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It's Birla vs Suresh as govt outreach fails

Opposition's decision to go for a rare contest came after NDA turned down its demand.

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NEW DELHI: The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance on Tuesday maintained its streak of continuity in its third term by fielding previous Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for the crucial parliamentary position again, but its bid for a consensus was thwarted by the opposition which forced an election by nominating Kodikunnil Suresh as its candidate.



Om Birla and K Suresh. | Photo: Agencies

HIGHLIGHT

● The scheduled day for picking the Speaker is Wed and if an election occurs, it will be only the third time in history.

the Opposition side and Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and J P Nadda, who is also the BJP president, at Singh's office in Parliament to evolve a consensus ended in acrimony as both sides

stuck to their position.

Both Opposition leaders walked out, with Venugopal accusing the government of not following the "convention" of an opposition candidate for the deputy speaker's position and announcing the decision to field a candidate against Birla.

Union ministers Piyush Goyal of the BJP and Lalan Singh of the JD-U accused the Opposition of resorting to pressure politics and putting forth

There can be no pressure politics

Lalan Singh
Union Minister

preconditions despite senior ministers' assurance that its demand will be considered when the time to pick the deputy speaker comes.

"There can be no pressure politics," Union minister and JD-U leader Lalan Singh told reporters, while Goyal said democracy cannot be run on preconditions.

The scheduled day for picking the Speaker is Wednesday and if an election occurs, it will be only the third time in the Lok Sabha's history, official sources said.

With the NDA having 293 MPs in its kitty and the INDIA bloc 233, numbers clearly favour Birla in Lok Sabha, which currently has 542 members after Rahul Gandhi

resigned from one of the two seats he was elected from. At least three independent members also support the Opposition.

BJP sources claimed that the Congress has been the main aggressor on the issue and some other INDIA bloc members are not very keen on a contest.

If Birla, the BJP MP from Kota, is elected, it will be fifth time that a speaker would serve beyond the tenure of one Lok Sabha. Though Congress leader Balram Jakhar is the only presiding officer to have served two complete terms extending seventh and eighth Lok Sabha.

A third-term MP, Birla is also a three-term former Rajasthan MLA and has risen through the ranks in the BJP. Suresh, his rival for the speaker's post, is a eight-h-term MP from Kerala and hails from a Dalit community.

Village panchayat secretary booked under UAPA

MANPUR: Four supporters of Maoists, including a village panchayat secretary and a civil contractor, were arrested in Mohla-Manpur-Ambargarh Chowki (MMAC) district of Chhattisgarh and booked under an anti-terror law, police said on Tuesday.

A tractor belonging to Naxalites was also seized from their possession, they said. Those arrested were identified as Mahesh Meshram (45), Arvind

Tulavi (30), Ramkishan Yadav (50) and Sushil Sahu (54), Inspector General of Police (Rajnandgaon) Deepak Jha told reporters. The tractor belonging to Naxalites was recovered from Tulavi who had been giving it on rent on the direction of the outlaws, he said. "After getting inputs, a joint team of the state police's DRG and the ITBP raided Tulavi's house and nabbed him," Jha said.

Scrap collector ends life

JODHPUR: In a heart-breaking incident, a 63-year-old scrap collector committed suicide in front of a crowd here that was mocking him over a video clip that went viral on social media.

The video of victim Pratap Ram was shot by blogger Shivam Lakhara. Following Ram's death, Lakhara claimed that he was being trolled online and threatened to end his life.

Over 1.5 lakh people flood affected

GUWAHATI: The flood situation in Assam improved on Tuesday even as one more person died and more than 1.5 lakh people were still reeling under the deluge across seven districts, an official bulletin said.

According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person died in the Katigora revenue circle of Cachar district.

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JAIPUR

Brick kiln owner killed over a quarrel

A brick kiln owner was murdered and an eatery and a liquor shop set on fire in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh district in a quarrel over dust from the kiln, police said on Tuesday. The 38-year-old kiln owner's family and angry locals also blocked a highway and pelted stones at the police personnel after he was allegedly stabbed to death by a group of people, which included the dhaba owner, they added. The incident took place late Monday evening in Kherot village under the Kotwali police station limits of Pratapgarh, the police said.



NEW DELHI

CBI takes over 5 cases of malpractices

The CBI has taken over the investigation of five new cases of alleged malpractices in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG that were being probed by police in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Bihar, officials said on Monday. They said the central agency has re-registered one case each from Gujarat and Bihar and three cases from Rajasthan as its own FIR.

MUMBAI

IPS officer Khalid suspended

Maharashtra Government on Tuesday suspended IPS officer Quaiser Khalid for allowing a hoarding - whose collapse last month claimed 17 lives - without the approval of the DGP office. The giant 140x120 feet hoarding in Mumbai's Ghatkopar area collapsed during gusty winds and unseasonal rains.



BELLA

Shilpa Shetty champions Yoga's power to transform

Shilpa Shetty, an advocate of yoga, reveals its transformative impact on her daily life, emphasizing its role in stress management and mental well-being. She encourages practices like Kapal Bhati and Anulom Vilom for breath awareness and cleansing negativity.

Sai briefs PM about welfare schemes in Chhattisgarh

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PM informed about Chhattisgarh Vision Document and anti-Maoist operations.



CM Sai meets PM Modi in Parliament House. | Photo: PTI

NEW DELHI: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and congratulated him on his third term as Prime Minister of the country.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister informed the Prime Minister about Amritkaal: Chhattisgarh Vision @2047 'Vision Document' and said that it is being prepared by the State NITI Aayog, which will be dedicated to the people of the state on November 1. The Chief Minister also informed the

FACTFILE

● Mahtari Vandan Yojana empowered 70 lakh women with assistance of Rs 2618 cr.

Prime Minister about the action taken in anti-Maoist operations in the last six

months.

He said that a joint action plan is being prepared and action is being taken to eradicate the Maoist problem.

Giving information about the Niyad Nellanar Yojana (Your Ideal Village), the Chief Minister said that

under the scheme, work is being done to weaken the base of Naxalites and restore mutual trust between the government administration and the villagers.

Under this scheme, currently, 23 camps have been opened, covering 90 villages and there are plans to start 29 camps in the future.

Giving information about the steps taken towards fulfilling Modi's guarantee, the CM said that in the first meeting of the Council of Ministers after the formation of the new government, it was decided to provide immediate approval for the construction of houses for 18 lakh 12 thousand 743 families in the state under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural).

Afghan refugees swing between hope and despair

Kushan Sarkar

Idris is among these refugees, who are struggling to make ends meet and wondering how their next meal will be arranged.



FASTFACTS

● These people don't know what to make of this great day for their country.

● No time to check cricket scores in this battle for survival

ria that has gripped the cricket community and those who still call Afghanistan their home, there is a set of people who don't really know what to make of this great day for their coun-

try.

Idris is among these refugees, who are struggling to make ends meet and survive the oppressive Delhi summer, wondering how their next meal will be arranged.

Where is the time to check cricket scores in this battle for survival?

Asked if he celebrated after Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by eight runs to enter the last-four stage, also knocking out the mighty Australians while doing so, Idris' cynicism was tragic for a 15-year-old.

PASSENGER COVENIENCE |

IRCTC open doors for all types of bookings

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NEW DELHI: Anyone with an IRCTC account can book e-tickets for others and reports on social media regarding restrictions in booking e-tickets due to different surnames are false and misleading, a spokesperson for the railway ministry said on Tuesday.

on X that claimed that an IRCTC account holder cannot book tickets from his account for others who have different surnames, the spokesperson said, "The news in circulation on social media about restriction in booking of e-tickets due to different surname is false and misleading." The spokesperson further informed that tickets are booked



on the IRCTC website in accordance with Railway Board guidelines and information regarding these guidelines is available in the public domain. According to the Indian Railways, one can book

NUMBER

24

● If the account-holder is Aadhar-authenticated, he can book 24 tickets per month, provided at least one of the travellers is also Aadhar-authenticated.

tickets through his personal User ID for friends, family and relatives. The spokesperson said up to 12 tickets per month can be booked from an individual's account and if the account-holder is Aadhar-authenticated, he can book 24 tickets per month, provided at least one of the travellers on each ticket is also Aadhar-authenticated.

High Court deals blow to Arvind Kejriwal

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NEW DELHI: In a blow to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday stayed the trial court order granting him bail in the money laundering case arising from the alleged excise scam, holding that the lower court did not "appropriately appreciate" the material

placed before it by the Enforcement Directorate. A vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain said the ED's contentions assailing the bail order required serious consideration. "The Vacation (trial) Judge while passing the Impugned Order did not appropriately appreciate the material/documents submitted on record and pleas taken by ED," it said.

Raipur



Youth should work hard with full strength and dedication to achieve success

Vijay Sharma
Deputy CM, CG Govt.

CM Sai had a courtesy meeting with state MPs



CM Vishnu Deo Sai meets with newly elected Chhattisgarh MPs in Parliament House, Delhi on Tuesday.

'Congress has always mocked Constitution'

Sao described it as an act of dictatorship that killed democracy.

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RAIPUR: Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao criticized the Congress party, accusing it of undermining the Indian Constitution.

Reflecting on the events of June 25, 1975, when former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency, Sao described it as an act of dictatorship that killed democracy and mocked the Constitution. Sao stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is committed to reminding people of this dark chapter in Indian

democracy. He emphasized that the BJP is observing 'Black Day of Emergency' to raise awareness about what he termed as the Congress party's hypocritical politics, done in the name of the Constitution and democracy.

Deputy Chief Minister Sao recounted the oppressive measures taken during the Emergency, including the imprisonment of countless innocent people, curtailing the rights of the judiciary and the media, and the incarceration and torture of political opponents. He

HIGHLIGHT

● Deputy Chief Minister Sao recounted the oppressive measures taken during the Emergency, including the imprisonment of countless innocent people.

asserted that, even 50 years later, the country has not forgotten these dark days and will never forget them.

He further accused the Congress of consistently prioritizing power over princi-

ples, arguing that the party neither trusts the Constitution nor respects constitutional institutions.

According to Sao, Congress has a history of misusing constitutional provisions for political gain, citing over 90 instances where state governments were dismissed during Congress's rule.

In an effort to ensure that such misuse of power is never repeated, the BJP observed the Black Day of Emergency on June 25 across all district headquarters.

Renewal of Ayurvedic doctors' registration

RAIPUR: The renewal of the registration of all the Ayurvedic doctors will begin from July 01, under Ayurved Bharat Digital Mission. The registration would be available for only those doctors, who have got their medical registration prior to June 30, 2019. This was announced in the meeting of Chhattisgarh Medical Council for Ayurvedic, Yunani and Naturopathy, held here on Monday. Different bodies of Ayurvedic Doctors joined this meeting. The officials of the CG Medical Council informed that the doctors would have to register themselves in the HPR portal under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Bhagwat Katha from June 27

RAIPUR: The Shri Ram Katha Samiti, Samata Colony is going to host Bhagwat Katha from June 27 in the Shyam Khattu Mandir premises. Mahant Chinmay Das will give his sermon during this week long religious gathering, informed the organizers Kesari Chand and Prakash Chand Agrawal along with Balaji Parivar. Every day a particular story of the Lord Vishnu will be presented.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

ASSUMED OFFICE

Ajay Singh takes charge as Chhattisgarh State Election Commissioner

RAIPUR: Ajay Singh assumed office as the fifth Election Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh State Election Commission on Tuesday.

A retired IAS officer from the 1983 batch, Singh retired from government service in February 2020. Before his current appointment, he served as Vice President of the State Planning Commission.

The welcome ceremony saw Secretary Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure introduce Commissioner Singh to the officers of the State Election Commission, outlining their responsibilities.

Following the introduction, Singh conducted an inspection of the Commission's facilities, emphasizing the importance of preparations for the upcoming general elections of urban bodies and three-tier panchayats.

INSTRUCTIONS

Take firm action against cow smugglers, Mahadev Satta App etc



RAIPUR: SSP Santosh Kumar Singh convened a meeting with gazetted police officers in Civil Lines and directed them to take the small incident and those of law & order seriously and not to show carelessness and take prompt action in such sensitive cases and ensure that it does not assume proportions. SSP directed all the officers to take firm action against cases of cow smugglers and speed up the investigation in cases related to Mahadev Satta App and Chit Fund Company and action against those playing DJs at higher volume.

Lithium is a crucial component in the batteries Country's first Lithium reserve found in Chhattisgarh, auction successful



RAIPUR: In a significant development for India's electric vehicle (EV) sector, the country's first lithium reserve has been discovered in Chhattisgarh. This discovery marks a pivotal moment, as lithium is a crucial component in the batteries that power electric vehicles. Previously, India had to import lithium, which increased the cost of battery production. Now, with domestic lithium reserves, the country can manufacture lithium batteries locally, potentially reducing costs and boosting the EV industry.

The first lithium reserve in Chhattisgarh, along with another found in Jammu and Kashmir, has been successfully auctioned. The Central Government announced the auction results on Monday. Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy and Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey revealed this during the launch of the fourth round of auctions for critical and strategic minerals at an event held at the Scope Convention Center, CGO Complex in New Delhi.

Government committed to development with peace: CM

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai affirmed that the Chhattisgarh government is dedicated to fostering development while ensuring peace and harmony across all communities. During a meeting with a delegation of the Satnami community, led by Rajaguru Dharmguru Gurubaldas Saheb, at his residence office on Monday evening, Sai praised the Satnami community for their adherence to peace and non-violence, and their cooperation with the government's initiatives. The meeting was also attended by Arang MLA Guru Khuswant Saheb and Rajmahants from the Satnami community statewide. Chief Minister Sai addressed the recent unfortunate incident in Balodabazar district, expressing the community's sorrow and assuring that strict action will be taken against the perpetrators.

Use new laws and technology: Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha

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Justice Ramesh Sinha, conducted a surprise inspection at the Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy.

RAIPUR: On the concluding day of the three-day training session organized for Chief, Deputy, and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Councils, Chief Justice of the High Court and Chief Patron of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority (SALSA), Justice Ramesh Sinha, conducted a surprise inspection at the Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy.

The training session, held from June 23-25, was organized by the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, in collaboration



Training organized for Chief, Deputy, and Asst Legal Aid Defense Councils.

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● Training program aimed to provide advanced training to the legal aid defense councils in the state

with the State Judicial Academy. Addressing the participants, Justice Sinha emphasized the importance of utilizing

the training to enhance their legal skills. He urged them to stay updated with new laws and technologies to better serve their roles. Justice Sinha noted that he would appreciate seeing well-executed cross-examinations by Defense Councils in High Court cases, highlighting the significance of quality legal representation. Justice

Sinha provided guidance on maintaining credibility by staying in constant touch with clients, taking care of the aggrieved parties, and adhering to the guidelines of the POCSO Act. His unexpected visit and address inspired and motivated the participants, underscoring the importance of their work and encouraging them to excel in their duties.

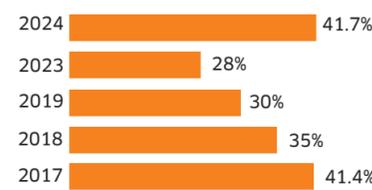
The training program, as per the instructions of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), aimed to provide advanced training to the legal aid defense councils in the state.

A total of 105 councils participated, including 23 Chief Legal Aid Defense Councils, 32 Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Councils, and 50 Assistant Legal Aid Defense Councils.

The Day's NUMBERS

CG State universities BA first year exam

UG FIRST YEAR RESULTS IN PERCENTAGE



Source :Agencies

DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

CG Board announces dates for second main examination

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education has released the timetable for the 10th and 12th Board Second Main Examination 2024, providing a crucial opportunity for students who did not pass their initial board exams. This session marks the introduction of a second chance for board exams.

As of now, 7,059 high school students and 6,826 higher secondary students have applied to reappear in the examinations. Notably, candidates from first, second, and third attempts are also participating. As of June 23, a total of 399 candidates have applied: 140 first class, 238 second class, and 21 third class. Pushpa Sahu, Secretary of the Board of Secondary Education, assured that all preparations are in place, including a dedicated toll-free number for candidate assistance. Sahu emphasized that these exams provide students an opportunity to improve their academic prospects.

The Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination will be conducted from July 23 to August 12, while the High School Certificate Examination is scheduled from July 24 to August 8.

APPOINTMENT

Suresh Mishra appointed National GS of World Brahmin Federation

RAIPUR: The National Executive meeting of the World Brahmin Federation concluded on Sunday at the India International Center, Lodhi Road, Delhi. The event saw the presence of Rajya Sabha MP Kartikeya Sharma and National President KC Pandey. During the meeting, Suresh Mishra was appointed as the National General Secretary, while Arvind Ojha was appointed as the Chhattisgarh State President. Shashikant Sharma, Chairman of the World Brahmin Federation, highlighted that currently, the Brahmin Welfare Board has been established in only seven states across the country. The Federation aims to advocate for the establishment of Brahmin Welfare Boards and Parshuram Bhawans in all states, requesting both Central and State Governments to take necessary actions. A delegation from Chhattisgarh attended the meeting on the recommendation of State President Arvind Ojha. The meeting saw the nomination and appointment of key leaders for the next three years (2024 - 2027).



PARA ARM WRESTLING

Shrimant raises flag of Para Arm Wrestling

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RAIPUR: Despite having only four fingers on both hands, Shrimant Jha from Bhillai has turned this physical challenge into a stepping stone towards achieving excellence in Para Arm Wrestling at both national and international levels. Representing India from Chhattisgarh, Shrimant Jha paid a courtesy visit to Sports Minister Tank Ram Verma at his residence office on Tuesday. During the meeting, Sports



Minister Verma praised Shrimant's outstanding performance in Para Arm

Wrestling and assured him of the necessary support to arrange for advanced

Assures necessary support to arrange for advanced training abroad.

Tank Ram Verma

Sports Minister, CG Govt

training abroad to further enhance his skills. Currently working as an engineer in a private company, Shrimant has accumulated numerous medals in

national and international arm-wrestling competitions.

Having clinched five world championships, his next aspiration is to represent India in the Para Olympics and bring home a medal. Shrimant's determination, relentless hard work, and patriotic spirit serve as an inspiration to many.

To date, Shrimant Jha has won 48 international medals, a testament to his remarkable talent and perseverance.

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Those pleading to save Constitution were the ones who killed it: CM

We got 2nd independence by fighting Congress during Emergency.

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RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that Congressmen were going around, pleading to save the Constitution and spreading propaganda that the Constitution will be abolished despite the fact that it was the same Congress that imposed Emergency in the country under the dictatorial leadership of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and killed democracy. They suppressed the voice of Indians, he said on the 49th anniversary of the Emergency.

'The fact is that the freedom we got by fighting the Firangis-British under the leadership of Gandhi-Subhash, we lost it in 1975.

The freedom that India has today is the gift of great men like JP-Lohia-Atal-Advani. This is the freedom gained by fighting the Congress, the freedom brought by freeing the Constitution from the clutches of the Congress', he said.

'We got independence after a century long struggle and sacrifice of thousands of martyrs in India.

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After independence, late Bhimrao Ambedkar gave us the gift of 'Constitution' with fundamental rights.

This democracy, which was achieved with great sacrifice was ended at midnight by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the Congress leader, and the country was again pushed into the same period of dictatorship and slavery from which India had come back in 1947', Sai said.

He said that this was the most undemocratic



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

Elements with Emergency mindset still exist

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that although the Emergency ended in 1977, yet the elements and organisations with the Emergency mindset still exist. He stressed the need to remain alert every moment against the threat of anti-democratic elements. 'We should remember this history of the Emergency again and again so that the Congress or any party with such mindset never dares to repeat such a tainted history again', he said. There is a need to always remain alert so that a party like the Congress does not dare to repeat this horrific history again.

period in the history of independent India, which Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan called 'the darkest period of Indian history'.

Sai said that Congress had ended its legacy of independence when it imposed emergency in the country by killing democracy.

Ch'garh Assly monsoon session from July 22



RAIPUR: The monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha will be starting from July 22 to July 26 and there will be total of five sitting in it. The Vidhan Sabha secretariat has issued notification related to this monsoon session here in Tuesday. In the notification issued by the Secretary VS Secretariat Dinesh Sharma, it has been mentioned that the third session of the 66th Vidhan Sabha will start from July 22 and conclude on July 26.

CM Sai's 'Jandarshan' initiative

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's "Jandarshan" programme, aimed at meeting the general public, will commence from June 27. This initiative will be held every Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm at the Chief Minister's residence office. The programme will focus on addressing public concerns directly with Sai listening to grievances and ensuring appropriate resolutions. The programme will serve as a platform for receiving public suggestions.

MGNREGA: Raipur district 2nd in state in man-day creation

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RAIPUR: Under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, MGNREGA is creating maximum employment in rural areas. Apart from providing employment in rural areas, work is also being done towards water conservation. Raipur district has secured second place in the state in terms of maximum man-day creation under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in Chhattisgarh.

There is a massive change in the lives of MGNREGA workers. Raipur district has created 159 percent man-days against the target allotted till June in the year 2024-

● Arrangement of medical kit, drinking water and shade at the workplace.

25. Raipur district had set a target of creating 19.01 lakh man-days till June in the year 2024-25, against which the district has secured second place in the state by creating 30.14 lakh man-days.

Under the guidance of Collector Dr Gaurav Singh, MGNREGA works are being continuously monitored.

As a result, MGNREGA works are gaining momentum. Arrangements for all essential facilities are also being made at MGNREGA workplaces.

Darshan of Gadfuljhar Gurdwara Nanaksar Saheb



Nanaksar Saheb Ji located at Gadfuljhar.

Around 100 Sangat (devotees) had come and exhibited their devotion. And enthusiasm. The Sangat of Nanak Sagar welcomed the Sangat of Raipur. The Sangat of Raipur recited Japuji Saheb, Sukhmani Saheb, Chaupai Saheb and Anand Saheb. The devotees also performed the Simran and Kirtan. After the Ardaas, Guru-Langar was also served.

RAIPUR: The first Gurdwara Darshan programme was organized by Ramgarhia Sewak Sabha on June 23 to mark the holy visit the 517 years old historical Gurdwara

AWARENESS MESSAGE

Blood Donation Camp collects 1700 units of blood

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A four-day massive blood donation camp was organized at all the projects located in Raipur, Bilaspur, Sarguja, Raigarh, Bhatapara, and Durg districts from June 20 to 24.

RAIPUR: On the occasion of the 62nd birthday of the Chairman of the Adani Group, around 1700 units of blood were donated by the group's employees in Chhattisgarh. A four-day massive blood donation camp was organized at all the projects located in Raipur, Bilaspur, Sarguja, Raigarh, Bhatapara, and Durg districts from June 20 to 24. All the officers and employees, along with the contract workers working at all the projects, actively partic-



Volunteers donating blood at the camp.

FASTFACTS

- Adani Power Limited employees donated over 500 units in Raipur.

- 25,000 local species saplings were planted in Sarguja.

ipated in this camp. In Chhattisgarh, Adani Nat-

Raigarh. Employees of Adani Cement Limited, Ambuja Cement, donated 230 units in Bhatapara, and ACC Cement, Jamul plant, donated 300 units to the respective district's Red Cross Society and hospitals, totaling approximately 1700 units of blood. Additionally, the state office officials of the group in Raipur donated ration items like flour, rice, lentils, sugar, refined oil, LED bulbs, and fruits to the old age home located in Mana Camp.

The medical team present at the camp mentioned that the pain experienced while donating blood is no more than a prick of a needle. The Adani Foundation, along with the Human Resources and Corporate Affairs departments, played a significant role in organizing the camp.

Present situation is worse than Emergency: Bhupesh Baghel

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RAIPUR: On 25 June 1975, the then PM Indira Gandhi had declared Emergency in the country late at night. The Bharatiya Janata Party is observing the 50th anniversary of Emergency as Black Day. Taking a jibe at the BJP's event, former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that that was a declared Emergency but today there was an undeclared Emergency.

According to Baghel the current situation is worse than Emergency as

Chief Ministers are being sent to jail and nails are being put in the farmers' movement. Moreover Congress accounts are being freeze, he said, adding that Prime Minister asks for votes in the name of religion. He said that 78 MPs were suspended in one day.

'Tell me where is democracy? BJP workers are not even able to speak? I cannot say anything about Raman Singh, he is the Speaker of the Assembly, but Ajay Chandrakar, Brijmohan Agrawal, Renuka

Singh, Amar Agarwal are not even able to speak', Baghel said.

The former Chief Minister Baghel also alleged that great negligence was committed during the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) examination in Bhakhara center of Dhamtari district. There were four hundred candidates in this center, but there were only 160 answer sheets, he said, adding that the examination started half an hour late and students were facing consequences of this negligence.

Jaiswal reviews facilities of new medical colleges

RAIPUR: State Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal today reviewed various schemes of the Health Department at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) and attended various meetings. As per the intention of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Jaiswal discussed in detail with the senior officials of the department to further improve the health system.

He gathered information about facilities of 03 new medical colleges of state- Kanker, Korba and Mahasamund and gave necessary guidelines by reviewing their progress. He also gave necessary instructions in meeting of Executive Committee of CM Govt Hospital Transformation Fund.

He attended 46th meeting of Board of Directors of CGMSC Limited and reviewed the work and schemes of the department.

'Target set to make 25000 people literate'

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a review meeting of Ullas Nav Bharat Literacy Program was organized in auditorium of Joint District Office in Balodabazar district.

RAIPUR: A target has been set to make 25 thousand people of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district literate. District Education Officer and Member Secretary District Literacy Mission Authority Himanshu Bharti, while giving infor-

mation in the meeting of inter-departmental officers, said that so far 69.7 percent of the learners and 59.9 percent of the volunteer teachers had been surveyed and their entry had been done in the Ullas app.

This work is being done with the joint efforts of the headmasters, teachers, Anganwadi workers, secretaries, Mitani and self-help women's groups of primary/upper primary schools and the survey and entry work will be completed by June 30, they he said.

After the completion of the survey work, the volunteer teachers will be trained in relation to teaching by the skilled trainer block-wise.

Only after this, the volunteer teachers will provide elementary basic education and simple arithmetic knowledge to the learner by doing 200 hours of teaching work in school, Anganwadi center, Gram Panchayat Bhawan, Community Bhawan and Theater as per the convenient place and time of the learner. He told that

teaching material will be received from the state and this material will also be available in the Ullas app. For this, Collector Deepak Soni has divided the work among various officers of the Literacy Committee.

Among the inter-departmental officers, Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue and Chairman Development Block Literacy Mission Committee will provide assistance in creating an environment by holding a meeting of the development block level officers of the Literacy Committee of the department.

NEWSLINE

HARDWORK PAYS

Rotary Cosmo Divas' success in 'Mission Mango'



RAIPUR: The Rotary Cosmo Divas team has made Mission Mango a great success. They have initiated the collection of mango seeds after eating the fruit. Typically, we discard these seeds, but now they are being used for planting trees. So far, Rotary Cosmo Divas team have planted 6,000 trees. The main objective of this project is to create employment opportunities for women and to make the land greener. The women involved have been given a contribution of Rs 21,000 by Rotary Cosmo Divas as a small token of appreciation for their work.

HEALTH CAMP

Mega Super Specialty OPD Health Camp



RAIPUR: Shri Venkatesh Super Specialty Hospital (SVSSH) established in Kamal (Kaushalya) Vihar, C-14, Sector-8 A is going to organize 15-day Mega Super Specialty OPD Health Camp on from June 22 to July 6, 2024. In the above camp people from far-flung areas are getting their registration done. The Hospital is offering 15% special rebate in all types of tests.

In the above camp Dr Sandeep Chandrakar (General and Laparoscopic Surgery) and Dr Niemsh Nibhani (Orthopaedic & Joint Replacement Surgeon); Dr Ishrat Kaur (Internal Medicine) will be specially present. The registration fee for the above camp is Rs 100 only.

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Officials leaving headquarters without permission will be viewed seriously,
Richa Prakash Chaudhary
Collector, Durg

Fight the Bite with public support in urban areas

Collector reviewed the works of various departments at time limit meeting.



Collector interacting with the officials during TL Meeting.

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a time limit meeting to review works of various departments. She expressed satisfaction over the reducing pendency. At the same time, she expressed ire over the absent officers who left the headquarters without permission. The Collector reviewed the Fight the Bite campaign and asked the officials to have public participation as well as support of NCC, NSS, Yuvodaya, etc for the suc-

FASTFACTS

- Promote rainwater harvesting and clean the old wells
- Remove encroachment from government land before the rains

cess of the campaign. She reviewed the "Catch the Rain" campaign and enquired about borewells, recharge pits, cleaning of ponds, construction of soak pits near hand pumps, water harvesting

Encourage farmers to plant trees under Krishak Mitra Yojana

Collector emphasised on tree plantation on a large scale during the monsoon and directed the officials to identify the places for plantation drives. The forest department was instructed to provide saplings as per demand. After sapling plantation, the concerned department will be responsible for its protection for the next three years. She directed the officials to encourage the farmers for tree plantation under the government scheme.

system in government and private buildings etc. She emphasized on planting canna plants to maintain cleanliness near the water

source.

Collector expressed dissatisfaction over the progress of Ayushman card making and distribution.

Ayodhya Special train departs today

BHILAI: Under Shri Ramlala Darshan Yojana, 850 devotees from Durg Division and Bastar Division will depart for Ayodhya Dham by special train from Durg Railway Station at 12:00 hrs on June 26. Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department, Amit Singh Parihar said that after Ramlala Darshan, the group of pilgrims will return to Durg by special train on 29th June 2024. 185 devotees of Durg district, including 139 rural and 46 devotees from urban areas have been included.

Applications invited for competitive exam

BHILAI: SC / SC Development Department has invited applications from 100 candidates (64 ST and 36 SC) of the state who have passed class 12th and want to prepare for engineering and medical entrance examinations by taking a drop. Last date for application is July 01 till 4:00 pm. Application forms will be submitted in the office of Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Durg. All the related information is available on the department's website.

Youth kills brother with crowbar

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: In a shocking incident, a youth killed his elder brother with a crowbar (Sabbal) in village Temri of Litiya Semaria Chowki limits. The incident was the outcome of a money dispute involving a petty amount. SDOP Sanjay Pundheer informed that the deceased was Sanjay Deshlehre, a resident of village Temri. On Tuesday morning, he entered into an argument with his younger brother Neturam Deshlehre charging him of stealing Rs 3000. The argument grew violent and Sanjay hit Neturam

on leg with a crowbar. Irked Neturam snatched the crowbar from his elder brother and inflicted fatal injuries to him. Sanjay

HIGHLIGHT

- Outcome of a money dispute involving a petty amount

Deshlehre succumbed to his injuries on the spot. Thereafter, Neturam came out of the house and narrated the happenings to the villagers about the incident. On information, a police team reached the spot and took the accused into custody.

Villagers stage chakkajam after biker's death in accident

BHILAI: A biker was killed in a road accident at village Sankara of Amleshwar Police Station limits on Tuesday morning. Expressing concern over frequent mishaps, the villagers staged chakkajam on Patan - Raipur Road. The delayed arrival of emergency response vehicle (ERV) added fuel to the protests. According to information, the deceased was Yashwant Sahu (27) of village Kopedih. On Tuesday morning, he was moving towards Raipur on a bike. At village Sankara, he

was hit by a speeding car. Yashwant suffered a fatal head injury and died on the spot. Villagers gathered at the mishap site and conveyed information to Dial 112. The ERV reached there after about 45 minutes. Till then, the huge crowd gathered at the spot had blocked the traffic movement. ASP Vedvrat Sirmour, SDOP Ashish Banchhor and teams of various police stations reached the spot. The top cops negotiated with the demonstrators and managed to diffuse the tension.

Water supply in Bhilai Township only one-time from today

Central Chronicle News

Owing to low reserve of water in the Maroda Reservoir -2

BHILAI: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) of Bhilai Steel Plant was supplying water in Bhilai Township twice (morning and evening). However, owing to low reserve of water in the Maroda Reservoir -2, water will be supplied in the Bhilai township only once in a day during the morning hours, with effect from June 26, 2024. The catchment area of the reservoir supplying water to Bhilai Steel Plant has not received adequate rainfall so far, due to which sufficient water is not available.

It is noteworthy that Bhilai gets water supply from Tandula, Gondli, Kharkhara and Gangrel Dams.

The first monsoon rain has already occurred in the Chhattisgarh region and due to humidity, and fall of temperature as compared to summer months, the water consumption has also gone down.

At present the water in Maroda reservoir of BSP can only suffice for water-consumption for coming 28 days. The Plant and Maroda reservoirs are not getting water supply from the dams currently. Hence the volume of water in the Maroda reservoir of the plant is gradually decreasing.

In view of such circumstances, it has become necessary to keep the water consumption limited at present, while ensuring continuous and regular production at the Bhilai Steel Plant.

BSP's Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) has appealed to residents to cooperate.

Two held with sharp weapons

BHILAI: Police arrested two ruffians who were threatening people with sharp knives in Civic Centre.

The accused are identified as Jai Nayak (19) son of Jeetu Nayak and Manish Chaturvedi (23) son of Mansha Chaturvedi, both residents of shanties in Sector 5. They were booked under sections 25, 27 of Arms Act.

Youth held for boozing in public

BHILAI: Police arrested a youth on charges of consuming liquor in a public place. The accused identified as Khilendra Singh Nagendra (24) son of Doman Singh Nagendra a resident of I-Pocket, Station Road was booked under Section 36(f) of Excise Act after testing him with breath analyzer.

Dr Ambedkar's ideas gave a strong Constitution: BSI V-P

Central Chronicle News

The Buddhist Society of India meeting held at Sarvodaya Buddha Vihar Kosanagar

BHILAI: The Buddhist Society of India (BSI) meeting was held at Sarvodaya Buddha Vihar, Kosanagar. SK Bhandare, National Vice President, was the chief guest while BH Gaikwad, National Secretary, presided over the meeting.

The guests lit the lamps and garlanded the statue of Lord Gautam Buddha and the portrait of Dr Ambedkar.

SK Bhandare said that Dr Ambedkar's ideas of justice, freedom, equality and fraternity made the Constitution of India a strong national text. Today the society and the country have devel-



Members in BSI meeting organised at Sarvodaya Buddha Vihar, Kosanagar.

FASTFACTS

- Anil Meshram appointed State President
- Narendra Khobragade appointed State General Secretary

oped and prospered due to this constitution. BH Gaikwad said that the first goal of the organiza-

tion is to try to unite the Buddhist society through the twenty-four camps of BSI, which include Andhashraddha Nirmooolan Camp, etc.

Making organisational changes, the National office bearers appointed Anil Meshram as BSI Chhattisgarh State President; Narendra Khobragade as State General Sec-

retary, Vinod Bansod as State Vice President (Culture); Sunil Ganveer as State Vice President (Conservation and Division Head, Raipur Division), Virendra Borkar as State Vice President (Tourism), Santosh Bhimte as State Secretary (Culture), Prakash Meshram as State Secretary (Tourism), etc.

| WORLD MUSIC DAY |

Workshop funds transgenders via Karoko singing

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Shri Shankar-acharya Mahavidyalaya, Junwani, celebrated World Music Day by organising a seven day workshop on Karoko singing and a Karoko singing Competition. Famous singer PT Ulhaskumar was present as chief guest. He gave important tips to the participants. He said Riyaz is needed to master the voice and breathing. Famous bhajan singer Sumita Sarkar, was pres-



One of the winners being awarded.

ent as a special guest. She said that like any other genre, music also has to be practiced.

B Usha (Director, Swarabhekam Singing group) and Mahendra Kumar Garg (face book

live sangeet group, Voice of Chhattisgarh) were judges. Kanchan, president of "Sangarsh ek Jivan Samiti" group and Shreya from the third gender community were present along with their

"Riyaz is needed to master the voice and breathing"
PT Ulhaskumar,
Singer

members. Participants were in the age group are -15-25; 25-35;35-50 and 50+ years. The first prize for the age group above 50 was given to Parijat Jha and the second prize was given to Maya Baghel. In the age group of 25 to 50 years, Rajlakshmi and Lokesh Tiwari were given the first and second prize respectively and in the age group below 25, Suhani Sahu and Payal Dewangan were given the first and second prize.

DMC collects Rs 45 lakhs property tax

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: The Revenue Department staff of Durg Municipal Corporation have been continuously visiting houses of the defaulters within the area limits and collecting revenue along with checking the property tax. On Tuesday, demand notices were issued to taxpayers who have not paid tax for years.

In two days of tax recovery campaign property tax worth over Rs 45

lakhs was recovered. The corporation's revenue officer Durgesh Gupta and assistant revenue officer Bhupendra Shubham Gair said that also information was taken regarding the tap connections installed in the houses under the Amrit Mission Scheme in various wards. It is also being investigated how many houses have been given tap connections under the scheme and how many people are paying water tax.

NEWSLINE

CRIME

Thief arrested for blackmailing couple



BHILAI: Nandini Nagar Police arrested a thief who tried to extort Rs 10 lakh from a couple after recording a video of their intimate moments. DSP (Crime) Hemprakash Nayak informed that after receiving a complaint from the victims, police examined the CCTV footage of nearby places and rounded up a suspect, who confessed to the crime during interrogation. The accused Vinay Kumar Sahu (28) a resident of Ward 2, Ahirwara, had committed theft at the victim's house several times. Few weeks ago, he again trespassed into the victim's house for theft.

EDUCATION

Admission open at Prayas Residential Schools

BHILAI: Prayas Residential School is being run under an ambitious scheme of the government to provide excellent education to the students of Naxal-affected areas as well as make them prepare for competitive exams. 148 seats are vacant in class 11th of Prayas Residential School. Admission to these vacant seats is to be done through a prelims exam. It is mandatory to pass the class 10th exam with minimum 60 percent marks or equivalent grade. Filling of online applications has commenced and the last date is midnight on July 06.

FELO-DE-SE

Man commits suicide

BHILAI: A 37-years-old man allegedly committed suicide by hanging self in Ruabandha area of Bhilai. The deceased was Jitendra Pandey, son of Retired Head Constable Ravindra Pandey a resident of Adarsh Nagar, Durg. His body was found hanging from a tree on a lonely road in Ruabandha. His car bearing registration number CG05-M-1111 was parked on the road. Police team reached the spot and conducted the crime scene investigation. The body has been sent for autopsy. According to information, Jitendra was disturbed due to the bad health of his father. Police are exploring all possible angles in the case.

DEATH

Teenage girl hangs self

BHILAI: A 19-year-old girl allegedly committed suicide by hanging at her home in Camp-1 on Monday evening. The deceased was identified as Aarti Rai (19), a resident of Camp-1. On Monday, she was alone at home as her father and brother had gone to work. A friend visited her home around 19:00 hrs. When no one answered the door, she looked inside from the window and found the girl hanging.

N-E-W-S



"I conveyed my heartiest congratulations to Narendra Bhai Modi Ji on being sworn in for his third term as Prime Minister of India."

M Venkaiah Naidu
Former Vice President

Pune-Miraj railway line doubling work in progress



Labourers during doubling work of a section of Pune-Miraj railway line, in Karad on Tuesday, PTI

'Speaker 'scared' to discuss LDF 'seeking remission' for convicts'

The Congress-led UDF accused the Kerala speaker of being "scared" to discuss the issue of sentence remission of some of the convicts in the TP Chandrasekharan murder case of 2012.

Press Trust Of India

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Congress-led UDF opposition on Tuesday accused the Kerala assembly speaker of being "scared" to discuss the issue of the Left government allegedly considering sentence remission of some of the convicts in the sensational T P Chandrasekharan murder case of 2012.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the State Assembly V D Satheesan accused Speaker A N Shamseer of being scared after the chair prevented him from completing

his speech following the denial of permission to the UDF's motion to adjourn the house to discuss the issue. Shamseer denied permission to the UDF motion moved by Congress's Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, claiming that it was clear that the government has made no attempt to grant remission to any of the convicts in the case.

The speaker, however, permitted the issue to be raised in the house as a submission. In response to the speaker's decision, Satheesan criticised Shamseer's comments as "inappropriate," saying that it was not the speaker's duty to speak on behalf of state govt.

HIGHLIGHT

● Shamseer denied permission to the UDF motion moved by Congress's Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, claiming that it was clear that the government has made no attempt to grant remission.

● In response to the Speaker, Satheesan criticised Shamseer's comments as "inappropriate," saying that it was not the speaker's duty to speak on behalf of state govt.

ing that it was not the speaker's duty to speak on behalf of the state government. He said that the opposition has proof that the government considered giving remission to some of the convicts in the case. "We have a letter from the government to the police commissioner seeking a report with regard to providing remission," he claimed. While Satheesan was speaking, Shamseer said the LoP cannot be allowed to continue talking about the issue as it has been raised in the house several times, and his microphone was

thereafter switched off.

Responding to the stand taken by the speaker, Satheesan alleged, "You are scared." Following this exchange, many UDF MLAs trooped into the well of the house shouting slogans against the speaker, and stood before his dais. They also shouted slogans against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and the ruling CPI(M) in the state. The protesting MLAs also held placards, some of which said "You can kill, but you cannot defeat" -- the substance of the famous Ernest Hemingway line in the novel 'The Old Man and the Sea'.

Himachal: Education dept to issue notices to teachers over poor class 10 results

SHIMLA: Show cause notices will be served to teachers of schools, which are affiliated with the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education and where the pass percentage in class 10 board results is less than 25 per cent, officials said on Tuesday.

These notices will be issued by the Himachal Pradesh education department seeking explanation from the teachers for the "poor results", they said.

Analysis of class 10 board results of schools affiliated with the HP Board of School Education showed that the result was less than 25 per cent in 116 schools out of which in 30 schools the result was zero per cent, Director, Elementary Education, Ashish Kohli told PTI.

UNION MINISTER AMIT SHAH ALLEGES

'Cong crushed spirit of Constitution for a family'

Press Trust Of India

On the 49th anniversary of the 1975 Emergency, Shah also hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him the "yuvraj" of the party

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah came out strongly against the Congress on Tuesday for imposing the Emergency in the country and said the opposition party crushed the spirit of the Constitution several times for the sake of "maintaining a certain family in power".

On the 49th anniversary of the 1975 Emer-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah - PTI

gency, Shah also hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him the "yuvraj" of the party and saying it has forgotten that his grandmother Indra Gandhi had imposed the Emergency and his father Rajiv Gandhi said in Parliament on July 23, 1985, that "there is nothing wrong with an emergency". "The Congress crushed the spirit

of our Constitution several times for the sake of maintaining a certain family in power. Indra Gandhi unleashed ruthless atrocities on the people of India during Emergency," Shah wrote on 'X'. "Mr. Rajiv Gandhi even said, 'If any Prime Minister of this country who feels that an Emergency is necessary, under these circumstances and

FACTFILE

● Shah said, the Emergency is the biggest example of the opposition party's long history of killing democracy and harming it repeatedly.

does not apply the Emergency, he is not fit to be the Prime Minister of this country'. This very act of taking pride in a dictatorial act shows that nothing else is dear to the Congress other than the family and power," he added. In an earlier post in Hindi, Shah said the "arrogant and autocratic" Congress government had suspended people's civil rights for 21 months for the sake of power to one family.

LS SPEAKER'S NOMINATION

Nadda slams Opposition for 'double speak'

Press Trust Of India

Nadda said the Congress, which was vying for the Deputy Speaker's post in the name of tradition, has itself not followed it in the states ruled by it.

NEW DELHI: BJP president J P Nadda launched a vitriolic attack on the

Congress, reminding it of the "dark days of Emergency", as he also slammed the opposition for fielding its MP K Suresh against the NDA's Om Birla for election to the office of the Lok Sabha Speaker. Addressing an event organised here at the BJP headquarters, on the 49th anniversary of the Emergency imposed

"It was the Congress government under PM Indira Gandhi which had 'throttled' the country's democracy by imposing Emergency on June 25, 1975."

Jagat Prakash Nadda
BJP president



by the Indira Gandhi government in 1975, Nadda accused the Congress of "hypocrisy and double speak" on the issue of the Lok Sabha Speaker's

election and said there is no space for democracy in the "mindset" of the main opposition party. "Has there been any election for the Lok Sabha Speaker conditional where (opposition says) first you (treasurer benches) decide the Deputy Speaker then we will support you in the election of Speaker?" he asked.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRIME

Brick kiln owner killed in Rajasthan; protestors block highway for hours

JAIPUR: A brick kiln owner was allegedly stabbed to death in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh district after an altercation after which a dhaba and liquor shop were set ablaze by his kin, police said on Tuesday.

The 38-year-old kiln owner's family and angry locals also blocked a highway and pelted stones at the police personnel after he was allegedly murdered by a group of people, which included the dhaba owner, after an argument over dust from his kiln, they added.

The incident took place late Monday evening in Kherot village under the Kotwali police station limits of Pratapgarh, the police said.

DSP Herambh Joshi said the dhaba owner Jaisingh Lalana, the main accused, has been detained and is being interrogated. PTI

VISIT

Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu on 2-day visit of Kuppam



KUPPAM (ANDHRA PRADESH): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday embarked on a two-day tour of his home constituency Kuppam in Chittoor district.

Naidu landed at PES Medical College helipad at around 1 pm, where he was received by local officials and ruling TDP cadres.

"Later, he set off for Jalliganipalli village in Santhipuram mandal to review work at Handrineva Sujala Sravanti canal," said an official press release. PTI

J-K SSB IAPPER LEAK CASE

ED gets 7-day remand of 'kingpin' in 2022 J-K SSB SI paper leak case



JAMMU: A special court here Tuesday remanded the alleged kingpin of the 2022 JKSSB sub-inspector recruitment exam paper leak case to seven-day Enforcement Directorate custody.

Yatin Yadav (43), a resident of Haryana's Rewari, was arrested here Monday evening under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) The Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) sub-inspector recruitment exam was held on March 27, 2022 but the selected list of 1,200 candidates along with 1,300 junior engineers and 1,000 finance

account assistants was cancelled by the Jammu and Kashmir administration in July that year following allegations of paper leak and malpractice. The case was handed over to the CBI and it filed a chargesheet against 33 accused including Yadav on November 12, 2022. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) case stems from the CBI FIR. The ED moved an application through its special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria in the court of Special Judge, anti-corruption (CBI cases), Jammu Bala Jyoti on Tuesday and got seven days remand of the accused. PTI

The Day's NUMBERS

SMALLEST TENURE AS LS SPEAKER IN INDIA

Virendra Kuamr Khatik	02 days
Bhartruhari Mahtab	02 days
Manikrao Gavit	04 days
Kamal Nath	04 days
Somnath Chatterjee	71 days

Source: Agencies

EMBARRASMENT

'Dead' man shows up alive before burial in Telangana

HYDERABAD: In a case of mistaken identity of a dead person, a man turned up alive at his "funeral" in Vikarabad district of Telangana where his family and relatives were making arrangements for burial after being informed about his death.

The incident took place in Navandgi village in Basheerabad mandal of Vikarabad district, an official of Government Railway Police (GRP) said on Tuesday. The man P Yellappa, (40), a daily wage labourer was presumed dead after his family members were informed about his death when a body was found with a mobile phone on it. The GRP personnel found the body of an unidentified person on the tracks at Vikarabad railway station on June 22 night, with the head crushed and beyond recognition, the official said. One mobile phone was found near the body and police officials called up the family members from the phone, who informed that it belonged to Yellappa. PTI

LS SPEAKER

Defeat is certain for Opposition, claims Union Minister Chirag Paswan



NEW DELHI: Union minister and BJP ally Chirag Paswan on Tuesday took a swipe at the Congress for playing the "Dalit card" in the election for Lok Sabha speaker, claiming that the opposition resorts to the ploy whenever its defeat in a contest is certain. The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader said in a post in Hindi on X that when the Congress-led opposition knew that it would lose the vice-presidential poll in 2002, it fielded Dalit leader Sushil Kumar Shinde. PTI

Healthy & clean atmosphere in the School creates healthy atmosphere for children to study and learn.
Chandrakant Verma
Collector Khairagarh



Chhattisgarh

Congmen submits memo to the Collector

After lifting of model code of conduct, WRD has removed the photographs of Yashoda Verma from the welcome gates of WRD.

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KHAIRAGARH: With change of power in the state, the sidelining of Congress MLA from Khairagarh VS seat Yashoda Verma is clearly visible. Actually after lifting of model code of conduct, the WRD has removed the photograph of Yashoda Verma from the welcome gates installed in the WRD's irrigation project. On this act of WRD the Congress organisation has registered its protest and submitted a memorandum to the Collector demanding action against the concerned official of WRD and re-installing the photograph of MLA Yashoda Verma as per the protocol.

As per information in this regard, a delegation of Congemn under leadership of the District President DCC Khairagarh Gajendra Thakre submitted memorandum in the name of the Collector to the Addl. Collector Prem Kumar Patel in the Collectorate and registered stiff protest on the same. Congmen said that there was photograph of Congress MLA Yashoda Verma



Congmen submitted memorandum to the Addl. Collector in support of their demands.

HIGHLIGHT

● Congmen said that as per the protocol, the photo of regional MLAs should be placed in all the welcome gates.

● Congmen warned that if the photograph of Congress MLA Yashoda Verma is not placed within a week's time, they would launch aggressive movement.

in the welcome gates of WRD and it was covered with cloth on imposing of model code of conduct for LS polls. But just two days back i:e on June

22, WRD all of sudden removed the photoraph of Yashoda Verma. Congmen said that as per the protocol, the photo of regional MLAs is placed in all the welcome gates, but the WRD's officers have deliberately removed her photograph from all and it is sheer disrespect to the local MLA and there is great deal of resentment among the local people. Congmen have demanded disciplinary action against the responsible officer of WRD, so that the photo of regional MLAs placed in the welcome gates in any other part of the Vidhan Sabha is not removed.

Congress warned of aggressive movement:

In the memorandum submitted to the Collector, Congmen said that if the photograph of Congress MLA Yashoda Verma is not placed within a week's time as per the protocol, then DCC along with general voters of VS and BCC would launch aggressive movement against the local administration and government and WRD. It is learnt that some responsible officers of WRD have replaced the photo of MLA Yashoda Verma from the welcome gates of WRD at Gram Gabhara, Suadbari and few other places.

One dies in head-on collision

RAJIM: It was on the night of Monday at 8:30 pm that Parsada Joshi was going back home in his Pulsar bike from Rajim to Pokhara road. As per information in this regard, it was near Kumhi turn, an unknown person going towards Rajim hit him head-on and due to which Parsada Joshi died on the spot and the other got seriously injured.

Admission in Class 11th in PRS till July 6

KORBA: Applications have been invited for vacant seats in the Class 11th in Prayas Residential School (PRS), academic year 2024-25. The last date of submission of application is July 6, 2024 till 12:00 midnight and the date for correction of errors in the applications received online is from July 7-9. The entrance exam for admission is 21 July Sunday, from 11:00 am 1:30 pm. Asst. Commissioner Tribal Development informed that information about online application for admission of students can be obtained from Eklavya Model Residential School, Churrikala/ Lafa Pali/ Podi-Uproda; Prayas Residential School, Dindapur.

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BEST OF THE REST

PROBLEMS RESOLVED

Gram sachivs' problems resolved, salary payments on time

KORBA: Deputy Director Panchayat Korba has resolved the demands/problems of Panchayat Secretaries working in various Gram Panchayats of the district. The officer has informed that as per the work progress of the secretaries in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Nirman Karya, their salaries for the months of April and May have been paid. A letter has been issued by the Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat regarding the payment of salary of the secretaries by a certain date. As per the pay-data received from the Janpad Panchayat, salary will be paid by 05th of the month. Regarding the pending salary payment, the Gram Panchayat Secretaries working in the Janpad Panchayats will be paid the pending salary on eligibility on the basis of detailed report received from the respective Janpad Panchayats.

MEETING

SECR GM holds meeting with SC/ST Association



BILASPUR: On 24 June 2024, an informal meeting of the office bearers of the All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, South East Central Railway, was held in a cordial atmosphere at the auditorium located at the Zonal Headquarters in the presence of Ms. Neenuityerah, General Manager, South East Central Railway. The meeting included the Zonal President of the All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, Mr. M.S. Khobragade, Zonal Secretary Mr. PrabhatPaswan, and other office bearers from the three railway divisions Bilaspur, Raipur, and Nagpur, as well as the Additional General Manager of South East Central Railway and heads of all departments. The meeting was coordinated by Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Dr. Darshanita B. Ahluwalia.

Safety awards

DRM Pandey honours 3 safety warriors with safety awards



BILASPUR: Safe railway operation is the top priority of the Bilaspur division. Various awareness campaigns related to safety are regularly conducted to achieve this. Additionally, safety awards are given to encourage safety guards who make commendable contributions to ensuring safety through their outstanding work.

Recently, in Gevra Yard, while checking after taking charge of the train, Korba's Loco Pilot LeelambarSahu and Assistant Loco Pilot Arjun Chandra found one of the wagons spread out. They immediately reported this to the concerned department to ensure safety. Similarly, during duty, the Station

Master of Chhulha, Mithlesh Kumar, noticed a hot axle in a freight train passing through the station. He promptly reported this, ensuring the train was stopped at the next station for safety. These commendable roles in safe railway operations led to their selection for the safety award. Additionally, during the extreme heat, Station Master Rajeev Ranjan at Tenganmada station made an innovative and commendable initiative by providing cold water in earthen pots, ensuring drinking water availability for passengers and employees. For this, Division Railway Manager Praveen Pandey recommended a cash and commendation award.

Last date for application in ITI Podi is July 3

KORBA: The candidates interested in trades of COPA IOT Technician (Smart Agriculture) and IOT Technician (Smart Healthcare) in Government ITI Podi-Uproda for academic year 2024-25 can make online application/ registration till July 3, 2024. More information in this regard can be obtained from department's website (cgiti.cgstate.gov.in).

Applications invited for awards

KORBA: The Government of India (GoI) and Chhattisgarh government, Sports & Youth Welfare department has invited applications for the Padma Vibhushan; Padma Bhushan and Padam Shri award 2025. The application for the above awards should be as per the prescribed format as per GoI's guidelines.

'SWACHCHAT ABHIYAN'

'Cleanliness in Schools being ensured with public assistance'

Central Chronicle News

The School Department and Panchayat Department is running 'Swachchata Abhiyan' in all the Schools with public participation.

KHAIRAGARH: Swachchata Abhiyan is a national campaign launched by the GoI and its objective is to ensure cleaning of surroundings and public places neat & clean. To take up this objective further, it is under the guidance and instructions of the Collector Chandrakant Verma, the School Department and Panchayat Department is running 'Swachchata Abhiyan' with public participation in all the Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools of KCG.

Under this the Head Master of School, Princi-



School staff carrying out cleaning of the premises.

FACTFILE

● Head Master of School, Principal, Anganbadi workers, Sarpanch, female members of WSHGs and villagers are carrying out cleaning of bushes, grass from the School premises.

pal, Anganbadi workers, Sarpanch, female members of Women Self Help Group (WSHGs) and villagers are carrying out cleaning of bushes, grass from the School premises. Apart from this the toilet is being renovated, repair of the harvesting system and white-washing in the School is also being carried out. Prior to this the Collector Chandrakant Verma, holding meeting with Upper Collector Prem Kumar Patel, DEO, BEO and all the Principals, Head Masters has given instructions to ensure cleaning of the School premises prior to its opening. Addressing the Principals on this occasion he has said that cleaning of Schools and its premises is necessary for the studies of the students.

The Day's NUMBERS

Durg tops the list with highest literacy %.

TOP FIVE DISTRICTS OF CH'GARH WITH LITERACY %-AGE.

Durg	79.06%
Dhamtari	78.36%
Rajnandgaon	75.96%
Raipur	75.56%
Raigarh	73.26%

Source= Agency

'PTAGATYA UTSAV'

Grand celebrations mark Kabir Pragatya Utsav in Dongargaon

DONGARGAON: The two-day Kabir Pragatya Utsav was celebrated with great pomp in Laxminagar, Ghughwa Salhe. The program was organized by the entire Sahu community, Kabir Panthi community and all the villagers in which the program started on June 20 with the lighting of the lamp by Mahant Nutan Das who recited Guru Mahima.

After this, the Shobha Yatra started with the melodious bhajans of Amin Mata Kabir Bhajan Mandal.

During the Shobha Yatra, the women of the village were seen dancing and singing Kabir bhajans.

After the Shobha Yatra, Kabir Satsang was conducted by Amin Matas.

After that, from 4 o'clock, Sandhya Paath was done by the Sant Mandali of Mahant Raju Saheb, the famous Kabir Bhajan singer of Chhattisgarh, who came from Kabir Dharmanagar Damakheda, and the Bhajan Satsang program was held from 6 to 9. On the second day, after Guru Mahima Paath in the morning, a Bhajan Satsang program was organized by Amin Mata Bhajan Mandal Banhardi.

From 2 pm onwards, Anandi Chowk Aarti program was conducted by Mahant Raju Saheb.

APPOINTMENT

Marar Patel Samaj announces Sevaram as new President



DONGARGAON: After completion of five years of the society, Dongargaon Raj elections were held in the Marar Samajik Bhawan of the city. In the elections held on June 23, 88 out of 91 social voters exercised their franchise. Two candidates were in the fray for the post of President, in which Sevaram Patel defeated Tejaram Patel by 6 votes. Sevaram Patel got 47 votes while Tejaram got 41 votes. Similarly, two candidates were in the fray for the post of Vice President, in which Gopal Patel got 54 and Rajendra Kumar Mali got 34 votes. Gopal Patel won by 20 votes. Similarly, there were two candidates in the fray for the post of secretary, including Dayalu Ram Patel and Tikam Patel. Dayalu Patel got 50 votes and Tikam Patel got 38 votes. Thus, Dayalu Patel was declared the winner by 12 votes.

CPEB EXAM

PPT, TET held peacefully in all exam centres

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RAJIM: The Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (CPEB) has organised Pre-Polytechnic and Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) last on Sunday. The examination centre for PPT and TET was at Government Ram Vishan Pandey Excellent English Medium School Rajim and Government Girl's HS School, Rajim and for TET it was at



Rajiv Lochan Govt College, Rajim; Deviya Sampada HS School, Rajim and Saraswati HS School, Rajim. In entire Gariyaband

NUMBER

70 English Medium School- In first shift 70 candidates appeared out of total 359 for PPT and total 1217 appeared in TET out of total 1550 in five centres in the second shift.

Rajim and Govt. Girl's HS School, Rajim. In SAGES

Rajim there was sitting arrangement for 250 students and 109 candidate in Govt Girl's HS School Rajim.

But in the morning first shift, the presence of candidates was highly disappointing. In both the centres, out of total 359 candidates, only 70 candidates appeared in the exam. On the other hand, in the second shift in five examination centres of SAGES viz.

'Rs 95 lakh breached in DMF fund through fake bill voucher'

Collusion between officers and businessmen made NGO a profitable business

Nijam ur Rahman

NARAYANPUR: A major case of corruption involving District Mineral Trust funds has come to light in Narayanpur district. DMF fund remains a major medium of corruption in Bastar division. This time, this scam has been carried out in Narayanpur by some reputed businessmen. These businessmen, disguised as social workers, carried out a big fraud in the name of organizing health camps in 20 villages by using NGOs as a means.

95 lakh rupees were embezzled without doing any work. 12000 villagers of 20 villages of Narayanpur were made patients on paper and were treated and made healthy on paper itself. In return for this social service, these so-called social workers embezzled Rs 94.76 lakh by sharing it with the officials. In this entire matter, the then Chief Executive Officer Ghanshyam Jangde, who was posted in District Panchayat Narayanpur, is being said to have played an important role.

The matter is of 2021 when in a pre-planned manner Narayanpur Collector organized a health camp by providing Rs 94.76 lakh from DMF. The responsibility was handed



FASTFACTS

● Setting up alleged camps in 20 villages, 12000 villagers treated on paper

over to CEO District Panchayat Narayanpur. Everything was already decided, hence the prescribed tender process was not followed. The instructions to involve the Health Department in this work were also ignored. The officials of the Health Department informed the employees about their work.

Quietly, quotations were invited from three organizations and the businessmen who were to be given work, were given the work. Shreyanshnath Education Society, an organization of Narayanpur, is the organization of these businessmen. The CEO issued the work order. What happened after this, records of corruption were created. Hardly anyone will be able to break them in future. For organizing health camps in 20 gram panchayats, fake bill vouchers for doctors, nurses, medicines, transportation, vegetables, food, tents etc. were made and within a few weeks, Rs 95 lakh had reached the coffers of the so-called social workers. It is noteworthy that it is also known that this NGO is also running a school in Narayanpur by



Misutilisation of funds under DMF has come to fore in Narayanpur district.

Villagers of Madhonor exposed



A massive health camp has been reported to be organized by Shri Shreyanshnath Education Society on 21.10.2021 in Madhonor Panchayat of Narayanpur block of Narayanpur district. More than one lakh rupees have been spent on tents and food in this camp. 5 doctors and for the arrangement of 10 nurses and vehicle, bills of Rs 1.5 lakh have been raised which are completely fake. Talked to the villagers Hemlal Dewan, Jageshwar Salam, Lalit Korram Vishram Dewan etc. All of them were close to their families. The names of 100 people are included in the list of those getting treatment. In front of the names of all of them, the names of such diseases have been written which they have never had. The villagers are also unhappy with the fact that 500 people will be provided food along with the health camp.

may not be aware of this, but those who know Bastar closely believe that with the end of corruption, Naxalism will automatically end.

This is how the scam was carried out

Fake bills were raised for doctors, nursing staff, medicines and food for 500-600 people. The expenditure of each camp

the name of Aadeshwar Academy. In a very backward and Maoist affected area like Narayanpur, the rights of the tribals are not reaching them even in the most important matters like health and education. Naxalism The governments that are appealing to abolish Bastar and to give up arms to the Naxalites

was shown to be Rs 2.5 to Rs 5 lakh. Fake bill vouchers were made for villages Kundhargao, Dhanora, Dandwan, Farsgaon, Chhote Dongar, Madhonor, Bhatpal, Matla, Bharanda, Bade Jamhari, Korenda, Sonpur, Sulenga, Chhinari, Baghbeda, Nayanar and Kukdajhor camps of Narayanpur district.

District level review meeting of PMAY concludes

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HIGHLIGHT

KORIYA: A district level meeting of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme under the chairmanship of Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Korea concluded here. In the meeting the CEO instructed the field officers and employees to continuously contact to get the houses of 2 thousand 545 beneficiaries of the district completed soon. It takes a mention here that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in the district, 13 thousand 416 eligible beneficiaries have been given the benefit of the scheme

● In the meeting of PMAY the CEO instructed the field officers and employees to continuously contact to get the houses of 2545 beneficiaries of the district completed soon.

to build pucca houses and so far, 10 thousand 871 beneficiaries out of these have completed the construction of their pucca houses by taking advantage of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Apart from these, the allocation of second installment and third installment has been released to the eligible beneficiaries.

Memorandum submitted to fill shortage of teachers in Jhuranadi

KHAIKARAGARH: Regional public representatives have submitted a memorandum to the ADM in the name of the District Magistrate to fill the shortage of teachers in village Jhuranadi, which is reputed as a big town of Chhuikhadan block.

According to information, the parents of the Gram Panchayat area are worried about the shortage of teachers in the Middle, High School and Higher Sec-

ondary School located in village Jhuranadi. District Panchayat member representative and senior Congress leader Vijay Verma, former District President of Chhuikhadan and senior BJP leader Anand Sinha, senior Congress leader Yogesh Janghel, Bhola Verma and Pilaram Janghel along with rural representatives handed over a memorandum to ADM Prem Kumar Patel on the issue.

NEWSLINE

CLEANING

Garbage collection in Gram Panchayats through Swachhta Didi's



KOREA: Under the guidance of Collector Vinay Kumar Langleh and District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi, garbage collection is being done in the Gram Panchayats through Swachhta Didi's, thereby creating a different atmosphere of cleanliness in the village. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural), these women are doing the work of garbage collection by going door to door early in the morning and along with garbage collection, these workers are also helping people in making the village clean as well as creating awareness regarding garbage disposal.

PLANTATION

Plantation drive at Brahma Kumaris Centre



DONGARGAON: On the occasion of Purnima Smriti Diwas a plantation drive was done at Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwari Vishwavidyalaya Seva Kendra Dongargaon, in which all the brothers and sisters planted trees near Raj Rishi Bhawan and took a pledge to conserve trees and the environment. Dongargaon Seva Kendra director BK Bharti sister, BK Hemin sister, Dilip brother, Ramesh brother, Laldas Sahu, Girish, Nandkumar, Harish, Rakesh, Eklavya, Bodhiram, Satish Soni, Dayaram, Bhumika sister, Madhu, Guneshwari, Chitrarekha, Munem, Chandrika etc. and brothers and sisters were present.

WITHDRAWAL

Health Employees Union withdraws its agitation



ARANG: After the meeting between Mission Director of National Health Mission Chhattisgarh and Chhattisgarh State Health Employees Union delegation at National Health Mission Headquarters the agitation of the union for three point demand has been called off. It is worth mentioning that an amount of Rs. 43 crore 92 lakh has already been released to the districts for the said payment and apart from this, a decision has been taken to form a committee at the headquarters level to examine the remaining demands within the time limit, after which the union agreed and agreed to withdraw the strike immediately.

Collector addresses public grievances in Jandarshan



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Many of the applicants in Jandarshan applied for getting a tricycle and others for getting employment. cases related to demarcation of land.

JANJIR-CHAMPA: District Collector addressed grievances of the common man in the Jandarshan organized every Monday in Janjir-Champa District Collectorate. A total of 142 applicants coming from various remote areas of the district were submitted and Collector Akash Chikkara, in the presence

of all the district level officers listened to the problems of the applicants and instructed the concerned officers to resolve the received applications immediately.

Many applicants including Parvati Bai of Gram Panchayat Munund requested for getting a lease for fish farming, Dilip, a resident of village Amora of Tehsil Akaltara Yadav applied for getting a tricycle, Johan Lal, resident of village Parasada of tehsil Akaltara, for getting compensation, to name a few, on which the collector directed the concerned officials to take immediate action and take appropriate resolution.

Meeting on June 26

KORBA: Under Section 44 of the Panchayati Raj Act 1933, the general body meeting has been organized in the meeting hall of the District Panchayat on 26 June 2024 at 11 am. The agenda of the meeting includes review of the works approved under the Education Department, Agriculture Department, and approval of the action plan of the 15th Finance Commission year 2024-25.

Account reconciliation meeting to be held on July 1

KORBA: An account reconciliation meeting will be organized in the Collectorate meeting hall, on the 26th day of the declaration of the results of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, on Monday, 01 July 2024, at 11 am. In this meeting, all the candidates will be given an opportunity to settle the understatement of their election expenditure, if any.

VMS celebrates MLA Ajay Chandrakar's b'day

| BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS |

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Ajay Foundation and Pratham Aurora Education also celebrated MLA Ajay Chandrakar's birthday by organizing various events.

KURUD: On the occasion of the birthday of popular leader and MLA of the region Ajay Chandrakar, Vande Mataram Samiti organized a massive tree plantation program in the Block Education Officer Office and Guest Rest House premises. Ajay Foundation and Pratham Aurora Education also celebrated his birthday by organizing various events, which included inauguration of gym work area and instruments as well as tree plantation and blood donation camp.

Addressing the pro-



Members of VMS and others celebrated MLA's birthday.

FASTFACTS

● Massive tree plantation program organized by Vande Mataram Parivar Samiti.

grams conducted in his honour, MLA Ajay Chandrakar said that it is his wish that Kurud city and region should keep becoming proficient in various fields from education to skill and

yoga. He further said that in the same way, planting green fruitful flowering trees is very beneficial and donating blood is the only service to God through the service of man. Same way Kaliram Chandrakar Public School Kurud celebrated Ajay Chandrakar's birthday by cutting a cake in Ajay Foundation premises. On this occasion the

birthday cum felicitation was celebrated in the presence of former MLA Ranjana Dipendra Sahu, BJP District President Prakash Vaidya, Assembly Incharge Ashu Chandravanshi, District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer, BR Verma, along with all the officers, employees of various social organizations along with a large number of BJP workers.

PUBLIC CONCERN |

Banned pressure horns being used in vehicles

Central Chronicle News

MUNGELI: Despite the ban on use of pressure horns in vehicles it is being openly used, trespassing traffic rules, causing problems to the common man. All type of vehicles namely bus, four wheeler and two wheeler drivers are using them openly on the roads of the city and villages and the high decibel screeching horns of the vehicles has completely disturbed the areas and everyone is



troubled by the noise. The users of these types of horns are also using it in silence zones near many such government offices, hospitals,

courts and schools in the city and for this, the provision under traffic rules is also being ignored. Though there is a provision of fine for installing

and blowing pressure horns in buses or other vehicles, but for last many months, the traffic police have not issued

a challan for pressure horns of any bus or other vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Act which is questionable. There is provision of penalty for installing pressure horns in buses or other passenger or goods vehicles. It is for last many months that no action has been taken by the Traffic police department against the two-wheeler or bus owners or any other vehicles using pressure horns.

Int'l Yoga Day celebrated in village Pendarwani

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DONGARGAON: International Yoga Day was celebrated on the auspicious occasion of the tenth International Yoga Day under the joint aegis of Primary and Middle School Pendarwani.

Principal Jeevan Lal Sahu on the event gave a wonderful demonstration of various yoga postures and informed the children and villagers present and told

about the importance of yoga.

On this occasion, he said that everyone should adopt yoga in their daily routine and on this occasion, children participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed yoga.

Village head Jeevan Lal Patel, Shankar Lal Patel, Secretary and Panchgan apart from student's parents and villagers were present in large numbers.



Create tribal regiment in the Indian Army, similar to the Jat, Bihar and Sikh regiments.

Champai Soren
J'khand CM

Rains bring relief in Jaipur



Albert Hall Museum is reflected in the puddle after rains, in Jaipur.

Take steps to eliminate illicit tobacco trade: WHO

Effective control of illicit tobacco trade and unrecorded alcohol is a challenging and daunting task but now is the time to prudently make our decisions and choose the best way forward.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The World Health Organization on Tuesday called on member countries in the Southeast Asia Region to take effective steps to track, trace and eliminate illicit trade of tobacco products and control unrecorded alcohol.

It cautioned that all forms of tobacco and alcohol, legal or illegal, are harmful to health.

"Effective control of illicit tobacco trade and unrecorded alcohol is a challenging and daunting task but now is the time to prudently make our decisions and choose the best way forward," World

Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director Saima Wazed urged in her opening remarks at a regional workshop in New Delhi to address the challenges of illicit tobacco trade and unrecorded alcohol.

"As a first step, all our remaining member states should become parties to the WHO FCTC (Framework Convention on Tobacco Control) protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products," she said. India and Sri Lanka from the WHO's Southeast Asia Region are parties to the WHO FCTC protocol so far. Wazed also called on member countries to devote opti-

HIGHLIGHT

• Appropriate policies either not in place or not optimally implemented.

• 25 per cent of global alcohol consumption is unrecorded.

mal resources to develop, implement and sustain effective track-and-trace mechanisms for tobacco products. Progress in combating illicit trade has been slow in the region, with appropriate policies and tools either not in place or not optimally implemented, she said. Experience from many countries shows

illicit trade can be successfully addressed, even when tobacco taxes and prices are raised. This results in increased tax revenues while simultaneously reducing tobacco use, Wazed said.

"It is essential to compile existing and generate new regional evidence to enable policymakers to make better-informed and more effective policy decisions to monitor and combat illicit tobacco trade and unrecorded alcohol," she added.

An estimated 25 per cent of global alcohol consumption is unrecorded. This is usually of a lower price and appeals to consumers from low

socioeconomic status and people with underlying alcohol use disorders. It is often irregularly labelled and frequently contains unknown ethanol percentages and potentially toxic compounds. It is a complex interplay of these factors that make unrecorded alcohol potentially more harmful than regulated alcohol, the regional director said.

Unrecorded alcohol consumption is associated with disproportionate harm that goes beyond toxicity. Online sale of unrecorded alcohol, which circumvents alcohol availability regulations, is an emerging challenge, she said.

Police bust fake call centre in MP

THANE: As part of their probe into an online share trading fraud case, the Navi Mumbai police busted a fake call centre being operated from Indore in Madhya Pradesh, and arrested a 27-year-old man, an official said on Tuesday.

With this, the police have so far arrested a total of nine persons in connection with the case, he said.

The arrest was made by the officials of the Electronic Monitoring Cell (EMC) of the Panvel police's cyber cell.

"The police had earlier busted a call centre and arrested eight persons. This is the ninth person to be arrested," Inspector Deepali Patil of the EMC cyber cell said.

A case of cheating was registered at the Kamothe police station.

Cong Speaker nominee's election once declared void

Press Trust Of India

Suresh, won from Mavelikkara (SC) constituency in Kerala with a margin of just 10,000 votes.

NEW DELHI: Kodikunnil Suresh, the opposition's pick for the Lok Sabha speaker who will go up against the BJP's Om Birla, is a Congress veteran, an eight-term MP and one whose election in 2009 was declared invalid by the Kerala High Court before being restored by the Supreme Court.

Birla is seeking his second term as the speaker of the Lower House of Parliament.

Suresh, 62, won from the Mavelikkara (SC)



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi with party MP Kodikunnil Suresh at the Parliament House complex.

FACTFILE

• Court also held that he was "disqualified" to contest from the Mavelikkara constituency as it is reserved for Schedule Castes.

constituency in Kerala with a margin of just 10,000 votes.

His first name is derived from Kodikunnil, in Thiruvananthapuram, where he was born on June 4, 1962.

Suresh was first

elected to the Lok Sabha in 1989 and then again in the 1991, 1996 and 1999 elections. He lost the polls in 1998 and 2004.

In 2009, he won again but his victory was challenged by his nearest rival.

| SC GUIDELINE |

'Don't unnecessarily adjourn bail matters'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Observing that bail matters should not be adjourned unnecessarily, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said it hoped the Delhi High Court will decide the bail plea of jailed former AAP minister Satyendar Jain in a money laundering case at the next hearing.

A bench of Justices Manoj Misra and SVN Bhatti made the observation while disposing of Jain's plea against the high court's decision of adjourning the hearing of his bail application for six weeks. "It goes without saying that bail matters are not to be unnecessarily adjourned. Therefore, we hope and trust that the high court shall take its call on the next date of

HC will deal with the merits of the case taking into account the factual aspect.

Justice Manoj Misra
Supreme Court



hearing," it said.

The high court has listed Jain's bail plea for hearing on July 9. During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Jain, said he has challenged the long adjournment order. Singhvi said a substantial question of law has arisen from the case as to whether an incomplete charge sheet can be filed.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

HASSLE FREE MOVEMENT

MR sanctioned flyover at Khurda Road to ease traffic congestion

BHUBANESWAR: In response to the growing train traffic and congestion at Khurda Road Station, the Ministry of Railways has sanctioned a significant infrastructure project. ECoR has earlier proposed the construction of a Flyover Bridge to facilitate smoother train operations in the Howrah-Chennai Main Line and Khurda Road-Puri Branch Line. This project, set to be executed under the Energy Corridor Scheme of Indian Railways, is a vital step towards enhancing the efficiency and capacity of train movements in this busy section. The Flyover, estimated to cost Rupees 191.87 crore, aims to address the increasing train traffic problems by providing a dedicated infrastructure for trains from Puri to connect the down line towards Bhubaneswar without crossing other lines at Khurda Road Station. **PTI**

CLAIM

Voice of people stifled to save chair of few during Emergency: Scindia



GUNA: Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday targeted Congress over the imposition of Emergency 49 years ago and claimed the voice of 80 crore people was stifled to save the chair of select people.

Speaking to reporters in Guna on the 49th anniversary of the Emergency, Scindia said June 25 is remembered as the "black day" in the history of the country. **PTI**

Multi-faceted challenges

To navigate through 'turbulent times', India must invest in modernisation of armed forces

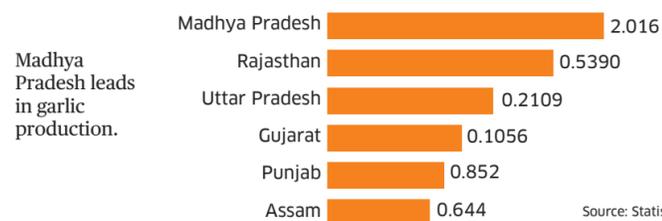


NEW DELHI: IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari said on Tuesday the contemporary security landscape presents "multi-faceted challenges" from border disputes and terrorism to cyber threats and regional volatility, and India must invest in modernisation of its armed forces to navigate through these "turbulent times". Delivering a keynote address at a seminar here, the IAF chief also said modern warfare is characterised by rapid technological advancements, asymmetric threats and the need for a comprehensive understanding of geopolitical, social and cultural contexts. His remarks come amid the backdrop of evolving geopol-

itics with conflicts being seen in some of the regions of the world. The seminar was hosted by the Indian Air Force (IAF), College of Air Warfare (CAW) and Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS) at the Air Force Auditorium at Subroto Park to mark the culmination of the third Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Programme (WASP). "This programme has enabled us to refine the definition of scholar warriors," the IAF chief said. This "multi-faceted landscape" requires such military personnel who are not only adept at combat but also possess a deep understanding of the broader implications of their actions, the air chief marshal said. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE WISE PRODUCTION OF GARLIC (IN MILLION METRIC TONNES)



CRIME

Special court convicts one for theft in Mangolpuri: TPDDL

NEW DELHI: A special court has convicted a Mangolpuri resident for indulging in power theft for domestic use, a Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) spokesperson said on Tuesday.

The court of Additional Sessions Judge, Rohini, Jitendra Singh, convicted Dinesh Singh, a resident of Mangolpuri, for indulging in power theft for domestic usage under Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003, she said.

The quantum of sentence and civil liability in the case is yet to be determined, the spokesperson added.

"The police during investigation found that the accused consumer was illegally tapping electricity by puncturing the Low Tension Aerial Bundled Cable. It also found that there was no meter or legitimate electricity connection at the site and a load of 7.718 KW was found to be connected for domestic purposes," she said. **PTI**

JUDGEMENT

SC refuses to entertain bail plea of SP MLA Yadav in spurious liquor case



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to entertain the bail plea of Samajwadi Party MLA Ramakant Yadav in a spurious liquor case in which nine people died in Azamgarh in 2022.

A vacation bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Rajesh Bindal refused to interfere with the Allahabad high court order denying him bail.

Yadav's counsel withdrew the plea after the bench expressed disinclination to entertain it. The matter was dismissed as withdrawn. **PTI**

Atishi's indefinite fast ends with hospitalisation

Atishi was admitted to the emergency ICU, and her condition is stable now.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Delhi Water Minister Atishi's indefinite hunger strike to demand water for the national capital amid its ongoing scarcity came to an end after she was hospitalised due to her worsening health conditions in the early hours of Tuesday. Atishi, who holds multiple portfolios in the Delhi government, was admitted to the emergency ICU at the Lok Nayak Hospital, and her condition is stable now.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva wished her good health and happiness, even as he said, "She should stop misleading the public."

Giving an update on Atishi's health, the hospital's Medical Director Dr Suresh Kumar said her condition is stable but she is in ICU. "She was advised hospitalisation last evening after her sugar levels declined and the presence of ketones was detected in her urine. She had declined hospitalisation. However, at midnight, as her condition deteriorated and she was drowsy, she was admitted. She is currently stable and in the ICU. Her blood tests are being done," the senior doctor said. The doctor said she



Water Minister Atishi being shifted to LNJP hospital after her health deteriorated.

is being given water and is on intravenous therapy. Her sugar levels had declined to 36mg/dL.

Explaining the consequences of the sharp decline, Kumar said if a person's sugar level goes below 50 mg/dL, it can have serious consequences. "Brain cells need glucose and if glucose does not reach them, it causes drowsiness and unconsciousness. If not given medical attention on time, a patient can go into a hypoglycemic coma.

Atishi's health deteriorated after fast for five days

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said the minister ended her indefinite fast after she was hospitalised.

At a press conference here, Singh said Atishi's health deteriorated after being on fast for nearly five days and she was admitted to the LNJP Hospital around 3.45 am. Atishi is now admitted to the ICU

and tests are being conducted, so the indefinite hunger strike has been stopped, he said. The AAP leader said all MPs

of the party will write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide Delhi with its rightful share of water from Haryana.

JSW opens exhibition to observe 100 years of India at the Olympics

Press Trust Of India

The exhibition, in association with the Pierre de Coubertin Family Association, comprises a detailed walkthrough of India's Olympic journey over the last century.

the Olympic Movement, along with commemorating 100 years of India's presence at the Games, in the host city of Paris, on Sunday.

Chairperson of the JSW Foundation, Mrs. Sangita Jindal and Inspire Institute of Sport Founder, Parth Jindal were joined by President of the IOC, Mr. Thomas Bach, Minister of Culture, Madame Rachida Dati, Ambassador of India to the Republic of France, His Excellency Jawed Ashraf and the President of the Pierre de

Coubertin Family Association, Mrs. Alexandra de Navacelle to open the exhibition that will be hosted at the Town Hall of the 7th Arrondissement, Paris, and will go on till the end of the Paris 2024 Summer Paralympic Games in September.

NEW DELHI: The JSW Group marked Olympic Day with the inauguration of an exhibition that celebrates life and legacy of Pierre de Coubertin, the Founder of

Take part in special Lok Adalat, CJI appeals to citizens

Press Trust Of India

The special Lok Adalat is being organised in the 75th year of the establishment of SC.

NEW DELHI: Highlighting the huge backlog of cases, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Tuesday appealed to all litigants and lawyers to participate in the special Lok Adalat from July 29 to August 3 to facilitate amicable settlement of suitable pending cases.

The special Lok Adalat is being organised in the 75th year of the establishment of the apex court, which came into existence on January 26, 1950 with the coming into force of the Constitution. In a video message, the CJI said, "From July 29 to August 3, the Supreme Court is organising a special Lok Adalat. This is part of a series of activities which the Supreme Court is observing to commemorate the 75th year since the establishment of the Apex court. He said all judges, as people dedicated to the institution of justice, are concerned about the large

backlog of cases. "The Lok Adalat represents a very informal and technology-based solution to resolve cases involving our citizens to their satisfaction in a purely voluntary consensual mode. "Therefore, on behalf of all my colleagues and the staff of the Supreme Court, I would appeal to all the citizens who have cases before the court and to all lawyers and advocates on record to take advantage and benefit of this opportunity in an attempt to resolve the cases speedily in a manner that is acceptable to all contesting parties," Chandrachud said.

NEWSLINE

AYODHYA

No leakage in Ram temple

Ram Temple Construction Committee Chairman Nripendra Mishra on Tuesday rejected the allegations of the temple's chief priest regarding the seepage of rainwater draining out of water from the sanctum sanctorum. "There was no water leakage but the rain water came down from the pipes fixed to install electric wires," Mishra said. "I myself have inspected the building of the temple. The second floor is under construction. "When the roof of the second floor will be finally constructed, then the rain water will stop entering the temple," Mishra said, while talking to reporters here.

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 फोन : 07752-227624, फैक्स : 07752-221365 E-mail : cc.bilaspur@cg.gov.in
 विलासपुर, दिनांक 24.06.2024

Empanelment of Agencies for Hiring of Machines, Equipment's and Vehicles on Rate Contract Basis for Development/Construction and Plantation Works

Undersigned intends to empanel agencies for the work mentioned above. Interested bidder may download RFP from www.cgforest.com website.
 Last Date of bid submission is 30.07.2024 at 11:30 AM, it will be open same day at 12 PM.

Chief Conservator of Forests Bilaspur Circle, Bilaspur (C.G.)
 G-24250058/1

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 Government of India

Support for Marginalized Individuals Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS (SETTING UP OF GARIMA GREH)

Applications are invited from interested & eligible applicants organizations from States/UTs of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, J&K, Ladakh, Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand and Kerala for setting up of Garima Greh under the scheme Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE), sub-scheme Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons.

- Organizations fulfilling following terms can apply for the project of Garima Greh:
 - A society registered under the Societies' Registration Act (XXI) of 1860 or any relevant Act of the State Governments / Union Territory or under any State law relating to registration of literary, scientific and charitable societies.
 - A registered public Trust
 - A Company established under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956
- Interested & eligible CBOs/NGOs may register at E-audaan (<https://grants-smje.gov.in/ngo-login>) with the requisite documentation.
- The Portal would be open from 26.06.2024 to 07.07.2024 for submission of applications for the financial year 2024-25.
- For any further queries contact at:-
 Call: 011- 23070386
 Email: ankit.srvastava@nic.in/mayank.b@gov.in/lokesh.km91@gov.in

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Kavita Pawar W/o. Shri Kailash Pawar resident of 21/D/1, Balco Nagar, Korba have changed my old name Kavita Pawar W/o. Shri Kailash Pawar, so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is Manju Pawar W/o. Shri Kailash Pawar in all Government and other documents.

MANJU PAWAR
 21/D/1, Balco Nagar, Korba (Chhattisgarh) 495684

CHANGE OF NAME

I NAMDEV NISHAD, Age 44 years, Father Mr. Thanwar Nishad, Resident Of Malda Tahsil, CASDOL District Balodabazar Chhattisgarh. I swear that the following Statement is made:-

- That I Am the Person of above name and address. Adhar no.- 7798 4996 6251.
- That I Am Working in the Army - My Service no. 15148931H.
- That my daughter's name is Registered in my Service book as KUMARI NANDINI which is recorded by mistake.
- That my daughter's correct name is nandini nishad as recorded in her Aadhar card.
- That I am executing this affidavit to GET the correct name of my daughter NANDINI NISHAD recorded in my service book.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.

NAMDEV NISHAD

CHANGE OF NAME

I NAMDEV NISHAD, Age 44 years, Father Mr. Thanwar Nishad, Resident Of Malda Tahsil, CASDOL District Balodabazar Chhattisgarh. I swear that the following Statement is made:-

- That I Am the Person of above name and address. Adhar no.- 7798 4996 6251.
- That I Am Working in the Army - My Service no. 15148931H.
- That my Wife name is recorded as KENVRA BAI in my Service book which is recorded by mistake.
- That my wife's KEVRA BAI NISHAD which is registered in her Aadhar card.
- That I am executing this affidavit to register the correct name of my wife KEVRA BAI NESHAD recorded in my service book.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.

NAMDEV NISHAD

CHANGE OF NAME

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- That I Am the Person of above name and address. Adhar no.- 7798 4996 6251.
- That I Am Working in the Army - My Service no. 15148931H.
- That my daughter's name is Registered in my Service book as PRITI KUMARI which is recorded by mistake.
- That my daughter's correct name is PREETI as recorded in her Aadhar card.
- That I am executing this affidavit to GET the correct name of my daughter PREETI recorded in my service book.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.

NAMDEV NISHAD

CHANGE OF NAME

I NAMDEV NISHAD, Age 44 years, Father Mr. Thanwar Nishad, Resident Of Malda Tahsil, CASDOL District Balodabazar Chhattisgarh. I swear that the following Statement is made:-

- That I Am the Person of above name and address. Adhar no.- 7798 4996 6251.
- That I Am Working in the Army - My Service no. 15148931H.
- That my son's name is Recorded in my Service Book as HITESH which is recorded by mistake.
- That my son's correct name is HITESH NISHAD as recorded in his Aadhar card.
- That I am executing this affidavit to register the correct name of my son as HITESH NISHAD in my service book.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.

NAMDEV NISHAD

CHANGE OF NAME

I NAMDEV NISHAD, Age 44 years, Father Mr. Thanwar Nishad, Resident Of Malda Tahsil, CASDOL District Balodabazar Chhattisgarh. I swear that the following Statement is made:-

- That I Am the Person of above name and address. Adhar no.- 7798 4996 6251.
- That I Am Working in the Army - My Service no. 15148931H.
- That my son's name is registered in my Service Book as KUSHAL KUMAR which is recorded by mistake.
- That my son's correct name is KUSHAL NISHAD as recorded in his Aadhar card.
- That I am executing this affidavit to register the correct name of my son as KUSHAL NISHAD in my service book.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.
- That I am executing this affidavit in support of the above statements.

NAMDEV NISHAD

Bank of Baroda

Branch: Tilak Nagar, Bilaspur(C.G.)

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised 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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Property Mortgaged & Owner of the Property	Date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on the Date of Demand Notice
1.	Borrower- Ms. Nivedita Ranjan D/o Deepak Ranjan (Borrower) and Mrs. Rignita Daniel Etko W/o Deepak Ranjan. (Co-borrower)	EM of land and Building belonging to Ms. Nivedita Ranjan D/o Deepak Ranjan admeasuring 375 Sqft situated at Khazra No 0/96, 5/9kh2 (part), P.H No 25/17, Mouja Khamtarai, R.N.M.Bilaspur, Block Bilha, Tahsil & Dist.-Bilaspur Boundary of property North: Huzari Rasta, South: Land of K Singh, East: Nisari Rasta, West: Remaining Land of Seller	14.03.2024 19.06.2024	₹ 353673.00 as on 29/12/2023 together with further interest thereon

Date: 19.06.2024 Place : Bilaspur (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda

Branch: Vyapar Vihar, Bilaspur(C.G.)

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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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Property Mortgaged & Owner of the Property	Date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on the Date of Demand Notice
1.	Mr. Yogacharya Rajput and Narayan Singh	Equitable Mortgage of Divided land and building bearing Sheet No 21, Plot No 58/1, Khazra No 248/21-22, P.H.No. 54, P.N.M.- Sakri, admeasuring area 2000 sq ft built up area 1500 sq ft situated at Infront of Usha Upvan, Mouza- Lokand, The Takolpur, Dist- Bilaspur, CG in the name of Mr Yogacharya Rajput S/o Mr Jagabram Rajput Boundary Description East: Land Of Seller, West: Nisari Road, North: Land Of Ramsharan Kauskhik, South: Land Of Purchaser	13.03.2024 20.06.2024	₹ 45,07,380.92 as on 11.03.2024 together with further interest thereon

Date: 20.06.2024 Place : Bilaspur (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR

Notice Inviting Video Conferencing System

No. PHQ/Sec-10/Prove-2/2634/2024 Nava Raipur, Dated : 24/06/2024

Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Tender are being invited from Original equipment manufacturers (OEM) or Authorised by manufacturer (Only One) for the following item.

S.No	Description of work	EMD in Rs
1	Video Conferencing System	Rs. 16,000/-

The cost of the tender document State Govt. Chhatis of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) amount to be deposited in the Head of A/C-0055-Police-500-other receipt or it shall be in the form of D.D. of State Bank of India scheduled Bank (other than cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of D.G.P. Chhattisgarh Tender Fee is non-refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition. The tender document may be obtained from the following address:

Add. Director General of Police (F&P)
 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur
 Pin:-492002, Phone & Fax : 0771-2431210, 2229622

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER

A	Address for submission of tender document	Police headquarters, Sector 19, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh
B	Last Date and time for receipt of tender	15/07/2024 till 03.30 pm
C	Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :-	Police headquarters Sector 19, Nava Raipur, C.G. 15/07/2024 at 4:30 pm
D	Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated later.
E	Date till which the Bid to remain valid	120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.

Note:-

- In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day.
- Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee 1000/- will be paid in the form of DD on the account of Director General of Police Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur
- Modification/Amendments/corrigendum, if any shall not be Advertised in the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only.

D.I.G. of Police (F&P)
For-Director General of Police,
Police headquarters,
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)
 G-24250057/1

Canara Bank

Branch: Korba, Distt- Korba (C.G.)

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice on the date in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

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.

S. No.	Borrower/ Branch Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	M/s. Stereon Overseas Group Branch: Korba (C.G.)	Property situated at Mouza - Batari, P.H. No. 39 (New 49), R.N.M Handi Bazar New Dipka, Tahsil Katghora & District Korba, Chhattisgarh. Owner : Mr. Rajendra Singh Gili S/o Tare Singh Gili. Area- 1.83 Acre / 0.8640 Hect. Boundaries: North: Govt. Land, South: Land of Shukrawar Singh, East: Land of Mr. Datta Singh, West: Land of Dicer Singh	₹ 1,38,74,335.51 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	12.04.2024 20.06.2024

Date: 25.06.2024 Place: Korba (C.G.) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE
Do not wait for leaders; do it alone,
person to person
[Mother Teresa]

Comment

The Black Day: Re-living the Emergency after 49 years

| OUR VIEW |

NEET-UG malpractice: CBI steps in for thorough investigation

The decision by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to take over the investigation into alleged malpractices in the NEET-UG medical entrance exam marks a critical juncture in addressing the integrity of India's educational assessments. The CBI has assumed control over five new cases previously handled by the police in Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Bihar. Additionally, it is likely to take up another case from Maharashtra's Latur. The cases involve incidents of impersonation and cheating, primarily facilitated by local officials, invigilators, and candidates, with the Bihar case being an exception. These developments prompted the Union education ministry to call for a comprehensive probe, which led to the CBI registering its own First Information Report (FIR) based on the ministry's reference. With these new inclusions, the CBI is now investigating a total of six cases related to NEET-UG irregularities. The NEET-UG, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), is a crucial gateway for admissions to medical and related courses across India. This year's examination, held on May 5, saw over 23 lakh candidates appearing at 4,750 centers spread across 571 cities, including 14 abroad. The swift action by the CBI, which registered its first FIR shortly after the ministry's announcement, underscores the urgency of addressing these allegations. This move was also a response to the demands of protesting students in several cities who were deeply concerned about the fairness of the examination process. A CBI spokesperson highlighted that the investigation would cover all aspects of the alleged malpractices, including conspiracy, cheating, impersonation, breach of trust, and destruction of evidence by candidates, institutes, and middlemen. Furthermore, the investigation will scrutinize the role of public servants involved in the examination's conduct, aiming to unravel any larger conspiracy at play. This comprehensive probe is not just about addressing immediate concerns but also about restoring faith in the examination system. The NEET-UG is a critical milestone for aspiring medical students, and any breach in its integrity can have far-reaching consequences.

| GUEST VIEW |

United efforts to combat global drug addiction crisis

The global drug problem affects millions through substance abuse and crime. According to the UNODC's 2023 World Drug Report, global drug use surged to 296 million in 2021, a 23% increase over the past decade. Drug-use disorders rose by 45%, impacting 39.5 million people, with only one in five receiving treatment. The rise of synthetic drugs, especially fentanyl, has intensified illicit markets, causing nearly 90,000 opioid-related deaths in North America in 2021. On June 26th, the world observes the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2024, promoting healthier lives by raising awareness and advocating for accessible recovery centers. Evidence-based policies rooted in science, human rights, and compassion are emphasized. A unified approach involving government agencies, community organizations, healthcare providers, and law enforcement is crucial. Education programs, early prevention, and accessible treatment services are essential. By eliminating stigma and fostering compassion, we can support recovery and inspire hope. Guided by science and solidarity, collective action can empower individuals to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.



Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

June 26, 1975, is etched in the nation's memory as a Black Day when the then Congress Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed an Emergency, effectively stifling India's democracy. The youth, agitating against corruption, unemployment, and price rise, faced severe suppression through curfews and police actions. The situation escalated when Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan took over the youth movements, calling for a (Sampurna Kranti) 'Total Revolution.' Panic set in for Indira Gandhi after the Allahabad High Court disqualified her election as PM. Instead of seeking a constitutional remedy from the Supreme Court, she declared an Internal Emergency to retain power.

Following the Emergency declaration, many anti-social elements were briefly detained, but the real crackdown began on July 4. Social, cultural, and political organizations opposing the Congress were banned, and numerous leaders and activists were jailed. Although not part of any banned organization, my previous involvement in student agitations in 1972 led to my detention under the Maintenance of Internal

Security Act (MISA).

The police summoned me while I was working the night shift at Bhilai Steel Plant. I reported to the police station the next morning, finding around 60-70 people already there, all suspected of being part of banned groups. The initial hours passed with no clear action from the police, but eventually, we were informed that we would be detained under MISA and sent to Raipur Central Jail.

Transported in Bhilai Steel Plant buses, we arrived at the newly constructed barracks in Raipur. We spent the first night without food, grappling with the emotional shock of our sudden detention. The next day, the grim conditions persisted with no morning tea or breakfast. Lunch was inedible, causing many detainees to refuse it in protest. This led to violent responses from the authorities, with repeated lathi charges injuring several detainees.

A Jail Committee, including representatives from all political parties and myself for the Naxalites, was formed to negotiate better conditions. Over six months, detainees were classified into MISA Class 1 and 2, receiving

improved facilities according to the Jail Manual. Public protests were minimal, and media control meant limited awareness of our plight outside.

Government or PSU employees among the detainees were dismissed from their jobs, their families left in dire straits. Friends and community members were often too frightened to help. Amidst this bleak scenario, forced sterilizations and slum demolitions under the guise of urban beautification added to the trauma.

Hope flickered with news that Mrs. Lillian Carter, American President Jimmy Carter's wife, visiting India in early 1977. She carried a letter urging Indira Gandhi to end the Emergency and hold elections. Shortly after, the massacre of Bangladesh's PM, Mujibur Rahman, occurred, adding to the tense atmosphere.

Elections were declared in March 1977. Indira Gandhi misinterpreted public silence as support. However, the opposition united under the Janata Party, led by JP, which resonated with the people. The public decisively voted against dictatorship, and the Janata Party won with a majority, ending the Congress regime's autocratic rule. Indian people

are intrinsically democratic to the core and the Congress might have learnt it better!

The I.N.D.I. Alliance has been successful in denting the support base of Modi, to some extent, only by misinterpreting before people his own slogan "Ab ki bar, Char Sou par" as a direct threat to the Constitution and democracy! Dictators posed as defenders of democracy!

For a moment, a section of the public forgot that Modi always stood for "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayaas" and Sabka prayaas"

Emergency was a major turning point in the Indian politics. It provided the opportunity for all anti Congress forces to come together in jails for a long period to converse and contemplate about the future of the country and the people. The secret of the emergence of the BJP in the post emergency years and its unprecedented growth and power lies in the jail barracks of the Emergency years! Emergency also marked the beginning of the end of the corrupt and autocratic Congress regime. I for one went in jail as a hater of the RSS and supporter of the Communists and came out of jail reversing my outlook altogether!



George Kurian

Balancing inflation and economic growth

Balancing inflation and economic growth is crucial for India's economic stability, requiring careful monetary policy decisions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). by Satish Singh



Picture showing a scale with inflation and economic growth elements. | Photo AP

Balancing inflation and development is crucial for India's economic stability. The Monetary Policy Committee has kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5% in the latest monetary review. Previously, the repo rate was increased in February 2023 to combat rising inflation.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) combats inflation by increasing the repo rate. When the repo rate is high, banks borrow from the RBI at higher rates, leading them to offer loans to customers at higher rates. This reduces liquidity in the economy, decreasing consumer demand and, consequently, inflation. Conversely, to stimulate economic growth during a slowdown, the RBI cuts the repo rate, making loans cheaper and increasing liquidity.

Currently, inflation is a significant concern for both the government and the RBI. According to Care Edge Rating, despite loan rates not softening, loan growth was around 16% in FY 2023-24 and is projected to be 14-14.5% in FY 2024-25. This is a positive sign for the Indian economy, indicating robust economic activity. Consequently, the RBI has revised its growth

forecast for FY 2025 from 7.0% to 7.2%.

The GDP growth rate in the fourth quarter of FY 2023-24 was 7.8%, up from 6.1% in the same quarter the previous year. For FY 2023-24, the GDP growth rate was 8.2%, surpassing the RBI's estimate of 7%. The manufacturing sector, which plays a vital role in employment generation, grew by 9.9%, rebounding from a contraction of 2.2% in FY 2022-23. The mining sector also saw significant growth, from 1.9% in FY 2022-

23 to 7.1% in FY 2023-24.

Retail inflation remains a concern, with estimates suggesting little softening in the summer but some relief in the winter. The RBI projects inflation to be 4.5% in FY 2025, but this level is insufficient for decisive developmental decisions. Wholesale inflation rose to a 15-month high of 2.61% in May 2024. Retail inflation was 4.75% in May 2024, the lowest in 12 months, slightly lower than 4.83% in April 2024.

Inflation directly impacts

purchasing power. For example, a 6% inflation rate reduces the value of ₹100 earned to ₹94. Investors must consider inflation levels to ensure adequate returns. The rise and fall of inflation depend on product demand and supply. Excessive money flow or product shortages cause inflation, while low demand and high supply reduce it.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in the prices of goods and services. It includes around 300

products whose prices determine the retail inflation rate. Inflation affects purchasing power, reducing demand for goods and services, slowing economic activities, and hampering development.

Despite high lending interest rates, loan disbursement and economic growth remain robust, though this situation is exceptional. HSBC India's PMI was 57.5 in May 2024, down from 58.8 in April, while the composite PMI was 60.5 in May 2024, down from 61.5 in April. These figures indicate booming economic activities.

Inflation in India, although within the central bank's tolerance limit, is concerning. Hence, the RBI has kept policy rates unchanged. The central bank aims to balance inflation and growth, ensuring economic stability and development while minimizing hardships for the common man.

Additionally, the RBI's cautious approach reflects its understanding of the complex interplay between monetary policy and economic dynamics. By maintaining a steady repo rate, the central bank signals its intent to support sustainable economic growth without triggering runaway inflation.

YOUR LETTERS

Reconsider cancelled UGC-NET exam

The sudden cancellation of the UGC-NET exam shocked over nine lakh candidates. The rationale behind the Centre's decision is unclear, as there were no complaints about the exam's conduct. Irregularities in NEET-2024 don't imply foul play in UGC-NET. Canceling the test without valid reasons can severely affect aspirants' morale. The government must reconsider its decision and declare the results of the UGC-NET exam conducted on June 18 to restore trust and ensure fairness for all candidates who participated.

MK Nair, Raipur

Mindset change urgently needed

Honor killings are a blot on Indian society. Despite over seven decades of Independence, girls are still killed by their own kin in the name of family honor. Stringent laws alone are insufficient. A change in mindset, especially in rural areas, is essential. Both the elderly and youth must be educated to shift attitudes. Mainstream media can play a vital role in promoting this attitudinal change, fostering a society where such atrocities are no longer tolerated or justified under any pretext.

MD Salman, Mumbai

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The letters can be edited or rewritten for clarity.

Business



Relationship between India, US is multiplicative: Garcetti
Eric Garcetti,
US envoy to India

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

FREEBIES ISSUES

Finance Commission to address issues of freebies: Panagariya

SHIMLA: The 16th Finance Commission would address the issues pertaining to the distribution of freebies and compensation for providing green cover, Chairman Arvind Panagariya said on Monday. Speaking with reporters here after deliberations with the Himachal Pradesh government, Panagariya said that expectations and needs of the state have been discussed and a 90-slide presentation was given by the officials which emphasized that the cost of everything is much higher in the state due to its difficult terrain. Replying to a question, the chairman said, "The issue of freebies would also be addressed by the commission as we are aware that freebies have proliferated and there is a competition among the states and the political parties to give freebies. It is pertinent to mention that the Congress government in the state had promised to give Rs 1,500 per month to women in the age bracket of 18 to 59 years in its poll manifesto released on the eve of the last assembly polls held in 2022.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	78,053.52	+0.92
Nifty	23,721.30	+0.78
Nifty, MidCap	55,368.55	-0.38
Nifty SmallCap	18,242.05	+0.14
Nifty Bank	52,606.00	+1.74

Closing rates as on June 25, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.41 (-)
Euro	89.27 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.48 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.71 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On June 25, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,334.29	-0.20%
FTSE 100 Index	8,255.96	-0.31%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	39,173.15	+0.95%
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,457.90	-0.54%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, June 25, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Sensex breaches 78,000 level for 1st time, Nifty at record high as private bank shares shine



MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex breached the historic 78,000 level for the first time while Nifty settled at a new record high on Tuesday on buying in blue-chip bank stocks and Reliance Industries. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 712.44 points or 0.92 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 78,053.52. During the day, the benchmark soared 823.63 points or 1 per cent to hit a fresh lifetime high of 78,164.71. The Sensex breached the 77,000 mark for the first time on June 10. The Nifty went up by 183.45 points or 0.78 per cent to settle at a fresh record high of 23,721.30. During the day, it climbed 216.3 points or 0.91

per cent to hit an intra-day lifetime high of 23,754.15. "A rally in the banking stocks pushed Nifty to hit another record - 34th time this year though a host of other sectors ended in the negative," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 0.26 per cent while the smallcap index dipped 0.03 per cent.

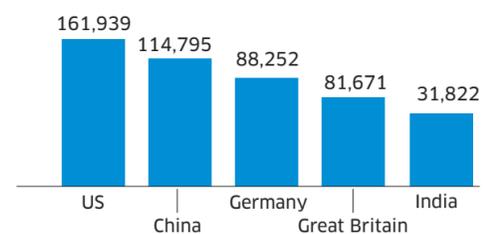
Major Gainers: Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Tech Mahindra, L&T, Bajaj Finserv, SBI, Reliance Industries and Infosys

Major Losers: Power Grid, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, Nestle, Maruti and JSW Steel. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

Outbound tourism expenditure of travelers from the following countries (in million US dollars) in 2022.

WORLD'S BIGGEST TOURISM SPENDERS



CDRI'S REPORT

CDRI, Odisha Govt launch 'Disaster Resilient Power Systems'

BHUBANESHWAR: The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the Government of Odisha jointly launch a report, 'Disaster Resilient Power Systems for Odisha'. The recommendations will enable the necessary steps for investments, risk-informed governance, and capacity building for disaster resilience.

Heavy rains, flooding, and severe waterlogging impact uninterrupted functioning of critical power infrastructure in coastal regions during disasters.

Disruptions result in high maintenance costs, asset loss, socio-economic losses, crippled emergency services and delayed response. CDRI's report on resilient power infrastructure lays out a methodology for enhancing power sector resilience in coastal regions, particularly those affected by cyclones, hurricanes and floods.

BULLION MARKET

Gold rises Rs 70; silver plunges Rs 400 on firm global trends



NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose Rs 70 to Rs 72,550 per 10 grams in the local market on Tuesday in line with firm global trends, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had closed at Rs 72,480 per 10 grams on Monday. However, silver prices plunged by Rs 400 to Rs 91,500 per kg. In the previous session, it had settled at Rs 91,900 per kg. "In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams, slightly up by Rs 70 from the previous close," Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said.



FM Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the eighth Pre-Budget consultation with representatives of the Employment and Skilling division in New Delhi.

Industry pitches for tax reduction in Budget meeting

Kumar also urged for the establishment of an Indian shipping line of global repute to reduce foreign shipping line dependency and save foreign exchange.

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NEW DELHI: In an effort to boost the economy, representatives of various industries on Tuesday urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reduce the incidence of indirect taxes and rationalise duty structure wherever required. In a pre-budget meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, FIEO president Ash-

wani Kumar made a case for an extension of the Interest Equalisation Scheme for the next five years. "We request the scheme which is valid till 30th June, 2024 may be extended for a period of 5 years.

Looking into the rise in interest rates consequent to the increase in Repo rate from 4.4 per cent to 6.5 per cent in the last 2 years, the subvention rates may be restored

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Interest rates may be restored back from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for manufacturers in MSMEs.

There is a need for a review of tariffs on imported goods from China.

back from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for manufacturers in MSMEs," Kumar said.

Kumar also urged for the establishment of an Indian shipping line of global repute to reduce foreign shipping line dependency and save foreign exchange. Emerging from the nearly two-hour meeting, Ajay Sardana, President & Head of Petchem-Industry Affairs, at Reliance

Industries, said there is a need for a review of tariffs on imported goods from China related to the petrochem industry.

"China has created a lot of overcapacity, they are putting a lot of products in India at a very cheaper price and a lot of dumping is happening. So, what we requested is a review of the tariffs regime so that the domestic capacity can be increased," Sardana said.

INVESTMENT

Adani to invest Rs 1.3 lakh cr in FY25 across portfolio cos

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The group will look to refinance USD 3-4 billion of debt maturing in the year

AHMEDABAD: Adani group plans to invest about Rs 1.3 lakh crore across its portfolio companies this fiscal as it doubles down on its USD 100 billion investment guidance over the next 7-10 years to grow businesses, group CFO said on Tuesday. The investment across portfolio companies that range from ports to energy, airports, commodities, cement and media will be 70 per cent met through internal cash generation and the remaining through debt, Group CFO Jugeshinder 'Robbie' Singh told reporters here. The group will look to refinance USD 3-4 billion of debt maturing in the year and raise an additional USD 1 billion



Gautam Adani, Founder Chairman, Adani Group.

FACTFILE

Adani Group companies posted a record 45 per cent rise in pre-tax profit (Ebitda) to Rs 82,917 crore (about USD 10 billion) in FY24

in project financing, he said, adding the annual USD 2-2.5 billion of equity infusion by bringing in new investors is also likely to continue. "This year will be

more about asset completion," he said. Renewable energy firm Adani Green will complete 6-7 GW project, while the solar wafer manufacturing unit will attain scale. Also, the new airport at Mumbai will be completed, he said. The projected capital expenditure or capex for 2024-25 (April 2024 to March 2025) fiscal is 40 per cent higher than what the portfolio is estimated to have incurred in FY24. The group had

previously guided a USD 100 billion capex over the next 7-10 years. Most of this investment is going to go into the group's fast growing businesses - renewable, green hydrogen and airports and infrastructure, he said. As much as 70 per cent of the planned capex will go into its green portfolio - primarily renewable power, green hydrogen, green evacuation. Of the remaining 30 per cent, the majority will be spent towards airports and ports businesses. Adani Group companies posted a record 45 per cent rise in pre-tax profit (Ebitda) to Rs 82,917 crore (about USD 10 billion) in FY24, Singh said. Emerging from a damning report of a US short seller, which hit the market value of its listed companies, Adani Group in 2023-24 focused on containing debt, reducing founder share pledge and consolidating the business in core competencies.

PV SALES

Passenger vehicle sales to see 3-5 pc growth: Report

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Passenger vehicle sales is projected to grow at a moderate 3-5 per cent this financial year on account of a high-base effect of FY24, shrinking order book and subdued demand for entry-level variants, a report said on Monday.

According to the report by credit ratings

agency CareEdge, following robust growth of 90 per cent with volumes at 90,432 units in FY24, with an improving penetration rate, electric car sales in the passenger vehicle (PV) segment is likely to clock volume of around 1.30-1.50 lakh units in FY25. In FY22 and FY23, the PV industry experienced substantial year-on-year volume



growth due to pent-up demand post-Covid

recovery and new product introductions, it said. Utility vehicles played a significant role, with volumes increasing by 41 per cent in FY22 and 33.2 per cent in FY23. The industry benefitted from lower interest rates and an increased desire for personal mobility in the wake of the pandemic, CareEdge said. According to CareEdge, utility vehi-

cles contributed 10-15 per cent of total passenger vehicle sales until FY12. It grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.51 per cent between FY13 and FY24, as consumer preference shifted towards utility vehicles that offered better and innovative designs, new models, technological, functional and safety features.

“Behind the screen, writer’s play a pivotal role, an important role, writing a screenplay is a big deal. I think we should study the screenplay a bit more.”

Nawazuddin Siddiqui
Actor



& Glitters

O.T.T Watch



Deshmukh’s ‘Pill’ coming to JioCinema in July

Pill, starring Riteish Deshmukh, debuts on JioCinema on July 12. Created by Raj Kumar Gupta, known for films like “Aamir” and “No One Killed Jessica”, the series delves into the pharmaceutical industry’s murky secrets, promising a gripping narrative of whistleblowing against corruption.



The Night Manager: Season 2 confirmed

Olivia Colman and Tom Hiddleston reunite for “The Night Manager” season two, announced by BBC and Prime Video. Colman returns as Angela Burr, promising another thrilling chapter in the acclaimed series based on John le Carré’s novel.



The Cobblepot Climb: How Oswald became Penguin

Max has released a new teaser for “The Penguin,” a spin-off set to premiere in September 2024. The series follows Oswald Cobblepot’s journey after “The Batman” movie, starring Colin Farrell, Cristin Milioti, and Clancy Brown in Gotham City’s underworld.



Vicky Jain’s mom joins Laughter Chefs!

Vicky Jain’s mom joins Laughter Chefs, dancing to dhol beats and engaging with contestants. The show blends cooking and humor, promising entertainment with every episode.



Kamra joins Varma in “Matka King”

Actress Kritika Kamra joins Vijay Varma in NagrajManjule’s “Matka King”, a crime drama exploring India’s historic Matka gambling era. The series dives deep into the cultural and perilous world of the gambling phenomenon from the 1960s to the 1990s.

CLOSE UP

Isha Koppikar opens up on discomfort in on-screen romances

Bollywood actress, Isha Koppikar has recently shared her experiences on romancing older actors on-screen during her heydays.

Central Chronicle News

Isha Koppikar was recently seen in the Tamil science-fiction action film – Ayaalan. She recently addressed the age-gap among actors in Bollywood.

Isha Koppikar, a prominent figure in Bollywood since her debut in “Fiza,” recently opened up about her discomfort while working with older male co-stars like Suniel Shetty and Govinda in films such as “Pyaar Ishq Aur Mohabbat” and “Aamdani Atthanni Kharcha Rupaiya.” Speaking to Siddharth Kannan, she confessed feeling uneasy due to the significant age gap, likening intimate scenes to embracing a father rather than a romantic partner. Acknowledging the norm in the industry, Isha highlighted the need for actors to focus on their roles irrespective of age differences. She emphasized the importance of portraying characters realistically, aware of audience perceptions and critiques, especially in the era of social media where opinions are readily shared. Despite her reservations, Isha expressed hope for a shift in industry norms, advocating for more age-appropriate casting and storytelling.



Isha Koppikar talks about romancing elder heroes in the film industry.



Isha Koppikar discusses age gap in Bollywood romances

The actress was then asked if she would feel “cringe” about hugging senior actors. To this, the Don actress stated not everyone would feel that

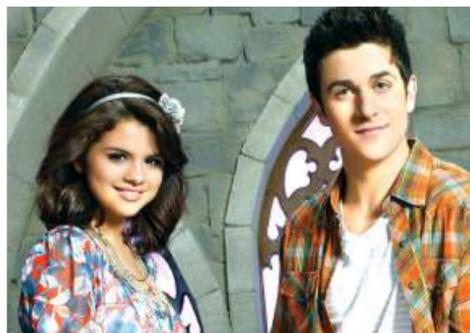
way, but some of them maintained themselves really well and wouldn’t look their age. She opined some actors, on the other hand, would’ve an air in their demeanor about the seniority and experience they possess.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Wizards reunite! David Henrie on working with Selena Gomez again

Central Chronicle News

David Henrie is eagerly anticipating his reunion with Selena Gomez in the upcoming revival of “The Wizards of Waverly Place,” where they will reprise their iconic roles as siblings Justin and Alex. Originally airing on Disney Channel from 2007 to 2012, the series catapulted both actors, alongside Jake T. Austin as Max, into stardom. Reflecting on filming with Gomez again after more than a decade, Henrie expressed excitement about the chemistry and camaraderie they still share. “It was awesome.



We didn’t want it to end. It was great. She’s so good. She has such a quick wit that’s only gotten stronger,” Henrie shared with US Weekly, highlighting Gomez’s growth as an actor. The revival, titled “Wizards

Beyond Waverly Place,” is set to introduce new storylines while honoring the nostalgia of the original series. Henrie teased emotional scenes that will resonate deeply with fans, promising touching moments that pay hom-

The show is slated to premiere later this year on both Disney Channel and Disney+.

HIGHLIGHT

• David Henrie reunites with Selena Gomez in ‘The Wizards of Waverly Place’, with the new series following young wizard Billie, Roman Russo, and Giada.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

‘Maharaj’: Sharvari earns praise as a surprise standout

Sharvari, who stars opposite Junaid Khan in ‘Maharaj’, enthusiastically embraces her role as a “surprise factor” in the film. She expressed excitement over the accolades, aiming to make a significant impact in every role she takes on. With ‘Maharaj’ and ‘Munjya’ both releasing recently, Sharvari relishes the professional success, particularly cherishing the recognition for her performances. Upcoming projects include ‘Vedaa’ directed by Nikkhil Advani and a role in Aditya Chopra’s spy verse alongside Alia Bhatt, highlighting her ambition to continually evolve as an actress. As she navigates diverse roles, Sharvari remains dedicated to delivering memorable performances and leaving a lasting impression on audiences.

Web Series

Samarthya Gupta, embraces villainy on ‘Jubilee Talkies’

TV actor Samarthya Gupta, known for his positive roles in ‘Shrimad Ramayan’, is set to debut as a villain in ‘Jubilee Talkies’. Playing Reyansh Grover, he adds layers to his character, contrasting his previous roles. Samarthya looks forward to exploring new dimensions in this family drama, expressing excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to hone his acting skills in a different genre. His role promises to bring depth and intrigue to the storyline, showcasing his versatility beyond reality TV appearances like ‘Splitsvilla X3’. ‘Jubilee Talkies’, airing on Sony TV, unfolds the romance between Shivangi Sawant and Ayaan Grover amidst contrasting backgrounds and modern ideals.

The Bollywood hot pair

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal’s energetic “Mujhse Shaadi Karogi” dance



Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal, who tied the knot on June 23, shared a heartwarming moment at their wedding reception as they danced energetically to “Mujhse Shaadi Karogi.” Sonakshi stunned in a gorgeous red saree while Zaheer complemented her in an elegant ivory Indo-Western ensemble. In a touching gesture dur-

ing the song, Zaheer went down on one knee, hands folded, proposing to Sonakshi amidst cheers from guests. Sonakshi responded with a beaming smile, reciprocating the joy of the moment by joining him in the lively dance, capturing the essence of their love-filled celebration and making it a truly unforgettable event.

Fashion

Katy Perry stuns in barely-there, avant-garde dress

Katy Perry set Paris ablaze in a daring Noir Kei Ninomiya gown at a recent fashion show, celebrating 100 days of French fashion. The singer’s outfit, adorned with geometric shapes and layers of peach and black tulle, showcased her bold style and statuesque silhouette.



Trending on Insta



@shahid Kapoor

Shahid Kapoor’s little ones mesmerized by Mumbai’s sea link

Shahid Kapoor shared a heartwarming Instagram moment as his kids Misha and Zain admired Mumbai’s sea link from their balcony, radiating pure joy.

@kareenakapoor Khan

Kareena Kapoor finds zen in a sun-kissed selfie

Kareena Kapoor shared a cozy selfie from her hotel room on June 23, capturing a sunny day by the window in a comfy striped t-shirt with her hair tied back. She captioned it “Sundays by my window” with a rainbow and red heart emoji.



“Nothing, just me turning my back on toxic older ladies dressed like teenagers, announcing that they’re au naturel after ten surgeries.”

Richa Chadha
Actress



Bella



Investing empowers women to achieve financial freedom and pursue their aspirations independently.

WOMEN & INVESTING

Beyond Dependence: The Challenges and Triumphs of Women’s Financial Freedom

In today’s world, women are becoming much more financially independent and investing in the right stocks and shares.

In today’s dynamic landscape, women are boldly rewriting the rules of financial independence, shattering stereotypes and forging new paths to empowerment. With increasing access to opportunities, women are making confident strides towards financial autonomy. A staggering 98% of Indian women actively engage in long-term family decisions, with nearly half making independent financial choices, highlighting a profound shift in societal norms. Beyond earning money, women are mastering the art of financial management through strategic investments and savvy savings techniques, often guided



by expert financial advice. This proactive approach not only secures their futures but also empowers them to navigate complex financial landscapes with confidence. Moreover, women are seizing entrepreneurial opportunities at unprecedented rates, driving economic growth and fostering community development. Coupled with higher edu-

cational achievements—where women now outnumber men in earning advanced degrees—this educational empowerment equips women with essential financial literacy, enabling them to navigate intricate financial concepts with ease. Today, from creating inclusive budgets to venturing into diverse investment portfolios, women advocate



HIGHLIGHT

Financial independence for women is not just about earning money but also about how to manage it wisely. Taking advice from a financial consultant can help women explore investment alternatives, savings, and debt management strategies.

for equal access to financial services and rights. This evolution isn’t just about economic progress; it’s about reclaiming ownership, security, and independence in every aspect of life.

Pickles: More than just a crunchy condiment



Are you a pickle lover? Pickles offer surprising health benefits beyond their tangy taste. Packed with probiotics, they promote gut health and aid digestion, supporting a balanced microbiome. Their low-calorie content makes them a guilt-free snack, while providing essential vitamins and minerals like vitamin K and potassium, crucial for bone health and overall well-being. Pickles also boast antioxidants that help fight inflammation and boost immune function. However, watch out for high sodium levels, which can affect blood pressure. Enjoy pickles in moderation to reap their health perks—whether on sandwiches, salads, or as a zesty side dish, they’re a flavorful addition to any meal.

Myth or Truth: Quinoa vs Rice: A nutritional showdown

Quinoa and rice each offer unique nutritional benefits. Quinoa is a complete protein, packed with fiber and essential nutrients like magnesium and iron. It’s gluten-free and has a low glycemic index, making it suitable for various diets. Rice, depending on type, can be high in carbs but lower in protein and nutrients

compared to quinoa. Brown rice offers more fiber and nutrients than white. Choosing between quinoa and rice depends on dietary needs—quinoa for protein and nutrients, rice for carbs and versatility. Both can be part of a balanced diet; pick based on health goals and personal preferences.

| FASHION |

Something borrowed, something bold: Gen Z’s bridal makeup makeover

Central Chronicle News

In the ever-evolving world of bridal beauty, Gen Z brides are setting new trends that blend sophistication with a modern twist, redefining elegance for their special day. Soft glam has emerged as a favorite, characterized by radiant skin adorned with earthy eyeshadows and a touch of shimmer, creating a luminous, ethereal glow. This approach not only enhances the bride’s natural beauty but also captures the essence of contemporary wedding aesthetics. A defining feature of Gen Z bridal makeup is the embrace of



natural brows, styled to appear soft and feathery, framing the face with subtle elegance. Glossy lips have made a triumphant return, replacing matte

finishes with their glossy sheen, adding a youthful and vibrant touch to the bridal look. For those inclined towards statement makeup, graphic

eyeliner has become a go-to choice, offering geometric precision and modern sophistication that complements traditional bridal attire.

HIGHLIGHT

Explore the modern magic of Gen Z bridal makeup: soft glam, natural brows, and glossy lips redefine wedding elegance. Discover bold geometric liners and chic monochromatic palettes that empower brides to shine with confidence and style on their special day.

Monochromatic makeup trends are also gaining popularity among Gen Z brides, utilizing harmonious shades across eyes, cheeks, and lips to achieve a cohesive and chic appearance.

DivaDazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

Sara Ali Khan’s chic vacation style shines: Stealing the spotlight!

Sara Ali Khan exudes effortless chic in a crop top and denim cargo pants during her recent getaway. Layering a cozy brown shawl over her ensemble added a touch of sophistication to her look. She accessorized with statement pink sunglasses from YSL and flaunted two luxurious designer bags—a Louis Vuitton shoulder bag and a Valentino Garavani nappa bag. Sara’s makeup featured a natural glow with tinted cheeks and soft pink lips, complementing her relaxed holiday vibe. Her tousled ponytail completed the laid-back yet glamorous appeal, proving that simplicity can indeed be stylish on any vacation adventure. Embracing comfort and luxury, Sara sets the perfect example of vacation fashion done right.

Achiever

Sreeja Akula claims first Indian WTT contender singles title

Sreeja Akula made history by becoming the first Indian paddler to clinch the WTT Contender singles title in Lagos. Ahead of her Paris 2024 Olympics debut, she secured her place in the final with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over compatriot Sutirtha Mukherjee in the semi-finals. In the decisive match, Sreeja faced off against Ding Yijie. Earlier, Sreeja and Archana Girish Kamath dominated the women’s doubles finals with a commanding 3-0 win over Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Parag Chitale. Their stellar performance continued in the semifinals with a 3-0 victory over Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee.

The Inspirors

Shilpa Shetty champions Yoga’s power to transform



Shilpa Shetty, an advocate of yoga, reveals its transformative impact on her daily life, emphasizing its role in stress management and mental well-being. She encourages practices like Kapal Bhati and Anulom Vilom for breath awareness and cleansing negativity. Addressing misconceptions, she emphasizes yoga’s gradual improvement of both physical and mental health,

rejecting the notion of perfecting poses. Shilpa also highlights yoga’s effectiveness in combating insomnia through regulating the nervous system, reducing stress hormones, and enhancing serotonin levels. Her insights underscore yoga as a holistic science that fosters self-awareness and overall health improvement, both mentally and physically.

Wellness

Thyroid trouble? Hormone therapy can be a lifesaver

Hormone therapy is pivotal in treating thyroid disorders like hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism by restoring hormone balance. For hypothyroidism, medications like levothyroxine replenish thyroid hormones, alleviating symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain. Conversely, hyperthyroidism may be managed with medications that inhibit hormone production or treatments like radioactive iodine therapy to reduce thyroid activity. However, careful monitoring and dosage adjustments are essential to manage potential side effects and ensure effectiveness. Hormone therapy, coupled with medical supervision, offers a vital pathway to improving quality of life for individuals grappling with thyroid disorders globally.



Divas on Insta

@Sara Ali Khan

Sara Ali Khan

Sara Ali Khan reminisces as she returns to NYC, the city she fondly recalls as housing ‘96 kilos’ of her past. Her Instagram captures show her enjoying the Big Apple in stylish athleisure, embodying confidence and nostalgia.



@Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt’s latest gym session, shared on June 23, highlights her intense leg workout with trainer encouragement, setting fitness goals for her followers.



Sports



Only guy who put us in semifinals was Brian Lara and we proved him right.

Rashid Khan
Afghan captain

Sports Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

FANS SOUGHT OUT

Danish FA seeks fans who caused UEFA fine with offensive banner

MUNICH: Danish soccer officials will seek out the fans who unfurled an offensive banner in the match against England and get them to pay the fine it has been hit with by UEFA. The Danish Football Association was fined 10,000 euros (\$10,700) on Monday because of an abusive banner aimed at UEFA that was displayed in Denmark's 1-1 draw with England at the European Championship on Wednesday. "We pay the fine, but the most important thing for us, and we are starting to do that now, is that we identify those who have brought in the banner, and then we will pass the bill on to them," Danish Football Association director Erik Brøgger Rasmussen told TV 2 Sport. "If we find them, they can pay. We hope that those who might bring a banner with this type of language to the stadium will think twice. **PTI**

EURO CUP

Record breaker Modric not finished yet: Veteran leads Croatia charge



LEIPZIG: A standing ovation, a man-of-the-match award and a record. But Croatia star Luka Modric was in no mood to celebrate, regardless of the accolades, after what could have been his last appearance at a major tournament.

Modric scored against Italy on Monday to become the oldest goal-scorer ever at a European Championship. **PTI**

Oscar, Emmy? goes to Afghan star Naib's cramp during Afghanistan vs Bangladesh match sparks controversy



KINGSTOWN: Gulbadin Naib dramatically falling on his back, clutching his thigh after Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott signalled his players to slow things down in the T20 World Cup match against Bangladesh caused both amusement and annoyance as former players questioned the genuineness of his discomfort.

Naib, who was fielding in the slip cordon, complained of cramps during the 12th over bowled by spinner Noor Ahmad, after Trott was seen on camera asking his players to slow down as Bangladesh had fallen behind on the Duckworth-Lewis par score in the

rain-hit Super 8 clash.

"The coach sends a message out to say slow it down, slow it down and the first slip just dives on the ground needlessly. That is unacceptable. Gone off anyway. I get that might have gone off anyway for the rain," said Simon Doull while commentating.

Zimbabwean commentator Pommie Mbangwa quipped: "Oscar, Emmy?"

Naib was given treatment and was taken off the field by teammate Naveen-ul-Haq and a support staff as it started raining again and players ran to the dugout. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

MOST CATCHES IN T20 WORLD CUPS

AB de Villiers	23
Dwayne Bravo	18
Shoaib Malik	17
David Warner	17
Ross Taylor	16

Source: Wikipedia

SOCCER

England boss Southgate shrugs off Lineker's scathing remarks

COLOGNE: Gary Lineker's stinging criticism of England created waves at the European Championship. Gareth Southgate, however, said he was "oblivious" to the four-letter assessment delivered by one of England's greatest players and one of Britain's biggest television stars. "It is not important to me at all," he said on Monday. "If you don't open yourself to it, it can't affect you." England's preparations for its final Group C game against Slovenia on Tuesday have been conducted against the backdrop of media and public criticism after the team's 1-1 draw with Denmark. His comments made headlines in the English media and earned rebuke from captain Harry Kane. Lineker is the highest-paid star on the publicly funded national broadcaster, the BBC. His political opinions have upset the U.K. government in the recent past when comparing the government's language about migrants to that used in Nazi Germany. **PTI**

SOCCER

Varga recovering from surgery, UEFA defends Euro medical response



MUNICH: Hungary forward Barnabás Varga is expected to be released from hospital on Wednesday after undergoing surgery on facial fractures he sustained in a collision with Scotland's goalkeeper at the European Championship. The match on Sunday was halted for nearly 10 minutes so Varga could get treatment after colliding with Angus Gunn midway through the second half. The 29-year-old Varga was carried off on a stretcher and taken to a Stuttgart hospital. He had surgery on Monday. **PTI**

Afghanistan make first ever T20 World Cup semifinal

The Afghans will now face South Africa in the last-four stage on June 27.

Press Trust Of India

The Afghans' job was made easy by India, who handed Australia a 24-run defeat.

KINGSTOWN: The redoubtable Rashid Khan led the way as Afghanistan qualified for their maiden T20 World Cup semifinal with an eight-run win over Bangladesh in a rain-hit Super 8 match here, adding a golden chapter to their cricketing history that has survived war, political ostracization and lack of even a base at home.

In the process, Rashid's maverick team knocked out 2021 champions Australia after having humbled them in their previous Super 8 match.

Opting to bat after winning the toss, Afghanistan's batting stumbled to a below-par 115/5 as Bangladesh bowlers made the most of a tricky pitch, bowling as many as 66 dot balls.

Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain, 3/26, led the charge while for Afghanistan, opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz hit a painstaking 43 off 55 balls.

Afghanistan then showed just why and how they have managed to come this far in international cricket since becoming a full ICC member only in 2017, producing a gritty bowl-



Afghanistan's captain Rashid Khan celebrates after dismissing Bangladesh's Soumya Sarkar.

HIGHLIGHT

● The match was truncated to 19-overs-a-side due to frequent rain interruptions and Bangladesh was given a revised target on 114.

ing performance, spear-headed by Rashid (4/23) and pacer Naveen-ul-Haq (4/26). Their heroics ensured a successful and historic defence of the low score as Bangladesh were bowled out for 105 in 17.5 overs.

Liton Das (54 not out) was the lone warrior for

Bangladesh in the game that also featured some questionable delaying tactics by the Afghans when they were ahead on DLS par score. It wouldn't be wrong to say that the Australians have been sent packing from the tournament by India and a team that considers India its home base for the lack of amenities in its strife-ravaged country.

Afghanistan have relied on their opening pair with the bat and bowl to set up their victories and the script was no different on Tuesday. While Gurbaz and

Ibrahim Zadran forged a crucial 59-run stand with the bat, Fazalhaq Farooqi and Naveen picked up wickets upfront.

Farooqi, who has made a habit of snaring early wickets, did exactly that as he sent Tanzid Hasan (0) packing in the second over which was followed by Naveen's spectacular over in which the pacer claimed the scalps of Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (5) and Shakib Al-Hasan (0).

Bangladesh were 31/3 when rain halted the proceedings. They resumed

play on an aggressive note, clawing their way to 46/3 at the six-over mark.

Rashid then introduced himself and worked his inimitable sorcery.

He picked two wickets off his consecutive overs but Bangladesh continued their fearless approach and were ahead on the DLS par score.

However, the Afghan skipper was having none of it and went on to snare two wickets off consecutive balls, to also become the fastest to 150 T20 wickets, going past New Zealand's Tim Southee.

BAT WITH TEMPO

Fifties and hundreds don't matter: Rohit Sharma

Press Trust Of India

Rohit's 92-run knock that came off 41 deliveries steered India to a 24-run win over former champions Australia in their final Super 8 outing of the ongoing T20 World Cup.

GROS ISLET: He fell short of a potentially record-shattering hundred, but milestones "don't matter" to India skipper Rohit Sharma, whose sole aim while batting is to "put bowlers under pressure" by hitting them all over the field.

Expectedly adjudged player of the match for the memorable effort, which was punctuated



Rohit celebrates after scoring 50 runs against Australia during the match.

by eight sixes and seven fours, the 37-year-old said his focus was only on maintaining the "tempo" of the match. India will take on England in the second

semifinal on June 27.

"It was a good wicket, and you want to try and back yourself to play those kinds of shots. I've been trying to do that for a few years now, and I'm

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● Rohit had to tweak his batting style to take the wind out of the 2021 champions' sails.

glad it came off today. The fifties and hundreds don't matter, I wanted to bat with the same tempo and carry on.

"You want to make big scores, yes, but at the same time you want to make the bowlers think where the next shot is coming, and I think I managed to do that today," he added.

"You need to put the bowlers under pressure, and you need big scores for that. I tried to access all sides of the field, not just one side."

CRICKET

A lot of credit for my wickets goes to Bumrah: Arshdeep

By Bharat Sharma

GEORGETOWN: The pinpoint accuracy of Jasprit Bumrah allows other bowlers in the Indian team to go for wickets even in extreme pressure situations, said pacer Arshdeep Singh.

The 25-year-old left-arm pacer is among the leading wicket-takers in the T20 World Cup with 15 scalps in six games at

an average of 11.86 and economy rate of 7.41 runs per over.

Bumrah, on the other hand, has taken 11 wickets in the same number of games, conceding just 4.08 runs per over, a rarity in the shortest format.

"I guess a lot of credit goes to Jasprit because he puts a lot of pressure on the batters. He gives what, three or four runs in and over," Arshdeep



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Arshdeep Singh
India pacer

said. "So, batsmen are coming hard against me and when they are trying,

I just have to try and bowl my best ball and there are a lot of chances of getting wickets there because on the other hand they see the runs are not coming and the asking rate is going high.

"So, they take more risk against me and there's a chance always of getting a wicket there. So there's a lot of credit of my wickets that goes to Jasprit," he said.

Sports News

Spain beats Albania 1-0 to finish perfect group stage

A 13th-minute goal from Ferran Torres and goalkeeper David Raya's stoppage-time save from Armando Broja ensured Spain completed the group stage without conceding a goal.

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DUESSELDORF: Spain changed almost its entire lineup and still kept up its victorious start to the European Championship with a 1-0 win over Albania, which was eliminated.

With his team already assured of winning Group B, coach Luis de la Fuente changed 10 of his starters and Spain won all three group games at a Euros for the first time since 2008, when it went on to win the tournament.

A 13th-minute goal from Ferran Torres and goalkeeper David Raya's stoppage-time save from Armando Broja ensured Spain completed the group stage without conceding a goal.

"Every player is ready to play in this first II and that's key. Anyone can decide a game for you and players coming off the bench are very important as well," Torres, who



Ferran Torres sends the ball past Albania's goalkeeper Thomas Strakosha in the Euro 2024 Group B match. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● **Albania's failure to beat Spain meant England, France and the Netherlands were all assured of qualifying for the knockout stages, regardless of what happens in their last group games.**

made his first start of Euro 2024, said through a translator. "I will try to

make things difficult for my coach so that he will have to play me."

Torres scored with a deflection off the post from Dani Olmo's pass, and put his fingers to his ears in his goal celebration. He said the gesture meant he was listening to the fans, not blocking anything out. "I don't have anything to prove out there," Torres added.

Italy was the second qualifier from Group B after drawing with Cro-

atia 1-1. Albania needed at least a draw to have any hope of qualifying for the knockout stages for the first time, even as one of the best third-place teams. The loss meant it placed last. All of those teams were on four points from two games and would qualify at least as one of the best third-placed teams. Spain got the job done, but this 1-0 win was far less convincing than the victory by the same margin over Italy in

its last game. Defender Aymeric Laporte was the only player to start both.

For much of the first half, Spain seemed on course for a big win, but Olmo and Mikel Merino in particular missed good chances. Albania didn't record a shot until the 45th minute. Albania finally started to put pressure on Spain midway through the second half. Forward Broja came off the bench and forced a good save from Raya.

Italy hold Croatia with late goal, enter last 16

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LEIPZIG: Mattia Zaccagni curled home a 98th minute equaliser as defending champions Italy booked a last-16 spot at Euro 2024 on Monday with a 1-1 draw against Croatia, whose tournament hopes were left hanging by a thread, and will next face Switzerland.

Luka Modric gave Croatia a 55th-minute lead, moments after missing a penalty, and that looked like sending them through before late substitute Zaccagni bent a stunning finish past the despairing dive of Dominik Livakovic into the far corner.

Spain, who topped the standings, beat Albania 1-0 to finish with a perfect record in their three games and leave the eliminated Albanians rock bottom with one point.

Albania's loss also propelled sides not in action into the last 16 with England, France and the Netherlands now guaranteed to finish at least among the four best third-placed teams.

Italy had been rocked with defeat by Spain, which could have been more emphatic than the 1-0 scoreline, yet if there was some solace for Luciano Spalletti's side heading into Monday's match it was that Croatia



Mattia Zaccagni's sends the ball past Croatia goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

HIGHLIGHT

● **The result left Italy second in Group B on four points, with Croatia third but now playing an anxious waiting game to see whether two points will be enough to take them through to the knockout stage as one of the best four third-placed sides.**

had been even less impressive at the finals.

Croatia barely gave the Italians a kick for most of the first 20 minutes but it was not surprising that they only had Luka Sucic's long range pile-driver, which was parried over by Gianluigi Donnarumma, to show for their efforts.

Italy looked far more purposeful with Mateo Retegui's having a couple of half chances before Alessandro Bastoni had

the best opportunity of the first half, meeting Nicolò Barella's lofted ball to the far post with a header saved by Dominik Livakovic.

The second half was only minutes old when Croatia were awarded a penalty. Andrej Kramaric's shot struck the outstretched arm of substitute Davide Frattesi and while referee Danny Makkelie waved play-on the VAR sent him to have a look at the screen and he swiftly changed his mind.

Modric stepped up to take the spot kick but his effort was saved brilliantly by Donnarumma low to the keeper's left, although it was only a momentary reprieve for Italy.

However, with Croatia's fans starting to celebrate what they thought would be a victory, Italy struck a devastating late blow.

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Brazil held to 0-0 draw by Costa Rica

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The result left Colombia on top of Group D after its 2-1 victory over Paraguay.

INGLEWOOD: Brazil was held to a 0-0 draw by Costa Rica, with the international powerhouse inauspiciously failing to break through in its Copa America opener.

Although Brazil controlled play and out-shot Costa Rica 18-2, the Seleção was held scoreless by a defense led by goalkeeper Patrick Sequeira, who made three saves while recording the team's fourth consecutive clean sheet. Brazil had an apparent goal by Marquinhos disallowed in the first half after a lengthy VAR check, but the team known for decades of sublime offensive play never got closer



HIGHLIGHT

● **Los Ticos had lost nine straight meetings with Brazil, but Alfaro's young group capably handled a night that could have left them starstruck.**

to a score – and never got a break on several questionable refereeing calls – in front of a lively crowd of 67,158 dominated by their yellow-clad fans at SoFi Stadium.

Brazil has won the Copa America nine times, but its current transitional squad led by Real Madrid stars Vinicius Júnior and Rodrygo got off to a discouraging start.

The draw was a monumental achievement for Costa Rica, an undermanned CONCACAF team with the youngest roster in the tournament but a reputation for overachievement and sturdy defending led by Sequeira, who plays for Ibiza in Spain's third division.

Sai Sudharsan returns to Surrey for County

LONDON: Indian batter Sai Sudharsan will return to England to play some matches for Surrey in the ongoing County Championship, the club announced on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old had joined Surrey last season and played two County Championship matches, scoring 116 runs, including a half-century, to help the side win its 22nd title.

The Chennai cricketer had a great IPL 2024 season, finishing as the highest run-scorer for Gujarat Titans, accumulating 527 runs in 12 outings, including a century and two 50s.

Sudharsan made his ODI debut against South Africa last year, scoring 127 runs in three matches, including two half-centuries.

He has accumulated 1,118 runs in 29 innings in First-Class cricket.

Equestrian Agarwalla to represent India in Paris Olympics

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NEW DELHI: Asian Games medallist Anush Agarwalla will represent the country in the dressage event of the Paris Olympics after pipping close contender Shruti Vora on better average, the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) said on Tuesday.

Agarwalla, who bagged gold in team dressage and bronze in individual dressage events at the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, was picked ahead of Vora after a careful evaluation of the recent performances of the two contenders.

Agarwalla (with his horse Sir Caramello Old) has been consistent since the qualification period began last year and achieved Minimum Eligibility Requirement four



Asian Games medallist Anush Agarwalla. | Photo: PTI

times, while veteran Vora earned the required two MERs this month.

When an average was taken out of the contenders in the assessment, Agarwalla emerged winner. He had an average score of 67.695 per cent which was better than Vora's 67.163 per cent.

"As per the criteria set by EFI, a rider-horse combination is required to

achieve a minimum of 67 per cent twice between January 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024 to be eligible for the Paris Games qualification," the federation said in a release.

"According to EFI selection criteria, if more than one athlete is eligible then the athlete with the highest average in Grand Prix out of the best four

events in the past one year shall be chosen to participate." Vora (with horse Magnanimous) had earned her second MER of the year with her second-place finish at the Brno Grand Prix in Czech Republic, where she scored 68.174 in the dressage event, there by becoming eligible for Olympic qualification.

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'Test cricket at very low point in West Indies'

By Bharat Sharma

GEORGETOWN: Ram Sarwan, one of the most prolific batters to have played for the West Indies, is leading a comfortable life after retirement but when one talks him to him about the health of Test cricket in the region, he paints a grim picture, fearful of a talent exodus to the USA.

The unexpected growth of T20 cricket and players' preference for the shortest format has put red-ball cricket on the backburner. First-class teams play as little as five games per season, which Sarwan thinks should be increased to at least 10.

Speaking to PTI, the 44-year-old also lamented the lack of cricket facilities



Yeah well Test cricket is at a very low point to be honest

Ramnaresh Sarwan
Former WI batter

be honest. Among the games that we are playing again in the Caribbean, I don't think it's sufficient to develop our players but I also think there is this major threat of T20 cricket where a lot of people are showing interest in the shortest format," he said.

"I think one of the biggest challenges we've had is facilities in the region. I think the cricket board has been working on it. So we'll see what hap-

pens," he added. Sarwan has nothing against players making money from the plethora of franchise leagues but the lure is impacting the format he loves and took great pride playing.

With the way the game is going, Sarwan foresees a mass exodus of the Caribbean players to mainland America where the game has got a major push with hosting of the T20 World Cup and inclusion of the sport in the 2028 LA Olympics programme.

"I think having T20 format in the US which is so close to the Caribbean with so many players of course they would have the opportunity now to participate in the short format of the game in the US.

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International court seeks arrest of Russian officials

The court is accusing former Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and chief of staff Gen Valery Gerasimov of war crimes and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts

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THE HAGUE: The International Criminal Court said Tuesday it has issued arrest warrants for Russia's former defense minister and its military chief of staff for attacks on civilian targets in Ukraine, the third time the global court has issued warrants for senior Russian leaders.

Judges who approved the prosecutors' request for arrest warrants said the suspects are charged with inhumane acts because there is evidence they "intentionally caused great suffering or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health" of civilians in Ukraine.

The court said in a statement that warrants were issued Monday because

judges considered there were reasonable grounds to believe that the men are responsible for "missile strikes carried out by the Russian armed forces against the Ukrainian electric infrastructure" from October 10, 2022, until at least March 9, 2023.

"During this time frame, a large number of strikes against numerous electric power plants and substations were carried out by the Russian armed forces in multiple locations in Ukraine," the court added. Under the leadership of Shoigu and Gerasimov, the Russian military has launched waves of missile and drone strikes that have killed thousands and damaged

HIGHLIGHT

● Under the leadership of Shoigu and Gerasimov, the Russian military has launched waves of missile and drone strikes on Ukraine

● Details of the warrants were kept under seal to protect witnesses, the court said.

the country's energy system and other vital infrastructure. Moscow has insisted that it only has targeted military facilities

despite daily casualties in civilian areas.

The court said missile attacks covered in the warrant allegedly targeted civilian objects. They added that in the case of any installations that could have been considered military targets "the expected incidental civilian harm and damage would have been clearly excessive to the anticipated military advantage." Details of the warrants were kept under seal to protect witnesses, the court said.

There is no immediate likelihood of either suspect

being detained. Russia isn't a member of the global court, doesn't recognize its jurisdiction and refuses to hand over suspects. Last year, the court also issued a warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin, accusing him of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine.

In March this year, the court also issued arrest warrants for two high-ranking Russian military officers on charges linked to attacks on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine that judges said happened "pursuant to a state policy."

Electricity made from Earth heat

SACRAMENTO: One method of making electricity cleanly to address climate change has been quietly advancing and on Tuesday it hit a milestone. A California utility is backing the largest new geothermal power development in the US - 400 megawatts of clean electricity from the Earth's heat - enough for some 4,00,000 homes.



Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines flights

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SEOUL: The ministry said 19 of the 133 people aboard the flight Saturday were sent to hospitals due to ear pain and nosebleeds, but none suffered serious injuries. The airline and the

ministry said the cause of the problem was under investigation.

The aircraft was grounded and the ministry ordered South Korea's 11 airlines to examine pressurization systems in all their 400 aircraft.

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Macron warns voters against far right and hard left

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron is warning voters against choosing the far right or the hard left, asserting that their divisive policies increase the risk of political "conflict and civil war," ahead of Sunday's first round of crucial parliamentary elections.

Macron said both the far-right National Rally and hard-left France Unbowed bring bad responses to "real problems" because they "respond in some way by increasing conflict and civil war." He spoke in an interview with French podcast "Generation Do It Yourself," released Monday.

Hillary to release essay collection

WASHINGTON: Hillary Clinton's next book is a collection of essays, touching upon everything from marriage to politics to faith, that her publisher is calling her most personal yet.

Simon and Schuster announced Tuesday that Clinton's "Something Lost, Something Gained: Reflections on Life, Love and Liberty" will be released Sept. 17. Among the topics she will cover: Her marriage to former President Bill Clinton, her Methodist faith, adjusting to private life after her failed presidential runs, her friendships with other first ladies and her takes on climate change, democracy and Vladimir Putin. "The book reads like you're sitting down with your smartest, funniest, most passionate friend over a long meal," Clinton's editor, Priscilla Painton, said in a statement.

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