areas for clicking perfect Instagram worthy pictures.



### HIGHLIGHT

• Experience the perfect blend of gourmet dining and gaming excitement at Cozy Corner Cafe in Kota Raipur. Indulge in juicy burgers, cold coffees, and a vibrant atmosphere that's perfect for friends and family alike.

whether you're craving a quick bite or a hearty meal, there's something to satisfy your appetite.

Beyond its culinary delights, it is a paradise for those who appreciate aesthetics and enjoy capturing Instagram-worthy moments. The picturesque hut-inspired seating areas offer not just comfort but also a backdrop that's as photogenic as it is inviting. More than just a cafe, The Cozy Corner is a community hub where guests can unwind, connect, and create lasting memories over delicious food and thrilling games. It's where comfort meets community, making every visit an experience to cherish. According to the people, although the decor is done on a lower budget, yet it gives off a fresh vibe and they have also appreciated about the games that have been provided in the gaming zone.

### Sweet Sunshine: A Celebration of Pineapple

Discover the powerhouse benefits of pineapple, or Ananas comosus, a tropical delight that packs a nutritious punch. Rich in vitamin C for immune support and skin health, pineapple also boasts bromelain, aiding digestion and reducing inflammation. Its antioxidants bolster immune function while promoting collagen synthesis for youthful skin. Incorporate pineapple into your diet fresh, juiced, or in culinary dishes to enjoy digestive relief, anti-inflammatory effects, and overall wellness.



GOOD DINING |

## South Korea's Meaty Rice: Sustainable protein revolution



South Korea introduces a groundbreaking concept with "meaty rice," embedding beef cells into rice grains for a sustainable protein boost. This eco-friendly innovation promises ethical protein sourcing without harming animals. Developed in Seoul labs, this rice variant offers higher protein and healthy fats, aiming to revolutionize food habits globally. Despite its time-consuming production process, efforts are underway to scale up production for broader accessibility. With potential benefits including reduced carbon footprints, this hybrid food could redefine sustainable protein sources and has quickly become a viral sensation.

| TRAILBLAZER |

## Brits get buzzing for Bun Maska: Indian tea treat lands in London

Central Chronicle News

Tea in India is more than a beverage; it's an emotion, a daily ritual capable of lifting spirits at any time. The classic pairing of chai with bun maska soft bread slathered with butter has long been a cherished comfort food in Indian households. Now, this beloved duo has made its way to London, delighting tea enthusiasts at Chai Guys Bakehouse. The news was shared in a viral video, showcasing the café owners excitedly presenting their newest offering: bun maska. They introduce the treat with a twist a Japanese milk dough filled with a rich, soft honey butter. The video captures the delight of dipping a slice of the bun into a steaming cup

of tea and savoring the delicious combination. "Fresh Bun Maska is available at Chai Guys Bakehouse on Weekend Afternoons. The response was overwhelming, with the video racking up 621k views and 26.1k likes. The comments section buzzed with excitement, predominantly from Indian viewers who appreciated this homage to a beloved snack. One viewer humorously remarked, "I will legit run the same way," referring to the enthusiastic dash towards the bun maska. Others suggested adding more Indian elements like kulhad (earthen teacups) and ginger tea to the menu.

Chai Guys Bakehouse has not only bridged culinary traditions but also won hearts, proving that Indian food con-



Bun maska makes a popular accompaniment with tea in India.

tinues to captivate taste buds around the world. The bun maska's debut in London is a testament to the universal appeal of this simple yet delicious treat.

### FoodPick

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#### Dive into stick pasta combos!

Discover the unbeatable food deals at Stick Pasta, nestled on MG Road in Raipur! For just Rs. 99, experience their innovative stick pasta paired with a refreshing mocktail. If you're hungry for more, opt for the Rs. 159 combo featuring a trio of delectable dishes. Don't miss out on this wallet-friendly opportunity to savor delicious meals without compromise. Swing by Stick Pasta today and treat yourself to a culinary adventure that promises great taste and even greater value!



Can't resist shrimp?

#### Dive into Nongshim Shrimp crackers!

Introducing the newly launched Nongshim Shrimp Flavoured Cracker, a delight for shrimp lovers! Resembling french fries with narrow ripples, these crackers offer bold flavor and a satisfying crunch. They are Korea's oldest and most beloved snack, featuring a non-fried, original shrimp flavor. Indulge in spicy and robust shrimp crackers that combine tradition with taste, perfect for satisfying cravings and enjoying a piece of Korean culinary history.



#### Don't miss Raipur's "Ultra Pulta" vada pav!

Meet Raipur's beloved "Vada Pav Auntie" at Dev Nashta Center near Katora Talab! She offers the unique "Ultra Pulta" vada pav, a delightful twist on the classic, with 3-4 chutney options. This local favorite is a must-try for food enthusiasts seeking innovative flavors. Experience Raipur's culinary charm with this iconic street food, where tradition meets creativity in every bite. Don't miss out on this flavorful adventure at one of the city's most cherished spots!



#### Peach Melba Punch

##### Ingredients

1/2 cup peach nectar, 1/4 cup raspberry puree, 1/4 cup sparkling water, 1 tablespoon honey, Ice cubes, Peach slices (for garnish), Fresh mint leaves (for garnish)

##### How to make it

In a pitcher, mix peach nectar, raspberry puree, and honey. Add sparkling water and stir gently. Pour into glasses over ice. Garnish with peach slices and fresh mint leaves. Serve immediately for a refreshing mocktail.



#### Whisky Mac

##### Ingredients

1 1/2 oz Scotch whisky, 1 1/2 oz ginger wine, Ice cubes, Lemon twist (for garnish)

##### How to make it

In a mixing glass, combine Scotch whisky and ginger wine. Stir gently to mix. Fill a glass with ice cubes and pour the mixture over the ice. Garnish with a lemon twist. Serve immediately for a classic cocktail.



#### Sattu Shake

##### Ingredients

2 tablespoons sattu (roasted gram flour), 1 cup chilled milk, 1 tablespoon jaggery or sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cardamom powder, Ice cubes, Chopped nuts for garnish.

##### How to make it

In a blender, combine sattu, chilled milk, jaggery or sugar, and cardamom powder. Blend until smooth and frothy. If desired, add ice cubes and blend again for a colder shake. Pour into glasses and garnish with chopped nuts if desired. Serve immediately for a refreshing and nutritious shake, perfect for a quick energy boost or a healthy snack.





# Sports



Gous played well. (He) made life tough for us. (A) couple of tidy overs from us and the margin could have been better.

Aiden Markram  
SA cricketer

## Salty Smash! England seal dominant win over Windies

Phil Salt's unbeaten 87 leads defending champions England to a dominant eight-wicket victory over co-hosts West Indies in their T20 World Cup Super Eights opener.

Press Trust Of India

**GROS ISLET:** Opener Phil Salt delivered a stellar unbeaten 87, guiding defending champions England to a commanding eight-wicket win over co-hosts West Indies in their T20 World Cup Super Eights opener. Chasing a competitive 180 for four set by the West Indies, England cruised to two in just 17.3 overs.

West Indies, coming off a strong performance against Afghanistan, amassed 180 for four. However, England's bowlers executed their plans brilliantly, delivering 51 dot balls. Jofra Archer (1/34) and Adil Rashid (1/21) were particularly effective, bowling tight spells after Jos Buttler opted to field.

Salt led England's charge with a blistering 87 off 47 balls, including seven fours and five sixes. He received strong support from Jonny Bairstow, who scored an unbeaten 48 off 26 balls. The duo's partnership of 97 runs from 44 balls for the third wicket was crucial in England's victory.

England's innings began positively with Buttler striking two boundaries off Romario Shepherd. Although Buttler (16) and Moeen Ali (13)



England's Phil Salt is congratulated by teammate Jonathan Bairstow.

### HIGHLIGHT

● England's bowlers delivered 51 dot balls, restricting West Indies to 180 for four.

● Salt and Bairstow's partnership of 97 runs off 44 balls sealed England's victory.

fell in quick succession, Salt and Bairstow maintained the momentum. Salt capitalized on an early drop by Nicholas Pooran, hitting an Andre Russell slower ball for six and continuing his assault.

Bairstow also upped the ante, smashing Alzarri Joseph and Akeal Hosein to keep the run rate high. England reached 58 for no loss in the powerplay, the best score against West Indies in this tournament.

West Indies' innings had a strong start with Brandon King and Johnson Charles taking the team to 40 without loss. However, King's injury and subsequent retirement hurt their momentum. Despite Nicholas Pooran's efforts, scoring 36 off 32, and captain Rovman Powell's 36 off 17, West Indies fell short.

England's clinical performance, both with bat and ball, gave them a net run-rate boost, putting them ahead in their group.

## Sports Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### KNIGHTON CLEARED

**Justin Sammons named head coach of Zimbabwe's men's cricket team**

**EUGENE (USA):** Sprinter Erriyon Knighton tested positive for a banned substance that an arbitration panel determined came from contaminated meat, a decision that keeps the 200-meter specialist eligible to run at the upcoming U.S. Olympic trials. The 20-year-old from Florida, who holds the under-18 and under-20 records in the 200 meters, tested positive for the performance enhancer trenbolone during an out-of-competition test in March, according to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which revealed details of the case Wednesday. Though the arbitration panel cleared Knighton to run in the 200, starting June 27, the decision can be appealed by either the Athletics Integrity Unit, which oversees doping in track and field, or the World Anti-Doping Agency. **PTI**

### UNCERTAINTY

**Murray unsure of readiness for Wimbledon after back injury at Queen's**



**LONDON:** Andy Murray retired from his second-round match at Queen's Club because of a back injury on Wednesday, raising doubts about what is expected to be his final Wimbledon appearance. The 37-year-old Murray stopped playing while trailing Jordan Thompson 4-1, and the former No. 1 player said he'd get scans on Thursday. **PTI**

## Williamson prioritizes New Zealand My priority is playing for NZ, even though SA20 is exciting: Kane Williamson



**WELLINGTON:** Kane Williamson said the intention to play in next year's SA20 was the catalyst behind him declining the New Zealand central contract, but reaffirmed his commitment to play for his country in all three formats outside of the T20 league. The SA20 is scheduled between January 9 and February 8, 2025, which clashes with the dates of the Super Smash in New Zealand. As per NZ rules, a player has to play in Super Smash if they are not on an international assignment to be eligible for a central contract. "I want to play as long as I can. There's a number of great competitions during

that time, but SA20 looks really exciting. Unfortunately, it meant turning down a central contract," Williamson told reporters upon his arrival in New Zealand from the T20 World Cup, where his side failed to enter the Super Eight stage. Consequently, Williamson had also stepped down from the Kiwis' captaincy in white-ball formats but the elegant right-hander insisted that his international career was far from over. "My priority still is, absolutely, playing for New Zealand. Think I might miss maybe a handful of games over a three-week period," he added. **PTI**

## Sammons appointed Zimbabwe cricket Coach

**HARARE:** Zimbabwe Cricket said it had appointed South African Justin Sammons as its new men's head coach. Sammons was a former batting coach with his home country's national team, the Proteas. Dave Houghton resigned as Zimbabwe's head coach last year after the country failed to qualify for the ongoing Twenty20 World Cup in the U.S. and West Indies. Sammons will lead Zimbabwe for the first time in a five-match T20 series against India in Zimbabwe beginning July 6 in Harare, where all the T20s are being played. Dion Ebrahim, a former Zimbabwe batter, is Sammons' assistant coach. Ebrahim represented Zimbabwe in 29 tests and 82 ODIs between 2001 and 2005, and has been a part of the coaching staff with the New Zealand senior men's team.

### MESSI'S FINAL CHAPTER

## Lionel Messi's potential farewell at Copa America

Press Trust Of India

Argentina's all-time top scorer and the national team's leader with 26 World Cup appearances is also seeking records in the continental competition.

**BUENOS AIRES:** Lionel Messi might be playing his final tournament with Argentina at the upcoming Copa America. The World Cup winner, who turns 37 during the tournament in the United States, has hinted at retirement but hasn't set a date. Despite his successful stint at Inter Miami, Messi acknowledges that physical challenges are increasing with age.



Lionel Messi could be playing in his final tournament with Argentina at Copa America.

"I don't think about retiring yet. When I feel I can't help my team, I will retire," Messi said in an interview with Riyadh Season. Last year, he struggled with muscular injuries in both MLS and for Argentina, a trend that continued into 2024.

Off the field, Messi enjoys spending time with his family and friends, indicating soccer is slowly becoming a smaller part of his life. However, he remains productive, with 12 goals and 13 assists for Inter Miami this season.

### FACTFILE

● Messi turns 37 during the Copa America tournament in the United States.

● He aims to become Copa America's leading scorer with 13 current goals.

Messi's national team colleague, Ángel di María, is set to retire after the Copa America, prompting questions about Messi's future with Argentina. Despite these uncertainties, Messi remains focused on the upcoming tournament. Argentina's all-time top scorer, Messi aims to become Copa America's leading scorer and the player with the most appearances.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOP FIVE LEADING RUN SCORERS IN WOMEN'S T20 INTERNATIONALS

Suzie Bates	3593
Meg Lanning	3246
Stafanie Taylor	3166
Sophie Devine	3159
Harmanpreet Kaur	3079

Source: Wikipedia

### PREPARATION

**Hockey India names 27 core probables for pre-Olympic camp; striker Dilpreet misses**

**BENGALURU:** Hockey India on Thursday decided to keep faith in its proven performers while announcing a 27-strong list of men's team core probables for a pre-Olympic national camp which will be conducted from June 21 to July 8 at the SAI centre here. India are placed in a tough Pool B in the Olympics along side Belgium, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia and Ireland. The Tokyo Games bronze-winners will start their Olympic campaign against New Zealand on July 27. The Indian team is returning to the national camp after a successful outing in the FIH Hockey Pro League, where it currently occupies the fourth spot after earning 24 points from 16 matches. The core group includes goalkeepers Krishan Bahadur Pathak, PR Sreejesh, Suraj Karkera and defenders Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Sanjay and Amir Ali. **PTI**

### VICTORY

**Inter Miami beats the Columbus Crew 2-1 without Messi and Suarez**



**FORT LAUDERDALE (USA):** Ian Fray and Leo Campana each scored in the opening 22 minutes, and short-handed Inter Miami beat the Columbus Crew 2-1 on Wednesday night without Lionel Messi and Luis Suárez. Miami (12-3-5) played without Messi, Suárez and midfielder Matías Rojas due to international duty in the Copa América. Columbus (7-3-6), the reigning MLS Cup champions, had won its last four road games. Columbus hasn't played at Lower.com Field since May 11, a string of six straight games. **PTI**

### BUMRAH'S UNORTHODOX BRILLIANCE

## Ambrose praises Bumrah's unorthodox style

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**BRIDGETOWN:** Caribbean legend Curtly Ambrose admires Jasprit Bumrah's unorthodox bowling action and wouldn't change it despite the Indian pacer's past struggles with stress fractures. Ambrose, a fan since first seeing Bumrah, appreciates his unconventional yet highly effective style. He believes that every

fast bowler risks injury and shouldn't alter their technique unless faced with a serious injury.

Bumrah, renowned as an all-format pacer, underwent back surgery last year but has made a strong comeback. His ability to take wickets in any format and at any game stage, especially with reverse swing in Tests, makes him invaluable.



**I'm a big fan of Jasprit Bumrah. His unconventional yet highly effective bowling style has impressed me ever since I first saw him play.**

Curtly Ambrose  
Caribbean legend

Ambrose highlighted that no two bowlers are alike and stressed the importance of embracing one's unique style.

While Bumrah's action does put pressure on his back, Ambrose, who took 405 wickets in 98 Tests, insists that injury risks are inherent to fast bowling and should not dictate changes unless absolutely necessary.



## Sports News

# Late leveller by Serbia denies Slovenia first Euros win

A late goal from Luka Jovic denied Slovenia a historic first win in the European Championship, as Serbia secured a dramatic 1-1 draw in stoppage time on Thursday.

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Zan Karnicnik's 69th-minute goal nearly gave Slovenia their first European Championship victory.

**MUNICH:** Luka Jovic denied Slovenia a historic first win in the European Championship, resulting in a 1-1 draw with Serbia on Thursday. Zan Karnicnik's 69th-minute goal had put Slovenia on the verge of victory, but Jovic's stoppage-time equalizer dashed their hopes, sparking wild celebrations among Serbia fans, who threw flares and other objects onto the field.

The equalizer came just before the referee blew full-time, leaving Slovenia's players devastated. This draw meant Slovenia missed out on their first major tournament win since defeating Algeria in the 2010 World Cup. Slovenia will face England in their final group match, while Serbia will play against Denmark.

The match began at a fast pace, with Serbia's goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic making two early



Slovenia's forward #09 Aleksandar Mitrovic (C) fights for the ball with Slovenia's midfielder #22 Adam Gnezda Cerin (L) and Slovenia's defender #21 Vanja Drkusic (R).

## HIGHLIGHT

● Serbia fans threw flares after Jovic's stoppage-time equalizer, causing chaos on the field.

saves. Slovenia, who had struggled to create chances in their previous draw with Denmark, were more aggressive this time. Serbia's Dušan Vlahovic and Aleksandar Mitrovic had opportunities, but

couldn't convert.

Slovenia's best first-half chance came when Timi Elšnik's shot hit the post. Early in the second half, Serbia nearly took the lead, but Slovenia held firm. Karnicnik eventually broke the deadlock with a well-executed move, but Serbia responded strongly. Jovic's late header from a corner secured the draw for Serbia, leaving both teams with much to ponder ahead of their next matches.

## Germany advances to knockouts

**STUTTGART:** Jamal Musiala's second goal of the tournament helped Germany secure a 2-0 victory over Hungary, booking a spot in the Euro 2024 knockout stage. Musiala scored in the 22nd minute amid Hungarian protests, followed by a goal from captain Ilkay Gündogan in the second half. Despite Hungary's aggressive start and close chances, Germany held firm, thanks to key saves from Manuel Neuer. Hungary now faces a tough challenge to advance, needing a win against Scotland in the final Group A match. Germany is guaranteed at least a third-place finish, with top-two confirmation pending other results.

# Shaqiri's magic earns Switzerland crucial draw

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**COLOGNE:** At Euro 2024, Xherdan Shaqiri scored a stunning goal to secure a 1-1 draw for Switzerland against Scotland. Despite leaving top-flight European soccer for MLS, the 32-year-old continues to deliver on the international stage, marking his sixth consecutive major tournament with a goal.

Scotland took the lead in the 13th minute when Scott McTominay's deflected shot beat Swiss goalkeeper Yann Sommer. Shaqiri responded in the 26th minute, pouncing on a loose pass and curling a left-footed shot into the top corner, past Scotland keeper Angus Gunn.

Shaqiri's consistent performances have made him the first player to score in three consecutive World Cups and European Championships. Switzerland coach Murat Yakin praised his ability to seize crucial moments.

The draw leaves Switzerland second in Group A with four points, behind Germany, who secured their place in the round of 16 with a 2-0 win over Hungary. Scotland's advancement depends on their final group match against



Switzerland's midfielder Xherdan Shaqiri (C) celebrates with teammates.

## HIGHLIGHT

● Shaqiri scores a stunning goal, securing a 1-1 draw for Switzerland against Scotland at Euro 2024.

● Switzerland remains second in Group A, likely to advance, with four points behind Germany.

Hungary and other results.

Both teams had opportunities to win the game. Switzerland's Dan Ndoye and Zeki Amdouni missed key chances, while Scotland's Grant Hanley hit the post. Despite their challenging start, Scotland's fans remain optimistic, cheering their team on in Cologne.

| CRICKET |

# India's home Tests venues announced

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**NEW DELHI:** India will play five home Tests as part of its World Test Championship calendar before the big five-match series Down Under against Australia as the BCCI on Thursday announced its senior men's team's itinerary from September 19 to February 12. India will be playing 2 Tests against Bangladesh at Chennai and Kanpur and will then host New Zealand for a three-match series in Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai.

Apart from these five Tests, India will also play 8 T20Is and three ODIs at home. Against Bangladesh, they will play three T20Is while against England there will be a full-fledged series of five T20Is and three ODIs between January 22 to February 12.

In fact, the last ODI

## Schedule

### Bangladesh

1st Test: Chennai (Sept 19-23)  
2nd Test: Kanpur (September 27-Oct 1)  
1st T20I: Dharamsala (Oct 6)  
2nd T20I: Delhi (Oct 9)  
3rd T20I: Hyderabad (Oct 12)

### New Zealand

1st Test: Bengaluru (Oct 16-20)  
2nd Test: Pune (Oct 24-28)  
3rd Test: Mumbai (Nov 1-5)

### England

1st Test: Chennai (Jan 22)  
2nd T20I: Kolkata (Jan 25)  
3rd T20I: Rajkot (Jan 28)  
4th T20I: Pune (Jan 31)  
5th T20I: Mumbai (Feb 2).  
1st ODI: Nagpur (Feb 6)  
2nd ODI: Cuttack (Feb 9)  
3rd ODI: Ahmedabad (Feb 12).

against England would conclude 'India Cricket' (home season) as the team will then leave for Champions Trophy which is expected to be played in Hybrid Model as the Rohit Sharma-led squad is unlikely to travel

to Pakistan.

India's home international season starts on September 19 in Chennai and the second Test in Kanpur starts on September 27.

The three T20Is will be played in Dharamsala (Oct 6), Delhi (October 9) and Hyderabad (October 12).

The New Zealand series starts with opening Test in Bengaluru (October 16-20) followed by games in Pune (October 24-28) and Mumbai (Nov 1-5).

With India going on a seven-week marathon tour of Australia, the five-match T20I series against England starts in Chennai on January 22. It will be followed by matches in Kolkata (Jan 25), Rajkot (Jan 28), Pune (Jan 31), Mumbai (Feb 2). The three ODIs will be held in Nagpur (Feb 6), Cuttack (Feb 9) and Ahmedabad (Feb 12).

# Ex-cricketer David Johnson Found dead

**BENGALURU:** Former Indian cricketer David Johnson was found dead outside his apartment here on Thursday, police said.

He allegedly fell from the fourth floor corridor of his apartment, they said.

No suicide note was recovered from the spot, police said, adding, no foul play was suspected.

"It is believed that 52-year-old David Jude Johnson fell from his Apartment in Kanaka Sri Layout in Kothanur giving rise to the suspicion of suicide," a police official said, adding, further investigations are on.

"None of his family members have raised any suspicion. It was a 'self fall' and there is no eyewitness to the incident," a senior police officer said.

He was not keeping well for quite some time, police sources said.

Johnson, a former fast bowler, is survived by wife, a son and a daughter, they added.

| T20 WORLD CUP |

# Australia need all-round effort against tricky Bangladesh

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**BENGALURU:** North Sound: Although Australia is the title favorite in their upcoming Super Eight, Group 1 match against Bangladesh at the T20 World Cup, they remain wary of the potential upset that Bangladesh could cause. Despite being champions of the 2021 edition, Australia is mindful of the threat posed by Bangladesh, especially after a humbling 1-4 loss in a T20 series against them in 2021. The conditions here, reminiscent of the subcontinent, add to the challenge.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa and part-timers Glenn Maxwell and Travis Head are crucial for Australia, considering the slow pitch. The team might retain left-arm spinner Ashton Agar, who also contributes with the bat, from their last match against Scotland.



Australia wary of Bangladesh upset | Photo: AFP

However, Australia's main strength lies in their pacers: Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, and Josh Hazlewood, who are relentless in their approach. Cummins and Hazlewood are set to return after missing the Scotland game. Captain Mitchell Marsh

has declared himself fit to bowl, adding depth to their options.

Australia's batting line-up is equally formidable, featuring Travis Head, David Warner, Marsh, Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, and Tim David, all of whom have contributed runs in

## HIGHLIGHT

● Australia wary of Bangladesh upset after previous 1-4 T20 series loss.

● Bangladesh's inconsistent batting remains a concern despite experienced T20 lineup.

this tournament. They will aim for a collective performance against Bangladesh.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, will rely on their experienced T20 bowlers like Mustafizur Rahman, Shakib Al Hasan, Mahmudullah, and Taskin Ahmed to challenge the Australian batsmen. However, their main concern is a struggling batting line-up that has yet to find consistency in this tournament. Their highest total so far is 159 for five against the Netherlands, with other scores falling short.

| QUEEN'S CLUB TENNIS |

# Carlos Alcaraz loses to Jack Draper in Queen's second round

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**LONDON:** Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz's preparations for defending his title took a significant setback when he was defeated in the second round of Queen's Club on Thursday. Alcaraz, who entered the tournament as the defending champion and top seed, lost to British No. 1 Jack Draper in straight sets, 7-6 (3), 6-3. This victory marked the biggest win of Draper's career, showcasing his impressive composure in front of a supportive home crowd. For Alcaraz, the loss is a considerable blow as Queen's was his

only grass-court preparation event last year before he went on to win Wimbledon for the first time. This year, however, he will head into Wimbledon with only two grass matches following his French Open victory. Wimbledon begins in just 11 days, giving Alcaraz limited time to adjust and regain form on grass.

Draper, who has been on an excellent run, ended Alcaraz's eight-match winning streak while extending his own to seven matches. This streak includes his triumph in Stuttgart, where he won his first ATP title just last week. Against Alcaraz, Draper



Britain's Jack Draper | Photo: AFP

demonstrated solid performance, not dropping serve throughout the match. The two players remained neck-and-neck in the first set, which was eventually decided by a tiebreak. Draper surged to a 4-0 lead in the tiebreak and ultimately clinched it 7-3 when Alcaraz netted a return.

The second set saw Draper break Alcaraz's serve in the sixth game, taking a decisive lead. Draper's backhand return down the line proved too much for Alcaraz. Draper then saved a break point to hold for 5-2, and although Alcaraz saved three match points to hold his serve, Draper

successfully served out the match, celebrating with his arms raised in triumph.

On the court, Draper reflected on his performance, saying, "I knew I had to come out here and play really well, and luckily I did that." Draper's victory sets up a quarterfinal clash with fifth-seeded Tommy Paul, adding another challenging opponent to his current streak. Alcaraz's early exit from Queen's Club raises questions about his readiness for Wimbledon, as grass-court matches are crucial for fine-tuning skills and adjusting strategies specific to the surface.

# Shabnam Shakil added to India squad

**MUMBAI:** Uncapped medium-pacer Shabnam Shakil has been added to the Indian women's squad for the ongoing home series against South Africa. The remaining squad remained unchanged.

The 17-year-old has been included in all three formats, with the One-Day Internationals currently ongoing in Bengaluru, in which the hosts already enjoy an unassailable 2-0 lead. After the third ODI on Sunday, the action shifts to Chennai, with the one-off Test (Jun 28-Jul 1), followed by the three T20 Internationals (Jul 5, 7 and 9).



"Anurag and I aren't friends; if we sit together we might not talk for hours."  
**Nawazuddin Siddiqui**  
 Actor



# & Finally

## OTT Watch



### Sherawat Unseen: Her 'Hawaii Five-0' role

Mallika Sherawat reminisces about her role as an Afghani character on the OTT series 'Hawaii Five-0', stepping away from glamour for a profound portrayal, shared on Instagram with nostalgic pictures from the set.



### Sonakshi Sinha's 'Kakuda' gets OTT release date

Sonakshi Sinha and Riteish Deshmukh's horror-comedy "Kakuda," helmed by Aditya Sarpotdar of "Munjya" fame, opts for an OTT release, marking a significant move for the long-awaited film in the genre.



### The Thursday Murder Club cast gains big names

Netflix's "The Thursday Murder Club" casts David Tennant, Jonathan Pryce, and Naomi Ackie in the adaptation of Richard Osman's book, joining a star-studded ensemble led by Helen Mirren and Pierce Brosnan, directed by Chris Columbus.



### Indigo Girls: Coming to Netflix in July

Netflix announces July 2024 digital release for "Indigo Girls: It's Only Life After All," documenting the career of folk-rock duo Amy Ray and Emily Sillers, exploring their musical journey amidst societal changes.



### Portman debuts in 'Lady in the Lake'

Immerse yourself in 1960s Baltimore with "Lady in the Lake," Apple TV's noir thriller series by Alma Har'el. Natalie Portman stars as an investigative journalist uncovering mysteries amidst societal shifts and clashes with Moses Ingram's character.

CLOSE UP

## Mommy & Muse: Alia Bhatt pens children's book inspired by Raha Kapoor

Alia Bhatt turns author after experiencing her daughter Raha's love for books as she pens her debut children's book, Ed Finds A Home.

Central Chronicle News

In a recent interview, actress Alia Bhatt revealed how her daughter, Raha Kapoor, has impacted her storytelling and her newly launched children's book.

Actor-producer Alia Bhatt has ventured into children's literature with her debut book, "The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home". Inspired by her kidswear brand Ed-a-Mamma, this charming picture book introduces young readers to Ed, a lovable character on a journey to find his home, beautifully illustrated by Tanvi Bhat. Alia shared her excitement about fulfilling a childhood dream of creating stories for children, emphasizing the influence of her daughter Raha Kapoor on her storytelling process. In a recent conversation with Middy, Alia discussed Raha's impact, noting how reading to her daughter inspired last-minute changes to the book's final draft. Reflecting on the innocence and magic inherent in children's literature, Alia emphasized the emotional connection between words and their flow.



Alia Bhatt ventures into children's literature with debut book



Alia Bhatt enjoys reading time with daughter Raha. Earlier, in May, Alia Bhatt posted an adorable picture from her bonding time with daughter Raha. The little bundle of joy was seen sitting on her mother's

lap as they read a book called Baby Be Kind. The post received a lot of love from their family and friends. Shaheen Bhatt dubbed them "heartbeats," while Soni Razdan called them "My Angels."

| BOLLYWOOD |

## Beyond Assam: Devoleena opens up about her Bihari background

Central Chronicle News

Actress Devoleena Bhattacharjee, best known as Gopi Bahu, is all set to win hearts as 'Chhathi Maiyya' with Sun Neo's new show 'Chhathi Maiyya Ki Bitiya'. The actress for the first time will be playing the role of a Goddess onscreen. The show marks the first depiction of the revered Goddess Chhathi Maiyya on Hindi television, known widely in Bihar and UP. Devoleena, who hails from Assam, recently opened up about her Bihari connection and how she relates to the show's concept.



She shared, "I have lived in an ONGC colony where people from every state reside, so I am familiar with Bihar and its culture. My neighbor was from Bihar, which is how I learned about the significance of orange sindoor and Thekua. Not only do I know about Thekua, but I also love relishing them. Moreover, my home in Assam

Bhattacharya is going to star in a new serial titled 'Chhathi Maiyya Ki Bitiya'.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Bhattacharya will be portraying the role of Chhathi Maiyya who is revered by the lead of the serial, Vaishnavi, played by Brinda Dahal.

also has neighbors from Bihar, so I am acquainted with their delicacies, and I even learned to make Litti Chokha from them." "Due to the Bihari people in my surroundings, I also know about Chhathi Puja and its rituals. In the mornings, they worship the sugarcane plant.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Salman Khan charges into action: 'Sikandar' shoot begins!

Salman Khan and Rashmika Mandanna have commenced filming for 'Sikandar', directed by AR Murugadoss and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala. This collaboration marks a significant milestone for both stars: Salman Khan brings his charismatic screen presence, while Rashmika Mandanna transitions from South Indian cinema to Bollywood. AR Murugadoss, known for his gripping storytelling and action-packed films, directs this project, promising an exciting blend of drama and entertainment. 'Sikandar' not only showcases Salman Khan's prowess but also sets the stage for Rashmika Mandanna's debut in mainstream Hindi cinema with anticipation and excitement.

Web Series

### Where will 'Wild Wild Punjab' take you? Find out on July 10th

The upcoming road-trip adventure, "Wild Wild Punjab," starring Varun Sharma, Manjot Singh, Sunny Singh, and Patralekhaa, promises an exciting ride as it gears up for its direct-to-digital premiere on July 10. Produced by filmmaker Luv Ranjan, renowned for his knack for depicting friendships in hits like "Pyaar Ka PUNCHAMA" and "Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweetie," the film explores a 'break-up trip' taken by a group of friends. Netflix announced the release date today with a vibrant poster on Instagram, showcasing the ensemble cast, including Jassie Gill, embarking on a journey through Punjab's scenic landscapes, ensuring a blend of laughter, adventure, and heartfelt moments.

The Bollywood hot pair

### Ayushmann & Kareena to star in Meghna Gulzar's 'Daayra'



Bollywood stars Ayushmann Khurrana and Kareena Kapoor Khan are set to collaborate for the first time in Meghna Gulzar's upcoming crime thriller titled 'Daayra'. Directed by Meghna Gulzar of 'Talvar' fame, the film reportedly draws inspiration from the Hyderabad rape case. Produced by Jungle Pictures, the project is described as a hard-hit-

ting narrative that demands the caliber of actors like Ayushmann and Kareena. Meghna, known for her impactful storytelling in films like 'Raazi' and 'Sam Bahadur', is poised to deliver another compelling cinematic experience with this promising duo. All eyes are now on 'Daayra' to witness the magic they will bring to the screen.

Fashion

### Ocean breeze & Black Bikinis: Tripti Dimri's summer look

Actress Tripti Dimri dazzled in a black bikini paired with a chic white wrap skirt, showcasing her summer style. Known for her role in "Animal," she embraced the season with a classic beach look. The black halter neck bikini top with tie-up details and matching bottoms exuded timeless elegance, complemented by the white skirt that added flair.



## Trending on Insta



@shradhkapoor

### Shraddha Kapoor's timeless elegance in a red saree

Shraddha Kapoor stuns in a red saree on Instagram, asking followers for caption suggestions in her latest post, adorned with a small black bindi, oxidised nose pin, and golden earrings.

@anushkasharma

### Drawing Duos: Anushka Sharma and Vamika share a chalkboard moment

Anushka Sharma shares a heartwarming moment from her drawing session with daughter Vamika on Instagram, featuring their names in Hindi and playful chalk art.

