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Prez Murmu appoints Modi as PM-designate

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NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday appointed NDA Parliamentary Party leader Narendra Modi as Prime Minister-designate and the new government will take oath on Sunday evening.

Murmu handed over the letter of appointment to Modi, who called on her at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Friday evening.

Earlier, leaders of the BJP-led NDA had called on Murmu and handed over letters of support for Modi, who was elected as the leader of the NDA Parliamentary Party.

Addressing the media in the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Modi said he has been appointed as Prime Minister-designate by the President.

"The President has asked me to work as the PM-designate and she has



Prez offers curd to NDA Parliamentary Party leader Modi after appointing the latter as PM-designate. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● **Modi to take oath as PM on Jun 09 at 6 pm.**

informed me about the oath ceremony," Modi said and added that he has informed the Pres-

Will ensure unanimity in all decisions
Narendra Modi
 PM-designate

ident that they will be comfortable if the event is held on the evening of June 9. He said the Rashtrapati Bhavan will work out the details of the oath taking ceremony on Sunday by when he would hand over the list of the

Council of Ministers to the President.

"This 18th Lok Sabha is an important milestone towards fulfilling those dreams when the country will celebrate the 100 years of independence in 2047," Modi said.

CBI files final charge sheet involving Lalu, family

NEW DELHI: The CBI filed its final charge sheet on Friday in connection with land for jobs scam allegedly involving former railway minister Lalu Prasad and his family members, the officials said.

The final report submitted by the CBI in the special court covers all the railway zones where the recruitment was made in return for lands allegedly taken by members of Lalu Prasad's family, they said. The agency has also listed as accused Lalu Prasad's wife Rabri Devi, son Tej Pratap Yadav, daughter

Hema Yadav, former aide Bhola Yadav and others in the charge sheet, they said.

The special court will consider the report on July 6, they said. "During investigation, it has been found that the accused in conspiracy with the Railways officials and engaged persons as 'substitutes' in lieu of land either in their name or in the name of their close relatives. This land was acquired at prices lower than the prevailing circle rate and much lower than the market rate," an official said.

Naidu to be sworn-in on June 12

AMARAVATI: TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu will be sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the third time on June 12, party sources said on Friday. Naidu will take oath of office at Kesarapalli IT Park near the Gannavaram airport at 11:27 am on June 12 (Wednesday).

Fresh Ayushman Bharat cards

PATNA: The Bihar government on Friday decided to issue one crore fresh Ayushman Bharat health insurance cards within a month. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPM-JAY) offers health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care for low-income earners across the country. As a centrally sponsored scheme, it receives funding from both the Union government and the states.

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Multi-layered security planned

A multi-layered security with five companies of paramilitary personnel, NSG commandoes, drones and snipers will blanket the Rashtrapati Bhavan for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony scheduled on June 9, Delhi Police officials said on Friday.



NEW DELHI

Court rejects bail of Bibhav Kumar

A Delhi sessions court on Friday dismissed the bail application of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar, saying there was an apprehension about the accused influencing witnesses, if released. Kumar has been accused of assaulting AAP Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on May 13 at the chief minister's official residence.

INDORE

Eight dengue cases surface

Eight people, including two teenage girls and a senior citizen, have tested positive for dengue fever in Indore district, officials said on Friday, prompting health authorities to take measures to check the spread of the disease.

NEW DELHI

NHAI invites global bids

State-owned NHAI has invited expressions of interest (EOIs) from around the world for implementation of GNS-S-based (satellite-based) electronic toll collection to provide seamless and barrier-free tolling experience on National Highways users, an official statement said on Friday.



Lifestyle

25 gram protein breakfast: Power up your morning

A high protein intake has been shown to boost metabolism by up to 100 calories per day. It can also help you maintain muscle mass and a high metabolism when you restrict calories. Embarking on a journey toward a protein-powered morning ritual isn't merely a dietary shift; it's a lifestyle overhaul that promises a symphony of benefits to invigorate your days.

Five Naxalites killed, three jawan injured in encounter

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The gunfight took place in a forest near Gobel village in the Orchha area, where security personnel was out on operation.

NARAYANPUR: Five Naxalites were killed and three jawans injured in an encounter in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Friday, police said.

The gunfight took place in a forest near Gobel village in the Orchha area, where a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, a senior police official said.



A visual of live encounter. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● **After guns fell silent, bodies of five Naxalites were recovered.**

Personnel belonging to the police's District Reserve Guard from Narayanpur, Kondagaon,

Dantewada and Bastar districts and the 45th battalion of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were involved in the operation, he said. After guns fell silent, bodies of five Naxalites in uniform and some weapons were recovered from the spot,

he said. Three jawans were also injured in the gun battle, he said, adding that further details are awaited. With this incident, 122 Naxalites have been killed in separate encounters with security forces in the state so far this year.

Farmer's daughter thrice clears MPPSC examination

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Priyal Yadav's story serves as an inspiration and is a testament to how hard work and perseverance can help one overcome hurdles.

INDORE: A farmer's daughter, who once failed in Class 11, has become a deputy collector by coming in sixth in the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC) examination.

Priyal Yadav's story serves as an inspiration and is a testament to how hard work and perseverance can help one overcome hurdles.

"I was a class topper till Class 10. However, due to pressure from relatives, I opted for physics, chemistry and mathemat-



FASTFACTS

● **Priyal secured 19th rank in the MPPSC exam in 2019**

● **Priyal secured 6th rank in the MPPSC exam 2021.**

ics in Class 11 despite lack of interest in these subjects and failed physics," the 27-year-old told PTI on Friday.

However, this was the "first and last failure" in her academic life, she said.

Priyal secured 19th

rank in the MPPSC exam in 2019 and was selected for the post of district registrar. In her next attempt in 2020, she got the 34th rank and was chosen for the post of assistant commissioner in the cooperative department.

Currently posted as district registrar in Indore, Priyal secured the sixth rank in the MPPSC examination 2021, the results of which were declared on Thursday evening.

Her father is a farmer, and her mother is a housewife.

"I hail from a rural area where girls marry young, but my parents did not pressure me to get married and gave me complete freedom to pursue my studies," said Priyal, who has now set her sights on becoming an IAS officer.

MATTER OF CONCERN

May heat wave 1.5°C warmer than previous highest

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NEW DELHI: Heatwaves similar to those experienced in May in India are almost 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than the warmest heat waves previously observed in the country, according to a new rapid attribution study by an independent group of climate scientists and researchers.

The analysts at ClimateMeter said the intense and prolonged heat wave India endured in May was a result of the naturally occurring El Niño phenomenon -- unusual warming of the ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean -- and the rapidly increasing concentration of greenhouse gases -- primarily carbon



dioxide and methane -- in the atmosphere. The researchers analyzed how events similar to the high temperature in India's May heatwave changed in the present (2001-2023)

NUMBER

1.5°C

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compared to what they would have looked like if they had occurred in the

past (1979-2001). "The temperature changes show that similar events produce temperatures in the present climate at least 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than what they would have been in the past over a large area of the region analyzed.

The precipitation changes do not show any significant variations," the analysis read.

Naxalite camp busted by Gadchiroli cops

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GADCHIROLI: A Naxalite camp was busted in Gadchiroli along the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border, though the ultras managed to escape into the forest taking advantage of the tough terrain, a senior police official said on Friday.

The camp at Bhimankhoji was busted after a tip

off was received about the presence of armed cadres of the outlawed movement's Tipagad and Kasansur 'dalam', following which a team of C-60 commandos and Gyarpatti-based CRPF 113A company launched an operation on Thursday evening under Additional Superintendent of Police Kumar Chinta, informed SP Neelotpal.

Raipur



Cong has expressed anger over the incident of mob lynching death and termed it unfortunate.

Sushil Anand Shukla,
PCC Communication Head

Mega T-20 cricket league gets underway



International acclaim bollywood singer B Praak performing during the inaugural ceremony of Chhattisgarh Cricket Premier League at Naya Raipur Stadium.

Show results and not the reports: Jaiswal

Health Minister has recommended opening a dialysis center in Supebeda.

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal reviewed the important programmes of the department, in a meeting here on Friday. With the population continuously increased and emphasis is being laid on increasing health facilities in all medical colleges and district hospitals, the minister told the officials that in Vishnu's government should show results and not the reports. He said

that the people of the state continue to get better health facilities.

The Health Minister has recommended opening a state-of-the-art dialysis center in Supebeda keeping in mind the kidney disease. A committee has also been formed to provide better treatment facilities to the sick people in Supebeda and to find out the causes of the disease. Jaiswal said that for expansion of health facilities in the state, it is not necessary, that there should be availability of

HIGHLIGHT

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budget, but what is necessary is strong will power, we have to do such work which will bring positive feelings about health facilities in Chhattisgarh. Talking about diseases

like malaria and sickle cell anemia, he said that there is a need to bring awareness in the society on these diseases. For this, in the areas where these diseases are concentrated, people should be made aware about the ways to avoid them by spreading as much as possible.

He minister also discussed the posting of doctors and lower staff and directed to fill the vacant posts through Vyapam and PSC as soon as possible.

CM attends MPs meet in New Delhi

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy CMs Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma joined the 10 newly-elected Lok Sabha members from Chhattisgarh at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) meet in New Delhi which unanimously elected party stalwart Narendra Modi as the leader of NDA Alliance. According to the information received, apart from them, the National Vice President duo Saroj Pandey and Lata Usendi were also present at the meeting held in presence of senior leaders.

Bike thief sent to jail on remand

RAIPUR: The city police, on Thursday, arrested the accused Rakesh Chandel, resident of Kota, in connection with the theft of one motorcycle. The victim Dauwa Sahu resident of Tatiband, had lodged a report that his motorcycle was stolen by an unidentified accused on Wednesday. The police immediately examined the CCTV footage and got the clue about the accused. Then the police traced the accused seen in the video and arrested him this afternoon. After interrogation he was sent to the Jail on judicial remand.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

2-DAY WORKSHOP

Two-Day workshop organized by Central Intervention Council

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh chapter of the Cardiological Society of India is set to host a two-day workshop organized by the Central Intervention Council on June 8th and 9th at Hotel Marriott Raipur. This workshop aims to update doctors on the latest advancements in heart surgery technology. The primary focus of the workshop is to educate medical professionals on treating heart patients using the latest technologies that do not require opening the heart, as well as addressing complex heart diseases with minimal or no incisions. This knowledge is expected to greatly benefit doctors in their future practices. The event will feature participation from 15 to 20 senior cardiologists from across the country and approximately 100 specialists from within the state.

JUDICIAL CASES

Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha reviews pending judicial cases

RAIPUR: In a determined effort to expedite the resolution of pending judicial cases, Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha has initiated a comprehensive review process. Under his directives, a meticulous marking and listing of unjustified pending cases, including writs, criminal appeals, criminal revisions, and contempt cases, is underway. This significant task is being executed by a dedicated team of 40 judicial officers from District Courts in Bilaspur, Raipur, and Durg, along with about 36 officers and employees from the High Court establishment.



Chhattisgarh's vision for its forthcoming 'Pharma Policy'

Govt of Chhattisgarh interactive session with Pharma Industry leaders organised at Indore



RAIPUR: In alignment with the Government of Chhattisgarh's vision for its forthcoming "Pharma Policy," which aims to significantly boost the state's pharmaceutical sector, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), in partnership with the Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) and under the aegis of its Chhattisgarh and MP State Chapters, successfully concluded "Government of Chhattisgarh Interactive Session with Pharma Industry Delegates: An Outreach Initiative for Experience-Sharing and Partnerships in Chhattisgarh's Pharma Sector" on June 7, 2024, at Yash Technologies, IT Park, Super corridor, Indore. Ankit

Anand, Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries, Government of Chhattisgarh attended the session as Chief Guest. Chhattisgarh's economic landscape has experienced significant growth in recent decades, positioning the state as a key contributor to India's industrial and economic advancement. CSIDC has been instrumental in driving this progress, playing a pivotal role in the state's industrial and economic development. Despite being one of India's youngest states, Chhattisgarh has demonstrated impressive growth, establishing itself as an increasingly attractive destination for investment across various sectors, including textiles and pharmaceuticals.

'Facts presented by Mahant to Guv are incorrect'

BILASPUR: In a press release by Parsa Coal Mines, the officials informed that the land acquisition for Parsa coal mine based on the provisions of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act. They said that the facts presented by the Congress leader to the Governor regarding coal mining are false. Rajasthan has acquired land under the Coal Bearing Areas Act, complying with all the conditions and procedures imposed by the Act. The Bilaspur High Court has previously recognized land acquisition under the Coal Bearing Areas Act.

The Parsa Coal Mines official said that the Leader of the Opposition in the Chhattisgarh Assembly, Charan Das Mahant, has presented incorrect facts about a significant coal mining area.

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SOF Olympiad saw participation from approximately millions of students across 70 countries

RAIPUR: Three students from Raipur have secured top ranks in the SOF Olympiad exam for 2023-24. Siddharth Kakwani, a fifth-grade student from Delhi Public School, achieved the first rank in the International General Knowledge Olympiad, earning an international gold medal and a merit certificate. Aahana Asati, a first-grade student from Krishna Public School, also claimed the first rank in the International Mathematics Olympiad, receiving an international gold medal and a merit certificate. Anay Keshwani, a second-grade



Winners with their awards.

FACTFILE

● Siddharth Kakwani, a fifth-grade student from Delhi Public School, achieved the first rank

student from The American School, also claimed the third rank in the National Commerce Olympiad, earning an international bronze medal and a

merit certificate.

Mahabir Singh, Founder Director of SOF, proudly announced the completion of 26 years of organizing Olympiad exams. He said, "In the 2023-24 academic year, over 91,000 schools from 70 countries participated, with millions of students involved. More than 1,30,000 students from 7000 schools received

awards for top state-level ranks, and over 1,000,000 students were honored with "Gold Medals of Excellence" for excelling in their schools. Additionally, 3,500 principals and teachers were recognized for their dedication to enhancing students' academic knowledge."

This year's SOF Olympiad saw participation from approximately millions of students across 70 countries, including over 52,167 students from Raipur.

Notable schools from Raipur, including Brighton International School, Rajkumar College were among the participants. The Science Olympiad Foundation hosted an awards ceremony at New Delhi to honor the winners, their teachers, and principals for the academic year 2023-24.

| SOF OLYMPIAD |

Raipur students excel at 2023-24 Olympiad Awards

| OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE |

CG triumphs at National Muay Thai Championship

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RAIPUR: The state of Chhattisgarh proudly waved its flag at the National Muay Thai Championship, with an impressive haul of medals. The event, held from May 25 to 30, 2024, at Stadium Tepesia in Guwahati, Assam, saw the participation of about 850 athletes and officials from 29 states. Chhattisgarh's athletes delivered outstanding performances, securing a total of seven medals—four gold and three bronze.



Sports Minister Tankaram Verma personally congratulated the victorious athletes, who visited him at his residence office in Raipur upon their

return. He expressed his pride and appreciation for their hard work and dedication, encouraging them to continue their remarkable efforts.

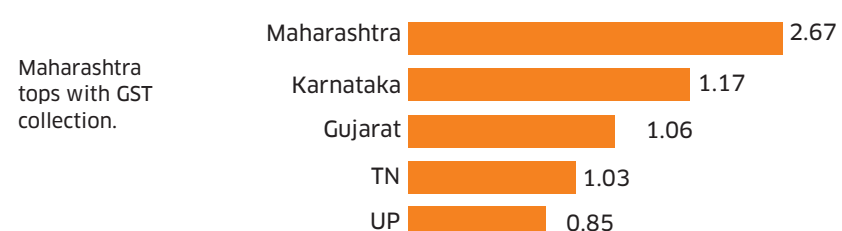
well-wishes were aimed at boosting the morale of these young sports stars. The gold medalists from Chhattisgarh included Mr. Rajkumar, Divya Agarwal, Toshi Pandey, and Samidha Agarwal. The bronze medals were claimed by Mr. Shubhshsh Manikpuri, Mr. Praveen Jaiswal, and Archit Keshwani. Additionally, Jai Kumar, Aryan Patel, and Bhavjot Singh showcased commendable performances, making it to the quarter-finals.

Tankaram Verma,
Sports Minister,
Chhattisgarh Govt

The Minister's heartfelt congratulations and

The Day's NUMBERS

GST COLLECTIONS AND GROWTH (RS CR & %) FOR APRIL-DEC. 2023



Source (ISFR)

NPA ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT

Bank of India to organize 'Samjhuta Diwas' for NPA Account Settlement on Jun 12

RAIPUR: The Bank of India (BoI) has announced a nationwide event, 'Samjhuta Diwas', scheduled for June 12, 2024. This initiative aims to help borrowers settle their Non-Performing Asset (NPA) loan accounts through a One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme.

The 'Samjhuta Diwas' will be held across all BoI branches, zones, and Field General Manager Offices (FGMOs) throughout the country. This event is specifically designed for borrowers who have been unable to repay their loans on time due to business troubles, medical conditions, or other genuine hardships.

BoI has tailored special OTS schemes to facilitate the settlement of small and medium-sized loan accounts. These schemes offer significant discounts, providing a much-needed financial reprieve to borrowers. "We appeal to all NPA borrowers to avail this golden opportunity by settling their NPA loan accounts on Settlement Day, June 12, 2024," a BoI spokesperson said. The bank is making a concerted effort to support borrowers who have faced genuine difficulties, demonstrating its commitment to customer welfare and financial stability. The event promises substantial benefits for participants.

JAL JEEVAN MISSION

Complete Jal Jeevan Mission works soon: Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh



RAIPUR: Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh has urged for the swift completion of all pending works under the Jal Jeevan Mission. In a review meeting held at the Red Cross Hall on Thursday, Dr. Singh emphasized the importance of accelerating the pace of the mission's projects.

During the meeting, the Collector underscored the need for urgent action to finish incomplete tasks, particularly those involving the repair of village roads and the installation of pipelines for water delivery from tanks. Dr. Singh stressed that there should be no laxity in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission's objectives. "All incomplete works must be expedited and completed without further delay. The repair work of village roads should be prioritized and the water supply systems should be fully operational as soon as possible," stated Dr. Singh.

Raipur News

CG BJP achieved the target of 51% vote share

Meeting of Cluster in-charges, Lok Sabha Convenors held.



Central BJP Organizational leader Ajay Jamwal presides meeting at party headquarters.

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh BJP on Friday claimed that it has received 52.5% votes with the help of the hard work of the party workers against the target of 51% set before the polls by the central leadership. BJP's Election Management Committee Convenor Shivratan Sharma while addressing the meeting of Cluster in-charges, Lok Sabha in-charges, Lok Sabha Convenors and District Unit Presidents, said that Chhattisgarh BJP has delivered the responsibility which resulted in 293

● **Result in favour is the outcome of the performance of party workers.**

● **Senior MLAs Ajay Chandrakar, Rajesh Munat and Amar Agrawal were also present on the occasion.**

seats for NDA in the just held Lok Sabha polls. Speaking further, he said that the nationalism dominated the Lok Sabha polls in Chhattisgarh whereas the caste politics failed to make an

BJP MLAs meeting held

Raipur: BJP on Friday also held meeting of the party Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) at party office in presence of central leaders including Ajay Jamwal. Minister for Agriculture Ramvihar Netam and Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Dayaldas Baghel were also present during the meeting. According to the information received, the MLAs were asked to be vigilant to further strengthen the party and not given any opportunity to the opposition Congress in near future.

impact and added that people from every section of society extended support to the BJP. He said that the leading in 68 Legislative Assembly seats out of 90-member Chhattisgarh Legislative

Assembly, reflects the support extended towards BJP which helped the party win 10 out of 11 LS seats. He concluded that the party workers need to repeat the above performances in the upcoming polls.

ASOs given fresh posting in Secretariat

RAIPUR: Six Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) from Secretariat Services have been given fresh posting orders here on Friday.

According to the order issued here from GAD, the ASO Vikas Patnaik has been shifted from department of Skill Development and Technical Education to Home Department whereas ASO Santosh Kumar Sahu has been retained to the Personal establishment of Home Department of Upper Chief Secretary. ASO Lalit Kumar has been shifted from GAD to Culture Department, Jyotish Tandon from Fisheries to Finance Department.

Job fair on 10 June for unemployed

RAIPUR: District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center Raipur is organizing a job fair on 10 June 2004 at Employment Office, Old Police Headquarters Complex, Raipur from 11.00 am to 02:00 pm with the aim of providing employment opportunities to local educated unemployed youth. Maa Asha Organic Farming Foundation and Elkser Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. of the private sector will recruit applicants with minimum 8th to graduation pass.

Abhijit Singh removed as Kanker District Collector

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RAIPUR: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the state government on Friday transferred the senior IAS Officer Abhijit Singh from the post of Kanker District Collector and has been shifted to Mantralaya as Special Secretary Home and Jail.

According to the order issued from the General Administration Department (GAD) here, the Additional Chief Electoral Officer and senior IAS Officer of 2011 batch Neelesh Kumar Mahadev Kshirsagar has been given fresh posting as Kanker District Collector. Apart from them the 2021 batch IAS Officer Vasu Jain working as Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) at Sarangarh, has been given fresh post-

HIGHLIGHT

● **Govt issues fresh posting order of three IAS Officer after Lok Sabha polls.**

ing as Under Secretary, Planning & Economics Statistics department with immediate effect. It is the first posting order of state government after the model code of conduct has been lifted with the conclusion of Lok Sabha elections. Meanwhile, the state government is likely to change several state administrative services (SAS) rank officers in next few days who are reportedly under scanner of state government over their suspected role in the recently held Lok Sabha polls.

Action taken by Excise Dept, 597 arrested

RAIPUR: As per the instructions of Secretary cum Excise Commissioner Ms R Sangeeta, the Excise Department Raipur, took immediate and effective action on the information of illegal transportation/sale/possession of liquor during the code of conduct. A total of 597 cases were registered and 2570 liters of country/foreign/mahua liquor worth more than Rs 15 lakh and 16 two-wheelers

and 01 car worth about Rs 11 lakh were seized in action which was taken under the guidance of Collector Gaurav Kumar Singh and Deputy Excise Commissioner Vikas Kumar Goswami.

The Excise Department conducted raids at the specific places and took the above action on a tip-off from an informer. Cases were registered under various sections of the Excise Act.

Fitness of school buses checked, 86 buses unfit

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A vehicle inspection camp was organized by Transport Department on 18,25,29 May and 1 June.

RAIPUR: As the classes are going to start soon in schools, a vehicle inspection camp was organized on 18 May, 25 May, 29 May and 01 June at Old Bus Stand Pandri to check fitness of school buses.

The vehicle inspection camp was organized on the instructions of Transport Commissioner, Additional Transport Commissioner and under the guidance of Senior Regional Transport Officer Ashish Dewangan.

As many as 516 buses came for inspection in the camp and flaws were found in 86 of them. The concerned institution managers were

instructed to remove the deficiencies soon.

Devangan told that in these school buses, all the vehicle documents were checked, guidelines given by High Court for school buses were complied with and mechanical checkup were done.

Experienced doctors of District Hospital Raipur conducted free eye and health checkup of drivers and conductors in the vehicle checkup camp.

Blood pressure, diabetes, vision ability, cataract etc. were checked in the health check-up camp. Drivers with high blood pressure and diabetes were advised to use medicines regularly.

Buses were thoroughly checked in the camp. It was seen whether the hand brake is being applied properly or not, whether the clutch accelerator is working properly or not.

Husband kills wife over trivial issue

JANJGIR-CHAMPA: The police has nabbed the accused involved in killing his own wife with a sharp knife within few hours of the crime. The accused had come to get his treatment done in Miradatar Majar in Baloda and when his wife refused to go, coming under rage he stabbed her to death with a vegetable knife.

After this he was absconding and the police nabbed him within 24 hrs of crime and a case under section 302 of IPC was filed against him and he was produced in the Court and sent to jail.

The accused is Videsh Kuma Paikra S/o Raghuvir Paikra (30), R/o Bhandargaon, Kadampara, Udaipur, District Surguja (C.G.) and the name of victim is Devati Paikra (26). The informer Sarju Chouhan who also works as watchman filed a report in this regard he found her still and with blood on the back of her head.

CPR can save patient's life in case of cardiac arrest

WORKSHOP

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Second day of the Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support workshop.

RAIPUR: Post graduate residents from different departments of various medical colleges of the state participated at the workshop organized on Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Smriti Medical College, Raipur.

Resident doctors of Anesthesia, PSM, Ophthalmology, Respiratory Medicine and ENT participated in the workshop being organized by the Department of Anesthesia and Pain Management of the Medical College in the Skill Lab located on the fourth



Post graduate residents learn about saving patient's life after cardiac arrest.

FASTFACTS

● **CPR is a life saving procedure which is done when child's breathing or heartbeat stops.**

● **Rescue breathing in CPR provides oxygen to child's lungs. Blood circulation in child continues through chest pressure.**

floor of the Medical College on Thursday.

Training was given in the workshop about basic life support and reading of the ECG of the patient's heart. Information was given in basic life support about the ways to save lives of patients of cardiac arrest by giving life-saving procedures like chest

compression and artificial respiration.

Course coordinator and head of the department of anesthesia, Dr. Pratibha Jain Shah, said that one should know how to read ECG correctly in order to ensure timely and correct treatment of heart attack and other heart related patients.

CONCERN ON DEFORESTATION

Leader of Opposition writes to Governor

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Assembly Leader of Opposition Dr. Charandas Mahant has written a letter to Governor of Chhattisgarh Vishwabhushan Harichandan and urged to stop the activities of excavation and felling of trees from all the coal blocks of Hasdeo Aranya Coal Field and to give instructions to register crimes against the persons responsible for the fraud. Leader of Opposition in the

Assembly Dr. Charandas Mahant has written while informing through the letter that, Chhattisgarh State Scheduled Tribes Commission has investigated the allegations of villagers of passing fake Gram Sabha resolutions to obtain necessary permissions for excavation in Parsa Coal Block. In this investigation, the Commission found the allegations of fake proceedings of the Gram Sabha to be primarily correct and has ordered to maintain the



status quo on 30 May 2024 without taking any further action for mining in Parsa Coal Block. A copy of the order is attached. Without presenting the proposal in

the meetings of the Gram Sabhas and without passing the proposal, forging and mentioning the passing of the proposal in the proceedings is a serious

criminal case which has been carried out conspiratorially. Due to this fabricated proceedings, the Government of India gave permission for coal block allocation area of 1136 hectares (village Parsa and Kete) on 02.02.2022. On 23.10.2021, Mrs. Anasuiya Ujke, the then Governor of Chhattisgarh, sent a letter to the Chief Secretary of the state, directing him to stop the excavation related proceedings in the Parsa coal block till the investigation is done.

'Chalk out plan for open theater in Marine Drive'

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RAIPUR: CM's Secretary Dr. Basav Raju S and Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh today inspected Indira Smriti Van located at Telibandha Talab, Katora Talab and Daldal Seoni. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra was present on this occasion. Dr. Raju, who is also Urban Administration Secretary said that cleanliness should be maintained in Telibandha Talab and

damages in the pathway should be repaired. He instructed the concerned officials to close the open electric boxes. He said that proper arrangements should be made for intake and water drainage system in the pond. Dr. Raju said that an action plan should be chalked out to build an open theater in Marine Drive. He gave strict instructions to the concerned agency maintaining the Telibandha pond to clean it, repair the duck house etc.

NEWSLINE

SPORTS

Pramod, Anusuiya win LIC Carrom championship



RAIPUR: Pramod Patil from Rajnandgaon and Anusuiya Thakur from Raipur Divisional Office won the Divisional Carrom tournament of LIC being organised under the aegis of Sports & Recreation Committee of Raipur LIC Division here. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Joint Secretary of the Committee Vinay Baiswade said that Pramod Patil defeated Lalit Verma and Siddharth Tandi to win the title whereas Anusuiya Thakur registered win over Kalpana Sai from Bhilai and Jyoti Patil to win the Women's championship.

PROBE

Govt forms SIT to probe 2 deaths

RAIPUR: State Government on Friday ordered to form a Special Investigation Team to probe into death of Sujit Swarnkar and Kiran Kashi under suspicious circumstances in village Dumerkhi under Balrampur Police station. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma had directed the police administration to form a SIT after receiving a request from the Balrampur MLA.

CRIME

Two persons died in Arang: Cattle smuggling case

RAIPUR: Two people, who jumped into an empty river succumbed to injuries. They had jumped into the dry river in an attempt to save themselves. The accused saw that the police vehicle was trying to catch them, as they were carrying cattle in the van for selling them. The two accused immediately jumped out of their van into dry-river and died.

CAMP

Blood donation camp organised



RAIPUR: A blood donation camp was organized for the needy patients at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Bawanker, Jhalap, Mahasamund with the cooperation of Model Blood Bank Center located at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital and Shri Ram Janaki Temple, Bawankera. Total 34 units of blood were collected in this blood donation camp, conducted by Dhanesh Sinha on behalf of Shri Ram Janaki Temple, Bawankera under the supervision of Dr. Aviral Mishra on behalf of Model Blood (Bank) Center.



"Will work with double enthusiasm under leadership of PM Modi for development of the nation".

Vijay Baghel
MP, Durg

8 arrested for murder of habitual offender

Absconding assailants arrested from six different districts.



Arrested accused in police custody at Old Bhilai Police Station.

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BHILAI: Police arrested eight ruffians including a juvenile on charges of murdering a habitual offender in Deobaloda of Old Bhilai Police Station limits. The accused had murdered L Chiranjivi alias Bruce Lee (35) son of L Raja Rao, a resident of Deobaloda late evening on Wednesday. ASP Sukhmandan Rathore informed that the incident was an outcome of old rivalry. The deceased had beaten the elder brother of an accused this year on Holi. Earlier, he had

FASTFACTS

- **Accused arrested from Raipur, Balodabazar, Bemetara, Rajnandgaon, Durg and Balod**
- **Murder weapons including sword, baseball stick, iron rods and bikes seized**

beaten another accused over some dispute. Since then, the accused were looking for an opportunity to take revenge. Around 22:00 hrs on June 05, the

Several teams were formed to trap the absconding accused

Police teams succeeded in arresting accused Arjun Baghel, Deepak Kumar Tandon alias Golu, Rajesh Kurre, Bhupendra Tandon, Jaswant Markande, Deva Banjare, Sunil Bandhe and a juvenile from their hideouts in Raipur, Balodabazar, Bemetara, Rajnandgaon, Durg and Balod. Three accused Bhim Baghel, Ajay Baghel and Shekhar Sen are still at large.

accused found Bruce Lee consuming liquor with his friends Jai Singh and Mukesh Pond of Deobaoda. The accused attacked them with sticks,

baseball sticks, sword and other weapons. Jai Singh and Mukesh managed to escape from the spot. The accused stabbed Bruce Lee to death and escaped.

Old man assaulted by two ruffians

BHILAI: An old man out for morning walk was assaulted by two ruffians in Chhawani area. The victim Pramod Kumar Sinha (75) a resident of Road No -18, was intercepted by the accused Sonu Mishra and Monu Mishra around 05:00 hrs on Thursday. Demanding money for liquor, the accused assaulted the old man. They even followed the old man to his home and ransacked the household items. Police lodged an FIR under section 294, 323, 327, 34, 427, 506 (B) of IPC.

Women attack girl with blade

BHILAI: A 22-year-old girl was attacked with a blade by two women at village Dhaur. The victim Purnima Dhimar (22) had gone to fetch water from a bore well on Thursday morning. The accused Puja Dhimar and Shama Dhimar were also fetching water at the bore well. Meanwhile, Purnima questioned them about the monthly collection of Sadbhavana Work. The accused got irked and assaulted Purnima with punches and a blade. The victim suffered injuries on head and back.

Shruti scores 706 in NEET-2024; aspires to study at AIIMS



Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Shruti Agrawal, a student of Delhi Public School, Bhilai, has scored 706 marks out of 720 in the NEET-2024 All India Pre-Medical Entrance Test. She has scored All India Rank 820(AIR-820), and 476th Rank in the Female category. Daughter of Shailendra Agrawal, GM (Reclamation Shop), BSP and Kiran

Agrawal, a homemaker, emerged as one of the top rankers in the state. With 98.40 % marks in the AISSCE- Class XII (CBSE) Shruti Agrawal has also gained the top position in her school. Shruti aspires to gain her medical education in MBBS from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and become an expert doctor, to serve society and the Nation. "BSP-Township's positive educational culture has helped me greatly in preparing well for exams," said Shruti. The Sr Mgmt of BSP including Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP) congratulated Shruti on her success.

IGP reviews works of Joint Cyber Crime Teams

BHILAI: IGP (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg reviewed the pending cases of cyber fraud and instructed the Joint Cyber Crime Coordination Teams (JCCTs) to resolve the pending cases by coordinating with Cyber Cell / ACCU and police of other states.

After investigation and solving the cases, the details should be uploaded on the portal. He instructed to create

awareness among people through Cyber Prahari WhatsApp groups. He further instructed to update the information about locations of CCTVs on Tri-Nayan app.

The cops were asked to follow the NCRB guidelines and ensure compliance of the circulars issued from the higher authorities. He further instructed to resolve the cyber tip line cases with priority.

NEWSLINE

ARREST

Thief arrested with stolen bikes



BHILAI: CSP (Chhawani) Harish Patil informed that they arrested a bike lifter and recovered two stolen bikes from his possession. The accused Leeladhar Nirmalkar was trying to sell a stolen bike in Power House Market. Two stolen bikes - Hero Honda Splendour (CG07-AC-7915) and Bajaj Pulsar (CG07-AV-7511) were seized from him. The accused has been booked under section 457, 380 of IPC.

PROTEST

Candle March against NEET results today

BHILAI: Coaching Association Bhilai is going to stage a protest against the alleged irregularities in National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for medical courses conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The coaching centres are going to take out a candle march near Miraj Cinema at New Civic Centre, Bhilai around 18:30 hrs on June 08. The coaching centres alleged irregularities in the exam.

BOOZING

Three arrested for boozing in public

BHILAI: Police took action against three persons on charges of consuming liquor in public places. The night patrolling party of Vaishali Nagar Police Station rounded up three persons from the ground of Vaishali Nagar Water Tank late evening on Thursday. They were tested with a breath analyser and were found drunk. They confessed to boozing in a public place. Police took action under section 36 (f) of Excise Act against the accused Kishan Yadav (20); Abhimanyu Thakur (28) and Nageshwar Yadav (24), all residents of Indira Nagar Supela.

ARREST

Woman bookie nabbed with cash Rs 1550 at Sirsa

BHILAI: Police arrested a woman on charges of accepting bets of Satta Patti. Acting on a tip off, Jeora Sirsa Chowki team conducted a raid near Shitala Pond in village Sirsa and nabbed a woman Sheikh Eid-Bi (40) red handed while accepting bets. Betting records and Rs 1550 cash were seized from her.

In another case, police nabbed a satta-patti bookie Shankar Giri Goswami (32) from ward 9 of Sirsa-Khurd. Betting records, Rs 6610 cash and ball pen were seized from them. In both the cases, police took action against the accused under section 06(2) of Gambling Act.

BMC converting waste from houses to fertilizer

Central Chronicle News

Wet waste is being collected in garbage pit and made into useful organic fertilizer.

BHILAI: Bhilai Municipal Corporation is on the way to say goodbye to garbage generated from houses through its proper disposal and conversion into organic fertilizer. Under BMC area, the work of collecting wet and dry waste from houses is being done every day. It is from the wet garbage that organic fertilizer is being made.

Also, leaves, weeds, flowers etc. coming out of the gardens of the Corporation are also being collected in a garbage pit there only and converted into useful organic fertilizer which is then used to make the soil of the gardens fer-

tile and also to keep the flower plants green in its nursery.

The BMC is also motivating the housing societies to segregate the waste from the apartments or gardens and use the garbage pit method for making compost which in turn can become useful fertilizer.

Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv has directed the Horticulture Officer, Building Permit Officer and Zone Health Officers of the Corporation to dispose of organic waste at the local level using aforesaid method.

All the citizens have been appealed to put the flowers, fallen leaves, puja material, Bel leaves etc in the pots of their houses and cover them with some soil, cow dung, jaggery and water. By adding little water to it, organic waste will automatically settle and turn into manure.

Contractor's bike stolen from Indira Place

BHILAI: Bike of a BSP contractor was stolen from Indira Place, Civic Centre. The victim Toman Lal Sahu (37) of village Borigarka, Utai had come to Indira Place in Civic Centre and parked the bike (CG07-LZ-5961) in front of the garden and went inside. After about an hour, he found that the bike was missing.

Woman assaults mother-in-law

BHILAI: An elderly lady was assaulted by her daughter-in-law over a property dispute at Hudco Colony. The victim Padmavati Mohanty (75) resides in the ground floor of her husband's house located at MIG-1/944, Hud co while her daughter-in-law resides in the first floor. She complained that her daughter-in-law Kalpana Mohanty beat her badly, asking her to vacate the house.

CV-II combi-caster inaugurated at BSP SMS-3

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Caster CV-II underwent conversion into a combi-caster to enable SMS 3 to meet increased input demand for billets and blooms.

BHILAI: A significant milestone has been achieved by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant at its Modex unit, Steel Melting Shop-III with the commencement of regular production from CV-II combi-caster. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP) inaugurated the CV-II combi-caster the other day in the presence of Executive Directors and senior officers. Originally commissioned as a beam blank caster on June 08, 2023, Caster CV-II underwent a conversion into a combi-caster, to enable



Director I/c Anirban Dasgupta inaugurating the CV-II combi caster.

FASTFACTS

- **CV-II is now capable of casting both Blooms and Beam Blanks**

- **Conversion of CV-II into a combi-caster in a time of less than a year is remarkable**

SMS 3 to meet due to increased input demand

for billets and blooms by BSP's finishing mills and also external customers efficiently. CV-II is now capable of casting both Blooms and Beam Blanks. Anirban Dasgupta along with Executive Directors and other senior officers of the Plant congratulated the SMS-III Collective, Projects Dept team, and members of associated shops and agencies for successful

hot trials and subsequent heat sequence taken from CV-II caster. He urged the Team of SMS-III to utilize the CV-II combi-caster judiciously in the future, for achieving desired production targets for the Plant. The Projects-Steel Zone Team who were instrumental in bringing this conversion projects to fruition were also present on this occasion.

PRESERVING ENVIRONMENT |

St Thomas College observes World Environment Day

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BHILAI: The NCC unit of St Thomas College, Bhilai observed World Environment Day with a view to raise awareness about environmental issues and exhorting all for a collective action to save the planets. The day was celebrated as per the instruction of 37 CG BN, NCC, Durg. Dr Shiny Mendonce Head, PG Dept of English and Principal Incharge was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Dr Shiny con-



gratulated all the cadets for celebrating the day in a meaningful manner. She urged the students to raise awareness about environmental issues, climate change and global warming, as it is very important to protect our planets for the future generation.

The NCC unit of the college organized essay writing competition based on themes such as deforestation, global warming, pollution, wild life conservation etc. Saplings were planted to mark the occasion. Principal of the college Dr MGRoy-

"It is very important to protect our planets for the future generation"

Dr Shiny Mendonce
Head, PG Dept of English & Principal I/c

mon and Administrator, Fr Dr PSVarghese appreciated the efforts taken by NCC unit of the college

and said that World Environment Day serves as a reminder that we all play a pivotal role in preserving and restoring the environment. NCC cadets took rally to the nearby places. NCC officer Captain Surekha Jawade and NCC officer Lt Santosh Yadav successfully organised the programmes. Lt. Santosh Yadav proposed vote of thanks and motivated NCC cadets to ensure a sustainable and thriving future for all.

Initiatives to reduce accidents in twin-city

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: IGP (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg chaired a meeting of police officers and gave instructions to reduce road accidents and ensure compliance of traffic rules. In view of the increasing number of vehicles and population, he asked to conduct more awareness campaigns. He instructed to rectify road engineering faults by coordinating with the concerned department. Cops were instructed to

take action against drivers using pressure horns and shops selling pressure horns. No entry will be imposed for heavy vehicles in Bhilai Township Sector Areas, DPS Chowk, Panthee Chowk, Sector 07 and Nehru Nagar Bridge. Action will be taken against the riders without helmet, driving in inebriated state and carrying passengers in goods vehicles. To prevent accidents at Boria Gate and to improve the traffic system, he instructed to hold a meeting with BSP, CISF.

N-E-W-S



“Narendra Modi and his party is in a minority but they are still trying to form the government. So there will be political instability”
Sanjay Raut
 Shiv Sena Leader

Acting PM Narendra Modi greeted in NDA meeting



Acting PM Narendra Modi being felicitated by party leaders JP Nadda and Amit Shah, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar are seen in the NDA meeting on in New Delhi on Friday.

Exhibition on Shivaji's coronation shows his legacy

Depicting the life and legacy of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji, an exhibition was launched in Delhi, to mark the 350th anniversary of his grand coronation.

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: An exhibition displaying a set of 115 oil paintings made by a Marathi father-son duo over a period of nearly 16 years, depicting the life and legacy of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji was opened here on Thursday marking the 350th anniversary of his grand coronation. Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan inaugurated the exhibition being hosted at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA). These larger-than-life and often mesmerising canvases have been drawn from

the collection of Deepak Gore, who also attended the event.

Mohan, in his address, extolled the Maratha ruler and traced the genesis of the exhibition and added that Gore has “agreed to gift” this collection to the Ministry of Culture, and there is a plan to give it a permanent space in Delhi. The culture secretary recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had attended a programme marking the ‘Navy Day’ on December 4 last year at Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, where he also had an opportunity to see some of these paintings which

HIGHLIGHT

- The larger-than-life and often mesmerising canvases of painting have been drawn from the collection of Deepak Gore.
- The Ministry of Culture is bringing glorious aspects of history to light which has somehow been, erased from public consciousness and memory.

are part of Gore’s collection. A few days later on the day of the opening ceremony of the inaugural India Art, Architect-

ture and Design Biennale (IAADB), Modi spoke of it in glowing terms and asked what could be done about this “extraordinary collection”. “And, it is the result of these six months of our interaction with him (Gore), that we are seeing this project being fructified in Delhi. And, the implicit direction of the honourable prime minister that we should also create some space for this exhibition in the national capital. We are going a bit beyond that,” Mohan said.

“With Gore’s consent, we have now decided that we will take over this

collection. He has very kindly agreed to gift it to the Ministry of Culture, and the IGNCA will basically be the agency from our side who will accept this collection. And, subsequently, as we decide on the location of so many beautiful things that we own, we also try to create a permanent exhibit for this extraordinary collection. So, this brings to an end, a very successful initiative and outreach from this ministry,” he said. Mohan said besides housing it a prominent location, ideas can be explored to make it a travelling exhibition as well.

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BEST OF THE REST

NEW CONTRACT

Adani Ports has 5-year Operation & maintenance contract at Kolkata port

New Delhi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) on Friday said it has secured a five-year Operation and Maintenance (O&M) contract for the container facility at the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata. With this, APSEZ has to deploy cargo handling equipment within seven months from the letter of acceptance (LOA) date, the company said in a statement. “APSEZ won the five-year O&M contract through a competitive bidding process, which mandates the successful bidder to deploy cargo handling equipment within seven months from the letter of acceptance (LOA) date,” the statement said. “The presence of APSEZ at the dock is likely to improve connectivity between the terminal and its container ports, particularly with the transshipment hubs at Vizhinjam and Colombo that are targeted for commissioning during the year,” it said.

KHARGE CALLS

Adhir to attend Congress Working Committee meeting in Delhi

Baharampur: West Bengal Pradesh Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, whose quest for a sixth consecutive term from Baharampur Lok Sabha seat was halted by the TMC, on Friday said he will go to New Delhi to attend the party’s central working committee meeting. The veteran Congress leader said he cannot comment on conjectures, when asked whether he would continue as the president of the WBPC. Chowdhury said the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting will be held on Saturday and as such he was asked to go to Delhi to attend it. “I got a call from party president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday,” he said.



Excise case

Delhi court to consider CBI's Sply. charge sheet against BRS leader Kavitha on July 6



New Delhi: A Delhi court is likely to decide on July 6 whether to take cognisance of a supplementary charge sheet filed by the CBI against BRS leader K Kavitha in the corruption case linked to the alleged excise scam. The central probe agency filed the final report before Special CBI Judge Kaveri Baweja, who posted the matter for July 6. The judge also extended the judicial custody of Kavitha till June 21 in the case. The daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao was arrested by the CBI in Tihar Jail in April, where she was lodged after her arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case related to

the alleged scam. The ED arrested Kavitha (46) from her Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad on March 15, and she was in judicial custody in the case. Kavitha is currently in judicial custody (JC) in both the cases. CBI officials had earlier questioned Kavitha inside the prison after obtaining permission from a special court. The BRS leader was questioned about the WhatsApp chats recovered from co-accused Buchi Babu’s phone and documents related to a land deal, after which an amount of Rs 100 crore was allegedly paid to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in kickbacks to swing the excise policy for the national capital in favour of a liquor lobby.

Eight die in rain related incidents in Marathwada in a week

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Eight persons have lost their lives in rain-related incidents in Marathwada in a week, an official from the revenue department said on Friday. As per data from the revenue department, the casualties were due to flooding and lightning strikes reported between June 1 and 7.

Farmer groups support constable

Press Trust Of India

Chandigarh: Some farmer outfits on Friday threw their weight behind the CISF woman constable who allegedly slapped actor and BJP MP-elect Kangana Ranaut, saying the entire sequence leading to the incident needs to be properly investigated.



Ranaut, in a video message, had on Thursday said she was hit in

Fact file

“We will demand a proper investigation and there should be no injustice with the woman constable,” said Kisan leader Jagjit Singh.

the face and abused by the constable during security check at the Chandigarh airport, the

ugly fracas breaking out two days after she was elected to the Lok Sabha from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha were among the prominent outfits which said they stand in support of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) woman constable.

| KANGANA INCIDENT |

| UNIQUE MULTI-MEDIA MUSEUM |

Raipur's Conflictorium: Where Art, Storytelling, and Memory Collide

By Radhika Vyas

Did you know Raipur houses a unique museum unlike any other? The Conflictorium, a lesser-known treasure, is a multimedia heaven dedicated to exploring conflict through the lens of art and storytelling. This innovative museum goes beyond showcasing artifacts. It offers an immersive experience, placing visitors at the heart of conflicts through powerful first-person narratives. (attach image 1)

The Conflictorium Raipur believes that conflict is an inevitable part of life, and a society’s maturity lies in how it addresses these conflicts. The absence of conflict doesn’t necessarily indicate a perfect society. Unlike traditional museums that present a sanitized version of history, the Conflictorium

embraces the messiness of disputes. It moves beyond simplistic narratives of good versus evil, acknowledging the complexities and gray areas that fuel the said dispute. This approach encourages visitors to critically examine their own understanding of conflict and its role in shaping our world. Intrigued by the unique concept of the Conflictorium in Raipur? If you decide to embark on this thought-provoking journey, here are some must-see exhibits:

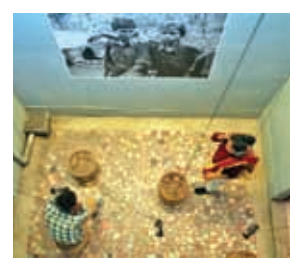
Gallery of Disputes: A Tapestry of Everyday Conflicts: Step into the Gallery of Disputes and prepare to be transported into the intricate world of everyday conflicts. Forget grand narratives of war and revolution. This exhibit focuses on the smaller, yet equally



impactful, clashes we face in our daily lives. Through a captivating blend of stories, animations, and soundscapes, the gallery explores the complexities of interpersonal conflicts, community tensions, and social divisions. It’s a powerful reminder that conflict isn’t always grand; it often resides in the seemingly mundane moments of our lives.

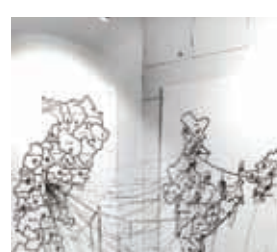
Witness Box: Stepping into the Heart of Conflict: The Witness Box is perhaps the most emotionally charged exhibit at the Conflictorium. Here, visitors are no lon-

ger passive observers. This one throws you right into the thick of conflicts around the world. They use powerful storytelling, like audio recordings and multimedia installations, to make you feel like you’re there with the people who went through it all. You get to hear their firsthand accounts, the fear, the loss, everything. It sounds like a humbling experience that would really make you think twice about the human cost of conflict. Makes you realize the impact it has on real people, not just statistics on a page.



A Canvas of Change: Exploring Migration Through Temporary Exhibitions:

The Conflictorium keeps its exhibits fresh with a new temporary exhibition. This time, the spotlight falls on the human cost of migration. The exhibit, is also curated by the works of a talented photographer, Abhishek Babu, from Bhillai, promises a powerful portrayal of human displacement. Expect a visual narrative that captures the raw emotions and struggles of individuals forced to leave their homes. This timely exploration of a critical issue goes beyond dry statistics. Through the lens of this photographer’s work, visitors will gain a fresh perspective on the realities of migration. Whether you’re a long-time visitor to the Conflic-



torium or a curious newcomer, this temporary exhibit promises a powerful and thought-provoking experience.

Write It Down: Memory Lab Preserves Experiences:

The museum also boasts a truly unique feature: a memory lab. Here, visitors can take a moment of quiet reflection and anonymously pen down their own experiences with conflict. These heartfelt notes are then preserved in jars, becoming part of a powerful community archive. It’s a chance for visitors to not only engage with the

exhibits but also contribute their own stories to the museum’s ever-evolving tapestry of human experience.



Circus of violence: How many identities are too many identities?:

This exhibit really gets you thinking about who you are. We all have this idea of ourselves, but how much of that is shaped by what other people think? Is it possible to truly know ourselves if our image is constantly influenced by those around us? “... without a sense of identity, there can be

no real struggle” - Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed



A visit to the Conflictorium Raipur promises to be more than just a museum experience. It’s a chance to confront the complexities of conflict, explore the depths of human experience through memory and storytelling, and ultimately, question your own identity in a world defined by difference. So, prepare to be challenged, to empathize, and to discover the power of confronting conflict head-on.

It express gratitude to general voters, candidates, political party reps, election officers, security personnel, for peaceful counting.

Akash Chikkara
Collector, Jangir-Champa



Chhattisgarh



Urban Administration and Development Department is constructing a sewerage treatment plant near Shivnath river.

Corruption unearthed during treatment

Even after two years, the work has not been completed due to which the citizens are facing a lot of problems due to digging and pits.

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SIMGA: A big scam in the construction of sewerage treatment plant of Urban Administration Department has recently been unearthed in Simga. There has been a constant demand to stop the payment of contractor and investigation and action by State Economic Offences Wing. C.G. Government's Urban Administration and Development Department is constructing a sewerage treatment plant near Shivnath river for the purpose

of drainage of garbage and dirty water of the city and it's estimated cost is Rs. 1088.35 lakhs. Under the said construction work, 2.8 M L G sewerage treatment plant establishment work and RRCNP 3 pipeline work and construction of main pumping station is being done.

The work was to be completed on 4th February 2022 and before the rainy season. But even today, after two years, the work has not been completed due to which the citizens are facing a lot of problems

HIGHLIGHT

● Citizens have demanded from Arun Sao, Minister of Urban Department and other officials to stop the payment of the firm and conduct investigation and take meaningful action.

due to digging and pits at various places. The said construction work is going on under the supervision of Chief Municipal Officer. But due to corruption and commission-monger-

ing, the construction of low quality and inferior Baikhoff sewerage treatment plant is being done by M/s RPG Infrastructure Jagdalpur against the prescribed standards.

The concrete common road of the city is being broken by JCB machine and cement pipes of minimum thickness and low gauge are being laid for drainage of dirty water due to which it does not seem possible for the dirty water and garbage of the city to reach the sewerage plant situated on Shivnath river.

Free textbooks distributed

KHARORA: Free text books received from the government were distributed to various schools at Cluster Center Pachari under Vikaskhand Tilda Nevra. Cluster coordinator Kant Kumar Kanauje said that this time free text books have been made available to the students before the school opened. Teacher Dharendra Verma of Government Pre Madhyamik School Chhadiya said that before the school opened, books have been made available as per the number registered in the schools and this is a good thing. Books will be distributed to the students on the first day of school opening.

Tree plantation on Vat Savitri Pujan

PANDARIA: On the occasion of Vat Savitri Pujan, a Banyan tree was planted in the Bandha pond of the city by the Environment Protection Committee. The said banyan tree was provided by the secretary Revendra Kashyap, and for its protection, a tree guard was also provided. During this Mohan Rajput, Anurag Singh Thakur, Govind Rajak, Galiram Banjare and others were present.

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CANCELLED

Animal trader Dukalu Ram loses registration certificate

KORBA: On 23rd April, in Churikala development block Katghora, 105 animals were caught by Gau Seva organizations while being taken from the banks of Ahir river in village Vinjhpur of Nagar Panchayat Churi, on which an FIR was lodged in Katghora police station. Along with this, a complaint was also lodged before the Collector on the matter.

On the instructions of the Collector, Deputy Director Veterinary Services had sought a reply on 3 points from Shri Dukalu Ram Kevant in this regard.

Due to the information and desired documents received weren't found satisfactory, his animal trader registration certificate has been suspended till further orders under the Farmer Animal Protection Act.

GRATITUDE

Commendations abound for cluster coordinator Chandrakar: Sahu

ANWARI : BJP District Minister Ramswaroop Sahu said that Ajay Chandrakar, former Cabinet Minister, MLA Kurud was made the coordinator of the cluster by the Chhattisgarh state organization, which includes the Lok Sabha constituencies of Mahasamund, Kanker and Bastar. Ajay Chandrakar regularly visited all three Lok Sabha constituencies and held meetings with the workers there and engaged all the workers in party work by guiding and encouraging them. There has been a spectacular victory in all three Lok Sabha constituencies under the leadership of Ajay Chandrakar. On this occasion, Niranjan Sinha, member of the state working committee, and others congratulated Ajay Chandrakar.



For a giant leap forward

SECR GM Neenu Ittyerah inspects Bilaspur railway station



BILASPUR: On June 5, 2024, Neenu Ittyerah, the General Manager of South East Central Railway (SECR), inspected Bilaspur Station. On this occasion, senior officials including SGM Vijay Kumar Sahu, other department heads, and Divisional Railway Manager Praveen Pandey were also present. The General Manager inspected the entire platform area from platform 06 to platform 01. During this inspection, she discussed with officials regarding extending the length of Platform 06

and issued necessary instructions. She directed IRCTC and railway officials to reopen the closed public catering as soon as possible to provide better catering facilities to passengers. She also instructed to provide better facilities in the waiting rooms for mothers by setting up baby feeding corners, ensuring a comfortable breastfeeding environment for them. Additionally, she directed the appointment of facilitators in ATVMs to facilitate passengers in obtaining unreserved tickets easily.

Environment day at ABCPS celebrated

KHARORA: On the auspicious occasion of World Environment Day, a neem plant was planted in the school premises of ABC Public School, Sara Gaon and a pledge was taken to maintain the plant. The school director said that to make World Environment Day memorable, to save nature, to keep the environment clean and to get relief from the scorching heat, every person should pledge to protect a tree by planting it.

Rural women observe Vat Savitri Vrat

PANDARIA: Apart from the city, the Banyan tree was also worshipped in rural areas on Thursday. Women in all the villages including Tilaibhat, Mohtra, Kuba, Padhi, Rehman Kapa and other villages kept a fast and prayed for the long life of their husbands.

PLANTATION DRIVE

25,000 saplings planted at PEKB mine by RRVUNL

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Adani natural resources sets goal of planting 8.6 million trees by 2030.

AMBIKAPUR: The Adani Group aims to plant 100 million trees by 2030, with its Natural Resources division targeting over 8.6 million trees in the next six years.

In line with this mission, the Parsa East Kanta Basan (PEKB) mine in Udaipur Tehsil of Surguja district, which is the only 5-star rated mine in the state approved by the Ministry of Coal, took a step forward in its commitment to the environment by planting 25,000 saplings on World Environment Day. The large-scale plantation event saw significant contributions from 800 participants.



Hundreds of participants planted saplings in PEBK mines.

FACTFILE

● The large-scale plantation event saw significant contributions from 800 participants.

Over the past 10 years, Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) has planted more than 1.15 million trees on reclaimed land at the PEBK mine, marking

the largest reforestation effort in India's mining sector. Notably, RRVUNL and its chosen mine operator, Adani Natural Resources, have successfully developed a nursery for the native Sal tree. Over the past decade, they have established a unique record by growing and planting more than 87,000 Sal saplings through a challenging process. On World Environment Day, a march

was conducted from the administrative building to Hanuman Vatika, followed by a massive tree-planting campaign, where 25,000 saplings were planted near the mine. Advanced systems for watering and nutrition were also set up for these plants.

The campaign's activities began with essay competitions and other awareness programs from June 1 to 4, involving 295 students from the villages of Parsa, Salhi, Ghatbarra, Fatehpur, Basen, and Tara. Winners of these competitions were awarded.

The horticulture department uses innovative techniques like Miyawaki and Goti air layering to ensure environmental protection, sustainable development, and biodiversity in the mining area.

EXPOSURE

First rains expose tall claims of Electricity Dept!

Central Chronicle News

DONGARGAON: The first rain after summer has exposed the electricity department's maintenance. The department spends lakhs of rupees in the name of maintenance and for this, the power supply is stopped for the whole day, but the department employees probably do not take it seriously and reports of power outages keep coming every



day. The condition of power supply is bad in the entire area including the city. Despite the power being off for several hours every day on the pretext

of maintenance, the effect of maintenance is not visible anywhere.

A gust of wind or light rain immediately interrupts the power supply

The condition of power supply is bad in the entire area including the city.

Citizens Dongargaon City.

and the department is flooded with complaints. The toll free number of the electricity department is either busy or the complaint is not resolved even

hours after writing it. On reaching the departmental office in the city, the citizens are seen evading the responsibility by citing the end of duty time by the employees.

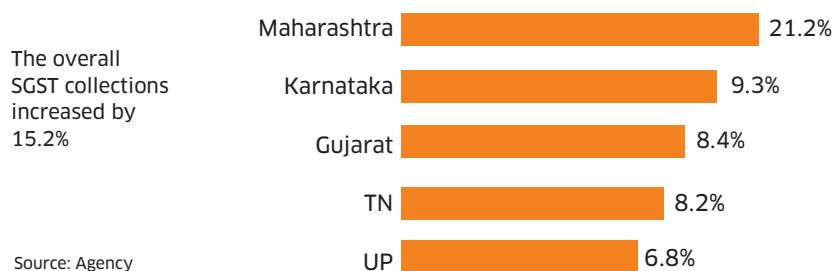
After the rain with strong winds on Wednesday afternoon, a pile of complaints of power outages piled up in the local electricity office.

Along with this, the earlier complaints weren't resolved.

The Day's NUMBERS

The overall SGST collections increased by 15.2%

TOP 5 STATES ACCOUNT FOR ¾ OF OVERALL GST COLLECTIONS.



Source: Agency

GRATITUDE

Former Dhamtari MLA Ranjana thanks voters for Mahasamund win

DHANTARI: In the Lok Sabha election results, BJP firmly planted its flag on ten out of eleven seats in Chhattisgarh, while BJP also won Mahasamund Lok Sabha by one lakh forty five thousand votes, in which the people of Dhamtari created a new record by taking a historic lead from Dhamtari Assembly.

BJP registered victory by more than thirty seven thousand votes from Dhamtari assembly.

Expressing gratitude to the people of Dhamtari, while issuing a press note, former MLA of Dhamtari Ranjana Sahu said that the people of Dhamtari have broken all records by showing their immense love for BJP by making Modi ji the Prime Minister again and winning Mahasamund Lok Sabha, which is unforgettable.

She thanked the people of Dhamtari assembly for once again showing faith in Modi's guarantee and BJP's development work.

She congratulated all the voters of Dhamtari assembly and all the workers including BJP booth presidents for this victory and expressed her heartfelt gratitude.

ACCIDENT

Animals killed in electrical accident after storm



PANDARIYA: Two bulls and four dogs died in village Domsara, located about 7 km away from Pandariya. According to the information received, villager Ballu Patel was ploughing with bulls at around 5 am on Thursday. During this time, both the bulls died due to electric current when the bull stepped on the fallen wire in the field. Seeing the bulls falling, he left the plough due to which an accident was averted. But two bulls and four dogs died due to electric current. The farmer was not aware of the fallen wire, due to which this incident happened. It is known that due to strong winds for the last two-three days, electric wires and poles are fallen in many villages these days.

Homeopathic hospital faces access issues

Homeopathic Hospital struggles with accessibility, resource shortages.



Government Homeopathic Hospital Mungeli.

Suresh Kumar Verma

MUNGELI: While the district administration appears vigilant about health services, residents struggle to benefit due to inadequate resources and poor access roads. The district homeopathic hospital, relocated to a new building in Ramgarh's Awas Para nine years ago, suffers from a significant patient shortage due to these accessibility issues. The homeopathic hospital was initially established a year after the district's forma-



Health facilities accessible; homeopathic treatment offered in district hospitals.

Prabhakar Pandey
CEO District Panchayat
Mungeli

tion, operating temporarily behind the city dispensary at the old bus stand. A dedicated site was later chosen, and a new building was constructed.

Hospital faces operational challenges

Previously, the homeopathic and ayurvedic hospitals operated jointly behind the old bus stand city dispensary. The then collector moved the ayurvedic hospital to the district hospital to consolidate health services, but the homeopathic hospital remained separate. As a result, patients struggle to benefit from the homeopathic hospital, which operates mostly on paper. Despite discussions by public representatives with top officials about integrating a branch into the district hospital, no action has been taken.

However, the hospital now faces challenges due to insufficient resources and staff, compounded by its difficult-to-reach loca-

tion, leaving patients to seek treatment elsewhere. The hospital remains closed on many days due to these problems.

Hemant Sonkar becomes treasurer

RAJIM: In a meeting of the Chhattisgarh Sonkar Samaj, central officials unanimously appointed Saurabh Induriya Sonkar as the state president of the Youth Cell. The cell's expansion included appointing Omkar Sonkar Bhatgaon as vice president, Hemant Sonkar Rajim as treasurer, Khubiraj Sonkar Khudmuda as secretary, and Sanjay Sonkar as media in-charge. On becoming treasurer, Hemant Sonkar expressed his commitment to working for the society's benefit. The Sonkar Samaj, which runs 14 schools in the state, received the news with joy.

Flying squad ensures exam success

KORBA: The PAT and PVPT entrance exams by Vyapam will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2024, from 9 am to 12:15 pm. A flying squad, including Agriculture Extension Officer P.L. Mirendra and lecturers T.D. Tonde and Tulika Devangan, has been appointed for surprise inspections. A briefing meeting is scheduled for June 7 at noon in Government PG College Korba. A temporary control room has been set up in the Collector Office, with officers and employees assigned to ensure smooth exam conduct.

Stair collapse severely injures five young children

Central Chronicle News

KHAIRAGARH: An atmosphere of panic erupted in Chilguda village when the dilapidated stairs of Lalaram Kothale's house collapsed on five children on June 5th. Bhavesh (13), Uday (14), Shashi (13), Rupesh (14), and Tikeswar (11), a guest from Kute-likhur, were playing with a mobile phone when the accident occurred at 8:30 PM. The children were sitting on a thick tree trunk near the house when the old stairs suddenly gave way, causing the debris and rusted rods to fall on them. Villagers rushed to the scene and immediately informed the Gandai police. The injured children were taken to Gandai Hospital, where they received urgent medical attention. Bhavesh had

a rusted rod pierce his thigh, causing a fracture, while Tikeswar suffered a severe head injury. Both have been referred for further treatment. Uday Markam and Shashi Sahu, also seriously injured, are

HIGHLIGHT

• The injured children were taken to Gandai Hospital, where they received urgent medical attention.

set to be referred as well. Rupesh Sahu was treated and sent home after first aid. Dr. Prashant Soni of Gandai Hospital confirmed the injuries and the prompt response by medical staff. The quick action by villagers and authorities helped prevent further complications, ensuring the children received timely care.

Villagers demand action against road corruption

KASDOL: The much-awaited Putpura to Dajnagar road project faces allegations of corruption and substandard construction. Villagers are concerned about the contractor's use of low-quality materials and lack of proper compression, fearing the road will deteriorate with the first rain. The three-kilometer kutch road currently turns into a swamp during rains, hindering travel. Villag-

ers, including Khulas Ram Verma and Ramhu Paikra, are urging the administration to inspect the construction and ensure the Rs. 3.50 crore project meets quality standards. They emphasize the importance of this road for accessing the higher secondary school in Putpura and facilitating daily activities. The community hopes for swift administrative action to secure a durable and reliable road.

Bemetara police foil illegal weapon deal, arrests made

Central Chronicle News

Police recover weapons, cash, and vehicles; arrest Ajay Kumar Kashyap and Mohammad Arif.

BEMETARA: The Bemetara police successfully intercepted an illegal arms deal and arrested multiple suspects, ensuring community safety. On June 3, Choudhary Tasleem was admitted to the district hospital after being shot. Initially, he fabricated a robbery story, but police investigations revealed the truth. Tasleem confessed that Dinesh Sharma, a petrol pump manager, gave him Rs. 70,000 to buy an unlicensed pistol and rounds for a planned crime.

Following leads, the police arrested Ajay Kumar Kashyap and Mohammad Arif alias

Mohammad Arif Ashrafi from Raipur. They recovered Rs. 70,000, two country-made pistols, six rounds, two magazines, a blue car worth Rs. 800,000, a motorcycle worth Rs. 40,000, and three mobile phones worth Rs. 28,000 from the suspects.

Dinesh Sharma had previously sold two unlicensed pistols and 10 live rounds for Rs. 60,000 and Rs. 70,000. The police, under the guidance of Inspector General of Police Ramgopal Garg and Superintendent of Police Ramakrishna Sahu, have launched special efforts to apprehend the remaining suspects. Tasleem is receiving treatment under special security.

The prompt action by the Bemetara police highlights their dedication to curbing illegal activities and ensuring the safety of the community.

Supervisors appointed for entrance exams

KORBA: Vyapam will conduct PAT and PVPT entrance exams on June 9, with 1384 candidates at four centers. Supervisors have been appointed for smooth execution, and a guidance center is set up at Government EVPG College Rajgamar Road Korba. For assistance, candidates can call 07759-221458.

Aid approved for disaster victims

KORBA: The district administration approved Rs 4 lakh each for the families of two deceased individuals who died in a natural disaster. Komal Majhwar's wife, Janaki, will receive Rs 4 lakh for his lightning-related death. Similarly, Shiv Prasad Rohidas's wife, Sukh Bai, will receive Rs 4 lakh for his drowning incident. Total compensation is Rs 8 lakh.

Teacher scammed of Rs 4 lakh by cyber fraudster

ICYBER CRIME |

Central Chronicle News

Assistant teacher Piyush Vishwakarma loses Rs. 4 lakh in sophisticated cyber scam.

MARWAHI: A cyber fraudster posing as an ICICI Bank employee defrauded assistant teacher Piyush Vishwakarma of Rs. 4 lakh. The scam unfolded during Piyush's online FLN training session when he received a WhatsApp message from the fraudster. Claiming that Indusind Bank had linked with ICICI Bank and a credit card payment was due, the fraudster convinced Piyush to download a link. Once Piyush downloaded the link, his phone was hacked, leading to Rs. 4 lakh being transferred to another account.



Accused involved in cyber scam.

FASTFACTS

• Fraudster posed as ICICI employee, tricking teacher with a fake credit card link and hacked phone.

• Similar cyber fraud incidents prompt police and public to heighten vigilance and awareness in online activities.

Piyush immediately lodged a complaint with the GPM district Cyber Cell Police, and the cyber cell team has begun tracking the fraudster. This incident underscores the ongoing issue of cyber fraud, where unsuspecting individuals fall prey to sophisticated scams despite police awareness campaigns.

In a similar incident in February, teacher Dilip Jaiswal lost Rs. 2.2 lakh when fraudsters tricked him under the guise of credit card verification. They accessed his fixed deposit and bank account, withdrawing money multiple times. This case was transferred to Marwahi police station, where a crime under section 420 was registered against the unknown fraudster.

These incidents highlight the critical need

for heightened vigilance in online banking. Users are urged to verify unsolicited communications and report suspicious activities promptly to prevent such fraudulent activities. It is essential for individuals to be cautious and skeptical of unexpected messages, especially those requesting personal or financial information.

The police continue to work diligently to apprehend these criminals and protect citizens from cyber scams. Efforts to raise awareness and educate the public on safe online practices are crucial.

Community outreach, educational programs, and consistent reminders about the importance of cybersecurity can significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to such frauds.

PLANTING FOR FUTURE |

Rajim school's green initiative campaign

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: In a unique initiative, Prayag Raj Science Club at Rambishal Pandey Excellent English Medium School launched the "Selfie with Tree Plantation" campaign on Environment Day. Despite summer holidays, teachers and students actively participated, planting trees and encouraging their community to do the same via social media. This effort inspired people from var-



ious districts to join and plant trees. Science teacher Samik-

sha Gaikwad, the club in-charge, coordinated with students through online

HIGHLIGHT

• Rajim school's unique "Selfie with Tree Plantation" campaign inspires hundreds across districts to plant trees and raise awareness.

platforms like WhatsApp. The campaign was part of the Mission Life program, running from June 5 to June 12, in collaboration with the Youth and Eco Club. Using Google

Meet, the team planned an environmental awareness drive, encouraging tree planting and sharing selfies with the trees. Participants received online digital certificates for their efforts. Hundreds joined the initiative, including students Monika Devangan, Devpriya Sahu, Lakshmi Verma, and Rudra Patel, who actively contributed. Mahi Soni, Yachana Sahu, Devvrat Sonkar, and Anushka Gupta created awareness posters.

Collector praises team for peaceful election

Central Chronicle News

JANJGIR-CHAMPA: The smooth and peaceful completion of the Lok Sabha elections 2024 in Janjgir-Champa was celebrated by Returning Officer, Collector, and District Election Officer Akash Chikkara. He expressed gratitude to general voters, candidates, political party representatives, election officers, security personnel, and media representatives for their coopera-

tion. Collector Chikkara highlighted the successful execution of the election work, attributing it to the teamwork and dedication of all involved. He praised the District Election Office staff, nodal officers, police department officers, master trainers, sector officers, and everyone involved in the election process.

NEWSLINE

EMPOWERMENT

Training boosts youth and eco club initiatives



SUKMA: Under the direction of Collector Haris S. and District Education Officer GR Mandavi, a district-level training session for implementing the Youth and Eco Club was held at Swami Vivekanand Multipurpose Auditorium. The initiative, part of Mission Life, aims to develop leadership and life skills in students through educational and environmental activities. Forty teachers received training from state-trained master trainers Dhananjay Dhruv and Kamlesh Nagvanshi to become block master trainers. These trainers will further train teachers in every secondary school within their blocks. The Youth and Eco Club focuses on raising awareness about climate change, biodiversity.

Grading Exam

Players of Arang participated in grading exam



ARANG: On Sunday, the District Karate Association held a grading examination at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Mangal Bhawan in Mahasamund. Talented players from the Academy of Sports Karate Branch in Arang participated enthusiastically. Seventy Karate students from Mahasamund, Arang, and Raipur improved their grades under Seiko Kai Karate International Chhattisgarh. Guided by Chief Instructor Renshi BB Naidu, participants included Brown Belt Chanchal Singh Thakur, Blue Belt Tanya Jalakshatri, and others from various belt levels.

GREENERY

Women's group promotes awareness



ARANG: Ekta Satnami Mahila Samiti Arang celebrated World Environment Day by planting fruit-bearing, flowering, and medicinal plants around their homes and villages. Members pledged to care for and protect these plants, spreading awareness about the importance of environmental protection. Committee members Sangeeta Patle, Dambeshwari Kosale, Gonti Rajettri, and others participated in this noble effort. The initiative aimed to inspire the community to plant more trees and safeguard the environment for future generations. The collective efforts of these women highlight the importance of grassroots actions in combating environmental challenges.



Congress did not reject EVMs.
P Chidambaram
Cong leader

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

LEGAL

Madras HC discharges IPS officer from a case of alleged extortion

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Friday discharged IPS officer Pramod Kumar from a case registered against him for allegedly extorting money from the directors of Paazee Forex Trading, which defrauded depositors to the tune of several crores. Justice Vivek Kumar Singh discharged Pramod Kumar while setting aside an order of the II Additional DJ for CBI cases, Coimbatore, which declined to discharge Pramod Kumar from the case, investigated by the CBI and framed charges against him. Allowing the criminal revision petitions filed by Pramod Kumar, the judge said after an elaborate, analytical discussion of the submissions made on either side and scrutinising the charges, the court was of the opinion that the same was without application of mind and in violation of principles of natural justice. **PTI**

OPINION

Opposition in new Lok Sabha would be stronger, says Farooq Abdullah



SRINAGAR: The days of "dictatorship" are over and the opposition in the new Lok Sabha would be stronger, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said here on Friday.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir said people have given their verdict and the Constitution has been saved.

"This time there will be a strong opposition. When I was in Parliament, we were weak. **PTI**

Committed for a safer crossing

Intensive awareness campaign marks International Level Crossing Awareness Day



BILASPUR: "On the occasion of International Level Crossing Awareness Day, a vigorous awareness program was conducted at various level crossings of the Bilaspur Division under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Praveen Pandey and Senior Divisional Security Officer Saket Ranjan, where various officials and related railway employees enthusiastically participated. The Bilaspur Railway Division is committed to safe use of level crossings for protected railway operation and road users. This awareness campaign is ongoing in the Bilaspur Division from June 4th to June 10th." "To embody the slogan of International Level Crossing

Awareness Day 2024, all 84 level crossings in the Bilaspur Division, including Ameri Level Crossing, Baloda Level Crossing, Kapan Level Crossing, Jayramnagar Level Crossing, Baradwar Level Crossing, Bhupdevpur Level Crossing, Naharpali, Chakaradhar Nagar Level Crossing, Belpahar Level Crossing, Temar Level Crossing, Mission Level Crossing, Madwarani Level Crossing, Sarkabundia Level Crossing, Beliya Level Crossing, Khodri Level Crossing, Signal Tola Level Crossing, etc., were covered by distributing pamphlets, pasting stickers, hanging banners, and making announcements to inform road users." **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

Maharashtra produces more than half of the country's oranges.

STATE WISE PRODUCTION OF ORANGES (IN TONNES)

Maharashtra	692,000
Madhya Pradesh	237,000
Assam	83,000
Rajasthan	48,000
Meghalaya	37,000
Karnataka	33,000

Source: Statista

COURT

ED opposes Kejriwal's bail plea, claims it has evidence to nail him

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate asserted before a Delhi court on Friday it has "ample evidence" to link Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to "grave" economic offences, as it opposed his application for regular bail in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam.

The central probe agency told Special Judge Kaveri Baweja it was in possession of several incriminating evidences against Kejriwal.

The judge posted the matter for June 14 for further arguments on the application. "There is ample evidence on record to link the applicant to the commission of the offence of money laundering, and his release on bail would adversely affect further investigation to unearth the deep-rooted multi-layered conspiracy," the ED claimed. "He is involved in grave economic offences," it alleged. **PTI**

Several trains cancelled

KOLKATA: Passengers faced hardship on Friday as several suburban trains were cancelled or short-terminated for infrastructure upgrade at Sealdah station here. **PTI**

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People wait for fish prasadam in Hyderabad



People wait to receive the annual 'fish prasadam' (fish medicine for asthma patients) on the eve of Mrigasira Karthik, at Nampally Exhibition Grounds.

'Soren oppressed like Stan Swamy who died in custody'

The latest Lok Sabha elections mark the beginning of Jharkhand's revenge for the custodial death of Jesuit priest Stan Swamy who had been fighting for tribal rights.

Press Trust Of India

RANCHI: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who is in jail, is facing the same kind of oppression that led to the custodial death of Jesuit priest Stan Swamy who dedicated his life working for tribal rights, according to social media post by the JMM leader. The latest Lok Sabha elections mark the beginning of Jharkhand's revenge for the custodial death of Swamy who had been fighting for tribal rights, said the Facebook post from Soren's account which is being managed by his wife Kalpana Soren.

Hemant Soren was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. "Just as Father Stan, who raised his voice for the most vulnerable section, was silenced by institutional neglect and injustice, today the same kind of oppression is being done to Hemant Soren. Today there is a need for every Jharkhandi to stand strongly in support of Hemant Soren. Otherwise, no one can stop turning Jharkhand into Manipur," the social media post said.

In Manipur, the ethnic conflict between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and

HIGHLIGHT

- **BJP, faced a significant setback in the state's five tribal constituencies.**
- **Swamy had worked for about three decades among tribals in J'khand.**

hills-based Kukis has led to the deaths of over 200 people and rendered thousands of people homeless. Soren's social media post also said, "This election marked the beginning of Jharkhand's revenge for the wrongful custodial death of Father Stan Swamy, an

84-year-old Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist - a black mark on India's democracy and human rights situation".

The BJP, which had dominated the last three Lok Sabha elections in Jharkhand, faced a significant setback in the state's five tribal constituencies - Khunti, Singhbhum, Lohardaga, Rajmahal and Dumka.

Three of these seats were won by the ruling JMM and two by the Congress, including the Khunti constituency where Union Minister Arjun Munda suffered a defeat, losing to Congress' Kalicharan Munda by 1.49 lakh votes.

Kalpana also won the Gandey bypoll by 27,149 votes over her nearest BJP rival Dilip Kumar Verma.

Soren's Facebook post read: "Despite his old age and Parkinson's disease, Father Stan, who had been fighting for the rights of tribal communities for decades, was denied bail and proper medical treatment on false terrorism charges framed by the BJP government. He was not given a straw worth 25 paise to drink water...Due to deteriorating health conditions caused by prison conditions, Father Stan, unfortunately, died in custody on July 5, 2021."

Four of family drown in river

ANAND: Four members of a family, including two women, drowned in Mahisagar river in Gujarat's Anand district during an outing, police said on Friday.

The incident took place on Thursday evening on the outskirts of Khanpur village, a popular tourist spot during the summer season as people gather to take a dip in the waters of Mahisagar river that flows from there, Khambholaj police in Anand district said in a statement.

"Four members of a family from Gamdi village were among the tourists who came there to take a dip in the river. When one of them started drowning, three others ventured deep into the water to save that person. However, all of them eventually drowned in deep water," it said.

Jeevan Prakash Sharma

Railway officials said not only Vande Bharats but many other trains are also maintaining cautionary speed at places where "huge infrastructural work" is underway.

NEW DELHI: The average speed of Vande Bharat trains has decreased from 84.48 kmph in 2020-21 to 76.25 kmph in 2023-24, the railway ministry said in a response to an RTI query. Railway officials said not only Vande Bharats but many other trains are also maintaining cautionary speed at places where "huge infrastructural work" is underway. "Besides this, some

RTI RESPONSE |

Vande Bharat average speed down to 76 kmph in 3 years



Vande Bharat is a semi-high speed train.

FACTFILE

- **A total of 284 districts across the country have been connected to the Vande Bharat Exp.**

Vande Bharat trains have been launched in difficult terrain areas where there are speed restrictions due to geographical reasons or extreme weather conditions," a railway official said.

Citing the example of

the Vande Bharat train between Mumbai CSMT and Madgaon, an official of the Central Railway Zone said, "Most of the Konkan railway area is 'ghat' section where trains pass through low height mountain ranges.

STEP ASIDE |

'Don't see myself contesting another LS poll'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday said if the next Lok Sabha polls take place five years down the line, he does not see himself contesting another election for the Lower House as he believes that one needs to know when to step aside for the younger blood to come

in. In Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha seat, Tharoor beat Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar by 16,077 votes to register his fourth straight victory from the constituency.

Asked if this election was his electoral politics swansong, Tharoor told PTI, "Not electoral pol-

We all need to know when to step aside for younger blood to come in.

Shashi Tharoor
Congress MP

itics but certainly Lok Sabha. I think I have done my bit and I honestly feel



that at some point, we all need to know when to step aside for younger blood to come in and have a crack at it."

"The Lok Sabha is certainly a very important institution. I have done my very best for my constituents and I will continue doing so but there are ways of serving in public life without necessarily having to do it that way.

Amaravati capital city project comes to fore in Andhra

As the first CM of the bifurcated state Naidu had floated Amaravati as the capital city.

Press Trust Of India

AMARAVATI: Following the stellar triumph of the TDP in Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections...



Amaravati, India's new sustainable city.

itals, which could now become a dead concept now that he has suffered a humiliating defeat in the 2024 polls...

The massive victory of the NDA alliance of TDP, BJP and Janasena has injected new life into Amaravati...

'Amaravati would be the first priority of the new government'

Talking to reporters, TDP General Secretary Nara Lokesh, who won from the Mangalagiri assembly segment...

HIGHLIGHT

- Reconstruction of Amaravati has to be taken up from scratch. 30,000 acres of land was acquired from farmers for capital city.

tion is our first priority, there is no doubt about that. We have done a lot of development during our

regime (2014-2019). After Jagan Mohan Reddy took over, in fact he destroyed everything and demolished most of the things...

'Congress-Samajwadi Party alliance in UP natural, will continue'

Press Trust Of India

The two parties fought the LS polls together and performed well in UP.

LUCKNOW: The Congress-Samajwadi Party coalition is a "natural alliance" and it would continue in the next assembly polls...

The two parties fought the Lok Sabha polls together and performed well in Uttar Pradesh...

"Our alliance with the Samajwadi Party is natural and this will also continue in the next assembly elections in UP," Rai told PTI.

"make a strong request that Rahulji retains the Rae Bareilly seat in Parliament". Rai, who lost the Lok Sabha election to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi...

that Rahulji retains the Rae Bareilly seat in Parliament". Rai, who lost the Lok Sabha election to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi...

FASTFACTS

- Coalition will uproot BJP from power in UP. Modi won from Varanasi by a slender margin this time.

SP's Shalini Yadav had come second in Varanasi last time while Rai had secured the third position then. Shalini Yadav later left the party and joined the BJP.

NEWSLINE

BENGALURU

Speak against injustice to Karnataka



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has advised the newly-elected MPs and also those who lost in the Lok Sabha elections to raise their voice against injustice and indifferent attitude towards Karnataka...

Shivakumar was addressing reporters after Gandhi held a meeting with the Congress leaders who were elected and also those who lost the Lok Sabha election here. Gandhi congratulated the nine Congress MPs who got elected to the Lok Sabha.

Man stabbed to death by friend

NEW DELHI: A 27-year-old man was stabbed to death by his friend for allegedly sexually harassing a woman in southeast Delhi, police said on Friday...

'Future of Modi as PM uncertain: Gaurav Gogoi

Press Trust Of India

GUWAHATI: The future of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister is uncertain as one needs a large heart, open mind and inclusive approach to run a coalition government, Congress LS



MP Gaurav Gogoi said here on Friday. "These are the qualities that former prime ministers Manmohan Singh and late Vajpayee possessed, but I don't think Modi has them. Therefore, his long-term prospects as PM are questionable,"

Gogoi told reporters after he, along with two other elected Cong MPs, were felicitated at the state party headquarters here. Gogoi, who wrested Jorhat LS seat from BJP's Topon Gogoi, expressed gratitude towards the people.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No.: TRS-BIA-24-25-PU-PAINT-02. Name of Work: PU (Polyurethane) Painting to earlier P.U. painted 3 Phase Electric Locomotive at Electric Loco Shed, Bhillai for 2 Years.

शपथ पत्र

मैं थाया चन्द सिंह बरिहा पिता श्री जितेन्द्रया सिंह बरिहा निवासी 950 तितुरडीह दुर्ग, च जिला दुर्ग छ.ग. का निवासी हूँ जो कि निम्न कथन शपथ पत्रक पेश करता हूँ- 1. यह कि मैं उपरोक्त पत्र पर ही निवास करता हूँ।

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All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

[Walt Disney]

Comment

Revanth Reddy's Resurgence: Telangana's Political Shift

| OUR VIEW |

BJP's Urgent Task: Deliver Jobs and Control Inflation

Economic issues, particularly unemployment, high inflation, and declining income levels, significantly influenced voter decisions in the recent Lok Sabha elections, according to a post-poll survey by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and Lokniti. These concerns were pivotal in the ruling BJP's failure to secure a majority. Notably, 30 percent of respondents cited inflation as a major concern post-election, up from 20 percent in the pre-poll survey. While 32 percent of respondents were worried about unemployment before the elections, this figure dropped to 27 percent after, possibly due to promises made by various political parties. Prime Minister Modi's leadership and the BJP-led government's development initiatives, governance, and welfare schemes resonated with a significant portion of the electorate. Interestingly, the construction of the Ram Mandir emerged as the government's most appreciated work, despite the BJP's loss in the Faizabad seat in Ayodhya and underperformance in Uttar Pradesh. As Modi enters his third term, the BJP faces the challenge of coalition dynamics and internal pressures. The survey highlights that Modi's charisma is waning compared to five or ten years ago, indicating that the BJP cannot solely depend on his mass appeal for electoral success. To maintain relevance and voter support, the party must fulfill its promises of job creation and inflation control. The long-term goal of making India a developed nation by 2047 is ambitious, but the country's youth demand immediate action on promises of quality education, world-class sports facilities, and lucrative employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. Additionally, the BJP must address the growing discontent among farmers and small business owners, who have been disproportionately affected by economic policies. The BJP must address these pressing concerns to retain the trust and support of its constituents. Effective governance and tangible economic improvements will be crucial for the BJP's sustained success in future elections.

| GUEST VIEW |

Modi's Meditation: Comparing Two Narendras

Modi's meditation at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial prompts reflections on similarities between Modi and Swami Vivekananda. Both aimed at national welfare but used different methods—spirituality for Vivekananda and politics for Modi. Vivekananda, renowned for his wisdom and oratory, emphasized unity and inclusivity, as exemplified in his famous Chicago speech. Modi, inspired by Vivekananda, aspires to make India a global leader not only in spirituality but also in politics. Modi embodies the active, pragmatic spirit of Karma Yoga, contrasting with those offering mere lip service. He engaged directly with the common people and pursued political action instead of retreating into asceticism. His leadership, marked by virtues like self-discipline and a lack of personal ambition, sets a new standard in Indian history. Modi's blend of ancient values and modernity, along with his spirituality-driven ideas, resonates globally, illustrating the deeper purpose behind his meditation at the Rock Memorial. Furthermore, Modi's approach emphasizes practical solutions to contemporary issues, mirroring Vivekananda's advocacy for social reform and scientific advancement. This modern asceticism bridges tradition and progress, inspiring a holistic vision for India's future.



Prof. Anil Jain

On June 4, the Lok Sabha election results shook Telangana's political arena. Revanth Reddy's residence in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, became the epicenter of excitement. Supporters, journalists, and onlookers filled the usually serene neighborhood, creating a lively atmosphere with marigold garlands and celebratory chants.

The election results marked a significant shift in Telangana's political dynamics. The Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) each secured eight out of the 17 seats, breaking the Bharat Rashtra Samiti's (BRS) stronghold, as the BRS failed to win a single seat.

Inside Reddy's residence, the mood was one of cautious optimism. Key party members and strategists gathered in the cool, air-conditioned living room, contrasting the lively scene outside. Revanth Reddy, dressed in his signature white shirt and dark trousers, engaged confidently with his team, his phone buzzing with congratulatory messages.

Reddy's leadership has been instrumental in the Congress party's resurgence.

From holding three seats in 2019, the party's count has risen to eight, reshaping the political landscape of Telangana. Reddy's strategic focus on rural constituencies yielded significant results, with victories in areas like Nalgonda, Khammam, and Warangal. For instance, in Nalgonda, Congress secured a remarkable margin of 559,000 votes, the highest in the state.

However, the Congress faced challenges in urban areas, losing the Mahabubnagar seat, Reddy's home district, to the BJP by a narrow margin, and failing to retain the Malakajiri seat. These setbacks highlighted structural weaknesses within the party and the consequences of delayed candidate selection.

At a press conference 24 hours after the results, Revanth Reddy accused the BRS of manipulating the elections in favor of the BJP. He alleged that BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR)



Dinesh Akula

tampered with votes to protect his family's interests.

Reddy pointed out the drastic drop in BRS's vote share from 37.5% in the November 2023 assembly elections to 16.5% in the Lok Sabha polls, while the BJP's share surged from 13% to 35.5%. He claimed that BRS legislator T. Harish Rao facilitated the transfer of votes to the BJP, impacting the Congress's performance.

Despite these allegations, the Congress's performance was commendable, with its vote share increasing from 39.5% to 41% and its seat count doubling. The party also captured the Secunderabad Cantonment assembly seat, previously held by the BRS, increasing its total to 65 seats. Reddy argued that these victories reflected public satisfaction with the Congress's governance. Reddy likened the election results to "Ugadi Pachadi," symbolizing a mix of experiences, and pledged to redouble his efforts.

He criticized the BRS for spreading unfounded conspiracies against the Congress government and suggested

that Prime Minister Narendra Modi resign due to the BJP's significant seat loss, from 303 to 243.

As celebrations continued at Reddy's residence, it was clear that Telangana's political scene had been transformed. The once-dominant BRS had been dethroned, paving the way for a new era of political competition. Revanth Reddy's strategic brilliance and resilience have revitalized the Congress, setting the stage for a dynamic and competitive political environment in Telangana.

His leadership will be crucial in determining the state's future direction, marking the beginning of a new chapter in his political journey.

The implications of this shift extend beyond party politics, signaling a broader change in voter sentiment and regional priorities. As Reddy prepares for the challenges ahead, his ability to navigate Telangana's complex political landscape will be tested, promising a dynamic and potentially transformative period for the state.

Resilient opposition: Gandhi's persistent fight

When the going gets tough, opposition parties, led by Rahul Gandhi, persistently address grievances through initiatives like Bharat Jodo Yatra and promote democracy. *Sujit De*

When the going gets tough, the tough GET GOING.



True strength is revealed when challenges arise.

It is said that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. This can be said about the never-say-die attitude of nearly all the opposition parties at the national level and especially about Rahul Gandhi and his strenuous Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

The opposition parties did their duty of raising the people's grievances against rising inequality, unemployment, and prices in the Parliament and the streets. They did it in spite of having a level playing field. They faced unprecedented financial inequality among political parties and allegedly "preferential" treatment from investigative agencies.

Moreover, they got little support from the media. Just like the opposition parties, it is the duty of the media to ask the government questions of the people. Media is a bridge between the ruling (and opposition) parties and the people. But a large section of the fourth estate preferred the role of cheerleading the ruling batting side.

Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra successfully created a direct bridge to connect with the people. Being

on the streets for months gave him an opportunity to directly listen to the people. This is one of the reasons why the Congress manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha election becomes more pro-common people, pro-women, and pro-Dalits than their previous manifestos.

The Congress party has been the main opposition party of India since 2014. Therefore, a call for a Congress-mukt Bharat sounds like a call for an opposition-mukt Bharat. It is a despot

call to end democracy in India because democracy can not function without opposition parties.

A political leader instructed the audience in some recent election campaigns not just to vote for his political party but to punish the opposition parties by pressing the EVM button as hard as possible. This is in sync with the call. The guarantee of 400 plus seats again bears not only pride but also an aspiration for an opposition free football match

where a team can score as many goals as it wants.

The mandate of voters in the election is for democracy and against using religion and fault lines between communities as a political tool. The fault lines between communities have been used in the recent election campaigns as a red herring and to polarise the voters.

The political leaders holding the most responsible constitutional posts are not supposed to play this game. However, the theory

of demand and supply points a finger towards the people.

In order to answer the criticism for showing sadistic violence in the movies, the movie makers always say that they are doing it because audiences want to see violence to get entertained.

An anchor of a TV debate also throws the ball to the people's court when he is confronted with uncomfortable questions regarding on screen debate becoming a platform for abuse and verbal violence.

It is a vicious circle. A cigarette company, for example, gives advertisements associating cigarette smoking with fashion and freedom to increase the demand and starts producing more cigarettes if there is a rise in demand. But the question is how to break the circle.

The statutory warning against cigarette smoking effected a cut in the demand. In the same way, the censor board can check the portrayal of unnerving violence in films. Similarly, it is the responsibility of the Election Commission of India to take prompt action against the use of religion and fault lines in an election campaign.

YOUR LETTERS

Rahul Gandhi's relentless struggle

Rahul Gandhi's relentless fight and struggle, enduring against all odds, ridiculous court cases, false allegations, and character assassination (reminiscent of Rabindranath Tagore's clarion call of "Aekla Cholo Re"), have finally succeeded in cracking the citadel of intolerant and dark forces. Every step and action of Rahul endorses the spirit of the statement by Magsaysay award-winning journalist Ravish Kumar: "Not all battles are fought for victory. Some are fought to tell the world that someone was there on the battlefield."

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

BJP's Ayodhya shock

The BJP anticipated that the consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya would boost its electoral prospects. However, to the surprise of many, the BJP lost the Faizabad parliamentary seat to the Samajwadi Party (SP). This loss is attributed to the inconvenience faced by locals due to the temple's construction and the preparations for its grand inaugural ceremony. Villagers in Ayodhya were unhappy with the land acquisition around the temple and the airport, feeling sidelined amid the frenzy.

MK Nair, Raipur

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Business



Saudia Group keen to offer MRO services for Indian airlines.

Ibrahim Alomari
Director General, Saudia Group.

TCS launches TCS A1 Wisdom Next



Mumbai: Dr Harrick Vin (L), CTO, TCS and Shiva Ganesan (C), Head, AI Cloud, TCS, with others at the launch of the 'TCS A1 WisdomNext', in Mumbai, Friday, June 7.

RBI raises GDP growth projection to 7.2 pc for FY25

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said estimates released by the NSO placed India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 8.2 per cent in 2023-24.

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India on Friday revised upwards the GDP growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent from 7 per cent on rising private consumption and revival of demand in rural areas. Unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said estimates released by the National

Statistical Office (NSO) placed India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 8.2 per cent in 2023-24.

"During 2024-25 so far, domestic economic activity has maintained resilience," he said, adding that manufacturing activity continues to gain ground on the back of strengthening domestic demand. Also, the services sector maintained buoyancy, as evident in

NUMBER

8.2%

• Das said the growth is sustaining its momentum in 2024 and is likely to remain resilient.

• Domestic economic activity has maintained resilience.

available high-frequency indicators. Later replying to a question if the economy was overheating, RBI deputy governor Michael Debabrata Patra said: "We are not seeing signs of overheating because, remember, that level of output had fallen very low during the pandemic and even these high rates of growth are enabling it to catch up with that level. So, no signs of overheating".

In his monetary policy statement, Governor Das said private consumption, the mainstay of aggregate demand, is recovering with steady discretionary spending in urban areas. The revival in rural demand is getting a fillip from improving farm sector activity, and investment activity continues to gain traction on the back of ongoing expansion in non-food bank credit.

| RETAIL DESTINATION |

Sawansukha Jewellers opens luxurious retail destination

Adani to invest over \$1 bn in Sri Lankan wind projects

NEW DELHI: Adani Group plans to invest over USD 1 billion in setting up projects in Sri Lanka to generate electricity from wind in what would be the island nation's single largest foreign direct investment and the biggest ever power project, sources said. Group firm Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) will set up two wind farms in Sri Lanka's Mannar town and Pooneryn village in the northern province with a total installed capacity of 484 megawatt at an investment of about USD 740 million. The related infrastructure that would transmit electricity to consumption centres will see further investment of over USD 290 million, two sources with knowledge of the matter said. The projects will not just be Sri Lanka's largest renewable energy project but also the nation's biggest power project to date.

Central Chronicle News

To celebrate the opening, Sawansukha is running the "Sabse Meetha Offer," which provides customers with up to 100% off on the making charges for a week after the launch..

RAIPUR: Sawansukha, the celebrated jewellery brand, has inaugurated its luxurious retail destination in Sadar Bazar, Raipur. Bringing a slice of Calcutta's rich jewellery heritage to the heart of Chhattisgarh, the brand aims to offer a premium shopping experience with its range of diamond, gold, and jadau jewellery.

The grand opening event saw a VIP preview of the store's exclusive collection, attended by distinguished guests, followed



Siddharthaa Sawansukha, MD and Roopchandra Sawansukha, Director of Sawansukha Jewellers on the occasion of launching ceremony.

FACTFILE

• Sawansukha has a rich heritage spanning eight generations and has been a pioneer in the jewellery industry in West Bengal.

by an intimate celebration. Siddharthaa Sawansukha, MD of Sawansukha Jewellers, expressed his

excitement, stating, "We are thrilled to unfold the curtains of our brand-new store in Raipur. The two-storey building is a new destination for jewellery lovers. The first floor is completely dedicated to bridal jewellery, while the ground floor boasts a contemporary collection of lightweight pieces for women, men, and children." The first floor of the

store is a haven for brides-to-be, showcasing Sawansukha's extensive bridal collection, renowned for its variety and exquisite craftsmanship. The ground floor, with its modern appeal, features a wide range of lightweight jewellery, catering to the needs of all family members. To celebrate the opening, Sawansukha is running the "Sabse Meetha Offer," which provides customers with up to 100% off on the making charges of diamond, gold, and jadau jewellery for a week after the launch. This offer aims to attract jewellery enthusiasts and provide them with an opportunity to experience the brand's exceptional quality and craftsmanship at a special price. Sawansukha has a rich heritage spanning eight generations and has been a pioneer in the jewellery industry in West Bengal.

| GOLD HOLDING |

RBI brings 100 mt gold reserve from UK to India: Das

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank of India has brought 100 metric tonnes of gold reserve from the UK to India as there is enough domestic storage capacity, and nothing more should be read into it, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday. The RBI moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored

in the UK to domestic vaults in FY24. This is one of the biggest movements of gold undertaken by the country since 1991, when pledging a substantial part of the gold holding to tide over a foreign exchange crisis resulted in its movement out of vaults. The quantum of gold stored outside was static for a long time, Reserve Bank of India



Governor Das said here. "In recent years, the data shows that the Reserve Bank is buy-

ing gold as a part of its reserves, and the quantum was going up. We have domestic (storage)

capacity," he said.

Therefore, it was decided to move part of the reserve outside India to be stored within the country, he said, adding, "That's it. Nothing more should be read into it". The country's overall gold holding increased by 27.46 metric tonnes in FY24, and it stands at 822 metric tonnes, as per official data.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

RETAIL INFLATION

Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 3.87pc in April

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation for industrial workers eased to 3.87 per cent in April compared to 4.2 per cent in March this year. Ministry of Labour and Employment has released Consumer Price Index-Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for February, March & April, 2024 on Friday. "Year-on-year inflation for the month of March, 2024 stood at 4.20% as compared to 5.79% in March, 2023," a labour ministry statement said. According to the statement, year-on-year inflation for the month of April, 2024 stood at 3.87 per cent as compared to 5.09 per cent in April, 2023. Year-on-year inflation for the month of February, 2024 stood at 4.90 per cent as compared to 6.16 per cent in February, 2023. The Labour Bureau, an attached office of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	76,693.36	+2.16
Nifty	23,290.15	+2.05
Nifty, MidCap	53,194.70	+1.49
Nifty SmallCap	17,215.55	+2.31
Nifty Bank	49,803.20	+1.04

Closing rates as on June 7, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.48 (+)	↗
Euro	90.32 (-)	↘
Chinese Yuan	11.52 (+)	↗
UAE Dirham	22.73 (+)	↗
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)	↗
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)	↘

On June 7, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	38,934.20	+0.12%
FTSE 100 Index	8,263.65	-0.26%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,683.93	-0.05%
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,574.11	-0.50%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, June 7, 2024)

How the markets behave today?
Sensex, Nifty hit all-time closing high levels as RBI raises GDP growth projection



MUMBAI: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty climbed over 2 per cent to settle at record closing high levels on Friday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised upwards the GDP growth projection to 7.2 per cent for 2024-25 from 7 per cent earlier.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,720.8 points, or 2.29 per cent, to hit a new record peak of 76,795.31 in day trade. The benchmark ended at 76,693.36, up 1,618.85 points, or 2.16 per cent. The NSE Nifty climbed 498.8 points, or 2.18 per cent, to 23,320.20 during the day and is just 18.5 points

from hitting its record high level. It settled with a jump of 468.75 points, or 2.05 per cent, at 23,290.15.

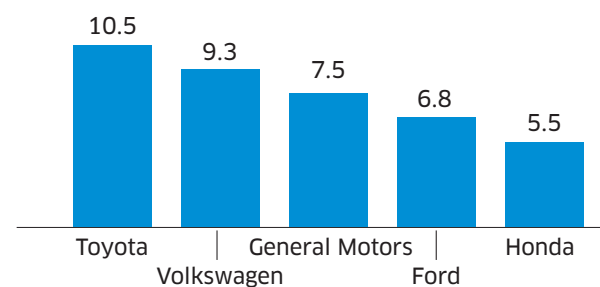
IT and interest rate-sensitive bank, realty, and auto stocks ended with sharp gains. The RBI left its key interest rates unchanged on Friday as expected, keeping the focus on inflation amid robust economic growth that is likely to provide the new Modi government headroom for manoeuvring reforms.

Major Gainers: Mahindra & Mahindra, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Infosys and Tata Steel.

The Day's NUMBERS

Car sales (in millions of units)

TOP CAR MANUFACTURERS BY SALES IN 2023



NEW LAUNCH

TVS Srichakra unveils steel-belted agro industrial radial tyres

CHENNAI: Manufacturers of two, three-wheeler and off-highway tyres TVS Srichakra has launched new steel belted agro-industrial radial tyres to be used in agricultural and industrial applications. The steel-belted agro-industrial radial tyres were recently displayed at the Tire Cologne 2024 trade fair in Germany. "We are extremely happy to have launched our new and premier products at the Tire Cologne 2024. The Tire show provides the most extensive industry overview, a great platform for us to showcase our best-in-class product range," company Business Head, Karthikeyan S said in a company statement on Friday. The Steel Belted Agro-Industrial Radial Tyre has been designed for use predominantly in compact wheel loaders and backhoe loaders engaged in agricultural and industrial applications. "Europe is a key market for us, we believe it will play a pivotal role in our business growth," Karthikeyan said.

BULLION MARKET

Silver prices surge Rs 2,600 to Rs 95,900; Gold up Rs 150



NEW DELHI: Silver prices continued to shine bright by rallying sharply Rs 2,600 to Rs 95,900 per kg in the national capital on Friday, while gold went up Rs 150, in line with firm global trends. According to HDFC Securities, rising for the second straight session, silver prices surged Rs 2,600 to Rs 95,900 per kg. It had closed at Rs 93,300 per kg in the previous session. Meanwhile, gold prices climbed Rs 150 to Rs 73,650 per 10 grams. In the previous session, precious metal had settled at Rs 73,500 per 10 grams.



India can help other countries achieve net zero emission goals
Ruchira Shukla
 Synapses Co-founder

Biden and Zelenskyy meet in Paris, strengthening ties



U.S. President Joe Biden shakes hands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2024. | Photo: PTI

Houthi rebels detain at least 9 UN staffers and others

Houthi have been targeting shipping throughout the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip

DUBAI: At least nine Yemeni employees of United Nations agencies have been detained by Yemen's Houthi rebels under unclear circumstances, authorities said Friday, as the rebels face increasing financial pressure and airstrikes from a US-led coalition. Others working for aid groups also likely have been taken. The detentions come as the Houthis, who seized Yemen's capital nearly a decade ago

and have been fighting a Saudi-led coalition since shortly after, have been targeting shipping throughout the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. But while gaining more attention internationally, the secretive group has cracked down at dissent at home, including recently sentencing 44 people to death. Regional officials, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to brief journalists, con-

HIGHLIGHT
 ● Those held include staff from the United Nations human rights agency, its development program, the World Food Program
 ● Activists, lawyers and others also began an open online letter, calling on the Houthis to immediately release those detained
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from the United Nations human rights agency, its development program, the World Food Program and one working for the office of its special envoy, the officials said. The wife of one of those held is also detained. The UN declined to immediately comment. The Mayyun Organisation for Human Rights, which similarly identified the UN staffers held, named other aid groups whose employees were detained by the Houthis across four provinces the Houthis hold - Amran,

Hodeida, Saada and Saana. Those groups did not immediately acknowledge the detentions. "We condemn in the strongest terms this dangerous escalation, which constitutes a violation of the privileges and immunities of United Nations employees granted to them under international law, and we consider it to be oppressive, totalitarian, blackmailing practices to obtain political and economic gains," the organisation said in a statement.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

EXTRADITION
Nepal extradites one of the prime accused in murder of Bangladesh MP

KATHMANDU: Nepal has extradited to India a Bangladeshi citizen, one of the main accused in the brutal murder of Bangladeshi MP Anwarul Azim Anar in Kolkata last month, a media report said here on Friday. "Mohammad Siyam Hussain was handed over to Indian authorities by Nepal's Interpol branch on Monday morning after Nepal Police contacted him," MyRepublica.com news portal reported, quoting police sources. Hussain, who fled to Nepal after the murder, was arrested from the border area of Nepal last Thursday, the report said. The 56-year-old Awami League MP Anar, who was in Kolkata for medical treatment on May 12, went incommunicado on May 17, according to a complaint filed by his acquaintance on May 18. Anar was allegedly murdered in a posh flat in the New Town area near Kolkata. **PTI**

EMIRATES UK ARREST
Ex-Royal Marine arrested in Dubai over spying suspicion has been cleared



DUBAI: A former Royal Marine who was arrested in Dubai on suspicion of spying has been cleared and is free to leave the country, authorities in the United Arab Emirates said Friday. Matthew Croucher, who won one of Britain's highest bravery honours for his service in Afghanistan, had been arrested in November and banned from leaving the UAE pending an investigation. His family said in a statement that the case was "made up and ridiculous." **PTI**

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunak apologizes for skipping a D-Day ceremony to return to election campaign trail



LONDON: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak apologized Friday for leaving D-Day commemorations in France early to fly home for an election campaign television interview. Sunak said that, "on reflection" the decision - which has drawn wide political condemnation - was a mistake. Sunak was not alongside leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy for the major memorial event at Omaha Beach in Normandy on Thursday. Former Prime Minister David Cameron, who

is now foreign minister, represented the K. Earlier in the day, Sunak had attended a ceremony at the British memorial in Normandy alongside King Charles III and surviving World War II veterans. He also attended a commemoration in Portsmouth, England, the day before. Sunak wrote on X, formerly Twitter, that the 80th anniversary of the Allied invasion that helped free Europe from the Nazis "should be about those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The last thing I want is for the commemorations to be overshadowed by politics." **PTI**

Two British judges resign from Hong Kong court

HONG KONG: Two British judges have resigned from Hong Kong's top court, the city's judiciary said, deepening worries over the city's rule of law under a Beijing-imposed national security law. The judiciary said in a statement Thursday that Jonathan Sumption and Lawrence Collins, who both serve as non-permanent overseas judges of Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal, have tendered their resignations to the city leader. But it did not give further details about their decisions. Collins told The Associated Press that his resignation was "because of the political situation in Hong Kong." But he said he continues "to have the fullest confidence in the court and the total independence of its members." Sumption said he would make a statement next week.

Sunita and fellow astronaut overcome new issues; enter ISS

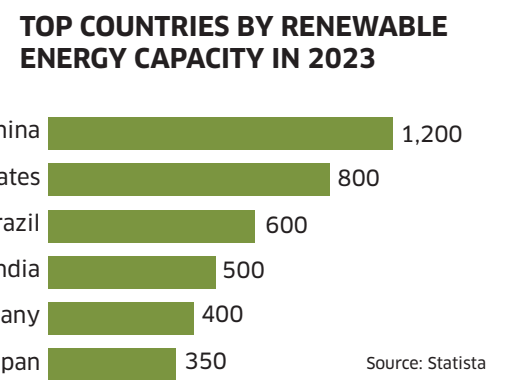
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 HOUSTON: Sunita Williams the NASA's Indian-origin astronaut and her fellow astronaut Wilmore docked spacecraft to ISS after overcoming new issues that cropped up en route to the orbiting laboratory. Williams, 58, flew to space for the third time on Wednesday along with Wilmore, scripting history as the first members aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft to the ISS. Williams is the pilot for the flight test while Wilmore, 61, is the commander of the mission.



FASTFACTS
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 Boeing Starliner spacecraft successfully docked at the International Space Station at 1:34 pm on Thursday, about 26 hours after launching from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, NASA said in a statement. Williams shared her gratitude to the family and friends who have been with them during the lead-up to the launch. "We have another family up here, which is just awesome," Williams said. "And we're just happy as can be to be up in space, one in Starliner on an Atlas V, and then here at the International Space Station. It just

doesn't get much better." On the way to the ISS, the crew completed a series of tests including manually flying Starliner for the first time in space. The two Starliner astronauts, who are joining seven others currently living on the station, will assist with various tests and conduct scientific experiments while in space. "It is both amazing and humbling to join the fleet of commercial spacecraft capable of conducting crewed transportation services to and from the space station for NASA. Our teams have done some great work to get us to this point," said Kay Sears, vice president and general manager of Space, Intelligence & Weapon Systems for Boeing Defence, Space & Security.

The Day's NUMBERS



PAK IMRAN
Jailed Imran Khan invokes Kejriwal's example before Pak SC

ISLAMABAD: Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has invoked the case of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal getting bail to campaign ahead of India's general elections, as he complained before the Supreme Court about the mistreatment meted to him in jail. During his appearance on Thursday before a five-member Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa in a case related to amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO), the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman complained of the "victimisation" that he faced since his ouster from power in April 2022. Justices Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Athar Minallah, and Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi also sat on the bench. Justice Minallah remarked that it was unfortunate that Khan was in jail as he was the head of a large party with millions of followers. **PTI**

INDIAN STUDENTS DROWN
Four Indian medical students drown in Russia's St Petersburg



MOSCOW: Four Indian medical students drowned when they entered a fast-flowing river near St Petersburg in Russia, authorities said on Friday, in the worst tragedy to hit the Indian student community in the country. The four students from Maharashtra - Harshal Anantrao Desale, Jishan Ashpak Pinjari, Jia Firoj Pinjari and Malik Gulamgous Mohammad Yakub, were studying at the Novgorod State University in Veliky Novgorod city. A fifth student, Nisha Bhupesh Sonawane, was rescued. The Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi termed it an unfortunate incident. **PTI**

UK ARISTOCRAT WEDDING

Prince William is usher at wedding of aristocrat

LONDON: Prince William took a day out from royal duties on Friday to serve as an usher at the wedding of his friend Hugh Grosvenor, the Duke of Westminster. The wedding of 33-year-old Grosvenor, one of Britain's wealthiest landowners, to his partner Olivia Henson, 31, is

one of the high-society events of the year in Britain. William, 41, arrived with his fellow ushers at Chester Cathedral in northwest England ahead of the midday service. The venue is close to the duke's 10,000-acre (4,000-hectare) Eaton Hall estate, where guests were due to attend a private wedding reception. Onlookers gathered



outside the cathedral cheered the arrival of Grosvenor, dressed in a morning suit, and Henson, wearing a white wedding dress by British designer Emma Victoria Payne. Her long veil, worn over a tiara, rippled in the wind. Grosvenor is a godfather to 10-year-old Prince George, the eldest son of William and his wife Catherine.



Lifestyle

STOP SEDENTARY LIFESTYLES

25g protein breakfast: Power up your morning

Exploring the Transformative Effects of a Protein-Packed Morning Routine



Protein helps in blood sugar regulation, leading to less fatigue and more energy throughout the day.



“Calories from protein affect your brain, your appetite control center, so you are more satiated and satisfied.”

Mark Hyman
American Physician and Author

With each bite of protein-rich goodness, you're sculpting lean muscle mass, sculpting your body into a masterpiece of strength and grace. But it's not just about aesthetics; it's about feeling unstoppable, ready to conquer whatever challenges life throws your way. And as the day unfolds, you'll find yourself effortlessly resisting the siren call of unhealthy snacks, thanks to the lasting satiety that comes from starting your day right.

Embrace this morning ritual, and you're not just changing what's on your plate; you're rewriting the script of your life. With each sunrise, you're declaring to the world that you're ready to seize the day with gusto, fueled by the boundless energy and vitality that comes from nurturing your body and soul.

High protein intake has been shown to boost metabolism by up to 100 calories per day. It can also help you maintain muscle mass and a high metabolism when you restrict calories.

Embarking on a journey toward a protein-powered morning ritual isn't merely a dietary shift; it's a lifestyle overhaul that promises a symphony of benefits to invigorate your days.

Picture this: as the first rays of dawn peek through your window, you greet the day not just with a cup of coffee, but with a breakfast brimming with 25 grams of protein, igniting your metabolism like a roaring furnace.

This isn't just about fueling your body; it's about embracing a lifestyle that champions vitality and resilience from the get-go. Imagine savoring a breakfast that not only tantalizes your taste buds but also transforms your physique.

Early detection: Key to ovarian cancer awareness

Spotting ovarian cancer early is crucial for women's health. Ovarian cancer often presents subtle symptoms, such as persistent bloating, abdominal pain, and difficulty eating. These signs can easily be mistaken for other conditions, leading to delayed diagnosis. Annual check-ups, including ultrasounds and CT scans, are vital for early detection, especially since ovarian cancer can occur in women of all ages. By prioritizing regular screenings and adopting a healthy lifestyle, women can take proactive steps to lower their risk and improve treatment outcomes.

TRAVEL

Unwind in Majuli: Your perfect summer getaway



Discover solace from the summer heat with a journey to Majuli, an island oasis near Jorhat. Encompassing 1250 square kilometers, Majuli is a haven of tranquility and cultural heritage, revered as the cradle of Vaishnavite Hinduism.

However, the island faces an imminent risk of submersion by 2030 due to erosion and flooding. Don't miss the chance to experience this paradise. Plan your summer escape to Majuli, where you can immerse yourself in its serene beauty amidst the scorching heat, creating memories to cherish before it's too late. Let Majuli be your sanctuary in the midst of summer's blaze.

| LIFESTYLE |

Strut your Style: Sutraa fashion festival hits Raipur

Central Chronicle News

Indulge your inner fashionista at the upcoming Sutraa 2024 fashion exhibition and get a chance to grab top styles and steal buys from 25th-27th July at The Triton Hotel.

Get ready to immerse yourself in a whirlwind of style, glamour, and luxury at Sutraa - The Indian Fashion Extravaganza 2024! Set against the backdrop of the stunning THE TRITON by DAIICHI HOTELS in Raipur, India, this event is a fashion lover's dream come true. Imagine, aisles filled with shimmering jewelry, racks adorned with exquisite sarees and gowns, and displays showcasing the latest in Indian ethnic wear and accessories. From timeless classics to cutting-edge designs, Sutraa has it all. But Sutraa isn't just about shopping; it's an experience. Feel the excitement as you browse through the curated collections, discovering hidden gems and exclusive finds along the way. Whether you're searching for the perfect bridal ensemble or simply looking to update your wardrobe with some statement pieces, Sutraa has something for everyone.

What sets Sutraa apart is its commitment to promoting Indian craftsmanship and creativity on a global scale. By bringing together top designers, retailers, and manufacturers, Sutraa aims to elevate Indian fashion to new heights while showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage. With its vibrant atmosphere, lively entertainment, and mouth-watering food stalls, Sutraa promises a day of fun and indulgence for the whole family.

So mark your calendars for the 25th, 26th, and 27th of July 2024, and prepare to shop till you drop at Sutraa - The Indian Fashion Extravaganza 2024. Trust us; you won't want to miss it!



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GadgetPick

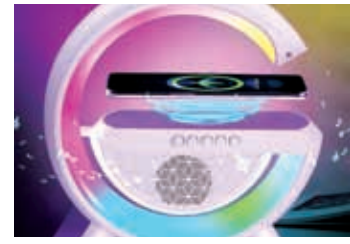
TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

G Lamp New

About: The G Lamp New combines style and function with a clock, speaker, and wireless charging. Optimize your space with digital timekeeping, music, and charging convenience.

Key Features:

Multipurpose Lamp+Clock, LED light, Bluetooth speaker, Qi Wireless charging, Easy alarm setting, USB-powered, G-shaped design, Personalization available (vinyl stickers).



Asus ROG Ally X

About: Experience the next level of gaming with the newly unveiled ROG Ally X at Computex 2024. Engineered for gamers on-the-go, this cutting-edge device promises unparalleled performance and portability.

Key Features:

Key Features: High-performance AMD Ryzen Z1 Extreme processor, Up to 24GB RAM and 1TB SSD storage, Enhanced thermal solution for improved cooling, Redesigned chassis for superior ergonomics, Perfect for demanding PC gaming, Ensures seamless gaming experiences.



Astronaut Galaxy Projector

About: Light up your day with the Astronaut Galaxy Projector! This mini projector lets you explore the galaxy from home. USB-chargeable, it features eight modes to make any space magical. Perfect for space enthusiasts.

Key Features:

Astronaut-shaped, USB-chargeable, Remote control, 8 galaxy modes, Rotatable head, Removable base, Adjustable arms, Auto-off timer, Includes USB cable and remote.



Astro Keychain with emergency powerbank

About: The Astro Keychain with emergency powerbank is an ideal item for you! This 1500mAh keychain can

provide up to 5-10% emergency battery life when needed. Store it with your keys for easy access whenever you need it! Gift it to your Astro fan friend or relative.

Key Features:

Powerbank keychain, Cute Astro design, Lightweight and portable, Sliding switch, Power display on the front, Perfect for travelers, Battery: 1500mAh.



Sony LinkBuds and LinkBuds S

About: Sony launched LinkBuds S and LinkBuds in India in 2022. Expect successors later this year, while flagship audio products WH-1000XM6 and WF-1000XM6 are slated for next year.

Key Features:

Sony LinkBuds offer adaptive volume control, Google Fast Pair, touch controls, and up to 5.5 hours of earphone battery life with 12 additional hours from the case. Sony LinkBuds S boast up to 20 hours of total battery life.



Arlo Video Doorbell

About: Arlo's 2nd Generation Video Doorbells that alerts you when motion is detected. Get head-to-toe coverage and a wide 180° Field of View ensuring that you see more of what's happening.

Key Features:

HD Video, 180-degree viewing angle, Integrated siren, 2-way full-duplex audio, Motion detection and alerts, Direct-to-mobile video calls, Quick reply messages, Weather resistant, Tamper detection, Visitor messaging.





Keeping emotions in check, focus on India.

Monank Patel
USA skipper

Sports Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

OFFICIAL SUPPORTER
Royal Stag renews ICC partnership, enhancing cricket fan engagement

NEW DELHI: Seagram's Royal Stag has extended its association with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for four more years, solidifying the brand's commitment to cricket and the sport's global community of fans. The partnership which will run until the end of 2027 extends Royal Stag's status as Official Supporter kicking off with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in the West Indies and the USA. This extension follows the brand's successful five-year partnership with the ICC between 2018 and 2023. Cricket has always been a key consumer engagement pillar for Royal Stag, and the brand's continued association with ICC and the world's best cricketers like Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Suryakumar Yadav, has helped endear the brand to millions of cricket fans across the globe. **PTI**

T20 WORLD CUP
Babar admits complacency after shock super over loss to USA in T20 WC



ISTANBUL: Dallas: Left stunned by the Super Over defeat to USA in their T20 World Cup opener, an upset Pakistan captain Babar Azam conceded that his side was guilty of taking things "a little lightly" and failed to come good in any department of the game. Co-hosts USA pulled off the first upset of the ongoing event, edging out former champions and last edition's finalists Pakistan in the Super Over here on Thursday. **PTI**

T20 World Cup

Pandya braces for "extra special" Pakistan match in T20 World Cup



NEW YORK: Hardik Pandya does not want to treat the upcoming T20 World Cup match against Pakistan as a "fight" but the India all-rounder is quite excited to face a rival against whom he has had considerable success. Rohit Sharma-led India will take on Pakistan on Sunday and Pandya will be eager to repeat his past success against the cross-border opponents. "Standing in big games is very exciting for me. I find it extra special and Pakistan has been one team where I have been very fortunate, I have been able to do well in a lot of games," Pandya told 'Star Sports'. Pandya has played six T20s against

Pakistan so far. While his outings with the bat largely remained moderate, having scored just 84 runs with a highest of 40, the Baroda man has fared better with the ball in hand. The pace-bowling all-rounder has taken 11 wickets from six matches at a very good economy of 7.5 with 3/8 being his best analysis. "It all comes down to the vibe. Hold your breath, this is a request. This is not a fight, this is going to be history," said Pandya. India began the ICC marquee event with a facile eight-wicket win over Ireland, but Pakistan were stunned by the USA via super over here on Thursday. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES IN T20 WORLD CUPS

Brendon McCullum	123*
Chris Gayle	117
Alex Hales	116*
Ahmed Shehzad	111*
Jos Buttler	101*

Source: Wikipedia

HOCKEY

Indian men's hockey team aims to fine-tune tactics ahead of Olympics

NEW DELHI: London: Keeping the Paris Olympics in mind, the Indian men's hockey team will look to iron out the chinks on the armour when it takes on Germany and Great Britain in the final two FIH Hockey Pro League matches this weekend. India will be up against world champions Germany on Saturday, while they will lock horns with hosts Great Britain on Sunday. After the Antwerp stage and two matches at London, India is placed fourth in the points table with 24 points from 14 matches. Meanwhile, Germany and Great Britain sit on the sixth and seventh positions respectively, having played seven matches so far. "We have played some good hockey, but there are still some areas where we need to improve if we want the result to go in our favour," vice-captain Hardik Singh said. "Our objective in these last two matches will be to start aggressively and work on our best combinations. **PTI**

CHESS

Pathetic performance, Wasim Akram blasts Pakistan after defeat to



DALLAS: Legendary pacer Wasim Akram has lambasted Pakistan for their "pathetic performance" against the USA while going down in the Super Over and said it will be tough for Babar Azam's side to progress to the T20 World Cup knockouts. Pakistan and USA had scored 159 each in the regulation time before the latter successfully defended 18 runs in the Super Over to register a famous victory here on Thursday. "Pathetic performance. Winning and losing is a part of the game. But you need to fight till the last ball." **PTI**

A farewell to greatness: The world says goodbye to Chhetri



India's captain Sunil Chhetri acknowledges fans after a FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier football match between India and Kuwait.

Sunil Chhetri retires as football's fourth highest scorer. Tributes from FIFA, Luka Modric, Sachin Tendulkar, and others mark his farewell after 19 years and 94 goals.

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: The world united on Thursday to bid farewell to Sunil Chhetri, with FIFA and Croatian football legend Luka Modric joining Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar in honoring the Indian football star's illustrious career.

At 39, Chhetri retired as international football's

fourth-highest scorer, netting 94 goals in 151 matches—an extraordinary achievement for a player from a nation still striving to make its mark in global football. In his final game, India played to a goalless draw against Kuwait in the 2026 World Cup Qualifier at the packed Salt Lake Stadium. Moments after the match, FIFA posted on X, "After 19 years of

HIGHLIGHT

● Chhetri is now the 4th most prolific scorer in international football and has 94 goals to his name from 151 matches.

service, farewell, @chetrisunil11." The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) tweeted, "94 International Goals. Carried the hopes of a nation! Thank You

Asian Football Icon, Sunil Chhetri."

Sachin Tendulkar congratulated Chhetri on X, writing, "No goal is easy to achieve. Let alone 94 international ones. You've held the flag high, Sunil Chhetri. Congratulations on a remarkable career!" Premier League India also paid tribute, stating, "Every football fan today. We cannot replace him.

We cannot."

Former India hockey captain Viren Rasquinha praised Chhetri's outstanding career, while all Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises hailed him as the king of Indian football. Earlier, Croatian captain and Real Madrid star Luka Modric lauded Chhetri in a video message shared by Indian team's coach Igor Stimac.

| FRENCH OPEN |

Jasmine Paolini reaches historic French Open final

Press Trust Of India

Italy's Jasmine Paolini after struggling to get through the next rounds initially in the French Open, is now into the finals of the tournament.

NEW YORK: Paris: Jasmine Paolini is struggling to believe she's into her first Grand Slam final. Paolini, who had never previously been past the fourth round at a major tournament, continued her run at the French Open by beating Mirra Andreeva 6-3, 6-1 in Thursday's semifinals.

"It's a great feeling to be in a Grand Slam final," the 28-year-old Italian said. "I don't know. It seems something impos-



Italy's Paolini celebrates after winning against Russia's Andreeva.

FACTFILE

● Paolini defeated Mirra Andreeva 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinal match at Paris.

sible, you know, but it's true."

She faces two-time defending champion Iga Swiatek in Saturday's final, the day before the

men's final.

And an Italian double is still a possibility because Jannik Sinner can reach the men's final if he gets past Carlos Alcaraz on Friday.

Win or lose, the Australian Open champion Sinner will have the No. 1 ranking on Monday.

Paolini was far more clinical than the 17-year-old Andreeva, winning four of six break points while Andreeva was 0-6. Andreeva appeared tearful after going 4-1 down in the second set.

Andreeva missed three break points in the fifth game of the first set on Court Philippe Chatrier. Instead of pulling back to 3-2, she trailed 4-1 and her confidence seemed to wane.

| STIMAC'S DEFIANT RESOLVE |

Stimac: No time for regret, we're still alive

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: A defiant India football coach Igor Stimac said his team has no time "to feel sorry" for itself after the disappointing goalless draw against Kuwait in a crucial World Cup qualifying match here as it is "still alive" in the race to enter the third round. India were thoroughly disappointing in the game that marked

the end of talismanic skipper Sunil Chhetri's international career after a glorious run of 19 years in which he scored 94 goals in 151 games. "We don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves as we are still alive. I need to do everything in the next five days to make the boys believe, make them create the environment of belief, which can take us into a challenge against Qatar



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Igor Stimac
India football coach

who are a very different team," Stimac asserted in the post-match press conference. "It's a small hope, but it's till there and we need to believe and trust in ourselves and give our best shot to win the game." India will next face Asian heavyweights Qatar in an away fixture on June 11 and will also keep a close watch on Kuwait's home match against Afghanistan on the same day.

Sports News



USA's players celebrate after winning the game. | Photo: AFP



USA's captain Monank Patel (L) celebrates scoring a half-century | Photo: AFP

USA shock former champions Pakistan

Press Trust Of India

USA climbed to the top of Group A, boasting two victories from two matches.

DALLAS: Newcomers USA on Thursday shocked former champions Pakistan via the Super Over to record their biggest win in a T20 World Cup match that reflected the sham-bolic state of affairs in the Asian giants' cricket. The result was reminis-

cent of Pakistan's three-wicket loss to Ireland in the 2007 ODI World Cup in the West Indies, which knocked them out of that tournament.

With this win, USA climbed to the top of Group A, boasting two victories from two matches, following their seven-wicket win over Canada. Opting to field first, USA's left-arm spinner Nosthush Kenjige took three wickets for 30 runs, restricting Pakistan to 159 for seven. USA matched

HIGHLIGHT

● USA's Monank Patel and Aaron Jones led the chase, forcing a Super Over.

● Kenjige's three wickets and Netravalkar's tight Super Over sealed USA's victory.

this score, ending at 159 for three, thanks to skipper Monank Patel (50 off 38), Aaron Jones (36 not out off 26), and Andries Gous (35 off 26).

In the Super Over, USA amassed 18 runs, including eight extras from Mohammad Amir. Saurabh Netravalkar then bowled brilliantly, conceding only 13 runs, sealing the famous win for the USA. The match saw Pakistan take unusually long to begin their Super Over innings, involving the umpires and keeping USA fielders waiting. Earlier, USA's decision to bowl first paid off with Mohammad Rizwan dismissed in the second over. USA's chase

began brightly, scoring 44 runs in the powerplay. Patel and Gous led the charge, with Patel reaching his 50 off 34 balls.

Despite losing key wickets, including Patel and Gous, Jones and Nitish Kumar took the match to the Super Over. Jones hit a crucial six and a single off the last two balls to tie the score. Pakistan's innings saw a collapse with early wickets falling, but Shadab Khan (40 off 25) and Babar Azam (44 off 43) rebuilt the innings.

Black day for Pakistan cricket

KARACHI: The Pakistan cricket community reacted with disbelief after the team's shocking defeat to tournament debutants USA in the T20 World Cup, calling it a "black day." Playing in their maiden World Cup, USA stunned former champions Pakistan in a Super Over after both teams scored 159 in normal play at Dallas' Grand Prairie Stadium. Former captain Younis

Khan criticized tactical blunders, while Wasim Akram termed the performance "pathetic." Mohsin Khan expressed concern for Pakistan cricket's future, noting the team's mental fragility. Javed Miandad praised USA's discipline and urged Pakistan to bounce back in the next match against India. Social media speculated on unrest in Pakistan's dressing room, with for-

mer captain Mohammad Hafeez criticizing the team's lack of progress.

Fans expressed doubt about Pakistan's chances in the tournament following the defeat. Natasha, a devoted fan, lamented, "If Pakistan can't beat the USA, how can they compete against stronger teams like India?" The result has ignited intense scrutiny and calls for immediate improvements.

| OLYMPICS |

Eiffel Tower showcases Olympic rings display

Press Trust Of India

Paris Olympics unveils Olympic rings on Eiffel Tower, celebrating 50 days to Games.

PARIS: The Paris Olympics organizers on Friday unveiled a display of the five Olympic rings mounted on the Eiffel Tower as the French capital marks 50 days until the start of the Summer Games.

The structure of rings, made of recycled French steel, will be displayed on the south side of the 135-year-old landmark in central Paris, overlooking the Seine River. Each ring is 9 meters (30 feet) in diameter.

Thousands of athletes will parade through the heart of the French capital on boats on the Seine along a 6-kilometer (3.7-mile) route in the opening ceremony at sunset on July 26.

There will be no shortage of iconic venues



Ricky ponting | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● Thousands of athletes will parade on boats along the Seine during the opening ceremony.

at the Paris Olympics. The tower, nicknamed La Dame de Fer (The Iron Lady), will feature prominently in the July 26-August 11 Paris Games and the following Paralympics. Men's and women's volleyball players will compete at the foot of the 330-meter (1,083-foot) monument. They

will be watched by nearly 13,000 fans at the temporary Eiffel Tower Stadium on the nearby Champ de Mars, where Parisians and tourists like to have picnics on the grass or watch July 14 firework displays.

The Olympic and Paralympic medals in Paris are being embedded with pieces from a hexagonal chunk of iron taken from the tower.

The hugely popular landmark in central Paris has seen soaring visitor numbers in the leadup to the 2024 Games.

Lakshya Sen bows out of Thailand Open

JAKARTA: India's challenge ended at the Thailand Open tournament with star shuttler Lakshya Sen bowing out in the quarterfinals of the men's singles event here on Friday. Sen, ranked 14th in the world, fought hard before going down 22-24 18-21 against world no.5 Anders Antonsen of Denmark in a match that lasted one hour and one minute. Antonsen now enjoys a 3-2 head-to-head record against the Indian.

It was a see-saw battle between Sen and Antonsen in the first game which the Dane pocketed in 32 minutes.

There was nothing to separate the two shuttlers till the end as both matched each other before Antonsen had the last laugh.

Antonsen took an early 4-0 lead but a determined Sen fought hard to equal the scores at 5-5 and then extended it to 15-11.

But the Dane was not to be left behind as he used his reach and tired out Sen with long rallies to level the scores at 16-16.

Coding to cricket: Saurabh Netravalkar aces all pitches

| T20 WORLD CUP |

Devarchit Varma

MUMBAI: Saurabh Netravalkar, a software engineer at Oracle, cricket app developer, ukulele player, and talented singer, has emerged as a game-changing pacer for T20 World Cup debutants USA.

The 32-year-old, who previously played for India in the 2010 U-19 World Cup and the Ranji Trophy for Mumbai, had his finest moment against Pakistan in Dallas.

In a thrilling match, USA defeated Pakistan in a Super Over, with Saurabh defending 19



Saurabh Netravalkar | Photo: PTI

runs and restricting Pakistan to 13. This victory mirrored Saurabh's calm and composed demeanor, even under immense pressure.

Saurabh's father, Naresh, praised his son's ability to stay calm under

pressure, attributing it to his yoga practice.

Despite the stress of the Super Over, Saurabh remained focused, executing his plan meticulously.

Saurabh's journey to the USA began with

FASTFACTS

● If Pakistan's perpetual trait of being fallible was at its peak on Thursday, it was USA and Saurabh's composure which helped them beat a giant.

a pragmatic decision to prioritize academics over cricket instability. After completing his engineering, he moved to the USA for an MS at Cornell University. Despite initially leaving cricket behind, his talent was spotted, and he represented his university, eventually joining the American College Cricket Hall of Fame.

| NORWAY CHESS |

Praggnanandhaa loses to Fabiano Caruana

By Devarchit Varma

STAVANGER: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa went down fighting against Fabiano Caruana of United States while world number one Magnus Carlsen inflicted an Armageddon defeat on France's Firozja Alireza in the penultimate round of Norway Chess tournament here.

With 16 points in his bag, Carlsen stretched



his lead to 1.5 points over nearest rival Hikaru Nakamura, who was

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in for a shock as World Champion Ding Liren, for once, did not blow his position away.

Praggnanandhaa, despite the loss against Caruana in Armageddon, is still third on 13 points,

a full point ahead of Alireza. Caruana on 10.5 comes in next in standings ahead of Liren (6), who spoiled Nakamura's party.

In the women's section, R Vaishali succumbed to another loss at the hands of Tingjie Lei of China and was relegated to fourth spot while Koneru Humpy went down to tournament leader Wenju Ju of China.

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"These things don't bother me. I can't look at my sister and me and compare. I don't even compare myself to other actors."

Tanishaa Mukerji
Actress



& Finally

CLOSE UP

New tenant for Sushant Singh Rajput's house: Adah Sharma

Actor Adah Sharma took Sushant Singh Rajput's house in Mumbai on rent for five years. She moved into the house four months back.

Central Chronicle News

Adah embraced nature and minimalism, transforming the apartment to reflect her serene lifestyle. Adah's decision reflects a fresh chapter in her life and career, as she focuses on upcoming projects like "The Game of Girgit."

Adah Sharma, renowned for her role in "Bastar," has recently been in the spotlight not only for her acting prowess but also for her new residence. The actress has moved into the Mont Blanc Apartments in Bandra, Mumbai, previously occupied by the late Sushant Singh Rajput until his tragic suicide in June 2020. Sharma confirmed her residence after weeks of speculation. She shifted to this apartment four months ago, having previously lived in Pali Hill. Sushant had rented the apartment in December 2019, paying a monthly rent of 4.5 lakhs. Sharma has committed to a five-year lease. Despite her busy schedule, which delayed her settling in, Adah has since personalized the space extensively. She mentioned, "I'm very sensitive to vibes, and this place gives me positive ones."



Adah Sharma at the terrace of the flat where Sushant Singh Rajput once resided.



Adah Sharma follows vibes in housing choice

Adah Sharma, addressing any apprehensions about renting Sushant Singh Rajput's former home, emphasized,

"I always follow my intuition, not other people's opinions." She has made the space her own, reflecting her positive outlook and creativity. Opinion



| HOLLYWOOD |

Cyrus rocks heels, channels Monroe for workouts

Central Chronicle News

Miley Cyrus, renowned for her bold and unique choices, recently sparked curiosity with her unconventional workout routine. In contrast to traditional gym attire, she favors stylish outfits paired with heels over sneakers. In an interview with W Magazine, Miley unveiled her belief in "practicing how you perform," aligning with athletes' training philosophy. She asserts that exercising in heels heightens her stage presence, drawing inspiration from the iconic Marilyn Monroe. Miley aims to inject femininity into the typically uninspiring gym

atmosphere, reimagining it as a space of empowerment and expression. Beyond her fitness regimen, Miley opened up about her personal connections, notably her close bond with Beyoncé. Despite their demanding

HIGHLIGHT

● Miley Cyrus aims to feminize the workout space, feeling that much of the workout equipment is unattractive and moreover she believes that exercising in heels helps her perform better on stage.

schedules, they find time to collaborate and offer mutual support, under-



The "Flowers" singer is interested in feminizing the workout space.

sensation reflects her resilience and authenticity. Her recent Grammy wins and ongoing musical success serve as testament to her evolution and unwavering dedication to her craft.

Miley's narrative, from her workout choices to her interpersonal dynamics, resonates deeply with her fans, exemplifying the power of staying true to oneself within societal pressures. Despite her global fame, she remains grounded, valuing genuine connections and self-expression above all.

scoring the strength of their relationship. Raised under the influence of her

multitasking mother, Tish Cyrus, Miley's journey from Disney star to pop

Finding 'Panchayat': Unveiling top web series location

Panchayat, the beloved web series featuring Jitendra Kumar, Neena Gupta, and Raghubir Yadav, has captivated audiences with its rustic charm. But did you know the picturesque village isn't nestled in Uttar Pradesh, as one might assume?

Madonna celebrates dad's birthday

Madonna honours father at 93 with sweet post



Madonna recently celebrated her father Silvio Ciccone's 93rd birthday with a heartfelt Instagram post. The 65-year-old pop icon shared a series of nostalgic photos, including a visit to Ciccone Vineyard & Winery in 2021. Expressing her deep love and admiration, Madonna wrote, "I love you to the moon and back." She praised her father for his resilience and humor, highlighting his journey as an Italian immigrant and dedication to hard work. The celebration also included a warm tribute to her late mother, reflecting on family and the enduring legacy of love and perseverance.



Fashion

Sara Ali Khan sparkles in sequin-adorned ensemble

Sara Ali Khan dazzled in a sequin-loaded ensemble, perfect for a cocktail night. Her three-piece outfit featured a white crop top and flared-leg pants, both adorned with shimmering sequins. Layered over was a floor-length jacket with oversized collars and intricate red floral embroidery, adding extra flair. Completing the look with bold wine-colored lipstick, winged eyeliner, and mascara-coated lashes, Sara exuded glamour. Blushed cheeks and open hair complemented her stunning outfit, while silver heels added the final touch. From ethnic to modern, minimalist to glamorous, Sara proves her versatility and confidence in various styles, solidifying her role as a fashion icon.

Trending on Insta

@alayaf

Alaya F's workout blooper: A lesson learned

Actress Alaya F, known for her role in "Srikanth", shares a candid fitness blooper on Instagram.

Attempting a gym ball stunt, she tumbles down, highlighting the importance of safety precautions during workouts. Her post serves as a reminder to exercise caution and seek trained supervision.

O.T.T Watch



Birthday on set! Junaid Khan shoots with Khushi Kapoor

Junaid Khan celebrates his birthday on set, filming alongside Khushi Kapoor for a romantic drama. Despite it being his special day, Junaid's dedication to his craft shines as he spends the day immersed in shooting.



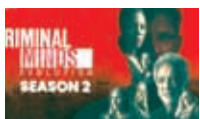
Romantic drama 'Talakhon Mein Ek' stars Massey, Khanna

Breaking news: Vikrant Massey and Raashii Khanna star in their second film together titled "Talakhon Mein Ek." Vikrant's career soared with "12th Fail," based on the life of IPS officer Manoj Kumar Sharma, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra.



'Munjya' gets U/A rating from CBFC

"Munjya" receives U/A certification from CBFC without any cuts, a rare feat. Paid previews begin on June 6 in select cinemas. The film's runtime, as per the censor certificate, is 123 minutes, promising an engaging cinematic experience.



The BAU strikes today: Criminal minds evolution

Criminal Minds: Evolution Season 2 Returns with New Threats premieres on June 6, 2024, exclusively on Paramount+. The team confronts a mysterious killer, with past adversaries aiding their pursuit.



Steve Zahn takes on 'Chad Powers' - Only on Hulu

Steve Zahn joins Glen Powell in Hulu's upcoming comedy series "Chad Powers" as Jake Hudson. Based on ESPN+ docuseries Eli's Places, the show blends comedy and drama, offering an intriguing narrative for viewers.