

NEET-UG: CBI seeks remand of 4 accused

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GODHRA: The Central Bureau of Investigation on Friday sought 4-day remand of four of the five persons arrested by Gujarat police for alleged involvement in irregularities in the May 5 NEET-UG exam held in Godhra in Panchmahal district. CBI lawyer Dhruv Malik informed the district court that though Gujarat police had conducted a probe earlier, the agency needed the custody of these accused as it is conducting a fresh investigation. Of the five persons arrested by Gujarat police on May 8 and in the subsequent week, CBI wants custody of school teacher

HIGHLIGHT
 ● CBI argued that remand beyond first 15 days of the arrest can be granted under section 167 of the Code of Criminal Procedure if the judge finds it fit.



The government is ready for every kind of discussion, but everything should happen following norms and maintaining decorum.
Dharmendra Pradhan
 Education Minister

Tushar Bhatt, principal of Jay Jalaram School Purushottam Sharma and middlemen Vibhor Anand and Arif Vohra. The CBI did not seek remand of education consultant Par-suram Roy. All the five are currently lodged in Godhra sub jail. Principal District Judge of Panchmahal, CK Chauhan, expressed apprehension on CBI's remand

application saying police or investigative agencies cannot seek custody of an accused beyond the initial 15 days following arrest. Citing a 1992 decision by the Supreme Court in the CBI Vs Anupam Kulkarni case, judge Chauhan said new remand after the lapse of 15 days from arrest can be granted only when the accused was hospitalised during that period or he did not cooperate during the initial remand. Malik, however, argued that

remand beyond the first 15 days of the arrest can be granted under section 167 of the Code of Criminal Procedure if the judge finds it fit. Malik informed the court that the CBI is probing a larger conspiracy spread across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Bihar, Delhi and Jharkhand. He said though the accused were earlier remanded to the custody of Panchmahal police for a period ranging from 4 days to 11 days, the CBI needs their custody to conduct a "fresh investigation". As per the CBI's preliminary probe, the accused had asked some candidates to choose Jay Jalaram school.

Deputy NSA Vikram Misri named next Foreign Secretary



NEW DELHI: Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) Vikram Misri was on Friday named as the next Foreign Secretary, according to an official order. Misri, a 1989 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been

appointed to the post with effect from July 15, it said. He will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra, who was in March this year given a six months' extension. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Misri, Deputy NSA in the National Security Council Secretariat, to the post of Foreign Secretary with effect from July 15, said the order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

Flight receives bomb threat

MUMBAI: A Thiruvananthapuram-Mumbai flight of Vistara received a bomb threat on Friday following which a search was being carried out, police said here. A note saying 'bomb on board' was found by a crew member, said an official of Sahar police station. As the flight landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai around 3.15 pm, the airline informed the police, he said. The passengers were informed about the threat after landing and a search of passengers and their luggage was underway though nothing suspicious had been found so far.

NEWSLINE

Chennai
Shafali becomes fastest woman double-centurion in Test cricket



Dashing India opener Shafali Verma smashed the fastest double-century in the history of women's Test cricket, eclipsing Annabel Sutherland of Australia during the one-off Test against South Africa here on Friday. Shafali, 20, scored her double ton off just 194 balls, bettering Sutherland's feat, which came off 248 balls against South Africa earlier this year. Shafali also became the second Indian after former skipper Mithali Raj to hit a double century in Test cricket after almost 22 long years. **(Details on Pg.14)**

Soren released from jail after HC grants bail

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Hemant Soren comes out of Birsa Munda Central Jail upon his release.

RANCHI: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren was released from Birsa Munda Jail here on Friday after the high court granted bail to him in a money laundering case linked to a land scam, an official said.

As Soren stepped out of the jail, a large number of JMM supporters cheered and raised slogans in favour of him. Soren's wife Kalpana Soren, a JMM legislator, thanked the judiciary and people for their support.

"Heman Soren was released from the jail after completion of legal formalities," the official said. Soren, on his release from the jail, was seen waving at people and seeking blessings from his father and JMM supremo Shibu Soren.

A single bench of Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay granted bail

FACTFILE
 ● Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren on Friday termed the high court's order granting bail to his predecessor Hemant Soren in a money laundering case as a victory of truth.

to the former chief minister of Jharkhand earlier in the day. "...The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs 50,000 with two sureties of the like amount each," said the order passed by Justice Mukhopadhyay. Soren, the executive president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on January 31 in connection with its investigation into the money laundering case.

Centre to prematurely retire non-performers

NEW DELHI: Irked over non-adherence to its directives, the Centre has asked all ministries to timely review the working of the employees so that the non-performers are prematurely retired from service. In an order, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) asked ministries concerned to direct the public sector undertakings (PSUs), banks, autonomous institutions and statutory bodies under their administrative control to undertake the exercise of periodic review of employees. It said instructions have been issued from time to time for undertaking periodic review of the government servants' performance with a view to ascertaining whether they "should be retained in service or retired from service prematurely, in public interest". The administrative ministries and departments have repeatedly been requested to adhere to guidelines issued in this regard and furnish a report to this effect.

T20 WORLD CUP

Marauding India up against SA in finale

By Bharat Sharma

BRIDGETOWN: A firm grip on emotions will be crucial when the formidable Indian team, desperate to end its lengthy title drought, makes another attempt at getting the monkey off its back against a South African side, which is unfamiliar with the winning feeling, in the T20 World Cup final here



NUMBER
10
 ● India are in their first T20 World Cup final in 10 years.

at home last year where they breezed into the final only to be bettered by Australia on the big stage. They are unbeaten here

too and have been the best of the tournament by far. More importantly, they don't have the battle-hardened Australia in their way of an elusive trophy this time around. South Africa, whose only triumph in ICC events came way back in the Champions Trophy (then named ICC Knock-Out Trophy) in 1998, head into the final with hopes and dreams of their own.

Raipur



The aim of Congress in Parliament is not to discuss but to create ruckus
Brijmohan Agrawal,
MP, Raipur constituency



Three-day workshop, the chief, subject experts and agriculture scientist inaugurated at IGKV.

Phoolodevi Netam faints during NEET protest

RAIPUR: Rajya Sabha MP from Chhattisgarh, Phoolodevi Netam, fainted during a heated protest over the NEET paper leak case in the special session of Parliament on Friday. The session witnessed significant uproar in both houses, particularly during discussions on the President's address, leading to intense opposition protests. Phoolodevi Netam, actively participating in the protest, reached the well of the House, raising slogans along with other opposition MPs. During the commotion, her health suddenly deteriorated, causing her to stumble and fall unconscious in the well. Immediate medical assistance was provided, and she was taken to RML Hospital by ambulance.

The opposition MPs were protesting vigorously over the NEET paper leak case, with many of them, including Phoolodevi Netam, moving to the well of the House to express their dissent. Her sudden collapse prompted concern among her colleagues, who ensured she received prompt medical attention. As of now, Phoolodevi Netam is under medical care, and further updates on her condition are awaited.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

APPOINTMENT

Chhattisgarh to appoint new Director General of Police next month

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh is set to welcome a new Director General of Police (DGP) as the current DGP, Ashok Juneja, is retiring on July 21. Juneja, a 1989 batch IPS officer, has held the position since November 11, 2021, with his tenure extended for two years by the then Congress government.

The race for the new DGP has narrowed down to two leading contenders: Arun Dev Gautam and SRP Kalluri. Arun Dev Gautam, a 1992 batch IPS officer, currently serves as Additional Director General (ADG) and is scheduled to retire in September 2027. On the other hand, SRP Kalluri, from the 1994 batch, has a longer service period with retirement slated for 2031.

Kalluri, who previously served in Bastar during the BJP government, was later sidelined by the Bhupesh government. Speculation is rife that he may be appointed to a significant position this time around.

DIAMOND CLUB CARNIVAL

AT Jewellers hosts Grand Diamond Club Carnival 2024

RAIPUR: AT Jewellers, the most trusted and popular jewellery brand of Central India, is all set to host the grand Diamond Club Carnival 2024 on Sunday June 30 at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium near Science College. The event, exclusive to members of the Diamond Club, will commence at 4:00 pm and promises an evening filled with glamour, entertainment, and excitement. The carnival will feature a star-studded lineup, with renowned television actress Pooja Gaur gracing the event. Attendees can look forward to a captivating jewellery fashion show, showcasing a sparkling collection of exquisite pieces. Mr. Saurabh Bardia, Director of SB by AT Jewellers, The Flagship Store, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, highlighting its uniqueness as the first jewellery fashion show organized in Central India.



ASCs role important nation's devp: Netam

In this three-day workshop, the chief, subject experts and agriculture scientists from total of 81 ASC of Ch'garh and MP are taking part.

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RAIPUR: Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam said that the contribution of agriculture scientists in the development of country is valuable. He said that prior to Independence, there was condition of hunger and there was no production of grains as per requirement and due to which we were dependent upon other countries. It is the agriculture scientists, researchers with their new tech-

nique and with efforts to increase the yield that the country is now having sufficient food grains and are even exporting it to other countries.

Ramvihar Netam said that Agriculture Science Centres (ASC) helps in taking forward the new researches and techniques developed by the University to the farmers and in this way they are playing an important role in increasing income of farmers and development of agriculture in the coun-

HIGHLIGHT

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try. Netam was speaking at the inauguration of three-day 31st Regional Workshop of Agriculture Science Centres of Chhattisgarh and MP. This workshop is being organised jointly under the aegis of IGKV and Agriculture Technique Research Institute -Zone-9, Jabalpur of ICAR New Delhi. On this occasion Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam also inspected the exhibition by ICAR New Delhi and released different publications.

Admission date extended for BASLP first year

RAIPUR: Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Smriti Medical College in Raipur has extended the application deadline for admission to the Bachelor of Audiology Speech Language Pathology (B.A.S.L.P) course for the 2024-25 academic year.

Originally set to close on June 27, the application submission period has now been extended to July 10, with a late fee deadline of July 12, following a departmental meeting held on June 27. Prospective students can submit their applications online starting from May 28. Submissions can be made via speed post, registered post, or normal post.

The list of candidates who have applied will be published on July 18 on the official website, raipurbaslp.org. Candidates will have until July 25 to submit any claim objections to the merit list.

Raipur Sky Walk Project to be completed after seven years

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The project is set to resume after a seven-year hiatus

RAIPUR: In a significant decision, the Vishnudeo Sai Government has announced the completion of the half-finished Sky Walk in Raipur. This project, which was halted by the previous Congress government in 2018, is set to resume after a seven-year hiatus. Initially deemed unnecessary and halted by the Congress administration, the project has now been deemed viable by the Public Works Department (PWD) following a structural review.

The Sky Walk, initially proposed to be a major infrastructure addition, will primarily serve as a foot overbridge. PWD officials have indicated

| SKY WALK PROJECT |



Sky Walk project in depilated condition.

FACTFILE

● The Sky Walk will primarily serve as a foot overbridge

that construction work is expected to restart in September-October, post-monsoon, with the tender process set to be com-

pleted before the urban body elections code of conduct comes into effect. The Sky Walk project was initiated by the BJP government in 2016-17, with the contract awarded to M/s GS Express of Lucknow. The project, originally estimated to cost Rs 42 crores and to be completed within eight

months, saw its costs escalate to Rs 77 crores. When the Congress government took office in 2018, they halted the project and initiated an inquiry. By 2020, the General Advisory Committee advised against demolishing the structure, leading to the current decision to complete it.

| INSPIRED BY MUMBAI |

Raipur to build Sports Court under Expressway

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RAIPUR: In a bid to provide more sports grounds for players amid a growing population, Raipur's Municipal Corporation has initiated a project to build sports courts under the expressway overbridge, similar to successful projects in Mumbai and Ghaziabad. This innovative approach aims to address the shortage of sports grounds in the city by utilizing the space beneath the expressway.

basketball, volleyball, and badminton courts has commenced under the expressway near Pandri, with an estimated cost of Rs 20 lakh. The Municipal Corporation has designated the agency and begun work, aiming to complete the courts within a month. Two courts are being built to accommodate basketball, badminton, and volleyball games.

Raipur's increasing population has led to a significant shortage of playgrounds, with players, councillors, and public representatives



frequently demanding more and better sports facilities. Responding to this demand, the Municipal Corporation has taken the initiative to create the city's first overbridge playground, which, if successful, could lead to the development of more

This project is much-needed facility for local players.
Akash Tiwari,
Corporator, RMC

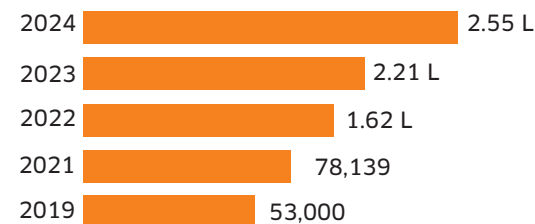
such facilities in the future. The new sports ground will enable players to engage in sports both during the day and at night. The design includes a rubber ground with an iron mesh fence surrounding the courts. The

pillars and slabs of the bridge will be painted in four colors, featuring paintings of basketball superstars, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the area. Municipal Corporation Raipur, Corporator, Akash Tiwari highlighted the significance of this project, particularly for the Pandit Ravishankar Shukla Ward, which previously lacked any sports grounds. He praised the Municipal Corporation for bringing this innovative project to the city, providing a much-needed facility for local players.

The Day's NUMBERS

Number of applications received in various districts in lakhs

B.Ed Entrance Exam form



Source : Agencies

SUICIDE

Woman commits suicide by jumping from under-construction building

RAIPUR: A woman tragically ended her life by jumping from the eighth floor of an under-construction building in the Boriyakhurd area of Raipur. The incident took place on Friday afternoon, causing immediate alarm among local residents who promptly informed the police. The case falls under the jurisdiction of the Tikrapara police station. The deceased, identified as 41-year-old Shabnam Parveen, was a resident of Boriyakhurd. According to reports, Shabnam hurriedly entered the under-construction building at RDA Colony Block-H, Boriyakhurd, and ascended to the top of the eighth floor before jumping. She was pronounced dead at the scene upon impact.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing Shabnam's actions and immediately contacted the authorities. Upon receiving the information, police officers quickly arrived at the scene and began their investigation. Shabnam's body has been sent for post-mortem examination. Initial inquiries suggest that Shabnam lived with her family, leading police to suspect that a domestic dispute may have prompted her to take this fatal step.

DEMAND

Cong demands Municipal Elections be conducted using Ballot Papers



RAIPUR: Congress corporators have formally requested that upcoming municipal elections be conducted using ballot papers instead of electronic voting machines (EVMs). A delegation of Congress corporators, led by RMC Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar, met with State Election Commissioner Ajay Singh to hand over a memorandum detailing their demand.

The corporators emphasizing the need for traditional ballot papers, argued that this method would ensure transparency and trust in the electoral process. The memorandum underscores the party's stance on reverting to ballot papers for the municipal elections, reflecting concerns over the use of EVMs.

Maoist activities declining in state: Sai

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai chaired meeting of unified command.



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai chairing meeting of unified command at Circuit House, Raipur

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday said his government is committed to expediting the expansion of rail, road and telecom connectivity and other developmental work in the Maoist-hit areas of the state. According to him Maoist activities are declining continuously in Chhattisgarh.

He was talking to reporters after chairing a meeting of the unified command here to review the security situation and development-related initiatives in left-wing extrem-

FASTFACTS

- Effort is to ensure that there is no shortage of resources for any work there.
- Government is trying to ensure that basic amenities and benefits of welfare projects reach Naxal-affected villages.

ism (LWE)-hit pockets in Chhattisgarh. "The meeting of unified command is generally convened once a year. Our home minister, chief secretary, director-general of police (DGP) and senior

Basic amenities being made accessible

New security camps have been set up in many places and the government is trying to ensure that basic amenities and benefits of welfare projects reach Naxal-affected villages through its 'Niyad Nalanan' scheme, he said. "The effort is to expedite works related to road, rail and telecom connectivity in those areas and ensure that there is no shortage of resources for any work there," he added.

officials were present. We held an elaborate discussion on Naxalism and reviewed the status of developmental works of different departments in the affected areas," Sai said. After the BJP returned to power in

Chhattisgarh six months ago, Sai said, his government has been fighting strongly against the Naxal menace. Security forces have also achieved significant success in anti-Naxal operations during this period, he said.

Prog on Statistical Day today

RAIPUR: On occasion of Statistical Day tomorrow (June 29), the Chief Guest of the programme will be Vice Chancellor Pt. RSU Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla.

For creating public awareness and discussions on it and to draw attention, there is a tradition to fix a theme every year on Statistical Day and this year's theme is 'Use of Data for Decision Making'.

The programme will be held at Pt. RSU's Science faculty auditorium on June 29 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Journalism honour prog today

RAIPUR: Devshri Narad Jayanti Samaroh Aayojan Samiti (DNJSAS) will be organizing journalism honour programme and seminar on the subject 'Journalism during Digital Revolution'.

The chief guest of this programme is Commissioner PR Dept Mayank Shrivastava (IPS) and chief speaker will be Vice-Chancellor National Makhanlal Chaturvedi University of Journalism and Mass Communication Prof. (Dr.) KG Suresh.

The programme will be held on June 29 at Sanskriti Bhavan, auditorium, near Rajbhavan at 4:00 pm.

RMC's initiative to encourage sports among youth in city

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HIGHLIGHT

RAIPUR: Safe box badminton courts are being constructed rapidly under the Pandri and Telibandha flyovers for the benefit of the youth. Initially, 15-17 different locations within the Raipur Municipal Corporation area have been identified for these box badminton courts, similar to those in metropolitan cities. Following the success of the courts under the Pandri and Telibandha flyovers, more box badminton courts will be proposed.

This initiative will provide young people with easy access to safe places for sports practice, allowing them to hone their talents. Raipur District Collector

● In an effort to promote sports among the youth, the Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) is preparing to provide safe spaces for practicing cricket, badminton and basketball under the Pandri and Telibandha flyovers.

Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh and Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra have instructed concerned officials to prioritize and swiftly complete the construction of the box badminton courts under the Pandri and Telibandha flyovers in accordance with the government's welfare intentions.

Two nabbed for duping people with Rs 18 lakh

RAIPUR: The city police, on Friday, arrested Avinash Singh Thakur, who had reportedly taken over Rs 18 Lakh and promised to get him a job in Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB).

The accused and his wife Garima Singh Thakur had defrauded the applicant Avinash Gharde in the name of getting government job of Junior Engineer to Avinash Gharde and his brother.

Avinash transferred a total of Rs. 1318021 (Thirteen lakh eighteen thousand twenty one rupees) in a couple of installments in the Bank of Baroda account number 71330100017889 of his wife Garima Singh Thakur.

The applicant also gave Rs Five lakh cash to the accused, thus making a total payment of 18 lakh 18 thousand twenty one rupees.

NEWSLINE

SPEEDY RECOVERY

CM wishes speedy recovery of RS MP Netam



RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, on Friday, wished Phoolodevi Netam a speedy recovery. In his social media message, Sai wrote, got the information about Raja Sabha MP Phoolodevi Netam being unwell during the Parliament session. I pray to Maa Danteshwari for her speedy recovery.

It may be noted that on the fifth day of the ongoing Parliament session Phoolodevi Netam fainted and was not feeling well. She was hurriedly taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

COMPLAINT

Piece of 'meat' found in veg meals in Ashoka Biryani

RAIPUR: A couple of customers, taking veg meals complained, today that there was a piece of 'meat' in Palak vegetable in Ashoka Biryani Restaurant in Mahoba Bazar. Incidentally, this is second such incident within 10 days of meat being found in veg food. The two friends, who had gone to Ashok a Biryani for taking meals, noticed that there was a piece of meat in their Palak vegetable.

ABDUCTION

CHO abducted, asking for ransom

SAKTI: The Community Health Officer (CHO) Anupama Jaltare, posted at Saraipali Community Health Center, was allegedly kidnapped by unidentified accused on Friday. Her brother Kaleshwar Jaltare lodged a complaint on this matter to the local police. The police immediately started investigation as soon as the FIR was registered.

CHARGING STATIONS

Fast charging stations to be opened in Raipur soon



RAIPUR: An important MoU was signed between RMC and IOCL in presence of Raipur collector Dr Gaurav Singh, for the installation of five fast charging stations for the electric vehicles here on Friday. These charging stations will be set up by IOCL at five major locations in the capital so that vehicles can be charged within quick time. Subhash Stadium Complex, Old Smart City Office Complex, Gandhi Udyan, Anupam Garden and Jawahar Bazaar Parking of the district to provide fast charging facilities for electric vehicles to the citizens.

MoU signed between NIT Raipur and CSIR-NGRI, Hyd

Central Chronicle News

NIT Raipur, and CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI), Hyderabad, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

RAIPUR: In a significant development aimed at advancing research and development in the fields of geophysics, geology, and energy extraction from natural resources, The National Institute of Technology Raipur, and CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI), Hyderabad, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 27th June 2024, in the esteemed presence of Prof. N V Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur, Dr. Prakash Kumar Director CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad, and key dignitaries from

NIT Raipur and CSIR-NGRI Hyderabad.

The agreement, signed by both parties, outlines several key areas of cooperation. The collaboration will focus on jointly identifying and pursuing research initiatives in areas of mutual interest within geophysics, geology, and energy extraction from natural resources. NIT Raipur and CSIR-NGRI will work together to promote and undertake joint research programs. The agreement includes provisions for providing consultancy services in relevant domains, leveraging the combined expertise of both institutions. Guidelines on intellectual property arising from collaborative efforts will be established to ensure fair and equitable sharing of rights. The agreement also allows collaboration in other areas that both institutions find mutually beneficial.

Registrar HC bid touching farewell

RAIPUR: The Registrar High Court, Chhattisgarh (Ministerial) Mr. Diwakar Parsad Minz is reaching superannuation on June 30 and on this occasion for his dedication, commitment and excellent services, the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh HC Ramesh Sinha presented him with a shawl, srifal and memento and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

Legal Advisor bid touching farewell

RAIPUR: Rajesh Shrivastava working as the Legal Advisor to the Governor Bishwabhushan Harichandan was bid touching farewell at Rajbhavan here on Friday and he was wished all the best in his future endeavours by the Governor. He said that Shrivastava during his posting in Rajbhavan has carried his responsibilities with due seriousness and credibility.

Workshop organized for awareness of new law

WORKSHOP

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Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita to be implemented from July 1.

RAIPUR: A one-day workshop was organized today in Raipur District and Sessions Court for awareness of the new law in relation to the new criminal law being implemented in the country from July 1.

Professor Abhinav K Shukla and Prof. Hina Ilyas of Raipur Hidayatullah National Law University and Assistant District Prosecution Officer from Home Department, Shubham Tomar, gave detailed information about the arrangements made towards simplification of the process of presentation of evidence and recognition of digital evidence and punishment provisions under the



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FASTFACTS

- Now e-FIR can be done from any corner of the country.
- Crime will be registered under Section 103 (2) for mob-lynching.

new law. Principal District and Sessions Judge Abdul Zahid Qureshi, ADM Nidhi Sahu, ASP

Daulatram Porte along with police officers and advocates were present. On the amendment of the new criminal law, Professor Abhinav Shukla said that extensive changes have been made in Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita-2023.

Earlier some crimes used to be left out for not coming under sections of any crime but now

Section has been introduced for those crimes. Apart from system of Zero FIR, now the system of e-FIR will be implemented. Any person can register an FIR in his respective police station, but for this it will be necessary to reach the concerned police station within three days of registering the e-FIR and get it verified.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management in city in sorry state of affairs!

By Aditi Agrawal

RAIPUR: Heaps of garbage lying unattended in the gullies of Raipur has raised questions about the Waste Management system in the city.

Although the Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) sends its workers to clean the roads and collect garbage regularly, the piles of waste on the roadsides go unattended. The drains clogged with garbage, mostly plastic

waste, get cleaned once in several months. Given the unavailability of dustbins, it doesn't take long for the drainage to fill up again. With the onset of monsoon, untreated waste can become the cause for the spread of several diseases.

Stagnant water in indisposed waste can cause mosquitoes, bacteria and viruses to thrive, increasing the risk of waterborne illnesses and infections. Waste pickers



are at an increased risk of contracting health problems during the monsoon. The Nagar Nigam should take

the public to give their waste to the corporation's garbage collectors and not dump it on the streets.

Tripti Panigrahi
RMC Health Officer

urgent action to dispose the waste before the monsoon begins.

A shop owner in Moudhapara told us



that although they have complained to the RMC several times about the cleaning of the drains, no significant action

has been taken.

However, it is also important for the general public to cooperate with the civic authorities in keeping the roads clean.

A door-to-door garbage collection system is in place which transports around 650-750 metric tonnes of waste to a solid waste management plant each day. Machines at the plant segregate the waste to send them to cement factories,

compost pits or a scientific landfill.

RMC Health Officer Tripti Panigrahi requested the public to give their waste to the corporation's garbage collectors and not dump it on the streets. She also requested the public to segregate their dry waste from the wet before giving it to the sanitation workers, to help make the garbage collection system faster and more efficient.



"Panchayats have been instructed to organise four mandatory Gram Sabhas in a year"

Richa Prakash Chaudhary
Collector Durg

Illegal constructions of offender bulldozed

Captured houses vacated; illegal constructions demolished at Sector 6.



The administration took bulldozer action against a notorious offender.

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FASTFACTS

● Amit Jose is accused in 49 criminal cases

● The accused captured more than 30 quarters of BSP

BHILAI: On Friday, the administration took bulldozer action against a notorious offender who is absconding after firing gunshots on two innocent youth in Bhilai. The accused Amit Jose had captured several BSP quarters in Sector 6 and had given them in rent.

He had constructed several rooms illegally at his illegally captured house located in Street 31, Sector 6. A joint team of District Police, district administration and

BSP Enforcement Squad bulldozed the illegal structures at Amit Jose's residence. It needs to be mentioned here that Amit Jose and his three accomplices had opened fire on three youths at Globe Square on the intervening night of Wednesday.

Loaded pistol recovered from sister's house

The joint team also demolished the illegal structures at the residence of Amit's sister located at Street 13, Sector 5. The cops searched the house and recovered a loaded pistol from her house. Police have taken the suspects into custody for interrogation. Heavy police force was deployed to maintain law and order.

Two youths had suffered gunshot wounds in this incident. The victims hail from Bishrampur and are admitted to Medical College Hospital in Raipur. Police have arrested

R Yashwant Naidu (31) of Sector 5 and Ankur Sharma (31) of Sector 6 in this case. The prime accused Amit Jose and Sagar Bagh alias Doggy are still at large.

93.8 mm rainfall recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 93.8 mm has been recorded in the district from June 1 to 28. According to the information, the maximum rainfall of 206.6 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the minimum of 39.3 mm in Durg. Apart from this, 49.4 mm rainfall has been recorded in Bori, 56.3 mm in Dhamdha, 65.4 mm in Bhilai 3 and 146.0 mm in Ahiwara. On June 28, zero mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, Dhamdha, Ahiwara, Bori, Bhilai 3 and 66.2 mm rainfall was recorded in Patan.

Girl killed in road accident

BHILAI: A pedestrian girl was killed in a road accident at Old Bhilai on Friday morning. The deceased Meenakshi Verma (20) was the daughter of BJP Corporator and BCMLC Leader of Opposition Ram Khilawan Verma. While returning home from tuition classes, Meenakshi was hit by a speeding biker near Bijli Colony. She suffered fatal injuries and died on the spot. Police arrested the accused bike rider and registered a case under section 304 (A) of IPC. Mayor and other local leaders have expressed their condolences.

DMC confiscates signboards outside shops in Katulbod

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BHILAI: Signboards installed outside shops in Katulbod area and market as well as signboards placed on the road outside shops were removed by the DMC team. Action is being taken on the instructions of Municipal Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar in view of the traffic problem and beautification of city. The campaign was started on Friday evening which lasted for about an hour. Apart from this, a warning was given to remove the illegal encroachments at various places. Assistant Revenue Officer Bhupen-

HIGHLIGHT

● Action taken for clean city and avoid traffic congestion

dra Shubham Goir, who is leading today's action in Katulbod, said that apart from cleaning the city, other encroachments have also been removed. Under this, slabs made on drains outside shops, lighting signboards kept outside shops and other illegal encroachments are being removed. Encroachment officer Durgesh Gupta led the drive against encroachment by shopkeepers of Indira Market Station Road.

RMC to conduct classes locally for people

BHILAI: The Risali Municipal Corporation is starting classes locally in areas where people can write their names but are unable to make sentences by joining words. The classes are to be conducted under "Ullas" program being run for such people by the government. Classes will mainly be held in areas ranging from slum areas to rural areas. In this context, a workshop was organized in the auditorium of the corporation. Nodal per-

son Pushpa Purushottam of the District Education Department said that this campaign is going on in the whole country. Every person who does not know how to read has to be connected with the campaign. She said that classes will be held according to the convenience of the people. To make the campaign successful and to make people fully literate, the CRP of Ajeevika Mission has been given an important responsibility.

CG team participate in National Dance Sports Championship



Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: The 14th National Dance Sports Championship is being organized by Tamil Nadu DanceSport Association at Indoor Stadium Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai from June 28 to 30.

Players of Latin Dance, Standard Dance, Solo Dance and Free Style Dance from Chhattisgarh State are participating. Chhattisgarh team members include Kavya Singh Verma, Akshika Singh Verma, Savya Yadav, Vidhi Sahu, Veena Lautre, Satvik Yadav, Diksha Bhagat, Manvi, Aarav Ketharia, Vibha Sahu, Prashant

Kerketta, Shalini Sagar, Samridhi Nag Chaudhary, Kaushal Yadav, Arpit Jain, Nidhi Pawar, Sushant Sahne, Rudra Patidar, Rose Namit and Jiniya Dev Burman.

Vinod Shankar is the team coach and Kapil Kumar Tabhane is the manager. The participating players have been trained by Vinod Shankar. He has been training the players of Chhattisgarh state for the last fifteen years. The team won several prizes at national level during this period. Bashir Ahmed Khan, Vice President of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and Kapil Tabhane, Joint Secretary, extended best wishes to the players.

Dog bites girl; FIR lodged

BHILAI: Police lodged an FIR against the owner of a German Shepherd Dog on charges of failure to take proper precautions with his pet dog leading to danger to human life. Aakriti Residency Pragati Nagar resident Tarkeshwar Sahu lodged an FIR under section 289 of IPC against his neighbour and Sandeep Mukherjee after his dog bit Sahu's teenage daughter Garima Sahu.

Bike stolen from liquor shop

BHILAI: A bike was stolen from Station Maroda Liquor Shop. The victim Rajesh Nishad had parked the bike bearing registration number CG07-AS-6781 outside the shop. When he returned after purchasing liquor, the bike was missing. Police lodged an FIR under section 379 of IPC.

BMC-GBM fails to reach consensus on city sanitation

GENERAL BODY MEETING

Central Chronicle News

Committee constituted to prepare detailed report and give suggestions.

BHILAI: On Friday, the general body meeting of Bhilai Municipal Corporation witnessed stretched discussion on several issues. Vaishali Nagar MLA Rikesh Sen, Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, MIC members, Leader of Opposition, Corporators, and officials of Municipal Corporation attended the meeting.

Discussion was held for development of the city. The Mayor gave information related to financial rights. Issues related to cleanliness mentioned in agenda number 2 to 16 were discussed. The GBM constituted a commit-



Mayor Neeraj pal addressing the general body meeting.

FASTFACTS

● Proposals approved to name under bridges after deceased MLAs.

● Proposal for GIS Drone Survey approved with voice vote.

tee to prepare a detailed report with suggestions to strengthen the city sanitation system. All the members unanimously

agreed to hold the next general body meeting on July 15 to resume discussion on city sanitation and conduct detailed discussion on water pipeline network upgrading, renovation, interconnection, design etc.

The proposals of GIS Drone Survey and naming under bridges after Late MLA Vidyaratn Bhasin and Late MLA Bhajan Singh Nirankari were

passed by voice vote. The Corporators raised other important issues. After the discussion, useful suggestions were accepted.

City Sanitation is the most important work of the civic body which directly affects the people. Hence, suggestions of all the Corporators were taken into consideration. Corporators put forward their views related to the problems of their wards.

| SURPRISE INSPECTION |

DEO conducts surprise inspection at ten schools

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BHILAI: District Education Officer Arvind Kumar Mishra conducted surprise inspections at 10 schools of Dhamdha block. He visited SAGES Hindi / English Medium Dhamdha, and government primary and high schools in Pathariya, Medesara, Kodia, and other places. During the inspection, he directed the Government High Schools to start practical classes along with theoretical teaching right from the



session beginning.

He found that a lesser quantity of food was being served to the students in the mid-day meal in Government Primary School, Pathariya. He warned the

Vandana Self Help Group to not repeat such mistakes in future. He asked the Headmaster to conduct regular inspection and provide food in the prescribed quantity. All

"Make the teaching - learning process more interesting by innovative activities"

Arvind Kumar Mishra
(DEO, Durg)

the teachers were asked to attend school on time and make the teaching-learn-

ing process interesting, easy and of good quality by incorporating innovative activities in teaching so that the children develop interest in learning and can perform better. The teachers were also instructed to give regular homework and class work to the students and include the process of regular evaluation in their studies so that the weaknesses of the children can be identified and work can be done for improvement.

Pratibha Samman Samaroh on July 02

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BHILAI: Hemchand Yadav University, had organized an all India level competition on Chhattisgarhi poetry, Chhattisgarhi short story and painting on tourist places of Chhattisgarh. The university has received a large number of entries for these three categories. The Vice Chancellor of the university, Dr Aruna Palta and Registrar Bhupendra Kuldeep jointly informed that a panel has been formed to determine

the best poem, story and painting category wise. This specialist team will determine the winners of the competition. These winners will be awarded at a function in Tagore Hall located in the university campus on July 02. Social worker Kaushalya Devi Sai will be the chief guest in this award distribution ceremony and social worker Rajni Baghel will be the special guest. A total of 5 prizes will be given for each competition adding to 15 prizes.

NEWSLINE

RETIREMENT

Four women employees bid touching farewell by Collector



BHILAI: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary honoured the four women employees of Durg District Collectorate on their superannuation from services. Collector honoured them with a shawl, coconut, memento and citation. She handed over the order of approval of gratuity and pension to the retired employees including Saroj Chandrakar (Stenographer Class-2), Shashikala Choure (Assistant Grade-2), Yugal Verma (Assistant Grade-2) and Vijayalakshmi (Assistant Grade-2). Collector wished them a bright future and happy life ahead. Deputy Collector Lata Yugal Urvashi, Senior Clerk Narsingh Patel also shared their views. Alok Narang conducted the programme while Joint Collector Harvansh Singh Miri proposed the vote of thanks.

HOUSE BREAK

Theft at locked house of BSP Contractor

BHILAI: Unknown thieves trespassed into a locked house and escaped with gold and silver jewellery. The incident occurred at the residence of BSP Contractor Yuvraj Chandrakar located at NPA Street in Sector 5. The victim had gone to his aunt's house on June 26 and returned on June 27. According to the victim, booty worth Rs 80000 was stolen. Bhilai Nagar Police Station lodged an FIR.

POLICE ACTION

Dhaba owner allows boozing; booked

BHILAI: Police took action against a dhaba owner on charges of allowing customers to consume liquor at his place. A team of Amleshwar Police Station conducted a raid at Apna Dhaba in Sikola Thakuraintola and took action against the owner Rohit Sapha (38) son of Haldhar Sapha under section 36 (C) of Excise Act.

ARREST

Corporator and nine others held for gambling

BHILAI: Mohan Nagar Police raided a hotel room late evening on Thursday and arrested a Congress Corporator and nine other influential people red handed while gambling on playing cards. Shikshak Nagar Durg Corporator Mandeep Singh, some relatives of Durg Mayor and renowned traders were caught.

N-E-W-S



"I have taken all steps, suspended the working of the House. All arrangements were made and that was the most that could be done for the proceedings."

Jagdeep Dhankhar
Chairman, Rajya Sabha

Devotees getting Amarnath Yatra registration



Devotees are seen during their registration for the Amarnath Yatra at Ram Mandir base camp, in Jammu on Friday. PTI

'Children pacified with gadgets could have anger issues in future'

A research study has found that pacifying children by handing them digital devices when they are throwing tantrums can disable them in managing emotions later in their life.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Pacifying children by handing them digital devices when they are throwing tantrums can disable them in managing emotions later in life, which can grow into anger management issues, a research has found. Conversely, parents of children, who already had poor emotional control, were found to be overly relying on electronic devices to silence them, worsening the pre-existing conditions.

It is known that a child learns much about self-control, including how

to choose a deliberate response over an automatic one, during the first few years of their life. However, a team of researchers from Hungary and Canada found that the recent trend of distracting children by showing them content on tablets and smartphones to control their unpleasant emotional responses can cripple their ability to effectively recognise and manage emotions later in life.

"Tantrums cannot be cured by digital devices. Children have to learn how to manage their negative emotions for themselves. They need the help of their parents during this learning process, not the help of a digital

HIGHLIGHT

- "Tantrums cannot be cured by digital devices. Children have to learn how to manage their negative emotions for themselves."
- The recent trend of distracting children by showing them content on smartphones to control their unpleasant responses can cripple their ability to manage emotions in life.

device," Veronika Konok, a researcher at Eotvos Lorand University, Hungary, and first author of the study published in the journal *Frontiers in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, said. Following 300 parents of children - aged two to five years old over a period of one year - the researchers found that children, who were pacified using digital devices, showed poorer anger and frustration management skills. Parents were asked to respond to questionnaires which assessed how they and their children used media. Conversely, the

team also found that poorer behaviour control in a child meant parents resorting to digital devices more often as a management tool. The more the children were given devices when they threw tantrums, the lesser they were seen to make a deliberate effort in order to control their behaviour, the authors found.

"It's not surprising that parents more frequently if their child has emotion regulation problems, but our results highlight that this strategy can lead to the escalation of a pre-existing issue," Konok said.

NEET UG Row: Students groups' agitation enters 3rd day

NEW DELHI: The agitation against alleged irregularities in NEET-UG, PG and UGC-NET continued on Friday, with protests by several student groups entering the third day of their indefinite strike here at Jantar Mantar.

Left-backed student outfit All India Student Association (AISA) and Delhi University's Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS), along with various other groups gathered, at Jantar Mantar to protest against the alleged rigging in the exams held by the National Testing Agency. The demands of the student groups, who are protesting under the banner "India against NTA", include the scrapping of the National Testing Agency and resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the issue, among others.

Airport operator DIAL sets up panel to probe into incident

Press Trust Of India

Delhi airport operator DIAL on Friday said it has set up a technical committee to probe the roof collapse at the airport's Terminal 1.

NEW DELHI: Delhi airport operator DIAL on Friday said it has set up a technical committee to probe the roof collapse at the airport's Terminal 1 and the primary cause of the incident seems to be continued heavy rainfall. In the incident, which happened at around 5 am on Friday, one person died and a few others sustained injuries.

DIAL said that due to heavy rains and winds



Roof of a canopy collapsed at Delhi airport. PTI

through the night in Delhi, a canopy at the old departure forecourt of Terminal 1 (T1) partially collapsed. "While the cause for the collapse is being assessed, the primary cause seems to be the continued heavy rainfall over the past few hours," it said in a statement. The Delhi International Airport Ltd has set up a technical

committee to investigate the cause of the incident and will give the report as soon as possible.

Following the incident, flight operations have been suspended at T1. According to the sources, the airport operator is looking at temporarily shifting operations from T1 to T2 and T3, they added. The sources also said that soon after

FACTFILE

- "While the cause for the collapse is being assessed, the primary cause seems to be the continued heavy rainfall over the past few hours," DIAL said in a statement.

the incident at around 5 am, it was decided to suspend the flight departures while passengers who were already inside the terminal took their flights. The departures were completely suspended at around 7:30 am, they added. "Due to heavy rain since early this morning, a portion of the canopy at the old departure forecourt of Delhi airport's Terminal 1 collapsed around 5 am.

J-K POLICE IS FOR PEOPLE

'J-K police like a sword against terror'

Press Trust Of India

The DGP said while terrorists may inflict some harm, they cannot defeat the police forces and their resolve.

JAMMU: Describing the Jammu and Kashmir Police as a sword in the fight against terror, its

chief R R Swain on Friday said no war against a terror ecosystem can be won without the police.

Pointing to a series of recent terror attacks in the Union Territory, the DGP said terrorists can neither defeat the force nor diminish its resolve.

He made the remarks at an event to regularise nine special police officers to the rank of con-

"The Jammu-Kashmir Police is like a sword against the terror ecosystem. It belongs to the people."

R R Swain
DGP, J-K police

stables, recognizing their contributions in elimi-



"The Jammu and Kashmir Police is like a sword against the terror ecosystem. If this sword, which belongs to the people, is not properly maintained, victory in this war against terrorism cannot be achieved," Swain said. He said the Union government has also realized the importance of the police and is working to support them accordingly.

nating two terrorists in the Hiranagar border belt of Kathua district.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PERMISSION

Registered shops to open round-the-clock on all 365 days in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: The Chandigarh administration has allowed shops and commercial establishments registered with the labour department to now open round-the-clock, a move aimed to promote ease of doing business. "The female employees will not be allowed to work after 8 pm, but in case they are (willing) then their written consent in this regard shall be taken and adequate safety and security arrangements of such employees shall be made during working hours," according to a recent order issued by the administration here. According to the order dated June 25, all the shops and commercial establishments which are registered under Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishment Act, 1958 (as applicable to the Union Territory of Chandigarh), in Chandigarh are permitted to keep open on all 365 days. **PTI**

CHARGE-SHEET

ED files fresh charge sheet in Delhi excise policy case

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Friday filed a fresh and the ninth charge sheet in the Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case naming a person called Vinod Chauhan as an accused, official sources said. Chauhan was arrested by the federal agency in May as part of this investigation. The sources said a fresh and the ninth prosecution complaint (charge sheet) was filed before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court here naming Vinod Chauhan. **PTI**



Rain Delayed For Over A Week

Southwest monsoon covers entire Jharkhand amid 69 pc rain deficit: Met office



RANCHI: The southwest monsoon covered entire Jharkhand on Friday despite a significant 69 per cent rain deficit, with five districts experiencing over 80 per cent shortfall, a Meteorological Department official said.

Although the monsoon arrived on June 21, which was 11 days later than usual, it took approximately eight more days to encompass the entire state due to its delayed progress.

The weather department predicted widespread rainfall with possibility of one or two spells of heavy rains in few pockets of the state on June 29 and 30 under influence of a low pressure.

As of June 1-28, the state has

received 53.2 mm of rainfall, significantly lower than the normal precipitation of 170.3 mm during this period. Among the 24 districts, five are facing severe rain deficits, with Pakur district recording the highest deficiency at 90 per cent. Over the past 24 hours, light to moderate rainfall was recorded in some parts of Jharkhand, with Musabani in East Singhbhum district recording the highest 32.4 mm.

Looking ahead, the weather department has forecast increased rainfall activity from Saturday onwards, influenced by a low-pressure system forming over the Northwest Bay of Bengal off the north Odisha coast. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

SMALLEST TENURE AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

Kamal Narayan Singh	17 days
S Rajendra Babu	29 days
Jayantilal Shah	35 days
Gopal Ballav Patnaik	40 days
Lalit Mohan Sharma	85 days

Source: Agencies

LANGUAGE

Arunachal to use English, Hindi versions of new criminal laws: Official

ITANAGAR: Arunachal Pradesh will use the English and Hindi versions of the three new criminal laws since the state's people speak in "innumerable" dialects, an official said on Friday. Officials and other people concerned are being trained on the new laws in English and Hindi, he said. English is the official language of the northeastern state. From July 1, three new criminal laws, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Adhiniyam 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023, will come into effect across the country. These laws will replace the Indian Penal Code 1860, Indian Evidence Act 1872 and the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973. "We will use the English and Hindi versions. They are not being translated into any local language. We have 26 major and over 100 sub-tribes," the official said. He said all investigating officers in the northeastern state are being imparted training on the laws. **PTI**

BUDGET

Petrol to be cheaper by 65 paise, diesel by Rs 2.60 in Mumbai region

MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government on Friday slashed the value-added tax (VAT) on fuel in the Mumbai metropolitan region, which will make petrol cheaper by 65 paise per litre and diesel by Rs 2.60 per litre.

The announcement was made by Deputy Chief Minister and state Finance Minister Ajit Pawar during the presentation of the annual state budget. The decision will be applicable only in the Mumbai metropolitan region, he said. **PTI**



Work of an exam is related to its credibility, secrecy and seriousness and there should not be any negligence in it.

Ajit Vasant
Collector - Korba



Chhattisgarh



An outer view of the DEO's office where official meeting was held.

Instructions issued for asset removal

KORBA: The EE Minimata Bango Dam Machadoli do hereby inform to all general public and those related to it that in the forthcoming monsoon season, water will be released into river from Bango Dam Machadoli. In view of this all the concerned persons and those residing below the dam level, near the river and those coming under the flood areas, should shift their movable and immovable assets to safer places.

In the same way the mineral and mining contractor, industrial units, institutions coming under the flood area have also being informed that they should move their assets out of flood area.

Appl for Class 11th admission in PRS till July 6

SUKMA: The Prys Residential School run by the SC, ST Development Department will be organising entrance test for selection into the Class 11th in PRS on July 21 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The candidates interest in taking part in the selection process can apply through online application through the website of PRS.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

WELCOME

Traditional welcome: Schools use roli-tika to mark new session

JAGDALPUR: In the block level school entry festival organized on Thursday in Salepal under Tokapal development block of the district, the newly entered school children were welcomed by applying Roli-Tika and feeding them sweets. Chief guest of the said block level school entrance festival, MLA Chitrakot Vinayak Goyal urged to spread the light of education everywhere and said that education is necessary for development. Only through education can we move ourselves, our family and society towards development. He said that the government is making every possible effort to provide education and ensure availability of education facilities. Children are being encouraged to join school through free uniforms, mid-day meals along with text books etc.

ACCIDENT

Drowsy driving alert: Bus crashes, passengers unharmed



JAGDALPUR: The speeding Mahindra Travelers bus coming from Raipur to Jagdalpur on National Highway 30 near Amaguda under Kotwali police station area of the district rammed into the divider. The bus driver has been injured in this accident, he has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. More than 30 passengers in the bus suffered minor injuries, all the passengers are safe. Police station in-charge Suresh Jangade said that the Mahindra Travelers bus had left from Raipur with more than 30 passengers on Wednesday night.

Principal in-charge Thelkadih removed

After the complaint, an official meeting was held in the DEO office for redressal.

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KHAIRAGARH: The DEO has removed the Principal in charge of Thelkadih Higher Secondary School of the district who tampered with the name of Guru Ghasidas with immediate effect. It is known that after the order of Collector Chandrakant Verma, a bilateral meeting was held in the District Education Officer's office under the chairmanship of SDM Tankeshwar Prasad Sahu regarding the matter, where the accused Principal in charge and

a delegation of complainants attended the meeting. After questions and answers from both the sides, the Principal in charge of the school, Dilip Kumar Sahu, has been relieved from the charge of Principal with immediate effect. Along with this, some important decisions have also been taken regarding the solution of the problems of the school. Three days ago, a delegation of District Satnami Samaj had reached the Collectorate and complained to District Magistrate Chandrakant Verma

HIGHLIGHT

- The DEO removed the Principal in charge of Thelkadih School who tampered with the name of Guru Ghasidas.
- Three days ago, the District Satnami Samaj had reached the Collectorate and complained to the District Magistrate.

that the name of Guru Ghasidas, the founder of Satnam sect, had been removed from the government school of

Thelkadih through conspiracy. Along with this, the complainants had made more serious allegations against the Principal in-charge. Seeing the seriousness of the matter, District Magistrate Chandrakant Verma had given instructions to investigate and resolve the matter. The problem has been resolved by calling a meeting under the leadership of Khairagarh SDM Tankeshwar Prasad Sahu and District Education Officer Lalji Dwivedi. A formal proposal will be sent to the government for naming the school.

Collector makes surprise visit

SUKMA: Collector Haris S. conducted inspection of road and house construction work, mobile network, tower, MBS scheme and others under 'Niyad Nellahar Yojana' in Gram Pariya under Gram Panchayat Bagdeguda of the district at the fag end of the district. Collector said that the state government is paying attention towards basic amenities and infrastructure development under the above scheme.

Collector to hold DMTF on July 3

KORIYA: The meeting of District Mineral Trust Funds will be held under the chairmanship of Collector and President of Trust Vinay Kumar Langhe in the auditorium of the Collector on July 3 at 12:00 noon. As per information in this regard, in this meeting there will be presentation on profit-loss accounts for FY-2023-24.

| SHALA PRAVESHOTSAV |

Pitaiband celebrates Shala Praveshotsav with fervor

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All the guests got the newly admitted children of kindergarten and class 1st and 6th admitted into the school by feeding them sweets, applying tilak.

RAJIM: Under the joint aegis of Government Primary and Pre-Secondary School Pitaiband, Chief Guest District Panchayat Member Mrs. Madhubala Ratre, Sarpanch Punard Banjare, Special Guest Chovaram Banjare Retired Head Teacher, Naresh Baya, Dhaneshwari Yadav and others were present. The worship of Goddess Saraswati was done by the guests and Saraswati Vandana was sung by Khushboo Sen and Devika.

Thereafter, all the guests were welcomed



Guests were honored by presenting shawl and coconut.

with flower garland and Tilak. Sunil Kumar

FACTFILE

- Chief guest, District Panchayat member Madhubala Ratre hailed the arrangements made for full feast for all the children, parents and guests and said that education is very important.

Pandey said in his address that just like farmers are happy to see their thriving

crops, similarly a teacher is delighted to see his promising students. The teachers who teach first grade work the hardest and teach alphabets. Head teacher Asha Dhruv said that when children grow up, they should bring glory to their parents, teachers and society.

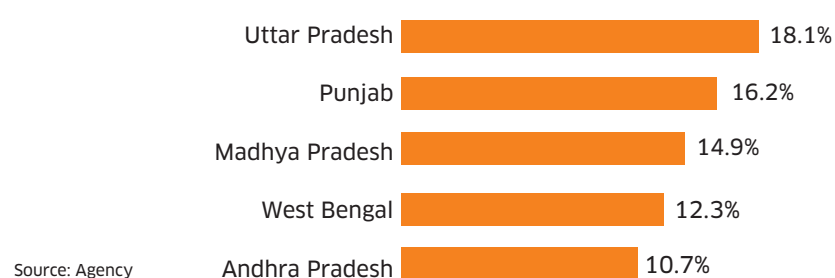
Retired Head teacher Chova Ram Banjare said that along with children, teachers should also be disciplined because children consider teachers

as their role models. Sarpanch Punard Banjare said in his presidential address that only if teachers work with determination, then only children will continuously progress. Along with this, parents should also pay special attention to their children. Our teachers must reach on time to school. Along with education, they also impart values.

Chief guest, District Panchayat member, Mrs. Madhubala Ratre, first of all thanked Sarpanch Punard Banjare and Chova Ram Banjare for making arrangements for full feast for all the children, parents and guests and said that education is very important. Parents may eat less but they should never step back from educating their children.

The Day's NUMBERS

LEADING STATES IN TERMS OF AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT IN INDIA IN 2024



Source: Agency

VISIT

Sahu Samaj representatives visit Pasoud

RAJIM: Recently, the family and villagers of a deceased girl, Roshni, daughter of Dhanesh Sahu, performed the last rites with due rituals in village Pasoud. Two months after the incident, three criminals from the same village dug out the body of the deceased from the ground, cut off both the hands and head of the body and hid the said organs elsewhere.

As soon as the family members got a hint of this, a meeting was held in the village and the suspects were questioned. But on not getting a satisfactory answer, a report was filed in the police station. The criminals have been arrested by the police. Further investigation is going on at a snail's pace. Meanwhile, on Sunday, at 7:00 pm, the delegation of Sahu Samaj, Sahu Sangh's Vice President Bhuneshwar Sahu, Bhaktin Mata Samiti's President Lala Sahu, Executive President Ishwari Sahu, General Secretary Ramkumar Sahu, General Secretary Sohan Sahu, Khoman Sahu and others met the victim's family and inquired about the incident with the village chiefs. The villagers and the victim's family are very scared and terrified by this incident.

EXCITEMENT

Excitement in Chichdo as schools open doors with ribbon cutting



DONGARGAON: Shala Praveshotsav was celebrated in the Government Primary School Chichdo on Wednesday. On this occasion, village Sarpanch Leena Sahu and teacher Konika Soni also organized an invitation meal. In this feast, the children were delighted to get delicious food like rice, dal, vegetables, pickle, puri, kheer etc. District Education Officer Mr. Jaiswal and District Mission Coordinator Satish Byaahare, Block Education Officer BL Patre and Assistant Block Education Officer Rashmi Thakur, Block Resource Coordinator Raju Ratnakar and villagers were present in the program. On the first day of school, the newly admitted children of class 1 were encouraged by cutting the ribbon and giving them free textbooks, uniforms and gifts like chocolates, pens, copies etc.

WORKSHOP |

Capacity building workshop on new judicial code

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KOREA: Workshop on Capacity Building Program on New Judicial Code Reforms was organized in the District Collectorate hall. District Prosecution Officer Harendra Pandey gave detailed information about the objectives of the Indian Civil Defense Code 2023, Indian Judicial Code 2023 and Indian Evidence Act



2023, the basic spirit of the three new laws, its important new provisions etc., which will be implemented in the country from July 1. In the workshop,

Additional Collector Arun Kumar Markam said that three new laws will come into force from July 1. This is a comprehensive change in the direction of the

Three new laws will come into force from July 1 and it is a comprehensive change in the direction of the IPC and law.

Arun Kumar Markam
Addl Collector Korea.

Indian Penal Code and law. Officials and citizens

should be aware of these laws. It is necessary for everyone to understand these laws themselves and also make others aware. On this occasion, Additional Superintendent of Police of the district Mrs. Monica Thakur, Deputy Director Public Prosecution Mr. P.N. Khandekar, revenue officers and police officers, besides office heads and other officers were present.

Scam of above 1 cr in Mudhipar Co-op Society

The manager and other related employees of Mudhipar Seva Cooperative Society have cheated farmers and embezzled a huge amount of Rs 1.09 cr

Central Chronicle News

KHAIRAGARH: A scam of more than one crore has taken place in Mudhipar Cooperative Society of the district. According to information, the manager and other related employees of Mudhipar Seva Cooperative Society have cheated farmers and embezzled a huge amount of Rs 1 crore 9 lakhs and to lodge an FIR against the accused, Prakash Mahobia, branch manager of Mudhipar Cooperative Bank, and has lodged a complaint to register the crime.

It is being told that for the past few months, the money of the farmers was being embezzled continuously in Mudhipar and the matter was revealed when the farmers associated with the committee reached to take loan for the new crop.

As per information, embezzlement of about Rs 1 crore 9 lakhs within 2 months has come to light by the committee manager in village Mudhipar and it is being told that committee manager Dhaneshwar Sahu, has embezzled 214 farmers of the committee. It is being told about the whole matter that after getting information about



Farmers charge Maager Mudhipar Co-op Society of embezzlement of their funds.

FASTFACTS

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● As per information, embezzlement of about Rs 1 crore 9 lakhs within 2 months has come to light by the committee manager in village Mudhipar.

embezzlement in the committee, CEO (Cooperative Extension Officer) Loknath Maheshwari has removed 10 operators Deendayal Sinha, operator's son clerical worker Ajay Sinha, seller Krishna Verma posted at the paddy pro-

Farmer charge of treachery over their hard earned money

The farmers have opined treachery over their hard earned money and farmer Lakhon Lal Thakur said that he had taken out a KCC loan of Rs 3 lakh which he had paid to the committee manager and has the receipt, but when he went to the bank again to take a KCC loan he knew about the scam. Same way farmer Anoop Lal Sinha said that he had a loan of Rs 6870 from the committee which was paid off, but still can't avail a new loan, while farmer Uttam Kumar said that he had taken out a KCC loan of Rs 60, 500, 40 last year which was paid off, still cant avail a new loan for the new season.

urement centre and Santosh Kunjam from their posts. At the same time, the main accused in the case, committee manager Dhaneshwar Sahu, is said to be badly injured in a road accident, whose whereabouts are not known. After getting information about the embez-

zlement of 1 crore 9 lakh rupees by the committee manager, an application have been given to the Gatapar police station to register a crime against him. To register the crime, the police are collecting documents in the case, says Prakash Mahobia, Branch Manager Mudhipar.

School opening held at Adam Public School

DONGARGAON: School admission festival was celebrated in Adam Public School, and 13 newly admitted students were inducted into the school with a traditional welcome. On the occasion of school admission, the palm prints of the children were put on the wall and free textbooks and uniforms were given. On this occasion, Sarpanch Ahilya Rajaram Panchari, President Komal Nishad, Bhuneshwar Uike, Geetaram Nirmalkar, Naresh Nishad, Gram Pramukh Ganesh Nir were present. Malkar Panch Maheshwari Chandravanshi Headmaster Mahendra Padoti, Teacher Shivshankar Netam, Sarita Tandekar, parents, villagers and members of women's group were present.

CEO District Panchayat takes charge

SUKMA: Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, Ms. Namrata Jain has taken charge. She will be the 7th Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Sukma. An officer of the 2019 batch of the Indian Administrative Service, posted as Mission Director, National Rural Livelihood Mission Raipur, will take up additional charge of Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Sukma.

First day of SAGEMS celebrated with enthusiasm

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: The first day of the new education session was full of enthusiasm among both the teachers and children of Government Ram Bishal Pandey Utkrisht English Medium School Rajim. As the instructions of District Collector Deepak Agrawal and District Education Officer Anand Saraswat the first day of the session was made memorable, and for the same the teachers including the principal had also made full preparations.

The principal and teachers welcomed the newly admitted students of class 1 by presenting them with smileys and welcomed all the students who came on the

first day by applying tilak and garlanding them. Principal Sanjay Ekka, in his address, while

HIGHLIGHT

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NEWSLINE

CELEBRATIONS

Entrance festival celebrated in Govt. Higher Sec School



ANWARI: School entrance festival was celebrated with great pomp in Government Higher Secondary School Anwari under the guidance of Principal IR Sahu and on the first day, the children were welcomed with traditional Gula and Tika along with the worship of Mother Saraswati. The Chairman and members of the School Development Committee distributed books and gave chocolates to the children and motivated them to come to school daily. In this program, School Development Committee Chairman Bhuneshwar Sahu, Balaram Dhruv, and all the teachers of the school were present.

wishing all the children a happy new academic session, provided guidelines and discipline-related information for both students and teachers and books were distributed to the students on the very first day. The teachers also considered the first day auspicious and started teaching with enthusiasm.

Tasting centres running on stolen electricity

DONGARGAON: Tasting centres in the region are allegedly running on electricity by theft via hooking wires. The arbitrariness of the Excise Department in the city is not hidden from anyone, whether it is the operation of illegal tasting centres or the matter of supplying liquor to villages through middle men, who deploy all types of illegal activity to sell

liquor. But the act of stealing electricity in these centres has come to fore recently and the after the complaint of the local media team, the team of the Electricity Department reached the spot and seized the hooking wires and electricity connections, but the Electricity Department is also hesitant to take action against the Excise Department.

PRAVESHOTSAV

Students celebrate Entrance Day with enthusiasm

BERLA: On the first day of the new session, admission festival was celebrated in Government Primary School Budera under Berla Block and on this occasion, wishing children a bright future, books and uniforms were distributed to all. Deputy Sarpanch of Village Panchayat Budera Govardhan Sahu welcomed all the children taking admission and motivated them to come to school regularly. Deputy Sarpanch Sahu invited the children and served them a feast. On this occasion, Deputy Sarpanch of Panchayat Govardhan Sahu, Yogendra Singh Rajpur, Raja Ram Sahu along with Head Teacher Yomkumar Verma, Psycho Teacher Laxmikant Verma, Rajkumar Sahu, Shakuntala Rajput were present.

FESTIVAL

Admission festival celebrated in Pendarwani



DONGARGAON: School admission festival was jointly celebrated in the block's government primary school and pre-secondary school Pendarwani, under which the newly admitted children were welcomed by applying traditional Tika and the children were distributed free textbooks and uniforms provided by the government. On this occasion, the headmaster of the middle school, Jeevanlal Sahu, asked the children to study with all their heart and soul from the first day itself and motivated the children to bring glory to their parents and teachers. On this occasion, all the teachers of both the schools were present and the women's group of the village was especially present.

Collector proposes beautification plans for main squares

Central Chronicle News

Collector Vijay Dayaram said that the city is yours, the views and advice of the community are very important in the beautification of the squares and intersections of the city.

JAGDALPUR: During the discussion with various societies and business associations in the meeting organized by the Municipal Corporation for the development of squares and intersections, Collector Vijay Dayaram said that the city is yours, the views and advice of the community are very important in the beautification of the squares and intersections of the city.

Participation of all citizens is necessary in the development of the city.

By discussing the development and beautification of the city's main squares NMDC Chowk, Airport Chowk, Shaheed Park, Kotwali Chowk, Agrasen Chowk by the Municipal Corporation, talks were also held regarding taking responsibility for the development work. In which some business associations and society have agreed to beautify different squares.

The Municipal Commissioner gave information about the design and cost of development works through the presentation of development and beautification of major intersections of the city, and also discussed about the future action plan of the intersections of the city. The Collector urged the societies to take extensive participation in the responsibility of cleanliness and proper maintenance of squares and intersections.

Appl invited for pre-Engg and pre-Medical

KORBA: Applications have been invited from eligible students till 01 July 2024 04 pm for coaching of Pre- Engineering and Pre- Medical entrance examinations in the year 2024-25 in the district. To apply, one can visit the departmental website www.tribal.cg.gov.in and get the application form and information related to the course. Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development said that such candidates of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category who have passed 12th and are willing to prepare for these entrance examinations by taking a drop can apply till the prescribed date in the office of Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Korba during office hours. 100 candidates will be selected for coaching, which will include 64 students of Scheduled Tribe category and 36 students of Scheduled Caste category.

Slit dumped in disposal pond and playground

Central Chronicle News

As per information thousands of trips of slit in the playground and pond have made both the utility areas ceased to exist.

DHABRA: The Sarpanch and Secretary of Gram Panchayat Kataud under the Tehsil Dabhra area have flouted the rules of the Environment Department and the Supreme Court and have filled up the village pond and playground with waste slit and dust. Allegedly this has now become a source of income for the Gram Panchayat and they have earned lakhs of rupees by filling up the slit.

As per information, thousands of trips of slit in the playground and pond have made both the utility areas ceased to exist.



Sarpanch and Secretary of Gram Panchayat Kataud have filled up the village pond and playground with waste slit and dust.

FASTFACTS

● Even after complaint, till date no investigation committee has been constituted by the district administration, nor has any action been taken.

The pond constructed in Khasra No. 265 by the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat for black money, has an area of 3 acres 65

decimals, which was filled up by the Sarpanch and Secretary of the Gram Panchayat by dumping thousands of trips of gravel. The problem of disposal in the village pond has taken a terrible form, with villager's finding it difficult to use it for bathing and other purpose. On one hand, the Chhattisgarh government is trying to save the existence of rivers, drains and ponds under the Jala-

vardhan Yojana, on the other hand, the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat has destroyed the existence of the oldest pond of the village, Gadkhaiya, while the villagers of village Kataud have given a written complaint to the regional MLA Ramkumar Yadav and District Collector, SDM, Tehsildar, Superintendent of Police, Police Station Incharge, Dabhra on 9 May 2024.

PROBLEMS TO COMMUTERS |

Delay in road construction causing problems

Central Chronicle News

MUNGELI: The condition of Mungeli-Bilaspur, Takhatpur, Mungeli, Pandaria National Highway is ridden in a bad condition as both potholes in many places on these roads and the snail pace of constructing it in parts are causing a lot of problems to the commuters on these set of roads.

As per information, the villagers had appealed to the public representatives and



officials many times for road widening and beautification, as a result, an amount of Rs 350 crore has been approved by the government for the 42 km distance from Mungeli Baghamuda to Kawardha

Podi. After the tender was issued, Kawardha resident Kanhaiyalal Agarwal Civil Contractor has taken the contract for the construction of the said road, but due to slow pace of construction and

“Villagers have demanded an immediate solution to the problems occurring during the road construction.”
Villagers Mungeli

incomplete work at many places are causing trou-

ble to the movers and goers via this route.

Also no strong arrangement has been made for the drainage of mud and water at many places, the brunt of which is being borne by the people.

People keep coming from a distance of about 20 km of Setganga area and during road construction; people are facing a lot of problems due to the road being left incomplete at many places.

Labourers not paid wages in PPC Semra

Central Chronicle News

ANWARI: Labourers have not been paid their wages in Krishi Saakh Government Committee Limited Semra Registration No. 646, where labourers and in-charge were recruited in the Paddy Procurement Center Semra for the year 2023-24 by issuing tender. But as per information, even after 4 months of completion of paddy procurement work, the Phad in-charge and the manager are mak-

ing excuses to the poor laborers for giving their wages. But the responsible workers who are due to pay the daily wages are making excuses and abstaining from paying the poor labourers their wage, owing to which the daily wages have submitted a memorandum have appealed to the government administration to get the wages as soon as possible and have warned of a sit-in protest if there is any delay in the payment of the amount further.



Govt's quest to address security concerns should not be at cost of 'trampling' rights.
Mehbooba Mufti
PDP president

Weather: Heavy Rainfall makes life difficult for people



People commute through a busy street during rain, in Surat, Friday.

Deemed university not covered under RTI Act

CIC refused to provide the information on the ground that the institute was not a "public authority" and the data pertained to its internal administration.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A deemed university is not a "public authority" which is covered in the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act unless it is under the control of or is financed by the government, the Delhi High Court has said.

The court's order was passed on a petition by an RTI applicant seeking information with respect to the details of students, including roll number, name and father's name, who completed MSc in Chemistry through distance learning from 2007 and 2011 from Vinayak Mission University, a deemed university.

Stating that there was no reason to interfere

with the decision of the CIC, Justice Subramonium Prasad noted that the RTI Act deals with entities, including non-government organisations, which are owned, controlled or substantially financed by the government and merely because a university has been deemed to be a university, it would not be considered a public authority under the act.

"It is not the case of the Petitioner that the Respondent University is either a government authority or a non-government organisation which is substantially financed by the government, either directly or indirectly. The Respondent No. 3 university, thus, cannot be held to

HIGHLIGHT

● **The court observed that the information sought by the petitioner was "personal" in nature.**

be a 'public authority' under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act and will not be amenable to the provisions of the RTI Act," the court said. "It has also been recently held by a Full Bench of the Bombay High Court... that merely because a university has been deemed to be a university by virtue of a notification under Section 3 of the UGC Act, it will not be considered a public authority under the (RTI) Act," the court recorded. The petitioner contended that being the

custodian and a "public authority", UGC should be held to be duty bound to supply the information to him. The court, however, observed that the information sought by the petitioner was "personal" in nature and exempted under the RTI Act, and he has also not shown any material to indicate what was the public interest that would outweigh the concerns of privacy.

"In the absence of any larger public interest justifying the disclosure of such information, this court is not inclined to accede to the information sought for by the Petitioner," it opined.

"This court, therefore, does not find any reason to interfere with the deci-

sion of the CIC denying to give information as sought for to the petitioner on both accounts i.e., the respondent university being a deemed University is not a public authority in the absence of any material advanced by the petitioner to show that the respondent university comes under the direct control of the Government or financed by the Government, and secondly, the information sought for will result in unwarranted invasion of privacy of all the individuals concerned and without there being any larger public interest involved which will outweigh the privacy of the persons whose information has been sought for," the court held.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PUNE BAR PROBE

3, including man who supplied drug to accused seen in viral video, held

PUNE: Three persons, including a Nigerian national, have been arrested in connection with the alleged drug use in a bar on Fergusson Road in Pune recently, videos of which had gone viral, a police official said on Friday.

The police probe began after a video showed two persons, later identified as Nitin Thombre and Karan Mishra, allegedly with drugs inside the toilet of Liquid Leisure Lounge, popularly known as L3.

One of the three persons supplied the drug, possibly mephedrone, that was allegedly used in L3 by accused Thombre and Mishra, he said.

"The other two who have been held, including the Nigerian national, provided drugs to the third accused. We have recovered cocaine worth Rs 75,000 and mephedrone powder weighing 7 grams. The three were held under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and were produced in a court today," Zone I Deputy Commissioner of Police Sandip Singh Gill said. The number of persons arrested by police in connection with the probe into the L3 video stands at 13. **PTI**

MOTION OF THANKS

Constitution always comes under attack under Cong rule: BJP



NEW DELHI: The ruling BJP on Friday attacked the Congress in the Rajya Sabha, saying the Constitution always came under attack whenever the grand old party was in power and cited several instances, including the "changes" made in the Preamble. Initiating a discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, senior BJP leader Sudhanshu Trivedi said the Congress is now talking about protecting the Constitution but it had always "disrespected" it in letter and spirit. On the Congress assertion that Prime Minister Narendra Modi cannot be compared with Jawahar Lal Nehru, Trivedi said he agrees that the two cannot be compared as Modi was chosen unanimously as PM candidate while Nehru was "not an unanimous choice". **PTI**

24 held for killing over 60 cows and oxen; conspiracy hatched in Nagpur, say cops

Press Trust Of India

BHOPAL: Police have arrested 24 persons in connection with the killing of more than 60 bovine animals, including cows, in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh last week, officials said on Friday.

Eight of the arrested accused are from Nagpur, where the conspiracy to kill these animals was hatched to whip up communal frenzy,

the police said.

Carcasses of 18 cows with their necks slit were found in Vainganga river near Pindra village in Seoni, while those of 28 cows and oxen were found in Kakartala forest area under Dhuma police station limits in the district on June 19 and 20. More such carcasses were found in the district later.

"Police have so far arrested a total of 24 persons in this connection. The accused persons

were assigned the job of killing the bovine animals in return for money and local residents (of Seoni) were also found to be involved in the crime," a police official said.

"The Police Headquarters in Bhopal was also monitoring the case as the incident was aimed at disrupting the communal harmony, and it had directed its personnel to ensure the arrest of those involved in this inhuman act," he said.

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PETA India seeks rehabilitation of jumbo in Idukki

IDUKKI (KERALA): Following a tragic killing of a mahout by a jumbo called Lakshmi last week at an allegedly illegally run elephant park in this high range district of Kerala, animal rights organisation PETA has urged the state's wildlife department to rehabilitate the pachyderm at a sanctuary. The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India has also called for permanent closure of all illegal safari parks in Kerala and rehabilitation of all the elephants held captive there, the organisation said in a release. "PETA India is appealing to the chief wildlife warden to immediately protect Lakshmi and humans who may encounter her by sending her to a sanctuary for care and to shut all illegal parks that dangerously force elephants to carry tourists," PETA India Director of Advocacy Khushboo Gupta.

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GOVT. OF INDIA

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF HEAD CONSTABLE (EDUCATION & STRESS COUNSELOR)- 2024

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2. Details of vacancies as per post based roster are as under:-

Name of Post	Total vacancies	Particulars	Category					Total
			UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	
Head Constable (Education & Stress Counselor)	112	Male	37	15	7	24	13	96
		Female	6	3	1	4	2	16

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Heavy rain leaves Delhi waterlogged, traffic crawls

Visuals showed several areas inundated with water, leading to long traffic jams.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: As heavy rain lashed Delhi early Friday, waterlogging in many areas of the city led to a flood-like situation forcing vehicles to crawl amid massive traffic jams.

The Delhi Traffic Police issued alerts to notify the affected carriageways, advising commuters to plan their journey accordingly.

Visuals coming from various parts of the city showed several areas inundated with water, leading to long traffic jams which affected commuters, especially, officegoers. The Delhi Police said they received several calls regarding traffic issues, waterlogging and uprooting of trees since the morning.



Mayor Shelly Oberoi inspects a waterlogged area following heavy rains, in New Delhi.

was going to northwest Delhi for an exam, said that the traffic was heavy at Kashmere Gate in the morning.

“I was going for my exam from my house in Ghaziabad, UP. In the morning, there was a heavy waterlogging at Kashmere Gate which led to traffic congestion on the stretch. The road is quite wide but people were only using one lane due to the waterlogging. Luckily, I managed to reach my exam centre on time,” Sharma said.

LG holds emergency meeting, officials’ leave cancelled

Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Friday took stock of the situation in Delhi after hours-long rain brought the city to a standstill and directed officials to set up an emergency control room and deploy static pumps to address waterlogging reports.

HIGHLIGHT

● **The LG asked officials to set up an emergency control room for waterlogging complaints.**

● **Admn directed various agencies to deploy static pumps and field staff to drain water from roads.**

leave should be asked to report back to duty immediately and no leave should be sanctioned for the next two months, according to his office. Saxena also took note of the lack of preparedness and an emergency response system in the national capital, the LG office said. Senior officers attended the meeting.

AMARNATH YATRA

First batch with over 4,600 pilgrims arrive in Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

Comprehensive arrangements, including three-tier security, area dominations, elaborate route deployment and checkpoints, have been made to ensure a smooth yatra.



People wait during registration for the Amarnath Yatra.

Har Mahadev”, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch from the Yatri Niwas base camp at Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu early Friday morning.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha wished the pilgrims a safe journey. “May the blessings of Baba Amarnath ji bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone’s life,” he said.

They reached Srinagar in a cavalcade of 231 light and heavy vehicles, the officials said. Kulgam Deputy Commissioner (DC) Athar Aamir Khan told reporters that upon their arrival, the pilgrims who would travel via both the axis, Baltal as well as Pahalgam, were welcomed by the administration, members of civil society, trade fraternity, fruit growers, and market associations.

tunnel in Qazigund area of south Kashmir’s Kulgam district, they added.

The 52-day pilgrimage will begin from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal -- on Saturday and conclude on August 19. Amid chants of “Bum Bum Bhole” and “Har

FASTFACTS

● **Pilgrim left separately for base camps in Baltal and Pahalgam from where they will leave for holy cave shrine.**

● **More than 3.50 lakh people have registered for this.**

Change of Name
It is informed to the General Public That I Puja Bhagwani W/o Umesh Gurnani Resident of H.No. 105 Ward No. 05 VIP City Station Road Naila Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) 495668 have Changed my Old Name Puja Bhagwani W/o Umesh Gurnani, so in Future I should be recognized by my New Name Preet Gurnani W/o Umesh Gurnani in all government and other documents.
Preet Gurnani
H.No. 105, Ward No. 05 VIP City Station Road Naila Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) 495668



Branch: Janjgir (C.G)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

[Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/Guarantor, Description of the Property, Date of Demand Notice, Amount outstanding as on the Date of Demand Notice.

Cocaine seized at airport

CHENNAI: Over 2,000 grams of cocaine worth Rs 21 crore was seized from an air passenger who arrived here from Ghana, the Customs department said on Friday. The woman hailing from the West African country, who arrived on June 26, was intercepted by the intelligence officers at the international airport here.

NOTICE

It is informed that Ganesh Rathor, wife of Ganpat Singh, resident of Bachrawar, G.P.M. Chhattisgarh 495119, I want to inform you that my son, Army number 10183125A, Lance Naik Mulchand, who has been serving in the 111 Infantry (Private Sector) Kumau for 14 years. His real name is Ganesha Rathor, which is true and correct.

Ganesha Rathore
W/o Ganpat Singh
Resident Bacharwar
(G.P.M.) C.G. - 495119
Mob.No. 9365671314

Water in reservoirs dips to 20% of live storage capacity: CWC

Press Trust Of India

The Central Water Commission has reported a significant drop in live storage levels across 150 major reservoirs in India.

NEW DELHI: Water available in the 150 main reservoirs across the country has dipped to just 20 per cent of their total live storage capacity, according to the Central Water Commission.

For the past two weeks, the reservoirs were at 21 per cent of their total live storage capacity and the week before that it was 22 per cent. The Central Water Commission (CWC) has reported a significant drop in live storage levels across 150 major reservoirs in India.

According to the latest CWC bulletin, the total live storage available is 36.368 billion cubic meters (BCM) which is just 20 per cent of the total live storage capacity of these reservoirs.

This is a significant decrease from 46.369 billion cubic meters (BCM) recorded during the same period last year and also below the normal storage of 42.645 BCM.

The total live storage capacity of these reservoirs is 178.784 BCM, which is about 69.35 per cent of the estimated total live storage capacity of 257.812 BCM in the country. The northern region, comprising Himachal

Pradesh, Punjab, and Rajasthan, has a total live storage capacity of 19.663 BCM in 10 reservoirs. Currently, the storage level there is 5.239 BCM or 27 per cent of the capacity. The eastern region, including Assam, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura, Nagaland, and Bihar has a total live storage capacity of 20.430 BCM in 23 reservoirs. The current storage level is 3.643 BCM or 17.83 per cent of the capacity,

FASTFACTS

- **Several basins, including the Krishna, Brahmani and Baitarni, Mahanadi and Cauvery are experiencing deficient storage.**
- **The current storage is 8.322 BCM, or 16 per cent of the capacity, down from 20 per cent last year.**

slightly less than the 17.84 per cent recorded last year. The western region, comprising Gujarat and Maharashtra, has 49 reservoirs with a total live storage capacity of 37.130 BCM. However, the current storage is 7.471 BCM, or 20.12 per cent of the capacity. The central region, which includes Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, has a total live storage capacity of 48.227 BCM across 26 reservoirs. The current storage level is 11.693 BCM, or 24 per cent of the capacity.

NEWSLINE

MUMBAI

‘Music preaches devotion as well patriotism’



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday said the music of the Mangeshkar family preaches devotion as well as patriotism.

Speaking at the launch of the book ‘Swarswami Asha’ on legendary singer Asha Bhosle, who turned 90 last September, Bhagwat said that the purpose of music is not just entertainment alone but that its effect should also be beneficial to society.

The book has pieces by 90 writers with some rare photographs of the nonagenarian versatile singer. “I had respect for the Mangeshkar family even before I met them. Their music is the one that not only preaches music but also devotion and patriotism,” he said. Speaking on the occasion, Bhosale recalled her association with Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar. Her brother music director Hridaynath Mangeshkar was also present at the event here. She also dwelled upon how different music directors had left an imprint on her singing. Music, like an ever-flowing river, never ends, she had told PTI last year ahead of her 90th birthday.

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Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon’ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) under 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 Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notices, within 90 days from the date of the respective Notices, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC, within 90 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated heretofore in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and/or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for the repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to HDFC by the said Borrower(s) respectively. Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

A light brought into a dark room will necessarily illuminate every portion of it
[Subhas Chandra Bose]

Comment

LS session begins amidst historical and controversial moments

OUR VIEW |

Comprehensive strategies to combat terrorism in J&K

The spike in terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir demands a multifaceted and robust response from the region's security forces. The Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP), in collaboration with various agencies, has rolled out a series of comprehensive measures aimed at countering terrorism. These efforts, spanning legal, operational, and technological dimensions, reflect a determined approach to ensuring peace and stability. One of the most significant legal measures considered is the invocation of the Enemy Agents Act, carrying a minimum sentence of life imprisonment and extending to the death penalty. This move underscores the gravity with which the state views any support for terrorism, signaling a no-tolerance policy. Additionally, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) remains a key legislative tool, providing the framework to detain individuals suspected of terrorist activities and prevent potential threats. The proposed establishment of special courts for trials under these stringent laws aims to expedite the judicial process, ensuring swift and decisive action against those involved in terrorism. Operationally, the JKP has intensified its counter-terrorism strategies. Following the terror attack in Hiranagar, the Special Investigation Agency (SIA) took over the investigation, highlighting the importance of specialized units in handling complex cases. The collaboration between the JKP and Central Forces, through regular joint operations, intelligence sharing, and coordinated tactical responses, has been pivotal in effectively neutralizing terrorist threats. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has also been entrusted with probing significant terror attacks, such as the Reasi attack, bringing a higher level of investigative proficiency and uncovering intricate terrorist networks and financial links. In the contemporary era, the role of technology in both facilitating and countering terrorism cannot be overstated. Pakistani handlers exploit it to coordinate attacks and smuggle weapons. To counter this, the JKP has ramped up their cyber capabilities by establishing cyber police stations in all revenue and police districts.

GUEST VIEW |

Confronting the growing menace of drug abuse

Drug abuse and the illegal drug trade have become significant societal problems, affecting individuals across all age groups, especially the youth. The United Nations (UN) observes the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADAIT) on June 26 to highlight the severe dangers posed by drugs. Central to this observance is the importance of drug awareness campaigns, as a society's socioeconomic status cannot improve with unhealthy and unproductive members. Drug abuse is accompanied by numerous hazards, including diseases, crime, and a higher prevalence of criminals. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) acts as a watchdog, monitoring international drug addiction. Emphasizing healthy choices and self-value has been a past theme of the UN on IDADAIT, promoting mental well-being. Drugs like cannabis, cocaine, and heroin are widely sold due to easy access and lax laws. Unfortunately, the perceived medicinal and recreational benefits of cannabis have overshadowed its harmful effects. Strengthening the bond between parents and children is crucial in preventing youth from straying towards substance abuse.



Dr. Ganapathi Bhat

As the Lok Sabha session commenced, a plethora of conflicting views emerged from political parties regarding the selection of the pro tem Speaker, the Speaker election, and the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected members. These issues have already attracted considerable attention.

For the first time in the 72-year history of India's Parliament, the contest for the Speaker's post did not demand a division; instead, the decision was made by voice vote. This notable departure from tradition marks a significant milestone in the parliamentary proceedings.

Rahul Gandhi has been declared the Leader of Opposition, a post that remained officially vacant for the last two consecutive terms. His inaugural speech, though brief, was impressive and signaled his commitment to playing a responsible role in opposition. This is expected to strengthen the democratic fabric of the country.

Amritpal Singh, currently jailed under the National Security Act (NSA), has been elected as a Member of Parliament from Punjab. However, he could not attend the oath-taking ceremony. It falls upon the Speaker to review his case to determine if it is permissible for Singh to take the oath under these circumstances. Similarly, the case of Rashid Engineer, which is already in court, requires careful consideration.

Media reports have highlighted that this election to the Speaker's post is unprecedented. However, historical records show that elections for the Speaker have been held thrice before: in 1952, between GV Mavalankar and Shankar Shantaram; in 1967, between Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy and Opposition candidates Shankar Shantaram More, Tenniti Vishwanathan, and Jagannath Rao Joshi; and in 1976, during the Emergency, between Baliram Bhagat and Jagannath Rao. In each instance, the ruling party's nominees—Mavalankar, Bhagat, and Reddy—



Yash Pal Ralhan

Freelance writer from Jalandhar

emerged victorious. To maintain impartiality, Dr. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy resigned from his party post in 1967, setting a notable precedent. The current Speaker, Om Birla, the MP from Kota, is in his second term, and while emulating Reddy's gesture might be ideal, it is not anticipated.

A two-minute silence was observed in the Lok Sabha on June 26 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency declaration. However, only NDA members participated in this observance, which is an unhealthy sign of political division.

The oath-taking ceremony of new parliament members sparked controversy when AIMIM Chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi raised the slogan "Jai Palestine." Constitutional experts and the law minister have expressed differing opinions on what action, if any, should be taken in such cases. Further clarification from the law minister is awaited before any definitive comment can be made.

With a strong opposition

presence in the Lok Sabha, the expectation is for healthy and robust discussions on every bill. It is also anticipated that many bills will be referred to parliamentary select committees, ensuring thorough scrutiny and debate.

The early days of this Lok Sabha session have already set the stage for a term filled with significant historical moments and potential controversies. The commitment of the elected representatives to uphold democratic principles and engage in constructive dialogue will be crucial for the effective functioning of the Parliament and the overall governance of the country. The actions and decisions made in this session will undoubtedly shape the future of Indian democracy.

In conclusion, the new Lok Sabha session promises to be a dynamic period in Indian politics, marked by significant events and vigorous debates. The nation watches with hope that its leaders will rise to the occasion, demonstrating a commitment to progress and the well-being of all citizens.

The meaningless life in a competitive era

The intense pressure of competitive exams in India impacts students' mental health, turning education into a burden rather than a blessing.. by Vijay GarG



Students looking attentively at the teacher and appearing focused and slightly stressed. | Photo AP

Examining the current educational landscape reveals significant changes in both physical structures and educational philosophies. Society often only acknowledges a crisis when its severe consequences become evident, overlooking the stages leading up to it. Education is fundamentally important in building a sustainable future, serving as a torch that dispels the darkness in a student's life. It is the beginning of a conscious life, teaching the art of living and how to overcome challenges. Individual development leads to societal progress, making education crucial.

The shift toward liberalization in India brought a wave of privatization, resulting in widespread commercialization of education. Private institutions proliferated, and the focus on skill development and professional courses intensified to meet market demands. The establishment of large-scale industries created a high demand for a substantial workforce, which, driven by unemployment and poverty, seemed like a legitimate necessity. This led to intense competition for limited seats in professional and technical courses. Entrance examinations

became the norm, and private coaching centers flourished. These exams, based on multiple-choice questions, encouraged rote memorization over comprehension and critical thinking. Karl Marx noted that the prevailing educational system, influenced by the dominant global capitalist mindset, produces passive and obedient workers. Avijit Pathak described this system as book-centric and exam-oriented, where students become strategists or exam-warriors, far removed from learning with joy, wonder, and creativity.

When education is reduced to mere information, knowledge, wisdom, and critical thinking are lost. Consequently, education fails to instill meaning into life, becoming a burden that suppresses intellect and consciousness. "Where is the life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?" These lines poignantly highlight the diminishing impact of education when it focuses solely on gathering information, neglecting

deeper understanding and wisdom.

The pressure and stress imposed by entrance examinations are distressing, and the educational structure fails to equip students with the ability to manage this pressure. Jogender Singh, an educationist, argues that the competitive exam system hides the educational system's inadequacies, shifting the blame onto students and keeping a large portion of the population from accessing quality education.

Students suffer the most in this process, as education

diverges from its philosophical and societal interpretations. Commercialization has led to unchecked competition, where entrance exams are used for exclusion rather than inclusion. Paulo Freire criticized this "banking" model of education, where teachers deposit knowledge into passive students, disconnected from the real world. This structure has rendered education meaningless and hollow, turning institutions into advertising agencies rather than shaping personalities.

Academic distress is a widespread issue, affecting students' academic performance and mental well-being. Research indicates that a significant number of students, particularly those in high schools and professional courses, experience "academic distress." This condition severely impacts their academic performance and mental health. Academic stress includes factors that contribute to tension or pressure, known as "stressors," which can be personal, impersonal, social, health-related, or environmental.

Structural stress, caused by factors like economic inequality and inadequate healthcare, often requires collective social action for change.

YOUR LETTERS

Ram Mandir roof leak

Ram bhaktas were shocked to learn that the roof of the newly constructed Ram Mandir in Ayodhya started leaking after heavy rainfall, just five months post-inauguration. Acharya Satyendra Das highlighted the lack of proper drainage, questioning the temple's rushed inauguration before completion and elections. The Modi government's haste reflects a trend of "leaking" projects, from examination papers to the temple roof. Temple construction chairman Nripendra Mishra has now ordered repairs to make the roof waterproof.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

India's path to growth

India is poised for significant growth, but balancing its global ambitions with regional challenges is essential. The new government navigates a complex geopolitical environment where agility and adept diplomacy are vital. While the country's economic progress is promising, maintaining momentum requires a shift from business-friendly to market-friendly policies, fostering inclusive growth. In foreign policy, re-engaging strategically with neighbors like China and Pakistan is critical.

MK Nair, Raipur

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Business



Himachal to rope in entrepreneurs for developing tourism.

R S Bali,

Chairman, HDTDC.

State Budget at Monsoon session of Maha Assembly



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and state Minister Deepak Kesarkar show 2024-25 state Budget bags during the Monsoon Assembly session.

Need to eliminate biases in algorithms, says RBI Guv

The focus now is naturally on enhancing capacity in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques and analysing unstructured textual data.

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday emphasised on the need to eliminate biases in algorithms as the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) is on the rise. Delivering the inaugural address at the 18th Statistics Day Conference organised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), he said the use of statistics

has been ever growing as a preferred tool for drawing inferences in diverse fields and the discipline has moved beyond collection of facts to focusing more on interpretation and drawing inferences, taking into account the level of uncertainty.

This shift, Das said has allowed statistics to become an integral part of other major disciplines. The surge in computing power is being

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increasingly harnessed in combination with statis-

tical methods to improve efficiency in decision making and enrich end-user experience in various fields of human knowledge.

“Looking ahead, the year 2025 has a special significance for compilation of official statistics the world over. Global efforts are expected to culminate in new global standards for compilation of macroeconomic statistics, especially for national

accounts and balance of payments,” he said, and added the team in the Reserve Bank is closely tracking these developments.

He further said RBI is making efforts to harness the availability of huge computing power and growing digital footprints to analyse measures of expectations, sentiment indicators and policy credibility measures from alternative data sources.

Key infra sectors growth rises 6.3 pc in May

NEW DELHI: The eight key infrastructure sectors' growth rose by 6.3 per cent in May on healthy expansion in the production of coal, natural gas, and electricity, according to official data released on Friday. The production of the eight sectors grew 6.7 per cent in April. The growth of these core sectors -- coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity -- was 5.2 per cent in May 2023. The official data showed that fertiliser, crude oil, and cement output recorded negative growth in May. During April-May this fiscal, the output of these sectors was up 6.5 per cent against 4.9 per cent in the same period last fiscal. The eight core sectors contribute 40.27 per cent to the country's Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Malabar Gold & Diamonds introduces NUWA collection

Agencies

Renowned Indian actress Kareena Kapoor Khan unveiled the collection.

DUBAI: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, sixth largest jewellery retailer globally with a strong retail network of over 350 stores spread across 13 countries, unveiled its latest diamond jewellery collection named 'NUWA' at a grand event in the UAE. Renowned Indian actress Kareena Kapoor Khan unveiled the collection. Kareena, known for her timeless elegance embodies the very essence of the NUWA collection, making her the perfect ambassador for this launch. The collection is available at all stores in India.

MP Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group, said, “We are incred-



Indian actress Kareena Kapoor Khan launching NUWA collection

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● NUWA collection, which celebrates both nature and the indomitable spirit of women.

ibly proud to introduce the NUWA collection, which celebrates both nature and the indomitable spirit of women. Each piece in this collection has been crafted with immense care and precision, reflecting the intricate beauty of nature and the resilience of women.

We are honoured to have Kareena Kapoor Khan launch this collection, as she perfectly represents the grace and awe that NUWA stands for.”

The NUWA collection is a celebration of nature's intricate designs, waves, forms, folds and textures, masterfully crafted into luxurious pieces of diamond jewellery. Drawing inspiration from the elegance and resilience found in the natural world, each piece in the collection has been meticulously crafted,

refined over time, and perfected to emerge as a glorious, intricate work of art, just like women who navigate the ups and downs, standing tall and resolute in the dreams they hold. Each piece is a testament to the elegance, strength, and grace that women embody. The NUWA collection by Malabar Gold & Diamonds stands as a testament to the women of today, their commitment to excellence, celebrating the intricate beauty of nature and the empow-

INVESTORS LOSING MONEY |

“Borrowed money, household savings going into F&O bets”

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said the capital markets regulator has anecdotal evidence of people borrowing money to place speculative bets in the derivatives segment and rued that household savings are going into such risky bets. Making it clear that

it is “not a good thing”, Buch said people are borrowing money and even mortgaging their parents' homes for raising funds to punt in the derivatives segment.

Reminding about Sebi research pointing out retail investors losing money in nine of ten trades, Buch said big money is being lost in such aspects, and also



underlined broader macroeconomic concerns.

“There is a large

amount of money that is going from household savings into what is essentially not productive economic activity. This is speculative activity, this is not going into any capital formation in the economy,” she said. Buch elaborated that most of the trades are speculative because they are done on expiry date or in the last hour of

trade, and have no hedging, which make it clear about the nature of the operation being speculative. She said that apart from investor protection, another dimension of the concerns on the F&O market involves systemic risks in the capital markets ecosystem but was quick to add that we are reasonable well protected on this front.

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BEST OF THE REST

TARIFF HIKE

After Jio, Bharti Airtel announces 10-21 pc hike in mobile tariffs

NEW DELHI: Bharti Airtel on Friday announced a 10-21 per cent hike in prepaid and postpaid mobile tariffs, a day after larger rival Reliance Jio announced an increase in rates. The move assumes significance, as it marks the first major increase in tariffs by the telecom industry, in two-and-a-half years.

Airtel's tariff hike across various plans ranges from 10-21 per cent, and will be effective from July 3. While the rate of daily data add-on (IGB) will see an increase by Rs 3, rising from Rs 19 to Rs 22, in the case of 365-day validity plan offering 2GB/day, the increase works out to as high as Rs 600, as rates are set to rise from Rs 2,999, all the way to Rs 3,599. In the unlimited voice plan category, tariff has been raised from Rs 179 to Rs 199, marking a Rs 20 increase in this 28-day validity plan that offers 2GB of data to users.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	79,032.73	-0.27
Nifty	24,010.60	-0.14
Nifty, MidCap	55,736.90	+0.56
Nifty SmallCap	18,317.70	+0.84
Nifty Bank	52,342.25	-0.89

Closing rates as on June 28, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.34 (-)
Euro	89.39 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.47 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.691 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On June 28, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,429.50	+0.68%
FTSE 100 Index	8,190.25	+0.13%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	39,583.08	+0.61%
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,461.66	+0.22%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, June 28, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Markets snap record-breaking rally as profit booking hammers banking, finance stocks

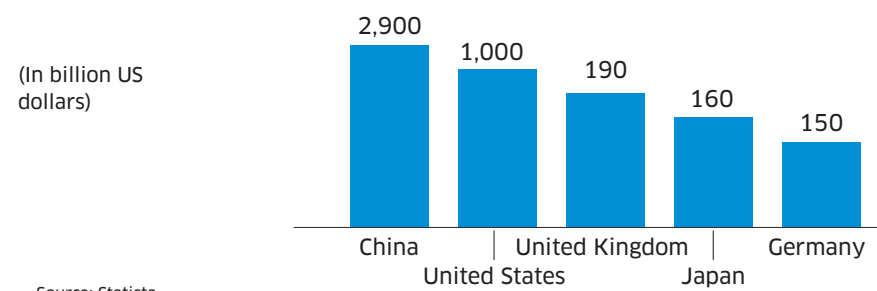


MUMBAI: Market benchmarks Sensex and Nifty halted their three-day record-hitting rally to close with losses on Friday as investors booked profit in banking, finance and tech stocks despite a positive trend in global equities. Snapping a four-session winning run, equity indices succumbed to selling pressure after mid-session when profit-taking emerged on select counters. After hitting fresh all-time high level in early trade, the 30-share index declined 210.45 points or 0.27 per cent to settle at 79,032.73. During the day, it jumped 428.4 points or 0.54 per cent

to hit a fresh record peak of 79,671.58. The Nifty went lower by 33.90 points or 0.14 per cent to 24,010.60. During the day, it climbed 129.5 points or 0.53 per cent to hit a new lifetime high of 24,174. “Profit taking in banking stocks led the downfall in key benchmark indices, which had hit fresh intra-day highs in early optimism. While markets displayed volatility and ended weak in late selling, both Sensex and Nifty managed to close above their psychological levels of 79k and 24k, respectively,” Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP COUNTRIES BY E-COMMERCE REVENUE IN 2023-2024



Source: Statista

NEW LAUNCH

Haier India introduces Kinouchi Dark Edition Air Conditioner

MUMBAI: Haier Appliances India, the No.1 global major appliances brand for 15 consecutive years, announced the launch of the new Kinouchi Dark Edition Air Conditioner - the perfect combination of innovative technology and premium aesthetics. Curated to provide the best in class customer experience, the new air conditionerboasts advanced technologies like Supersonic Cooling in 10 seconds, Frost Self-Clean Technology,HEXA Inverter Technology, Intelli Convertible 7-in-1, and much more. Available in 1.6 tons and 1.0 tons, it will be available across all retail channels. Commenting on the new launch, Mr. NS Satish, President, Haier Appliances India said, “At Haier India, prioritizing the evolving needs of consumers has remained fundamental to our ethos. Over the years along with offering innovative solutions that make everyday life smarter, convenient and comfortable, we have focused on curating an ecosystem of products that cater to rising demand for aesthetically designed premium products.

BULLION MARKET

Gold climbs Rs 370; silver jumps Rs 600 amid strong global cues

NEW DELHI: Gold prices climbed Rs 370 to Rs 72,550 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday amid a rise in precious metal rates internationally, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal prices had settled at Rs 72,180 per 10 grams on Thursday. Silver prices also jumped Rs 600 to Rs 91,200 per kg. It had closed at Rs 90,600 per kg in the previous session. “In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams, up by Rs 370 from the previous close,” Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said. In the overseas markets, spot gold at Comex was trading at USD 2,322 per ounce, up USD 17 from the previous close.



"Instead of the usual serious, intense ghost hunter, my character has a quirky, humorous side."

Riteish Deshmukh
Actor



& Glitters

O.T.T Watch



Adah Sharma leads

Disney+Hotstar's Rapchick Reeta

Actress Adah Sharma will showcase her comedic prowess as the "badass, witty" lead in the new show 'Rapchick-Reeta', airing on Disney+ Hotstar. Her versatile talent promises an entertaining performance.



Superstar Singer 3: Geeta Kapur steals the show

Geeta Kapur praised Khushi Nagar's India's Best Dancer Season 4 performance, expressing her desire to be her background dancer. Geeta and Terence Lewis will judge 'India's Best Dancer Season 4', starting July 13th.



Riteish Deshmukh exposes pharma in 'Pill' trailer

Riteish Deshmukh's debut series "Pill" trailer is out, promising a deep dive into the moral complexities of the pharmaceutical industry. Scheduled for July 12 release on JioCinema Premium, it explores ethical dilemmas and stars Deshmukh as a whistleblower.



Glenn Thore teased for return in MBFFL season 12

Fans eagerly await Glenn Thore's return in Season 12 of "My Big Fat Fabulous Life", sparked by his cryptic post. The upcoming season will explore Whitney's love journey and delve into Glenn's relationship with daughter Angie.



The Lion King: Before pride

Mufasa: The Lion King" prequel delves into his journey from orphaned cub to Pride Lands ruler, directed by Barry Jenkins and written by Jeff Nathanson, adding depth while honoring the 1994 classic's legacy.

CLOSE UP

Shah Rukh Khan Redefined: A Bollywood icon's evolution

In a recent interview, the Baadshah of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan has openly discussed about the highs and lows of his career.

Central Chronicle News

Shah Rukh Khan opens up about navigating highs and lows in his illustrious film career, from blockbusters to challenging roles.

Shah Rukh Khan, the charismatic icon of Bollywood, has gracefully traversed 32 years in the film industry, leaving an indelible mark with his diverse roles and magnetic charm. From his debut in 'Deewana' to classics like 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' and 'Veer-Zaara', SRK has captivated audiences worldwide. Celebrating this milestone, fans reminisce about his memorable characters and stellar performances, underscoring his enduring popularity. Throughout his career, Shah Rukh Khan has ventured into various genres, embodying romance, action, thrillers, comedies, and more recently, even horror with films like 'Chamatkar' and 'Bhoothnath'. His versatility and dedication have earned him the moniker "Badshah" or "King Khan", signifying his stature as one of India's last superstars. Despite successes and setbacks, he remains driven by a relentless passion for his craft, as he expressed in a reflective interview: "Success or failure, they both inspire me to keep striving, to keep creating."



Shah Rukh Khan openly discussed the highs and lows of his illustrious career.



Beyond Romance: Unpacking Shah Rukh Khan's cinematic choices

Shah Rukh Khan addressed criticism of films like Happy New Year and Dilwale, saying, "I have done

trashy films, good films, and bad ones. Choosing roles is my freedom. Sometimes I fail; other times I succeed. It's about pushing boundaries and seeing what fits."

| HOLLYWOOD |

Michael goes undercover in spy thriller "The Agency"

Central Chronicle News

Michael Fassbender is set to headline the espionage thriller series "The Agency" on Paramount+, a gripping narrative that promises to delve deep into the clandestine world of international intelligence. Directed by Joe Wright and adapted from the French series "Le Bureau des Legendes", the show follows Fassbender's character, a seasoned CIA operative who is abruptly recalled from his covert assignment to London Station. As he grapples with the demands of his profession, Fassbender's character confronts unexpected personal entanglements when he reunites

with a former lover. Their rekindled romance adds a layer of complexity to his already perilous existence, where every decision could have far-reaching consequences in the shadowy realm of espionage. "The Agency" is

HIGHLIGHT

● Actor Michael Fassbender will play a CIA agent in the upcoming espionage thriller series The Agency, set up at streaming platform Paramount+.

poised to be a flagship offering on Paramount+, leveraging the streaming platform's collaboration with Showtime to deliver



Michael Fassbender is set to star in the spy thriller series headed to Paramount+ and Showtime.

and geopolitical intrigue. Known for his transformative performances in films like "12 Years a Slave" and "Prometheus", Fassbender's portrayal in "The Agency" is anticipated to showcase his range as an actor amidst a backdrop of tension and moral ambiguity.

As production commences, fans and critics alike await eagerly to see how Fassbender navigates the treacherous waters of espionage, making "The Agency" a must-watch for aficionados of thrilling, character-driven drama on the streaming landscape.

high-caliber storytelling and production values.

Executive producers George Clooney, Grant Heslov, and Michael Fass-

bender himself bring their creative vision to the series, promising a narrative rich in suspense, character development,

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Amitabh Bachchan returns to host inspirational season of KBC

Kaun Banega Crorepati returns with Amitabh Bachchan hosting a new season on Sony Entertainment Television, promising thrilling quiz moments and inspiring life lessons. The show, beloved for its blend of education and entertainment, features Bachchan in a campaign titled 'Zindagi Hai. Har Modh Par Sawaal Poochegi. Jawab Toh Dena Hoga', highlighting profound reflections on life's challenges. The promotional videos, narrated by Bachchan, showcase poignant stories: a husband supporting his wife's career change, a young woman prioritizing mountaineering over marriage, and a retired bank manager finding purpose as a cab driver.

Kelsea Ballerini's backstage secrets

Kelsea Ballerini spills the tea: Backstage essentials & upcoming music!



Kelsea Ballerini, the renowned country music star, recently shared her backstage essentials on Taste of Country Nights With Evan Paul, emphasizing the importance of staying grounded before performances. Among her must-haves are "Chomps," a protein snack she loves, and a regimen that now includes tea, honey, and vocal warm-ups. Reflecting on her evolving rituals, she mentioned moving away from pre-show tequila shots to prioritize self-care. Amidst preparations for new music and settling a lawsuit over leaked songs, Ballerini teased upcoming collaborations, underscoring her dedication to her craft and artistic integrity in the face of challenges.



Fashion

Shorts suit done right: Take cues from Manushi

Manushi Chhillar recently turned heads in a striking red shorts suit, showcasing her knack for power dressing with a twist. The ensemble featured a meticulously tailored red blazer paired with matching shorts, exuding a polished yet modern aesthetic. She complemented the look with a crisp white shirt and a coordinating red tie, elevating the outfit's sophistication. Accessorizing with black stockings, a chic mini bag, and white kitten heels, Manushi balanced the bold colors with classic elements.

Trending on Insta

@kareenakapoorkhan

Inside Kareena Kapoor Khan's fun WhatsApp group



During an Instagram Q&A session, Kareena Kapoor Khan excitedly shared that her favorite chat group with girlfriends is filled with all the juicy gossip, offering fans a peek into her vibrant WhatsApp channels.



Lifestyle

DEFY THE AGING PROCESS

Unlock your Inner Glow: Ditch these habits for a younger-looking skin

In today's world, our skins age quite quickly because of environmental and personal pressures. So, ditch the bad habits and allow yourself to age gracefully.



HIGHLIGHT

● Adopting a healthy lifestyle not only enhances longevity but also combats early signs of aging effectively. Avoid these aging habits to preserve youthful skin and vitality.

There are habits that speed up the ageing process and compromise overall health.

radiance. Lack of exercise can lead to obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Smoking also accelerates aging by increasing inflammation and damaging collagen, causing wrinkles and a dull complexion.

Continuous sun exposure damages skin elasticity, causing wrinkles and sagging, and increases skin cancer risk. Use sunscreen to protect your skin. Stress triggers inflammation, dulling skin and aging cells prematurely.

Combat stress with meditation, yoga, or hobbies to maintain a youthful glow. Unhealthy eating habits deprive the body of essential nutrients and increase harmful substances, accelerating skin aging. Excessive sugar and processed foods cause inflammation, speeding up aging. Adopting a balanced, nutrient-rich diet promotes a youthful complexion and overall health.

GadgetPick

TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

eufy Wearable Breast Pump

About: The eufy Wearable Breast Pump features

HeatFlow technology with adjustable heat settings for optimal milk flow. It offers ergonomic design, hospital-grade suction, and quiet operation at 46dB.

Key Features:

Includes a portable charging case, smart pumping via the eufy Baby app, customizable suction strength, and discreet, in-bra use with leakproof design and BPA-free materials.



Pro XR/AR Glasses

About: The Viture Pro XR glasses connect to devices via USB-C or HDMI for a portable large-screen experience without bulk.

Key Features:

Two 1080p micro-OLED displays, adjustable focus dials, virtual display size increased to 135 inches, 120Hz refresh rate, brightness up to 4,000 nits. Includes buttons for brightness/volume control and electrochromic film for enhanced visibility in bright light. Four nose pad options for comfort.



Me-Mover Fit

About:

The Me-Mover FIT is designed for outdoor enthusiasts seeking a dynamic, stand-up biking experience that combines fitness with enjoyment, offering a refreshing alternative to traditional indoor workouts.

Key Features:

Provides a low-impact workout that's ideal for both rehabilitation and injury prevention, burns up to 50% more calories with its almost full-body exercise, promotes recovery and enhances stability, and features a convenient folding mechanism for easy transportation on trips by train, car, or plane.



Circular Ring Slim

About:

The Circular Ring Slim rivals Oura and Ultrahuman, offering 24/7 health tracking with a sleek design. Despite minor issues, its app provides extensive data and insights.

Key Features:

Sensors monitor heart rate, breathing, temperature, SpO2 levels, sleep, steps, with a vibrate function for alarms. App displays scores, charts, learns user patterns, and offers health recommendations for optimized routines and wellness habits.



Pentax 17 Film Camera

About:

The Pentax 17 is a 35mm half-frame film camera, blending Pentax's legacy with modern updates in analog photography.

Key Features:

Half-frame (17 x 24mm) image capture, 37mm FOV F3.5 lens, zone focusing, circular leaf shutter (F3.5-16), built-in flash, optical tunnel viewfinder, exposure from 1/350 sec to 4 sec (+ Bulb), supports ISO 50 to ISO 3200 films. Available late June, priced at \$499 with Ilford HP5 Plus 400 B&W and Kodak UltraMax 400 color film bundle.



TapXR: Your Wearable Keyboard & Mouse

About:

TapXR redefines personal computing with a wearable device integrating keyboard and mouse functions into fingertip taps.

Key Features:

Includes two bands—Large Spring Blue for wrists over 16cm (6.25 inches), Small Starlight for smaller wrists. Features quick setup learning apps, Keyboard & AirMouse modes, universal surface compatibility, customizable finger taps for commands, works with all major OS and software, and Bluetooth pairing for up to 3 devices.



TRAVEL

Unveiling the enchanting caves of Kailash and Kotumsar



Nestled near Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh, the Kailash and Kotumsar Caves beckon with their mysterious depths and geological wonders. The Kailash Cave, revered for its massive stalactite formations resembling Lord Shiva's abode, offers a spiritual and awe-inspiring experience. Meanwhile, the Kotumsar Cave enchants visitors with its labyrinthine passages adorned with stalagmites, creating a mystical ambiance that transports you into another world. These caves not only captivate with their natural beauty but also provide a glimpse into the ancient history and geological evolution of the region. Exploring Kailash and Kotumsar promises an adventure rich in discovery and wonder for all who venture into their depths.

HEALTH

Oral health hacks for diabetics

Managing diabetic breath requires a proactive approach to oral health and overall well-being. Consistently maintaining excellent oral hygiene by brushing and flossing not only combats plaque but also reduces the bacteria responsible for unpleasant

breath. Monitoring blood sugar levels is essential, as elevated levels can lead to dry mouth, a common cause of halitosis in diabetes. Ensuring adequate hydration by drinking plenty of water stimulates saliva production, naturally cleansing the mouth and minimizing odour. Regular dental check-ups are pivotal for early detection and treatment of oral issues linked to diabetes, promoting better oral health and fresher breath. These proactive steps empower individuals with diabetes to effectively manage and alleviate concerns about bad breath, supporting their overall health journey.



LIFESTYLE

West meets East: Rocking heavy jewellery with western flair

Central Chronicle News

Experimenting with various styles can lead to stunning results. Try pairing a chunky Indian bracelet with a sleek Western blazer or wear traditional jhumka earrings with a contemporary jumpsuit.

personal style—whether it's a dazzling statement necklace adorned with gemstones, an ornate pair of chandelier earrings, or a bold cuff bracelet. Let this piece be the focal point of your ensemble, drawing attention and admiration. When integrating heavy jewelry into your western wardrobe, consider the neckline and cut of your clothing. Off-shoulder tops or dresses beautifully frame a statement necklace, while scoop necklines or V-necks provide a perfect backdrop for showcasing intricate earrings or a layered necklace. To maintain a cohesive look, opt for minimalistic accessories elsewhere. Classic pumps or strappy heels complement the elegance of heavy jewelry



The contrast between the ornate jewelry and the minimalist outfit creates a visually appealing harmony.

without overpowering it. A sleek clutch or handbag in a complementary shade adds a final touch of sophistication. Experiment with contrasts to add depth to your outfit. Pair a chunky gold necklace with a tailored blazer and slim trousers for a powerful boardroom look, or layer bold earrings with a flowing maxi dress for a chic evening ensemble. Ultimately, styling heavy jewelry with western wear is an art form that allows you to express your unique fashion sensibilities while honoring the rich heritage and craftsmanship behind each piece.



Sports



“They (Axar and Kuldeep) are gun spinners; they stayed calm, knew what to bowl, and handled the pressure well.”

Rohit Sharma
India Captain

Sports Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

INJURY
Injured triple jumper Eldhose Paul pulls out of Olympic qualification race

NEW DELHI: Commonwealth Games champion triple jumper Eldhose Paul pulled out of the race to qualify for next month's Paris Olympics due to a heel bone fracture. The 27-year-old Paul, who was set to make a final attempt at the qualification at the ongoing National Inter-State Athletics Championships in Panchkula, announced his withdrawal on social media. “I wanted to take a moment to share a personal update with all of you. Unfortunately, I sustained an injury during the last competition I took part in, which occurred towards the end of the qualifying period. “After returning to India and undergoing further evaluation, it's been concluded that I have a fracture in the calcaneus (heel bone) that requires immediate attention,” Paul wrote. **PTI**

WIMBLEDON
Andy Murray is undecided about whether to play Wimbledon



WIMBLEDON: Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray still had not decided as of Thursday whether he will be able to compete at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament that begins next week and he is likelier to enter doubles than singles if he can play at all after recent surgery to remove a cyst on his spinal cord. “Maybe it's my ego getting in the way, but I feel that I deserve the opportunity to give it until the very last moment to make that decision,” said the 37-year-old Murray. **PTI**

Surprise Olympic Qualifier

Unheralded Kiran secures surprise Olympic berth in women's 400m



PANCHKULA: Unheralded Haryana athlete Kiran Pahal on Thursday surprised herself by qualifying for the Paris Olympics in the women's 400m event, clocking a personal best time of 50.92 seconds on the opening day of the National Inter-State Championships here. The automatic Olympics qualification mark in women's 400m is 50.95 seconds, which the 23-year-old Kiran managed to breach to secure her berth at next month's Games. She easily won her semifinal heat, finishing

ahead of Devy Aniba Zala of Gujarat, who was a distant second with a timing of 53.44, while Kerala's Sneha K came third by clocking 53.51s. She had clocked a fast time of 52.33 seconds in the preliminary round heats earlier in the day. Her earlier personal best was 51.84 second which she had recorded in 2022. Kiran is the first Indian female quarter-miler to qualify for the Olympics after a gap of eight years since Nirmal Sheoran (Haryana) ran in the 2016 Rio Games. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

MOST FIFTIES IN WOMEN'S T20I

Suzie Bates	22
Stafanie Taylor	21
Meg Lanning	20
Harmanpreet Kaur	18
Smriti Mandhana	17

Source: Wikipedia

US OPEN

US Open: Rajawat, Malvika into quarters; Gayatri-Treesa too advance

FORT WORTH (USA): India's Priyanshu Rajawat has stormed into the men's singles quarterfinals with a straight-game win over Chinese Taipei's Huang Yu Kai in the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament here. Eighth seed Rajawat, who had won the Orleans Masters in 2023, notched up a 21-18 21-16 win over Huang to set up a clash with fourth seed Lei Lan Xi of China. Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also advanced to the women's doubles quarterfinals with a 16-21 21-11 21-19 win over Chinese Taipei's Hsieh Pei Shan and Hung En-Tzu in the second round. The second seeded Indian pair, who received a bye in the opening round, will next face sixth seeded Japanese Rui Hirokami and Yuna Kato. Also making it to the last eight is Malvika Bansod, seeded seventh. She beat Czech Republic's Tereza Svabikova 15-21 21-19 21-14 in a women's singles match. **PTI**

JAVELIN THROWER

DP Manu faces doping suspicion; NADA halts competitions



PANCHKULA (HARYANA): Javelin thrower DP Manu has been asked to stay away from competitions by the Athletics Federation of India on the instructions of the National Anti-Doping Agency as the Olympic hopeful is suspected to have been caught in the dope net. The 24-year-old Manu, who won a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Championships, was more or less certain to qualify for the Olympics through world ranking quota but is set to miss the Paris bus after the latest development. He was in the initial entry list for the National Inter-State Championships which began on Thursday here. **PTI**

Shafali Verma's record double ton powers India

Shafali Verma's 205 and Mandhana's 149 lead India to a record 525/4 in one-day; Rodrigues 55, Harmanpreet 42*, and Ghosh 43* contribute crucial runs.

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CHENNAI: Young opener Shafali Verma scored a sensational double century, propelling India to a record-breaking total on the opening day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa. Verma's 205 off 194 balls and her 292-run partnership with Smriti Mandhana (149) led India to a monumental 525/4, rewriting multiple records. Shafali surpassed Annabel Sutherland's double-century record and became the second Indian woman after Mithali Raj to achieve the feat. Raj's 214 came off 407 balls in 2002. India's 525/4 broke the 89-year-old record for the highest single-day total in women's Test cricket, previously held by England with 431/2 in 1935. After electing to bat, Shafali and Mandhana dominated the South African bowlers, reaching 130/0 at lunch. They continued their onslaught post-lunch, both scoring centuries and pushing the total past 250. Mandhana fell for 149, her best Test score, and Shafali was eventually run out for 205. Jemimah Rodrigues (55) and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (42*) along with Richa Ghosh (43*) added crucial runs, making India the first team to cross 500 runs in a single day of a women's Test.



Shafali Verma celebrates her double century.



Smriti Mandhana celebrates her century.

Buttler admits tactical mistake in Semifinal

GEORGETOWN: Admitting that they were completely outplayed by India in the T20 World Cup semifinal, England skipper Jos Buttler said in hindsight it was a tactical mistake on his part to not bowl Moeen Ali on a turning Providence pitch here. Indian spin twin of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav claimed three wickets each as the defending champions folded for 103 in 16.4 overs in their pursuit of 172 in a rain-interrupted semifinal here on Thursday. “Yeah, disappointing. I think we were outplayed by India. They fully deserved the victory,” Buttler said in the post-match media interaction. “But, yes, I think the benefit of hindsight and reflecting, I would have got Moeen (Ali) in the game of course. So, yes, bits and pieces here and there,” Buttler admitted.

Dravid and Rohit confident in Kohli's big comeback

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Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid back Virat Kohli, anticipating a major performance in T20 final.

GEORGETOWN: India's head coach Rahul Dravid and skipper Rohit Sharma have expressed strong support for Virat Kohli, despite his recent struggles in the T20 World Cup. Kohli, who was the top run-scorer in this year's IPL with 741 runs, has only managed 75 runs in seven innings in the tournament so far. Dravid remains optimistic, saying, “With Virat, playing a high-risk brand of cricket means sometimes it doesn't work out. But his intent



Indian women's cricket players at a practice session.

FACTFILE

● Virat Kohli's intent praised; Rahul Dravid confident in big innings in Saturday's T20 World Cup final; Rohit Sharma trusts Kohli's experience and class.

is clear, and I feel a big score is coming.” Rohit echoed Dravid's sentiments, emphasizing Kohli's importance in the team. “Any player can have tough times, but his class and experience are crucial. I believe he's sav-

ing his best for the final.” Rohit, who has scored 248 runs and led India to the finals of three ICC global events in 12 months, also received high praise from Dravid for his leadership and strategic acumen.

SUPERBET CLASSIC CHESS

Gukesh draws with Ian Nepomniachtchi

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BUCHAREST: World Championship challenger D Gukesh played out a hard-fought draw with Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia, while fellow Indian R Praggnanandhaa shared points with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France in the second round of the Superbet Chess Classic, a part of the Grand Chess tour.

On a day when a rare blunder deprived top seed Fabiano Caruana of his second straight win against compatriot Wesley So, Frenchman Alireza Firouzja launched his campaign with a win over Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan. The other game in the USD 350000 prize money tournament ended in a draw as Anish



est ranked Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania. With seven rounds still to come in the 10-player double round-robin tournament, Gukesh and Caruana continued to share the lead on 1.5 points and they are followed by Alireza, Praggnanandhaa, Giri, Wesley Vachier-Lagrave and Nepomniachtchi who all have one point each.



“I played a hard-fought draw with Nepomniachtchi, testing my skills in a complex game.”

Gukesh
Chess Player

Giri of Holland could not do as much as he might have liked against low-

Sports News

India's redemption Vs South Africa's dream

Press Trust Of India

India faces South Africa in T20 World Cup final; Kohli seeks redemption; Rohit leads strong squad; Proteas aim to shed 'chokers' tag in epic clash.

BRIDGETOWN: Emotions will run high as India, eager to end a lengthy title drought, faces South Africa in the T20 World Cup final on Saturday. India, unbeaten throughout the tournament, hopes to avoid the heartbreak of last year's ODI World Cup final loss to Australia.

South Africa, with only one ICC title from the 1998 Champions Trophy, enters the final aiming to shed their 'chokers' tag. Their players, many of whom consider IPL titles their biggest achievements, are motivated to win the ultimate prize.

India's dominant performance, including a decisive semifinal win over England, has made them favorites. A World Cup-winning former captain expressed confidence in India, citing their superior squad and favorable conditions in the Caribbean.

This final also marks a potential farewell for



Last dance for Indian legends

BRIDGETOWN: Saturday afternoon in Barbados, Indian fans hope to see Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli shine in what could be their 'Last Dance' in T20Is for India. With an eye on the 2026 T20 World Cup, the BCCI and selectors are poised to usher in a new era, making this final against South Africa a significant moment for the veterans. Both Sharma and Kohli, likely nearing their T20I swan song, aim to end on a high note. Kohli seeks to complete his ICC white-ball trophy collection, while Sharma looks for closure after the 2023 ODI World Cup loss. Their



possible T20I retirement, unannounced but anticipated, mirrors legends like Jayawardene and Sangakkara. As IPL icons, their legacies continue, but lifting this trophy would be a personal triumph, marking their era definitively.

HIGHLIGHT

● India seeks redemption from 2023 heartbreak against Australia, aiming for T20 World Cup glory.

coach Rahul Dravid, who seeks redemption after a disappointing 2007 ODI World Cup as captain. India's adaptability to conditions, using specialist pacers on New York's pitches and deploying Kuldeep Yadav on spin-friendly Caribbean surfaces, has been key to their success.

India's lineup remains

T20 World Cup: India's Journey

- 17 Years ago won the title in 2007 under MS Dhoni's leadership.
- Previously reached the final in 2014.
- Reached the final after 10 years
- By defeating England by 68 runs, Team India secured a spot in Saturday's final.
- Will face South Africa on Saturday, who have reached the final for the first time.

unchanged, with hopes resting on Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. Kohli, who has had a quiet tournament despite his stellar IPL season, aims to deliver in what could be his last T20 innings. Rohit, leading by example, looks to continue his

strong form, while the team expects better performances from Shivam Dube against South Africa's spinners.

India's bowling, both pace and spin, has been impeccable. Their challenge is recovering quickly after the semi-

final to be ready for the final. South Africa, having an extra day to prepare, faces less pressure with nothing to lose. They rely on runs from Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, and skipper Aiden Markram, while Heinrich Klaasen must handle India's spin threat. South Africa's pace attack has been formidable, but its effectiveness in a day game remains uncertain.

With rain forecasted, the ICC has reserved a day for this crucial match. As both teams vie for glory, this final promises high drama and intense competition.

Three ICC finals in 12 months testament to our consistency: Dravid

BRIDGETOWN: Rahul Dravid said India have been remarkably consistent to play three ICC finals in the last 12 months and the outgoing head coach hoped the combination of smart cricket and luck will land his side an elusive ICC title here. India have been the vastly superior team in the ongoing T20 World Cup, just like they were in the ODI World Cup at home last year where they faltered at the final hurdle against Australia. Now, Rohit and Co will face South Africa in the summit match at the Kensington Oval here, hoping to win a global title after their triumph in the 2013 Champions Trophy. "It is a good thing we have been consistently playing good cricket. We have been in finals in all three formats and credit goes to the players. If we play well and rub of the green goes (our way) we will surely win," said Dravid, who will be looking to end his tenure on a high. When the trophy is on the line, players tend to feel more pressure than usual. But in terms of mental preparation, there is not much India can do with just a day separating the semifinal and final.



| COPA AMERICA |

Uruguay routs Bolivia 5-0 at Copa America

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Uruguay, aiming for a record 16th Copa America title, stands at 2-0 with six points and a plus-seven goal difference.

EAST RUTHERFORD: Darwin Núñez continued his remarkable scoring streak, netting his seventh consecutive international goal as Uruguay demolished Bolivia 5-0 in a Copa America match on Thursday night, edging closer to a quarterfinal berth. Facundo Pellistri opened the scoring in the eighth minute, followed by Núñez's strike in the 21st, marking his 10th goal in seven games for Uruguay and 13th overall in 25 appearances. Maximiliano Araújo added to the tally in the 77th minute, with Federico Valverde



(81st) and Rodrigo Bentancur (89th) completing the rout against Bolivia's fragile defense.

Uruguay, aiming for a record 16th Copa America title, stands at 2-0 with six points and a plus-seven goal difference. They are poised to

advance with at least a draw against the U.S. in Kansas City, Missouri, on Monday, or potentially even with a loss. The U.S. has three points and a plus-one goal difference, while Panama has three points and a minus-one difference.

| T20 WC FINAL |

Five key contests that can impact the outcome

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CHENNAI: As India and South Africa gear up for the T20 World Cup final on Saturday, here are five pivotal contests that could shape the match's outcome.

1. Rohit Sharma vs Marco Jansen

Although not a historic rivalry, Rohit Sharma's known vulnerability to left-arm pace could be tested by Marco Jansen. Jansen, in excellent form, may exploit this weakness with his probing line outside off-stump, aiming to disrupt India's early momentum. However, Sharma's stats against Jansen are favorable; in nine T20I innings, Sharma has scored 113 runs and been dismissed only once. This matchup will be crucial in setting the tone for India's innings.



2. Virat Kohli vs Kagiso Rabada

Kohli's form has been a concern, scoring just 75 runs in seven matches. Facing Kagiso Rabada, who has taken 12 wickets with a remarkable economy rate of 5.88, will be a significant challenge. Rabada's effectiveness in powerplays and death overs makes him a key player. Kohli, dismissed by Rabada four times in

13 T20I innings, needs to be cautious with his trademark flick shot to counter Rabada's precise deliveries.

3. Rishabh Pant vs Keshav Maharaj

Rishabh Pant, with 171 runs at a strike rate of 129, will likely face Keshav Maharaj early in the innings. Maharaj, with nine wickets in the tournament, must bowl accurately to prevent

Pant's unconventional shots. Pant's tendency to play risky reverse sweeps, which has led to his dismissal three times, will be something Maharaj aims to exploit. This contest could significantly impact India's middle overs.

4. Jasprit Bumrah vs Quinton de Kock

Quinton de Kock, South Africa's top scorer with 204 runs at a strike

rate of 143, will face Jasprit Bumrah, who has been exceptional with 13 wickets and an economy rate of 4.12. De Kock's aggressive starts will be tested by Bumrah's lethal bowling. Scoring runs or even surviving against Bumrah will be crucial for de Kock to provide a strong foundation for South Africa.

5. Axar Patel/Kuldeep Yadav vs Heinrich Klaasen

Heinrich Klaasen's struggle against spin in this tournament, with only 138 runs at a strike rate of 112, contrasts with his reputation as a destructive player. Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, known for their accurate lines and subtle variations, will aim to restrict Klaasen. Klaasen needs to find his rhythm and range-hitting form to boost South Africa's middle overs, crucial for either setting or chasing a target.

| FASTEST DOUBLE TON |

A precious treasure: Shafali Verma

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CHENNAI: Shafali Verma overcame her recent batting struggles with a record-breaking 205 against South Africa on the first day of the one-off Test on Friday. The India opener called the knock a "precious treasure."

Shafali made her double century in 194 balls, breaking the record for the fastest 200 in women's cricket held by Australia's Annabelle Sutherland. Her innings helped India post a record 525 for four at the end of the day. This was Shafali's maiden international century across all formats.

"It's a special moment for me, and I will cherish



it as a precious treasure for the rest of my life. It is my second favorite knock after the U-19 T20 World

Cup title win," Shafali said at the post-day press meet.

The hard-hitting right-hander highlighted her work ethic before the series. "I couldn't convert the starts I gained in the ODIs against South Africa in Bengaluru. Today, my plan was to take my time as the ball was moving initially. With God's grace, I managed to get my first 100 and 200 simultaneously, which is a tribute to my hard work."

Shafali's previous best was 96 against England three years ago, and she admitted to feeling nervous in the 90s. "No one forgets getting dismissed on 96. When I was on 96 today, all I was thinking was to score those four runs."

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World



"ISIS ideology continues to resonate in Southeast Asian region and is fuelled by a virtual network of supporters"

K Shanmugam
Singapore's Home Affairs and Law Minister

European Union leaders at an EU summit in Brussels



European Union leaders are expected on Thursday to discuss the next EU top jobs, as well as the situation in the Middle East and Ukraine, security and defence and EU competitiveness. | Photo: PTI

Survivors of Israel music festival massacre unite

They have found solace in massage therapy, ice baths, yoga or surfing with the only people who could truly understand what they had been through.

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TEL AVIV: In the months since Hamas' surprise attack sent them scattering across fields or hiding in desert brush, thousands of survivors of a massacre at a trance festival in Israel have come together as a community to heal. For some, the way back has come through dancing again. On Thursday, thousands of people attended the Nova Healing Concert in Tel Aviv, the first Tribe of Nova mass gathering

since the October 7 attack. "We understood that people needed to be together, and we're a community that takes care of itself," said Omri Sasa, one of the founders of the Tribe of Nova, which organised the festival last October. "I'm in trauma, and I wanted to be with people who also went through this." He was among around 3,000 people dancing through the night in a field just miles from Gaza when rockets lit up the sky at 6:29 am. Heavily armed Palestinian militants ram-

HIGHLIGHT

- They have built a robust support network for themselves as the Israel-Hamas war rages on
- Authorities struggle to provide services to devastated communities

aged through the festival, killing at least 364 people and taking more than 40 hostage. Many of them are still held in Gaza. Hila Fak-

liro, a communications student who was tending bar at the festival, escaped by zigzagging through fields, hiding and running for over five hours, until she reached the safety of a village some 20 kilometres away. Six of her friends were killed and another three were taken hostage. "Someone asked me if I can dance again, and in the beginning I said no," she said. At a memorial in January for one of her friends, she tried to dance, had a panic attack,

and then tried again. "I was crying and dancing at the same time," she said. But after attending events organized by Nova survivors, she was once again able to find solace in the trance music she loves. At a recent event, she slid into an ice bath while others attended yoga and art classes in a cluster of tents. Omri Kohavi, 35, one of Nova's founding organisers, said they had felt abandoned by Israel's security forces, who took hours to respond to the October 7 attack.

15-year-old boy convicted

BERLIN: A German court on Friday convicted a 15-year-old boy of plotting an Islamic extremist attack on a Christmas market and gave him a four-year sentence. The boy was convicted of conspiracy to murder and disturbing the public peace by threatening crimes.



Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PAK LAWMAKERS
Pak court accepts apology of two lawmakers for contemptuous media talks

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Supreme Court on Friday accepted the apology of two lawmakers who criticised the judiciary that resulted in a case of contempt against them. A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa heard the case against independent Senator Faisal Vawda and Member of the National Assembly Mustafa Kamal of Muttahida Qaumi Movement. They had criticised the judiciary in press conferences in May. During the hearing, the court was informed that Vawda on June 26 submitted an apology to the court in the case. The chief justice asked: "Have you also apologised?" Vawda responded in affirmative saying he had submitted an unconditional apology. Kamal's counsel Barrister Farogh Naseem on his turn informed the court that his client had also apologised and expressed regret during a press conference.

SLOVAKIA TRAIN CRASH
Slovak train and bus collision caused by human error: Minister



BRATISLAVA (SLOVAKIA): A collision between a EuroCity train with a bus in southern Slovakia that left seven people dead was likely caused by human error, the Slovak transport minister said on Friday. Some 200 people were aboard the train travelling from the Czech capital of Prague crossing through Slovakia on its way to the Hungarian capital of Budapest when the accident took place shortly Thursday after 5 p.m. (1500 GMT) at a crossing near the town of Nove Zamky.

JAPAN ROCKET

Japan's space agency delays launch of upgraded observation satellite



TOKYO: Japan's space agency said Friday its planned launch this weekend of a satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket will be postponed until Monday due to expected bad weather. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, said it is postponing the launch because of rain and thunder predicted for Saturday night when the rocket was to be moved to the launch site at the Tanegashima Space Centre on a southwestern Japanese island. The launch was initially scheduled for Sunday.

The rocket will be carrying an Advanced Land Observation Satellite, ALOS-4, tasked primarily with Earth observation and data collection for disaster response and mapping, as well as with monitoring military activity, such as missile launches, with an infrared sensor developed by the Defence Ministry. The ALOS-4 is a successor to the current ALOS-2 and can observe a much wider area. Japan will operate both for the time being. The launch will be the H3's third, after a successful launch on Feb. 17 that followed a shocking failed debut flight a year earlier when the rocket had to be destroyed with its payload - a satellite that was supposed to be the ALOS-3. Japan sees a stable, commercially competitive space transport capability as key to the country's space program and national security.

Princess Anne leaves hospital after treatment

LONDON: Princess Anne has left the hospital and returned to her southwestern England estate after an accident thought to involve a horse left her with a concussion. The king's 73-year-old sister had been to Southmead Hospital.

Reform UK campaigner filmed making racist slurs

LONDON: A campaigner for the far-right Reform UK was filmed using a racist slur for British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, forcing the party's leader and general election candidate Nigel Farage to condemn the actions as "appalling". Reform UK is fielding hundreds of candidates in the July 4 election on an anti-immigration stance with the hope of posing a major challenge for the incumbent Conservative Party, which is heavily trailing in the polls. However, with the election called earlier than expected, the party has been unable to fully vet all its campaigners and one of them - Andrew Parker - was filmed by an undercover reporter from Channel 4 attacking Sunak's South Asian heritage.

Bolivia's president denies being behind attempted coup

| BOLIVIA COUP |

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Bolivia President Luis Arce on Thursday denied being behind an attempted coup against him, and said that the general who apparently led it "acted on his own."



Bolivia (caption: Bolivian police hold the detained Juan Jose Zuniga, former general commander of the Army, in La Paz, Bolivia). | Photo: PTI

LA PAZ: In his first appearance before the press after the failed apparent coup, Arce said: "I am not a politician that is going to win popularity through the blood of the people" Supporters of Bolivia's president rallied outside his palace on Thursday, giving some political breathing room to the embattled leader as authorities made more

FASTFACTS

- Eruption of public support for Arce, even if fleeting, provides him with a reprieve from country's economic quagmire and political turmoil
- Some protesters gathered outside the police station where the former army general was being detained, shouting that he should go to jail.

arrests in a failed coup that shook the economically troubled country a day earlier. Bolivia's government announced that a total of 17 people had been arrested for their alleged involvement in the attempted government takeover, including the army chief, Gen. Juan José Zúñiga, and former navy Vice Adm. Juan Arnez Salvador, who

were taken into custody the day before. The South American nation of 12 million watched in shock and bewilderment Wednesday as military forces appeared to turn on the government of President Luis Arce, seizing control of the capital's main square with armored vehicles, repeatedly crashing a small tank into the presidential palace and unleashing tear gas on protesters. Senior Cabinet member Eduardo del Castillo did not elaborate on the other 15 people who were arrested, except to identify one civilian, Anibal Aguilar Gómez, as a key "ideologue" of the thwarted coup. He said the alleged conspirators began plotting in May.

| US ELECTION |

Biden and Trump take swings at each other's golf skills

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WASHINGTON: They debated the economy, immigration and foreign policy, but it was an argument over golf handicaps that brought out some of the feistiest comments in Thursday's debate between President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump. Answering a ques-

tion about his fitness, Trump, who would be 82 at the end of a second term, bragged that he was in "very good shape" and had recently won two championships at one of his golf courses. "To do that, you have to be quite smart and you have to be able to hit the ball a long way," Trump said. Biden, he said, "can't hit



a ball 50 yards." Biden then touted his his own golf abilities. "I got my handicap, when I was

vice president, down to six," Biden said. He again challenged Trump to a golf match, but only if Trump carried his bag of clubs himself. "Think you can do it?" asked Biden, whose handicap is listed on the United State Golf Association's website as 6.7, with the last update in July 2018. Trump's handicap last updated in June 2021

is listed as 2.5. Biden would be 86 at the end of his second term. Trump called Biden's handicap claim "the biggest lie of all," adding: "I've seen your swing. I know your swing." Trump then sought to shut down the golf discussion. "Let's not act like children," Trump said. "You are a child," Biden retorted.

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