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‘Indian culture earning glory world over’

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NEW DELHI: Asserting that Indian culture is earning glory around the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday cited a host of developments to highlight increasing acceptance abroad of practices and products linked to the country.

In his monthly Mann Ki Baat, Modi played a clip of a Hindi programme broadcast on Kuwait Radio.

“The Kuwait government has started a special programme on its national radio. And that too in Hindi. It is broadcast every Sunday for half an hour on Kuwait Radio. It includes myriad



Union Ministers and others listen to PM Modi's first radio address after the LS polls on 'Mann Ki Baat'. | Photo: PTI

shades of Indian culture. Our films and discussions related to the art world are very popular among the Indian community there,” he said.

He added that the local population in Kuwait was also taking a lot of interest and thanked its government and people for

When I see a local product of India going global, it is natural to feel proud.

Narendra Modi
 Prime Minister

taking this “wonderful initiative”.

“Which Indian will not be happy with the way our culture is earning glory all over the world today! For example, in Turkmenistan, the 300th birth anniversary of its national poet was celebrated in May this year.

On this occasion, the president of Turkmenistan unveiled the statues of 24 famous poets of the world. One of these statues is also that of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore,” Modi said.

This is an honour for Gurudev and an honour for India, he added.

Pvt bus overturns, new born died

BILASPUR: A newborn died, and more than 30 passengers sustained injuries after a private bus overturned in Bilaspur district on Sunday, police said.

The accident occurred near the Lalkhadan flyover under Torwa police station limits here when the bus was heading to Sarangarh town from Bilaspur city around 11 am, an official said. Some passersby called an ambulance and informed the police, he said.

A newborn died, and injured persons were rushed to the Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) and other hospitals, he said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has directed the district collector to ensure proper arrangements for the injured persons.



School owner held over NEET malpractices

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GODHRA: The Central Bureau of Investigation on Sunday arrested the owner of a private school in Gujarat's Godhra in connection with alleged malpractices in the NEET-UG exam. Dixit Patel, owner of Jay Jala-

ram School situated near Godhra in Panchmahal district where the exam was conducted, was arrested in the early hours from his residence, said public prosecutor Rakesh Thakor, adding that Patel is now being taken to Ahmedabad by the CBI to acquire his remand.

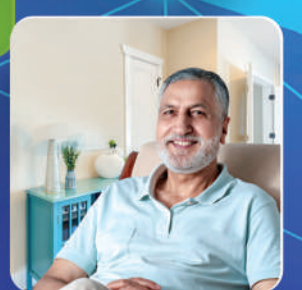


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Bhilai



"District Police all set to enforce new criminal laws".

Jitendra Shukla
(SP, Durg)

Deputy CM dedicates development projects

Arun Sao attends Shri Sadguru Kabir Pragatya Utsav.



Dy CM Arun Sao at a programme in Ahiwara.

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BHILAI: Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration and Development Minister Arun Sao, on Sunday, inaugurated and performed Bhoomi Pujan of 41 development works worth Rs 2.69 crore in Ahiwara. He inaugurated a newly constructed room in the Municipal Council Office and performed Bhoomi Pujan of 40 construction works worth Rs 2 crore 51 lakh. Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao also handed over the cheques to the

● Sao assures all possible support for development

● Performs bhoomi puja of 40 projects

beneficiaries of various schemes. He assured the people of Ahiwara that there will be no shortage of funds for the development works. He asked the Municipal Council President to send proposals for works worth about Rs 50 lakhs and assured to approve the same.

Imbibe words of Sant Kabir in life: Arun Sao

Addressing the Sadguru Kabir Pragatya Utsav in Kabir Bhawan, Deputy CM Arun Sao said that the philosophy of life is found in the words of Sant Kabir. He urged all to imbibe Sant Kabir's words in life. Natwar Tamrakar announced the beautification of Kabir Chowk in Ahiwara at a cost of Rs 5 lakhs. Mahant Liladhar Sahu, other Mahants and a large number of Kabirpanthis were present.

Sao talked about making efforts at the government level to establish a civil court in Ahiwara. MLA Doman Lal Korsevada assured all possible support

for the development of the area. Municipal Council Chairman Natwar Tamrakar, Corporators and eminent citizens were present.

Average rainfall of 98.7 mm recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 98.7 mm has been recorded in the district from June 1 to 30. The maximum rainfall of 210.9 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the minimum of 49.4 mm in Durg. Apart from this, 49.4 mm rainfall has been recorded in Bori, 56.3 mm in Dhamdha, 71.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 146.0 mm in Ahiwara. On June 30, 2.0 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, no rainfall in Dhamdha, Ahiwara and Bori, 4.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 3.2 mm in Patan.

Woman suffers serious burn injuries

BHILAI: A woman suffered serious burn injuries while lighting chulha at her home. The victim Jogeshwari Yadav, a resident of Dau Ramkamal Narayan Chowk, Old Bhilai, was igniting the cow dung cakes with the help of kerosene. She suffered almost 70 burns when huge flames emerged suddenly due to spilling kerosene. She has been admitted to the District Hospital.

Population stabilization fortnight underway

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HIGHLIGHT

● Health Department promotes family planning

BHILAI: Population Stabilization Fortnight is being observed in the district from June 27 to July 24 with the aim of promoting male / female sterilization in the district. The first phase of the event will be celebrated as mobilization and the second phase as awareness campaign. Awareness campaign is being run by the Health Department in every village regarding Male Sterilization. The Population Stabilization Fortnight 2024 is being celebrated on the theme of New Identity of Developed

India, Family Planning is the pride of every couple. District Family Welfare Nodal Officer Dr CBS Banjare informed that during the fortnight, male/female sterilization operation facility will be provided in District Hospital Durg and all community health centers. For awareness, health workers will reach out to target couples through Mor Mitan Mor Sangwari Chaupal and Saas-Bahu Sammelan.

Panchayats instructed to organise Gram Sabha

BHILAI: Under Section-6 of Chhattisgarh Panchayati Raj Act 1993, there is a provision to organize at least one Gram Sabha meeting every three months. As per the instructions of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, in addition to the scheduled dates of 23 January, 14 April, 20 August and 2 October, there are instructions to compulsorily organize Gram Sabha in every village on convenient dates in the months of June and November every year. In this regard, Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has instructed all the Janpad CEOs to organize Gram Sabha in every Gram Panchayat headquarters and their dependent villages. The meetings shall hold discussion on the compliance report regarding the implementation of the resolutions passed in the previous meeting, review and etc.

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Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation honours Banchhor

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BHILAI: Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation organised a felicitation ceremony to honour SEFI Chairman and BSP OA President Narendra Banchhor for his nomination as the Executive President of National Confederation of Officers Association, the apex organisation of officers' organisations of all public sector undertakings. Former General Secretary of SBI-OA Vijay Yechury, social worker Atul Nagle, journalist-editor EV Murali and Foundation President Dr Arun Kumar Srivastava jointly honoured Banchhor with a shawl, coconut and a citation.

Dr Arun Srivastava said that Banchhor has made the steel city proud. He never stayed limited to the works of association but also fought for the problems



of the common people. Banchhor is the true Karmayogi public representative. Vijay Yechury said that the public sector is facing many challenges today. He appreciated the works of Banchhor. Social worker Atul Nagle said that apart from the serious problem of quarter lease registry, Banchhor efficiently solved many other small and big problems. BSP OA General Secretary Parvinder Singh was specially present. Banchhor expressed his gratitude to Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation. Jasbir Kaur conducted the programme.

3 arrested for assault and arson

BHILAI: Chhawani Police arrested three ruffians in different cases of assault and arson. CSP Harish Patil informed that they arrested Ranki Lanjewar (38) son of late Surendra Lanjewar a resident of Power House Bhilai; Bachu Singh (35) son of late Tursan Pal Singh a resident of Camp 02 Bhilai and N Sonu (26) son of N Rajendra a resident of Sweeper Mohalla Chawani for different offences.

BMC removes encroachments

BHILAI: On Sunday, a team of Bhilai Municipal Corporation removed encroachments at Supela Market. They removed all the roadside vendors from the road between Gada Chowk to Supela Underbridge. As the vendors return back to the roads, BMC has been conducting this drive on every Sunday.

Bloom weighing system installed in-house in SMS-3

ENHANCING EFFICIENCY |

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System enables corrective actions to delivery blooms with correct weight and dimensions.

BHILAI: An in-house bloom weighing system was inaugurated recently in SMS-3 of BSP. The newly installed bloom weighing system in CV1 Bloom Cum Billet Caster integrates advanced weighing technology with real-time data transmission, allowing for immediate feedback and corrective actions.

The weight of each bloom is measured accurately as it exits the caster through load cells integrated into the caster's conveyance system. This data is instantly transmitted to the control room, enabling operators to monitor



Bloom weighing system installed in CV 1 caster.

FASTFACTS

● Useful for quality control and process optimisation.

● Helpful in reducing material wastage and optimizing resource utilization.

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the weight and make necessary adjustments in real-time.

Earlier, SMS 3 didn't have a bloom weighing facility, relying solely on Universal Rail Mill for weight measurements. Due to various factors, the dimensions of the blooms cast in the CV 1 caster tend to fluctuate, impacting their weight.

These blooms are sent to URM for rolling into rails and hence must meet specific dimensional and weight criteria while being fed into the reheating furnaces of URM for heat treatment before rolling. To address this issue, the SMS 3 Team worked on establishing an in-house bloom weighing system.

LABOUR MOVEMENT |

Joint TUs stage demonstration against biometrics

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BHILAI: Amid incomplete wage revision, the joint trade union front staged a demonstration at Boria Gate against the implementation of the biometric attendance system in Bhilai Steel Plant. A large number of employees were present.

They condemned the management for changing the work conditions without taking consent from the recognised trade union. They pressed the demand



to complete the wage revision of SAIL employees which is pending since January 1, 2017. They demanded immediate decision on pending arrears of 39 months, house rent

allowance and bonus formula etc. The management must take concrete steps towards improving the arrangements of the canteen, restaurant and toilet. Neglecting the basic

of BMS's NJCS leader DK Pandey, who had stated that "opposing the biometric system means that we do not want to work". Joint TUs said that DK Pandey is unaware of the work culture of Bhilai. The employees of Bhilai have been giving the highest production and profit in SAIL without the biometric attendance system. Even during the pandemic, more than 300 employees sacrificed their lives to maintain production and productivity.

facilities, the management is insisting on biometrics only. The joint union raised objection to the statement



"Mgmt must finalise wage revision before making change in work condition"

Vansh Bahadur Singh
(GS, INTUC)

213 empl accorded a warm farewell

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BHILAI: As many as 213 BSP Employees, including 18 Executives, and 195 non-executives posted in various departments, including Mines, superannuated on June 30. The Farewell Ceremony for the Executives was organized at DIC Conference Hall, Ispat Bhawan. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) and Pawan Kumar, ED (HR) handed over the Superannuation Orders and Service Certificates

to the Superannuating Officers. Anirban Dasgupta bid farewell to the departing members of the BSP Steel fraternity and wished them a healthy and happy life. He also appreciated the retiring employees for their commendable contributions in their respective fields. The retiring executives also shared their service experience and future plans. The Farewell Ceremony for the Non-executives was organized at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir.

NEWSLINE

NOMINATION

Dr Seema Sahu included in MiC



BHILAI: Risali Municipal Corporation Mayor Shashi Sinha has included Corporator Dr Seema Sahu in her Mayor-in-Council. She has been entrusted with the responsibility of the Women and Child Development Department. This department was vacant since February 18, 2024 after removal of Ishwari Sahu from MiC. It needs to be mentioned here that during the civic body polls, she was one of the contenders for Mayoral post.

SHORT CIRCUIT

Shop gutted in fire

BHILAI: A vehicle spare parts shop was gutted in fire at Supela on the intervening night of Sunday. Owner of Krishna Traders, Ramdas Prajapati asserted that spare parts and other items worth lakhs were destroyed in fire. He suspected that an electric short circuit triggered fire at his locked shop. Fire tenders reached the spot and doused the flames.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Admission in Open University from today

BHILAI: Online admission for the session June-July 2024-25 in various courses of the state's only A+ graded Government Pt Sunder Lal Sharma (Open) University will start from July 1. Regional Coordinator Dr DN Sharma informed that there is no upper age limit for admission in the courses run by the university under distance education system and any qualified student, housewife and serving or businessman can take admission as per their interest and requirement.

Admission will be open for BA, BCom, BBA, BSc (Maths); MA in various subjects; MCom, MSc (CS) and MA /MSc (Maths), MSW, PGDCA and Diploma Courses in Yoga Science, Psychological Guidance and Counseling as well as one year Diploma in Social Upliftment through Science in Ramcharitmanas.

OBITUARY

Anu Chhaya Sahoo

BHILAI: Street 34, Sector 10 resident Anu Chhaya Sahoo left for heavenly abode at the age of 84 years. Last rites of the mortal remains will be performed around 11:00 hrs at Ram Nagar Muktidham. She was the mother of retired BSP employee and Sector 6 Jagannath Mandir Vice President Ravindra Sahoo.



N-E-W-S



Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not mention any of the issues that people wanted to hear about, in his radio programme Mann Ki Baat.

Pawan Khera
Congress leader

PM Modi releases books on M. Venkaiah Naidu



Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases three books on the life and journey of former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on the eve of the latter's birthday, via video conferencing on Sunday. PTI

P Saraniya: From dreaming about oceans to building rockets

The 30-year-old Saraniya is in charge of development of the 3-D printed launch vehicle, Agnibaan Sub-Orbital Technology Demonstrator that had its first flight on May 30.

NEW DELHI: From dreaming about the immense possibilities offered by ocean studies while growing up in Port Blair to being at the helm of building rockets to put satellites in orbit, it has been a formidable learning curve for Saraniya Periaswamy, a young engineer at

the Chennai-based space start-up Agnikul Cosmos. The 30-year-old Saraniya is in charge of development of the 3-D printed launch vehicle -- Agnibaan Sub-Orbital Technology Demonstrator (SORTeD) -- that had its first flight on May 30, overcoming a series of challenges over more than a two-month

HIGHLIGHT

• Agnikul Cosmos took shape at the IIT-Madras campus under the guidance of Satyanarayan Chakravarthy, the Head of the National Centre for Combustion Research and Development.

period. The launch of Agnibaan-SORTeD was first scheduled on March 22, but had to be put on hold on May 20 after "certain minor observations from the full count-down rehearsals". "Whenever a launch is held, there is a lot of external pressure. Everyone is looking forward to the launch and if you are unable to pull

it through, it is not like you are failing somewhere. But, it becomes a little difficult at that time," Saraniya told PTI on the sidelines of the India Space Congress organised by SIA-India here. Saraniya did her schooling and graduation in Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and the place of her birth.

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BEST OF THE REST

WILD-LIFE

Buffer zones in Pench Tiger Reserve to be open for safaris during monsoon

NAGPUR: Buffer zones of the Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra will be open for safaris during monsoon, while the core area will be closed for the next three months, an official said on Sunday. The core areas of the Pench and Bor tiger reserves and Umred Paoni Karhandala Wildlife Sanctuary will be shut for safaris from July 1, Prabhu Nath Shukla, deputy director of Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra), stated in a release. Safari gates at Sillari, Khursapar, Karhandala, Gothangaon, and a few other places will remain closed till September 30, he said. PTI

INITIATIVE

Centre to launch special campaign for redressal of grievances on Monday

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh will launch a special campaign for the effective redressal of family pensioners' grievances here on Monday. Presently, around 90,000 cases are being registered on an online Centralised Pension Grievance and Redress System (CPENGRAMS) in a year, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said on Sunday. PTI



UP police arrests 'masterminds'

BAREILLY : A police team, after a brief encounter, arrested two 'masterminds' of the firing and arson incident in the Izzatnagar, officials said on Sunday. The incident occurred on June 22 when violence broke out between two groups over the possession of a vacant plot. One of the accused, Rajiv Rana, set two JCB machines on fire, next to another accused, Aditya Upadhyay's marble shop, police said earlier.

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Raipur



A sanction of Rs 1.77 cr was granted for construction of 'pucca road', community building for Gond Samaj in Bhatapara.
Vishnu Deo Sai
CM Chhattisgarh



CM participated in PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' program at Swadeshi Bhavan, Raipur.

'PM shares new views thru 'Mann Ki Baat'

Chief Minister Sai emphasized the importance of 'Mann Ki Baat,'

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RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai participated in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program at Swadeshi Bhavan in Shanti Nagar, Raipur on Sunday. Accompanying him were Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tankaram Verma, MLA Purandar Mishra, and the Chief Minister's Advisor Pankaj Jha.

Chief Minister Sai emphasized the importance of 'Mann Ki Baat,'

highlighting that every month on the last Sunday at 11 am, Prime Minister Modi shares valuable information and updates with the nation. In the latest episode, Modi mentioned the Marathumbi umbrella made by the women of the self-help group in Attappadi village, Kerala. He noted that their product has now gained a brand identity, boosting their production and livelihood. Sai also pointed out Modi's efforts to provide special opportunities

HIGHLIGHT

● CM Sai urges tree planting under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign

to athletes, resulting in Indian players achieving remarkable success both nationally and internationally.

Echoing Modi's call, Chief Minister Sai urged the people of Chhattisgarh to participate in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign by planting a tree in honor of their

mothers. He stressed that if each of the 140 crore citizens plants one tree, it would lead to a significant positive impact on the environment.

Sports Minister Tankaram Verma lauded Prime Minister Modi for addressing the aspirations and concerns of millions through 'Mann Ki Baat.'

He acknowledged the program's role in connecting the Prime Minister with the people and addressing their 'Mann Ki Baat.'

CM greets Doctors on National Doctor's Day

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has extended greetings to all the doctors of the nation and state on occasion of National Doctor's Day tomorrow. CM in his message has said that every year in the memory of birth anniversary of well-known doctor and second CM of West Bengal Dr Bidhanchandra Rai the day is celebrated as National Doctor's Day. Sai said that it is due to giving of new lease of life to the patients by the doctors they are treated as Gods on the earth. On this day we all express gratitude and respect towards all the doctors for their valuable services and dedication.

CM greets Chartered Accountants on C.A. Day

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has extended greetings and best wishes to all the Chartered Accountants on occasion of 'C.A. Day' on July 1. CM in his message said that CAs are important part of any industrial and commercial activities of any state and country. CAs with their skills gives strong base to economic development.

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MOB LYNCHING

Cong condemns BJP MP Brijmohan Agarwal's statements on Mob Lynching

RAIPUR: The Congress party has vehemently condemned BJP MP Brijmohan Agarwal for his controversial statement regarding a recent mob lynching incident, in which he described the murder as a suicide. State Congress Communication Department President Sushil Anand Shukla criticized Agarwal, asserting that his remarks effectively shield the perpetrators of the crime. Shukla stated that such comments from a senior politician are highly unexpected and unacceptable, emphasizing that mob lynching is a severe blemish on Chhattisgarh's reputation. He called for strict action, urging the authorities to register a murder case against those responsible for the incident instead of offering protective statements that could embolden the criminals. According to Shukla, over a dozen unruly individuals were involved in the brutal beating that led to the deaths of three people.

CLEANLINESS INSPECTION

MLA Munat inspects Karbala Pond, expresses displeasure over cleanliness

RAIPUR: Former Raipur minister and BJP MLA Rajesh Munat conducted an inspection of the Karbala pond in Chaubey Colony, expressing dissatisfaction with the current cleanliness system. The inspection, conducted with Municipal Corporation officials, revealed several issues that Munat addressed with firm directives.

Munat, who represents the Raipur West Assembly constituency, was notably displeased with the pond's maintenance and demanded immediate action from the officials. He emphasized the need to expedite the beautification work and suggested increasing the staff if necessary to ensure regular and thorough cleaning. In a stern warning to land mafias, Munat declared that encroachments in the pond area would not be tolerated. He instructed the Municipal Corporation and Smart City officials to prepare a model for the pond's beautification and present it within 15 days.

Dialogue on Media Curriculum held

KG Suresh advocates for solution-based Journalism at National Education Policy discussion



RAIPUR: Journalism should be solution-oriented rather than problem-focused, according to Prof. (Dr.) KG Suresh, Vice Chancellor of Makhnal Chaturvedi National Journalism and Communication University. Speaking at a dialogue on the National Education Policy and Media Curriculum held at Kushabhau Thakre Journalism and Mass Communication University on Saturday, Suresh highlighted the shift in media language and the future direction of journalism. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Suresh emphasized that

the National Education Policy underscores the Indian knowledge tradition. He pointed out that the aggressiveness in language introduced by television journalism has permeated print media, and stressed that media language should embody restraint. He added that the future of journalism lies in language proficiency and advocated for journalism training to be conducted in Indian languages. Suresh also noted an increase in spelling errors among today's students, attributing it to a growing distance from literature.

Liju Gopal elected Chairman

RAIPUR: Sree Narayana Sandesha Samajam (SNSS) biennial general body was held on June 30, at Sree Narayana Guru Mandiram premises, Shankar Nagar. In a unanimous decision, the members elected the following office bearers. They are Chairman Liju Gopal, Vice Chairman Dr K N Kishore, General Secretary Dhan Shivanand, Secretary Organisation T C Shaji, Secretary Education Girish Gopinath, Treasurer S Sudarshan, Joint Treasurer S Vinod, Executive members are Ranish Shivankutty, P V Murali, D Dliesh, Ratish Ramchandran, Sreekumar K V, V G Thankappan, Shaji Kumar K, Amal Das, Subish, M S Rajan, and C G Anil Kumar, Audit Convenor A P Udayan and auditor K Reghuvaran. As per the other unanimous decision the founding and senior most members will be the patron to guide the existing body.

CM pledges full support for disabled at NSS Camp

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Sai praised NSS founder, Kailash Manav, and President Prashant Agarwal for their selfless service.

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai attended the extensive Narayan Limb and Calipers Fitment Camp organized by Narayan Seva Sansthan at Jain Dada Badi on MG Road on Sunday. This camp provided crucial support to more than 750 disabled individuals from Raipur and various districts by fitting them with upper and lower limbs and calipers, significantly improving their quality of life. The joy and relief among the beneficiaries and their families were palpable as they regained mobility.

Chief Minister Sai, along with other dignitaries, inau-

| NARAYAN SEVA SANSTHAN CAMP |



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FACTFILE

● Narayan Limbs fitted to 750 disabled individuals in Raipur

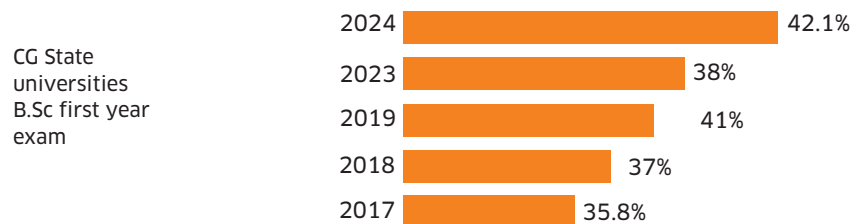
gured the camp by lighting a ceremonial lamp. The event saw the presence of Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tankaram Verma, MLA Purandar Mishra, Moti

Lal Sahu, and Anuj Sharma, alongside numerous donors and families of the disabled. In his address, Chief Minister Sai commended the institute for its dedication and commitment. He praised the founder, Kailash Manav, and President Prashant Agarwal for their selfless service and assured the state government's

unwavering support for their initiatives to aid the disabled. "I heartily congratulate the spirit of this institute that came forward from Rajasthan to help the Divyangs of Chhattisgarh," said Sai, emphasizing the state's commitment to providing comprehensive assistance to the disabled community.

The Day's NUMBERS

UG first year results in percentage



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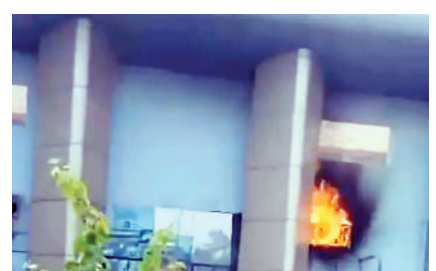
STATISTICAL DAY

National Statistical Day celebrated at Economic and Statistical Directorate

RAIPUR: National Statistical Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Economic and Statistical Directorate of Chhattisgarh. The event, held on June 29, was addressed by the Director of the Directorate, Mrs. Roktima Yadav. In her speech, she emphasized the importance of selecting accurate data, understanding the significance of correct data, continuously learning new skills, and striving to implement them successfully. Mrs. Yadav highlighted that National Statistical Day marks the birthday of the renowned Indian scientist and statistician, Professor P.C. Mahalanobis. She elaborated on his monumental contributions to the fields of data collection, analysis, and planning. Professor Mahalanobis is celebrated for his application of statistical techniques across various disciplines including anthropology, meteorology, and biology. Joint Director Mr. Narayan Buliwali provided a brief introduction to Professor Mahalanobis's legacy. He noted that Mahalanobis, who studied physics, mathematics, and statistics, played a crucial role as a member of the Planning Commission. Mahalanobis introduced a mathematical model of the Indian economy, which became the foundation for India's second five-year plan.

FIRE INCIDENT

Fire breaks out at Raipur Railway Station, chaos ensues



RAIPUR: A fire broke out in the kitchen of a hotel refreshment room at Raipur railway station, causing chaos and panic among passengers and staff. According to sources, the fire originated in the kitchen area of the refreshment room, which is located near the VIP gate. The sudden blaze has led to widespread confusion and disruption within the station. Railway officials have rushed to the scene and efforts are underway to extinguish the fire. Emergency response teams are on site, working to control the situation and ensure the safety of all passengers and personnel. Further details on the cause of the fire and the extent of the damage are awaited as officials continue their investigation.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP

'KVKs should come forward for new agri startups'

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RAIPUR: The 31st regional workshop of 81 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) Zone-9, concluded on June 30 at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur. Dr. (Colonel) Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, was



the chief guest at the closing ceremony, which was presided over by Dr. S.R.K. Singh, Director of ATARI Zone-9.

During the three-day workshop presentations showcased the work done

over the past year by the KVKs and discussed the action plan for the coming year. Dr. Chandel emphasized the importance of KVKs in enhancing farmers' incomes through new research and technologies.

KVKs should enhance farmers' incomes through new research and tech.

Dr. Girish Chandel
VC, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University

He urged KVKs to establish agricultural startups and form farmer producer organizations to align with market-based agricultural systems. The workshop included various techni-

cal sessions on topics such as the role of KVKs in the Indian agricultural economy, agricultural development schemes, employment-oriented inputs, environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, agricultural marketing systems, and startups. Several KVKs were honored for their contributions in different fields, with Krishi Vigyan Kendra Bilaspur receiving an award for the best subject matter display at the agricultural exhibition held during the workshop.

Farmers of MCS submit memo to Collector

Farmers of Mudhipar Co-operative Society (MCS) troubled with embezzlement of their funds worth lakhs, reached Collectorate.

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KHAIRAGARH: The victimised farmers of Mudhipar Co-operative Society (MCS) troubled with embezzlement of their funds worth lakhs, reached Collectorate on Saturday and met SDM Tankeshwar Prasad Sahu and informed him about their problems. On the other hand, on confirmation of embezzlement of funds by Samiti Manager, the Police has filed case against the Manager Dhaneshwar Sahu under three different sections viz. 420, 409 and 406 in Gatapar Jungle Thana.



Farmer submitted memorandum in the name of Collector to SDM here on Saturday.

FASTFACTS

- SDM has taken initiative to pay loan to the victimised farmers with immediate effect and after which the troubled farmers took a sigh of relief.

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funds to the tune of Rs 1.09 cr by Samiti Manager Dhaneshwar Sahu has come to fore just a day before. In this case the farmers who reached Collectorate viz. Panchuram Sahu, Ghanshyam Sinha,

Police in search of accused Samiti Manager:

The search of the accused Samiti Manager Dhaneshwar Sahu in this case is being done by the police. It is learnt that this Samiti Manager got seriously injured in an accident few days back and is getting treatment done. But as to in which hospital he is admitted and where is still unknown. The Police in this case has called the branch manager Prakash Mahobia and others along with documents and it is after investigation and checking the facts, it may make surprise revelations.

Nohar Das, Durgesh Mungabai, Udhoram, Uttam Patel, Kamta Sahu, Dhanraj Singh, Tameshwar Verma, Lakhan Thakur, Narayan Pal, Nukul Patl, Rajobai, Anand Thakur, Rajendra Netam and others informed that around 300 farmers of Mudhipar Samiti have deposited the amount of their loan amount and its receipt has

been given by the Samiti. But the farmers reaching Samiti for loan for purchase of fertilizers and seeds, the amount is still being shown as outstanding in the register in the Samiti's office and they are being declared as defaulters. Due to this the farmers are not getting further loan and are facing economic and mental tension.

Glorious and proud moment for the DAVians of Bachel



BACHELI: On the 28th of June 2024, the two jewels Sanskriti Sahu and Niharika Soni of DAVPS Bachel, have been honoured with certificates and smart watches at Swami Atmanand Vidyalyaya, Dantewada by the Janapath Panchayat Adhyaksha- Sunita Bhaskar for achieving district top 10 positions in class 12th CBSE Board Examination 2023-2024. The presence of the District Collector Mayank Chaturvedi added glory to the gracious occasion. It was really a proud moment for the students and their parents. The Principal Dr. Chetna Sharma and her team showered their blessings to both the jewels and prayed for their bright future. They really brought laurels to the institution, NMDC management and stood a role model for their juniors.

SDM issues notice to 285 people with incomplete PMAY DUs

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JAGDALPUR: Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), the money given in different stages for building dwelling unit (DUs) was taken but the DUs were not built. This has been revealed from the information received from the corporation. After receiving complaints regarding the delay in construction of PM's Aawas (DUs), when it was investigated, it was found that there are 285 people from 48 wards of the city who have taken more than Rs 2 crore for building houses but have not built the houses till now. After the investigation conducted from 2017 till now, the Corporation has given the responsibility of getting these people to do the work by putting

pressure on them to get the houses built, which will take further action.

HIGHLIGHT

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Amar Singh, who is looking after the work of this scheme in the corporation, said that under 'Mor Zameen Mor Makaan' in the Prime Minister's Aawas Yojana (PMAY) in the city, 285 beneficiaries took about 75 percent of the amount and left the house incomplete, while some have not even got the house built.

Record blood donor Birju Nishad honoured

KHARORA: A blood donation day program at Government Pre-Secondary School Bharuwadih Kala celebrated Birju Nishad, a member of Sanjeevani Blood Donation Association, for his record of donating blood 35 times.

Despite being a porter with limited financial means, Birju has brought immense pride to his community. The event was attended by Sanjeevani Blood Donation

Association President Om Prakash Chauhan. Both guests were honored with a memento, sal, coconut, and Rs 2000 cash by Headmaster Dinesh Kumar Verma. Village association members were also recognized with towels. Six new members joined the association during the event. Verma emphasized the mutual benefits of blood donation and encouraged widespread participation.

NEWSLINE

REVENUE

Sort out revenue cases within stipulated time: Collector



BIJAPUR: A meeting of revenue officers was held under the chairmanship of Collector Anurag Pandey. In the meeting, the Collector stated that the Revenue Department is an important part of the Chhattisgarh government. He instructed to rectify new cases, farmers' loan passbooks, and other documents after the formation of the new government. He said that revenue officers should ensure immediate resolution of all undisputed mutation and demarcation cases that are outside the time limit. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates were instructed to personally expedite the resolution of all types of revenue cases including demarcation, mutation, and partition.

DEMAND

Opening of College for higher education in Mudhipar

KHAIRAGARH: The demand for opening of College in well-known established bigger town Mudhipar is more or less clear. There is demand for opening of College in Mudhipar for last 4-5 years and in the present circumstances a college should have been started for youth for higher education. It is notable here that few months back during promotion for LS polls, CM Vishnu Deo Sai has given assurance for opening of College in Mudhipar and since it was model code of conduct, the declaration cannot be made. It was after election a delegation of BJP leaders met ex-Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal and he assured to open a College in Mudhipar.

AWARENESS

SP flags off public awareness vehicle for three new laws



BIJAPUR: On June 28, Superintendent of Police (SP) Bijapur Dr. Jitendra Kumar Yadav flagged off an awareness vehicle for extensive publicity of three new laws: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Sanhita 2023.

The changes in all three laws will be widely publicized in the district through pamphlets and flex boards.

The awareness vehicle will visit public places in Bijapur, Bhairamgarh, Bhopalpatnam, Naymed, Madded, and other locations to disseminate information about the newly amended laws through pamphlets and announcements.

MLA steals money of tribals farmer leader: Sanjay Pant

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SUKMA: Tribal activist and farmer leader Sanjay Pant has issued a press note and sharply criticized the government bungalow illegally constructed for the Dantewada MLA and called it theft of money meant for the rights and privileges of the tribals.



The farmer leader further says that despite all opposition, Baba Saheb Ambedkar had implemented the reservation system for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in Lok Sabha and Assembly in the Indian Constitution. His sacred thought behind this system was that the public representatives elected from reserved seats will act as guides for their society. It is a matter of great sadness that the public representatives elected from reserved seats betray their society and become

the biggest reason for all the problems and backwardness spread in their society. The current BJP MLA of Dantewada, who had sworn to protect the interests of the tribals 6 months before the assembly elections, changed his color so quickly that even a chameleon would feel ashamed. Without any government order or permission, the old government guest house built in the heart of the city was demolished by the favourites of the MLA only so that a government bungalow could be given to the MLA as a gift.

Youth attacked with knife

KHARORA: In village Padabhat, Kharora police station area, a youth named Sahil Rao (22) was attacked with a knife and robbed of his phone and purse while returning from work. Seriously injured, Sahil is receiving hospital treatment. The incident occurred around 9-10 pm on the Raipur-Balodabazar main road.

District congress executive dissolved

GAURELA: In a meeting, the Gaurela Pendra Marwahi District Congress Committee, led by District President Uttam Vasudev, dissolved its executive body with immediate effect. A new executive will be formed soon after consultations with senior district leaders.

Workshop held for introduction of new laws

WORKSHOP

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Collector Chandrakant Verma gave detailed information about the provisions of the new law and their objectives.



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KHAIRAGARH: In District Office Hall, a workshop was organized regarding the 3 new laws coming into effect in the country from July 1, 2024 under the Indian judicial system. During this, Collector Chandrakant Verma gave detailed information about the provisions of the new law and their objectives.

Collector Verma said that the new laws brought in the name of Indian Justice Code 2023, Indian Civil Protection Act 2023 and Indian Evidence Act 2023 will replace Indian Penal Code 1860, Crimi-

FASTFACTS

- District level officers and employees participated in the workshop.

- District Magistrate gave information about important provisions of law.

nal Procedure Code 1898 and Indian Evidence Act 1872 respectively.

The said new laws will be enacted from July 1. Moving away from the colonial thinking of the old laws, he gave information about the requirements of the current laws and their major provisions according to the current circumstances. He told about new formats like electronic goods, community service, e-FIR, mob lynching, Nyaya

Dal, evidence by videography and informed that all officers and employees should have a good knowledge of these three new laws so that they can provide proper information about it to the general public.

On this occasion, Additional Collector Prem Kumar Patel gave detailed information about the provisions of the three new laws.

SURRENDERS

Maoist couple among 12 surrenders

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BIJAPUR: In a significant development in Chhattisgarh's fight against left-wing extremism, 12 Maoists, including a high-ranking couple, surrendered before the police in Bijapur district on June 29, 2024. The surrenders come as part of the ongoing anti-Maoist campaign in the region.



Janani Modiyam. Munna, carrying a bounty of 5 lakh rupees, held the position of Platoon Party Committee Member (PPCM) in the National Park Area Committee. His wife Janani, with a bounty of 1 lakh

rupees, served as the President of the Chetna Natya Manch (CNM), the cultural wing of the Maoist organization. Another key surrender was Raju Punem, alias Anil, who held the position of DAKMS (Dan-

dakaranya Adivasi Kisan Mazdoor Sangh) President and carried a bounty of 1 lakh rupees. Punem was involved in several major incidents, including a 2006 attack on NMDC mines in Bailadila that resulted in the deaths of seven CISF jawans. The surrendered Maoists cited disillusionment with the Maoist ideology, discriminatory behavior within the organization, and atrocities committed against tribal people as reasons for their decision.

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Yadav
SP, Bijapur

MLA attended the school admission

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BEMETARA: Celebrating the beginning of the new education session as a festival, school admission festival was organized in the primary school Matka, Bijabhat, Bimbori on Wednesday.

Chief guest of the program Bemetara MLA Dipesh Sahu, Collector Ranveer Sharma, District Education Officer Dr. Kamal Kapoor Banjare were present. In the program, the students

of the school welcomed the guests by performing a charming welcome dance.

Apart from the chief guest MLA Dipesh Sahu, other guests welcomed the newly admitted children by applying tilak, garlanding them, distributing uniforms and feeding them sweets and chocolates. On this occasion, MLA Deepesh Sahu inaugurated the Government Primary School Building built at a cost of 24.20 lakhs.



Railways to invest Rs 1 lakh crore in Odisha in next 5 years.

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Railway Minister

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

POSITIVE RESPONSE

'Centre has extended Smart Cities Mission till March, 2025'

HYDERABAD: Responding positively to the appeal made by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy recently, the Central government has extended the Smart Cities Mission till March 2025. A press release from the CMO said during his recent visit to the national capital, Reddy met Union minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar and requested him to extend the deadline for Smart City Mission till June, 2025.

"In the larger interests of the public, CM Revanth Reddy pleaded with the Central government for the extension of the Smart City Mission until the works are completed.

In a positive response, the Union government wrote a letter to the states on Saturday extending the Smart City Mission till March 31, 2025," the release said. **PTI**

FELICITATION

Minister Sampad Swain & MP Bibhu Tarai attended municipal budget sessions



PARADIP: Paradip BJP MLA and Minister for Industries, Skill Development and Technical Education, Government of Odisha Sampad Chandra Swain and Jagatsinghpur MP Bibhuprasad Tarai were felicitated by various institutions and organizations in Paradip on Saturday. In this context, a felicitation ceremony was organized at Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir which was attended by both Minister and MP, while the grand welcome ceremony was organized under the leadership of Prakash Tripathy, President of Paradip Port Majdur Sangh and prominent labor leader at their union office premises. **PTI**

Normal life affected

Heavy rains in many areas of Gujarat; Palsana in Surat receives over 150 mm rainfall in 10 hrs



AHMEDABAD: Heavy rains lashed several areas in Gujarat on Sunday, impacting the normal life in some cities including Ahmedabad and Surat due to water-logging with Palsana taluka in Surat district receiving 153 mm of rainfall, the highest in the state, in just ten hours. The downpour affected traffic movement in Surat, Bhuj, Vapi, Bharuch and Ahmedabad cities due to inundation in low-lying areas, rendering some roads and underpass inaccessible, officials said. The wet spell will continue in the next four days in Gujarat, as per the Met department. As many as 43 talukas received more than 40 mm of rainfall in just ten hours between 6 am and 4 pm on Sunday, while Palsana taluka received 153 mm of rain, the State Emergency Operations Centre

(SEOC) stated. Four talukas namely Bardoli, Surat city, Kamrej, and Mahuva in Surat district received rainfall in triple digits at 135 mm, 123 mm, 120 mm, and 119 mm, respectively, in ten hours. **PTI**

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Union Minister of Environment Bhupender Yadav during an event to mark the 109th Foundation Day of ZSI, in Kolkata.

Avoid extensive use of natural resources: Bhupender Yadav

Surveyor has been doing a pioneering job in the field of taxonomy, recording and scientific evaluation of faunal species to create awareness among people.

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Sunday emphasised on the need to conserve flora and fauna and cautioned against indiscriminate use of natural resources for development.

Addressing a programme organised here on the occasion of the 109th foundation day of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Yadav said

the surveyor has been doing a pioneering job in the field of taxonomy, recording and scientific evaluation of faunal species to create awareness among people.

He also said the environment ministry has worked to conserve the rich biodiversity of sensitive zones like Bhitarkanika in Odisha, Flower Valley in Uttarakhand, the desert landscape in Rajasthan, the unique mangrove belt in the

HIGHLIGHT

● Govt has worked to conserve the rich biodiversity of sensitive zones.

● People must work towards saving the planet.

Sundarbans in West Bengal and described them as 'Nature's best gift'.

"If plundering of our natural resources contin-

ues, there will be a day in this world when only humans will be around - not animals, avian species and plants. Just think about what will happen to our future if such a situation arises. We must work towards saving the planet," Yadav said.

He rued that people are not mindful of their responsibilities to save the environment.

"We take oxygen from the atmosphere but we pollute air in return. We

get pure water from the environment but discharge industrial effluents in water.

We use unadulterated natural resources but turn these into garbage," said the union minister for environment, forest and climate change. Yadav pointed out that one important big cat species Cheetah had become extinct and the Centre has started relocating the animal to the country.

| DEBT TRAP |

Weavers commit 'suicide' in textile hub

Press Trust Of India

KARIMNAGAR: The 'recent' suicide of a weaver at Sircilla in Telangana has brought to the fore the alleged lack of work and adequate income in this textile hub, with the issue leading to a war of words between the opposition BRS and the Congress.

Kudikyala Nagaraju

recently died by suicide as he was unable to repay his debts and this came as a reminder of the tragedy of weavers ending their lives in the past.

While it is being claimed 10 weavers have ended their life so far this year, the government has pegged the number at six, even as the BRS attacked the ruling Congress over the matter.

Deaths of weavers are not mere suicides but 'government-induced deaths'.

K T Rama Rao
BRS Working President

Nagaraju (47), a weaver, took his life by consuming



acid at Sircilla recently. "My husband borrowed some amount and failed to repay the lenders. He did not have the livelihood to take care of me and our two sons," Nagaraju's wife Lavanya told PTI. Similar is the story of Adicherla Sai Kumar (25) who committed 'suicide' in April this year as he was unable to repay the money he borrowed.

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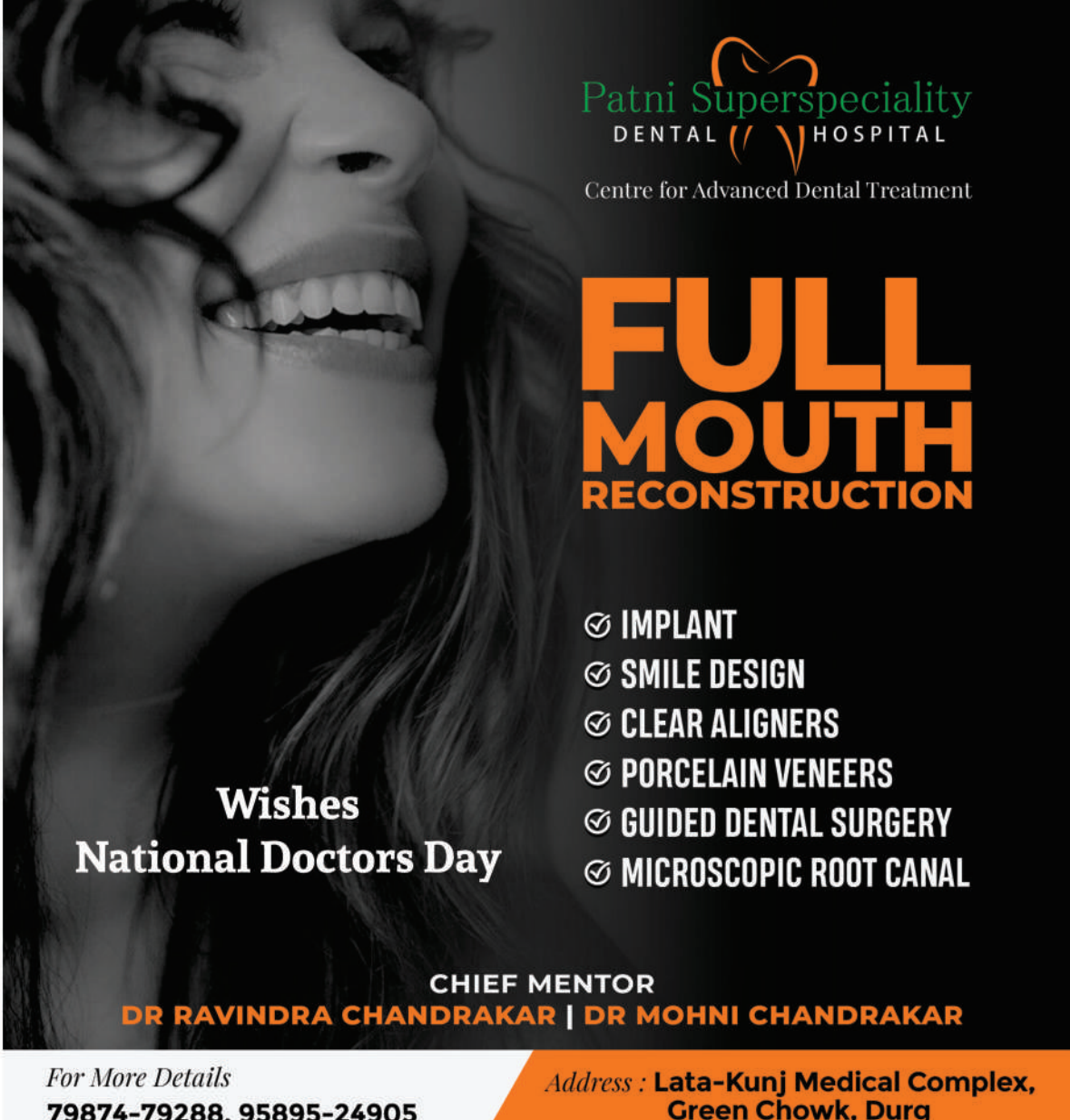


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OUR VIEW |

T20 Triumph A tale of resilience, emotion and farewell

India's cricketing journey reached a new pinnacle as they clinched their second T20 World Cup title, overcoming South Africa in a nerve-wracking final. This victory, ending an 11-year wait for a global trophy, was a testament to India's resilience, skill, and unyielding spirit. The final was a showcase of cricket at its finest. Virat Kohli, who emerged as a cricketing prodigy 17 years ago, played a masterful knock of 76 off 59 balls, guiding India to a competitive 176 for seven. Kohli's innings, filled with elegance and precision, was a fitting tribute to his illustrious career as he announced his retirement from T20 internationals post-match. India's bowlers then rose to the occasion. Arshdeep Singh and Jasprit Bumrah, with figures of 2/20 and 2/18 respectively, were instrumental in stifling South Africa's chase. Hardik Pandya's crucial 3/20, including the pivotal wicket of Heinrich Klaasen, swung the match decisively in India's favor. Klaasen's 52 off 27 balls had briefly threatened India's grip on the game, but the bowlers held their nerve to restrict South Africa to 169 for eight. The emotional undercurrent of this victory was palpable. Rohit Sharma, India's captain, expressed the collective relief and joy of the team, highlighting the hard work and dedication over the past three to four years. His wife Ritika's tears in the stands mirrored the sentiments of millions of fans across the world. Pandya's redemption arc was another heartwarming subplot. Once criticized heavily, he silenced his detractors by defending 16 runs in the final over, securing India's first ICC trophy since 2013. The image of Rohit planting a kiss on Pandya's cheek will be etched in the memories of fans as a symbol of camaraderie and shared triumph. This victory was not just about the runs scored or wickets taken. It was about a team coming together, overcoming personal and collective challenges, and emerging victorious on the grandest stage. It was a farewell fitting for legends like Kohli and a nod to the future stars ready to carry the baton forward. As India celebrates this monumental win, the echoes of their victory will inspire future generations to dream big and achieve greatness.

GUEST VIEW |

India aims for record exports amid global challenges

Despite global conflicts and geopolitical tensions, India expects to surpass USD 800 billion in goods and services exports this fiscal year. Recent figures show a robust growth trajectory, with May alone witnessing a 9% increase in exports. This positive trend underscores international confidence in India as a trading partner amidst ongoing global uncertainties. The country's strategic focus on sectors like electric vehicles and value-added goods aims to further strengthen its economic resilience and reduce dependency on imports, particularly in oil. Efforts are also underway to address challenges such as the EU and G7 nations' ban on Russian-origin diamonds, highlighting India's proactive stance in safeguarding its export interests. With a reduced current account deficit and buoyant export projections, India remains poised to achieve historic export milestones this year. These developments reflect a cohesive strategy by Indian authorities to navigate complex global dynamics and bolster economic growth through sustained export expansion efforts.



Piyush Goyal

In a pivotal move for Indian democracy, Rahul Gandhi has embraced the role of Leader of Opposition, marking a significant evolution from his earlier hesitations. This decision not only underscores his commitment to parliamentary discourse but also promises a renewed vigor in legislative debates.

Dr. Manmohan Singh's counsel to Rahul Gandhi, urging him to take on ministerial responsibilities for experience, once met with reluctance. However, Gandhi's acceptance of the Leader of Opposition role signals a newfound readiness to wield influence and engage actively in shaping India's political landscape. His upcoming collaboration with sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, anticipated as an elected Member of Parliament from Wayanad, adds another dimension to Congress's strategic leadership. The electoral landscape leading up to Gandhi's appointment saw dramatic shifts and miscalculations, reminiscent of the past. The BJP's ambitious projections, including claims to sweep Uttar Pradesh, faltered

against the realities of electoral outcomes. This setback not only reaffirmed the unpredictability of Indian politics but also paved the way for Congress to reclaim a constitutional position long denied.

Gandhi's ascension to Leader of Opposition grants him constitutional privileges crucial for influencing key governmental appointments and policy decisions—a first in his extensive political career. As assembly elections loom in several states, Gandhi faces a critical test to capitalize on BJP's electoral setbacks and showcase his leadership acumen. In parliamentary traditions akin to those of Britain, the Leader of Opposition assumes a role akin to a Prime Minister-in-waiting, necessitating responsibility and statesmanship. Despite recent disruptions in Lok Sabha sessions, Gandhi emphasizes the opposition's vital role in democratic checks and balances, urging cooperation for effective governance. His stance underscores the delicate equilibrium necessary in democratic governance, cautioning



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against unilateralism for sustained national progress.

The current political landscape marks a departure from Modi's dominant majority in previous terms, now necessitating coalition dynamics and cross-party consultations for legislative efficacy. Opposition parties, increasingly asserting their influence, demand equitable representation and consultation in parliamentary proceedings—a demand echoed in recent legislative deliberations. Gandhi's influence extends beyond partisan politics to encompass broader debates on governance, economic policy, and social justice. This shift comes at a time when public discourse is increasingly focused on accountability and transparency in governance, areas where Gandhi has signaled intent to champion rigorous scrutiny and constructive critique.

Moreover, Gandhi's leadership trajectory reflects a generational shift within the Congress party, aligning with calls for rejuvenation and strategic recalibration. His collaborative approach with other opposition

leaders and emphasis on consensus-building in legislative matters underscore a departure from confrontational politics towards a more nuanced and inclusive governance paradigm. As India prepares for upcoming state elections and crucial legislative sessions, Gandhi's leadership will be tested on multiple fronts. His ability to articulate a cohesive opposition agenda, mobilize grassroots support, and navigate the intricacies of coalition politics will be pivotal in shaping national discourse and policy outcomes. This period not only marks a personal milestone for Gandhi but also holds profound implications for India's democratic evolution and political pluralism. In conclusion, Rahul Gandhi's journey from hesitation to leadership signifies more than a political milestone—it embodies a commitment to democratic principles and inclusive governance. As India navigates evolving political landscapes, Gandhi's leadership promises to redefine opposition politics and contribute meaningfully to India's democratic ethos.

T20 World Cup : A victory for the ages

India's cricket team triumphed in the T20 World Cup final, overcoming South Africa in a thrilling comeback to secure their second title after 17 years. by *Manoj Kumar K P*



India's head coach Rahul Dravid, center, and players celebrate with the winners trophy. | Photo AP

India's remarkable resurgence saw them snatch victory from South Africa's grasp to clinch the T20 World Cup title. Needing 30 runs from 30 balls with six wickets in hand, South Africa seemed poised for their maiden World Cup victory, only to be thwarted by India's determined fightback.

Suryakumar Yadav's boundary catch, Jasprit Bumrah's final overs, and Hardik Pandya's critical wickets culminated in one of the most dramatic comebacks in World Cup history. As the game neared its conclusion, South Africa appeared dominant. Heinrich Klaasen, known for his powerful hitting, was on a rampage, giving his team a solid chance to rewrite their painful big-match history. Klaasen and David Miller had smashed 38 runs off the previous two overs, making the target look achievable with six wickets in hand and only 30 runs needed from the last 30 balls.

Rohit Sharma turned to Bumrah earlier than he would have liked. Though Bumrah didn't break the partnership immediately, he stifled Klaasen and Miller's momentum, conceding just four runs in the over. The tide began to turn with the first ball of the 17th over when Hardik Pandya, after a brief delay due to Rishabh Pant's knee complaint, bowled a wide line and Klaasen edged it to Pant, who

made no mistake with the catch.

Miller was left at the crease but couldn't find a boundary in the remainder of the over. Bumrah returned, delivering a series of lethal deliveries. He dislodged Marco Jansen with a wicked in-seamer that brushed the leg stump, leaving South Africa needing 20 off the last 12 balls with a weakened lineup. Arshdeep Singh's tight 19th over conceded just four runs, leaving South Africa with a daunting 16 required from the final over.

The final over by Hardik Pandya sealed South Africa's fate. Miller's attempt to clear the straight boundary ended in Suryakumar Yadav's extra-

ordinary catch, running full tilt along the rope. He juggled the ball over the boundary and completed the catch after stepping back into play, igniting wild celebrations. South Africa's lower order couldn't manage the runs, and Hardik, overwhelmed with relief, sank to his knees as his teammates erupted in joy. India's victory by seven runs crowned them World Champions after a 17-year wait.

On a flat track in Barbados, Bumrah delivered two unplayable deliveries, claiming crucial wickets. His dismissal of Reeza Hendricks with a delivery that pitched and seamed away to hit the top of off-stump was a standout moment. Conced-

ing only five runs in his first over and eight in his second, Bumrah's last two overs were pivotal, yielding just six runs and effectively curbing South Africa's chase. His final figures of 2 for 18 were instrumental in India's victory.

Arshdeep Singh's contribution was almost as critical, with figures of 2 for 20. His powerplay overs were tight, costing just eight runs and securing the wicket of Aiden Markram. He also dismissed Quinton de Kock in the middle overs and delivered a nerveless 19th over, containing Miller and keeping Maharaj on strike, setting the stage for India's final assault.

Heinrich Klaasen's blis-

tering knock, including a wide googly from Kuldeep Yadav smashed over cover, pushed South Africa into a commanding position. His aggressive batting against Axar Patel in the 15th over, with massive hits and strategic boundaries, brought up his fifty off 23 balls, the fastest in a T20 World Cup final. However, after his dismissal, South Africa struggled to maintain momentum, managing only one more boundary. Virat Kohli's top score of 76 off 59 balls was both steady and strategic. Although his scoring slowed between the fourth and 18th overs, his partnerships with Axar Patel (47 off 31) and Shivam Dube (22 off 13) were crucial. Their contributions built the foundation for India's total of 176 for 7, the highest in a World Cup final.

For most of the game, South Africa seemed destined to win. They performed well in the early overs, with Keshav Maharaj and Kagiso Rabada taking key wickets. Despite early setbacks, they rebuilt their innings effectively. However, needing 26 runs off 24 balls with six wickets in hand, they faltered under pressure, particularly against Hardik Pandya's smart bowling. India's resilience, skill, and strategic execution in the final overs outclassed South Africa, who fell short of their maiden World Cup title.

YOUR LETTERS

Speaker's Responsibilities

The role of the Speaker in parliament is pivotal for maintaining order and fairness among political parties. A good Speaker must unite all factions impartially, ensuring transparent proceedings. Om Birla's re-election as Lok Sabha Speaker highlights this responsibility, promising impartial conduct but needing caution to avoid unintended controversies. Transparency remains essential for public trust, an area where Birla could improve. His role in ensuring smooth parliamentary proceedings is crucial, emphasizing the Speaker's duty in parliamentary governance.

Dr. Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

50 years of emergency

The remembrance of 50 years of Emergency seems strategically played by President Draupadi Murmu, PM Narendra Modi, Speaker Om Birla, and the BJP for political gains. As public support wanes, efforts focus on influencing the 62% population under 35. While the Emergency remains a dark chapter, its impact is distant for today's youth. The rulers' misuse to suppress press and opposition echoes today. Despite this, the majority didn't revolt, questioning the widespread condemnation. Indira Gandhi's mixed legacy endures, raising questions about electoral choices.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

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Centre should have state-specific financial approach
K N Balagopal, Kerala Finance Minister.

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FUND RAISING

Punjab & Sind Bank plans to raise Rs 2,000 cr via QIP likely in H2 FY25

NEW DELHI: State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank plans to raise Rs 2,000 crore in the second half of this fiscal via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) to fund business growth. "The board has already given approval, and merchant bankers should be on-boarded by August," Punjab & Sind Bank managing director and CEO Swarup Kumar Saha told PTI. The fundraising can be concluded in the second quarter or third quarter, depending on market conditions. The QIP would help improve the Capital Adequacy Ratio of the bank, he said. The bank's capital adequacy ratio stood at 17.10 per cent at the end of March 2024. Besides, it would help bring down the government's holding in the bank. The government of India holds a 98.25 per cent stake in Punjab & Sind Bank. Asked about the loan growth outlook for the current financial year, Saha said the bank expects asset book to grow by 12-14 per cent, and in this, retail, agriculture and MSME (RAM) should witness a growth of 15-18 per cent.

SUCCESSOR

Setty to become new chairman of SBI; FSIB recommends him

NEW DELHI: Government appointment selection panel FSIB on Saturday selected senior-most managing director Challa Sreenivasulu Setty for the position of Chairman of country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI). Setty, who was appointed managing director in January 2020, currently looks after International Banking, Global Markets and Technology verticals.



He will succeed Dinesh Kumar Khara, who will be superannuating on August 28, when he turns 63, the upper age limit for the position of SBI Chairman. Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, interviewed three candidates on June 29, 2024 for the position.

Market trends this week

Domestic macroeconomic data, global trends to drive markets this week: Analysts



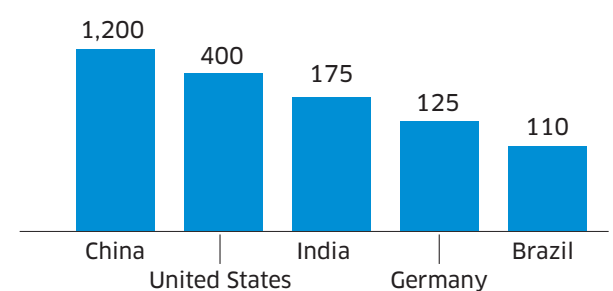
NEW DELHI: Domestic macroeconomic data announcements, global trends and trading activity of foreign investors would guide market sentiments this week, analysts said. After a record rally, markets may face volatile trends this week amid elevated valuations and investors would also keep a track of global oil benchmark Brent crude and rupee-dollar movement for further cues. "Potential volatility in the stock market is anticipated this week. Elevated valuations remain a concern, with investors now focusing on

monsoon progress and its impact on the rural economy. The upcoming Union Budget in July has become the next focal point, with high expectations for growth-oriented policies," said Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst, Swastika Investmart Ltd. Market sentiment will be gauged by closely monitoring foreign and domestic institutional investors' activity (FII and DII) and crude oil prices, he said. On the global front, the US market has experienced some profit-booking from higher levels. PTI

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NEW DELHI: Retirement fund body EPFO's gross new subscribers addition declined by over 4 per cent to 1.09 crore in 2023-24 compared to a year ago, as per a report by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI). According to the report 'Payroll Reporting in India: An Employment Perspective' January to April, 2024, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) recorded 1,09,93,119 gross addition of new members in 2023-24 compared to 1,14,98,453 in 2022-23. The gross addition of new members

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GST simplified compliance, improved tax buoyancy

GST also reduced 495 different submissions (challan, forms, declarations, etc) across states to just 12. In 7 years, the number of registered taxpayers has risen to 1.46 crore.

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NEW DELHI: Introduced seven years ago, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has simplified compliance, improved tax buoyancy and increased states' revenues, but fake invoices and fraudulent registration remain a big challenge for policymakers trying to curb tax evasion. Rolled out on July 1, 2017, Goods and Services Tax (GST) streamlined 17 taxes and 13 cesses into a 5-tier

structure, simplifying the tax regime. The turnover threshold for registration rose to Rs 40 lakh for goods and Rs 20 lakh for services (up from Rs 5 lakh on average under VAT). GST also reduced 495 different submissions (challan, forms, declarations, etc) across states to just 12. In seven years, the number of registered taxpayers has risen to 1.46 crore from 65 lakh in 2017. Average monthly GST revenues, soared from around Rs 90,000 crore in

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- Fake ITC generation still a big challenge.
- GST streamlined 17 taxes and 13 cesses into a 5-tier structure.

2017-18, to about Rs 1.90 lakh crore in 2024-25. According to the government data,

GST has improved tax buoyancy from 0.72 (pre-GST) to 1.22 (2018-23). Despite compensation ending, state revenues remain buoyant at 1.15. Without GST, states' revenue from subsumed taxes from fiscal 2018-19 to 2023-24 would have been Rs 37.5 lakh crore. With GST, states' actual revenue amounted to Rs 46.56 lakh crore. The effective weighted average GST rate has consistently fallen since 2017 and GST lowered taxes on many

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EXPANSION STRATEGY

India most important market for Skoda, says CEO Klaus Zellmer

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Company aims to drive in an all-new compact SUV early next year.



Klaus Zellmer, CEO of SKODA Auto.

PRAGUE: Czech car maker Skoda is lining up new models, expanding sales network and also looking to forge partnerships to scale up business in India, the most important market for the brand outside Europe, according to global CEO Klaus Zellmer. The company, which currently sells models like Kushaq and Slavia in the country, aims to drive in an all-new compact SUV early next year hoping to almost double its sales volume in the market. Skoda Auto India sold around 49,000 units last year. India is the world's third-largest passenger vehicle market with annual dispatches surging to 42 lakh units in FY24.

FACTFILE

- India is most competitive environment for Skoda.

The automaker, a part of the Volkswagen Group, is also looking to introduce electric vehicles in the country. In an interaction here, Skoda Auto global CEO Klaus Zellmer said the automaker is willing to learn and be totally cus-

tomercentric as it considers India as the most important market for the brand after Europe. "Outside Europe, our most important adventure is India because this is the place to be going forward," he stated. India is crucial to the growth strategy of Skoda Auto as the automaker brings its broadest and most up to date product portfolio ever to customers, Zellmer said.

The country also gives the brand a competitive advantage in its international expansion strategy, he added. "There is so much happening in India, we believe in India's growth potential, and of course we will be a part of that," he stated. Zellmer noted that with the brand moving out from Russia and not doing so well in China, it expects to do well in India going forward. "In a business, it is always not wise to stand on one leg. In our case, this is Europe. If it gets a little shaky, you want to stand on two legs, and the second leg for us is India," he said. Zellmer further said: "India is not only the most attractive region for us outside Europe, it is also the most competitive environment." There are new competitors, new entrants with new cars, so it really is a predatory environment, he noted.

JEFFERIES REPORT

Big fat Indian wedding at Rs 10 lakh crore

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian wedding industry size of approximately Rs 10 lakh crore (USD 130 billion) is second only to food and grocery, with an average Indian spending twice on marriage ceremony than education, a report said.

India sees 80 lakh to 1 crore weddings annually compared to 70-80

lakh in China and 20-25 lakh in the US. "The Indian wedding industry is nearly double the size of the industry in the US (USD 70 billion), albeit smaller than China (USD 170 billion)," brokerage Jefferies said in a report.

Weddings are the second largest consumption category in India. "Weddings, if they were a category, would rank as the



second largest retail category only behind food

and grocery (USD 681 billion)," it said. Weddings in India are elaborate and characterised by a range of ceremonies and spending. The industry spurs consumption in categories like jewellery and apparel and indirectly benefits autos and electronics. Despite political efforts to curb them, luxury weddings at exotic locations con-

tinued to showcase Indian opulence. "With 8 million to 10 million weddings held annually, India is the largest wedding destination globally. Estimated at USD 130 billion in size, according to CAIT, the wedding industry is nearly twice that of the US and is a vital large contributor to key consumption categories," Jefferies said.

Women, prioritize your own health and well-being. Focus on yourself, take responsibility, and own your health journey.
Manisha Koirala
Actress



& Glitters

OTT Watch



Action alert! Roy Kapur & Prabhu in 'Rakhtabeej'

Aditya Roy Kapur and Samantha Prabhu are set to star in Raj & DK's action-packed web series 'Rakhtabeej'. Following his successful OTT debut in 'The Night Manager', Aditya gears up for another ambitious project with the acclaimed directors.



Abhishek's Khatron Ke Khiladi love story?

Khatron Ke Khiladi 14: Abhishek Kumar's Romania journey includes stunts and potential romance. Amid shooting for Rohit Shetty's show, his vlogs hint at finding a life partner. Could this be the beginning of something new?



Oldman returns in Slow Horses season 4

Gary Oldman returns in 'Slow Horses' Season 4, premiering September 4 on Apple TV+. Newcomers Hugo Weaving and Joanna Scanlan join the spy thriller based on Mick Herron's series, promising sharp wit and espionage intrigue.



Dwight's back in action: 'Tulsa King Returns'

Sylvester Stallone's 'Tulsa King' returns to Paramount+ on Sept. 15, 2024. The teaser showcases Stallone's gritty role, promising action and intrigue in Tulsa. Fans eagerly await the series' highly anticipated comeback.



Spencer's back! All American gets season 7

All American Season 7 Renewed: The CW's sports drama continues with 13 episodes in 2025. Fans can catch up on Season 6's finale on July 15, with streaming on Netflix to follow.

CLOSE UP

Beyond the breakup: Malaika & Arbaaz find common ground in co-parenting

Actors Malaika Arora and ex-husband Arbaaz Khan are discovering a new partnership between themselves as they co-parent their son Arhaan.

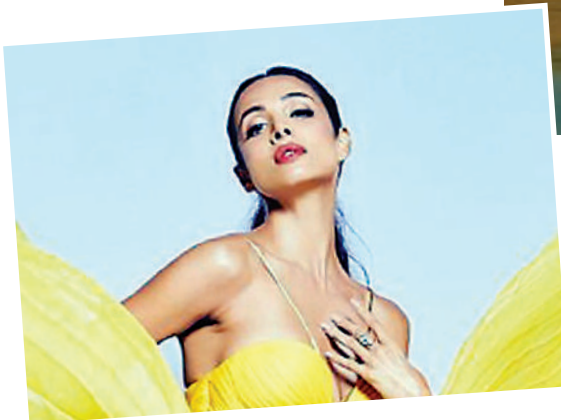
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Malaika Arora in a recent interview opened up on co-parenting son Arhaan Khan with ex-husband Arbaaz Khan and how she wants their son to be independent.

Malaika Arora, renowned for her grace both on and off-screen, recently shared insights into her journey of co-parenting her son, Arhaan Khan, with ex-husband Arbaaz Khan. In an interview with Hello Magazine, she candidly reflected on the challenges and rewards of navigating this path. Acknowledging the initial complexities, Malaika emphasized their mutual commitment to shielding Arhaan from any fallout stemming from their personal decisions. "For whatever it's worth, touch wood; we've found a great balance now," she remarked, highlighting their evolving approach to co-parenting. She stressed the importance of ensuring that their son's upbringing is grounded in values of respect and independence. Malaika articulated her desire for Arhaan to cultivate self-reliance, both financially and emotionally, irrespective of their support.



Malaika admits handling son Arhaan with Arbaaz was 'tricky' initially



Malaika Arora's love life in the spotlight
Malaika Arora was dating Bollywood star Arjun Kapoor after her divorce from Arbaaz Khan. They were in a relationship for several

years, post which their fairytale seems to have hit rock bottom. In an exclusive report that these two lovebirds have parted ways and are now walking their separate paths.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Singing her own tune: Taylor Swift's ownership anthem

Central Chronicle News

In June 2024, a new docuseries titled Taylor Swift vs. Scooter Braun: Bad Blood revisited the complex history between Swift and Braun.

In the annals of music industry disputes, few rival the rift between Taylor Swift and Scooter Braun. The saga began in 2019 when Braun's acquisition of Big Machine Records, and thus Swift's first six albums' masters, ignited a public outcry. Swift, having sought ownership of her music for years, publicly expressed



feeling betrayed by the deal, which occurred without her consent or opportunity to buy back her catalog. This contentious acquisition prompted Swift to announce her intention to re-record her

earlier albums, starting with "Fearless (Taylor's Version)" and continuing with subsequent releases. Her re-recordings were not only a strategic move to reclaim artistic control but also a statement on

Taylor Swift vs. Scooter Braun: 'Bad Blood' docuseries revisits their feud as Swift moves on creatively.

HIGHLIGHT

From their early beginnings to the drama that has unfolded in recent years, here's a complete timeline of Swift and Braun's history in the music industry.

artist rights in the music industry. The feud escalated with legal battles and public statements, culminating in Braun's sale of Swift's masters for over \$300 million in 2020 to Shamrock Holdings.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

Christmas action treat: Varun Dhawan in 'Baby John'

Bollywood star Varun Dhawan's upcoming film "Baby John" is set to hit theaters nationwide on Christmas, as announced by the makers on Wednesday. Directed by Kalees and produced by Atlee's A For Apple Studios, Jio Studios, and Murad Khetani's Cine1 Studios, the action entertainer promises a festive treat for audiences. Originally slated for a May release, the film stars Varun Dhawan alongside Keerthy Suresh, Jackie Shroff, and Wamiqa Gabbi. Jio Studios shared the exciting news on Instagram with a new poster, building anticipation for the Christmas release of "Baby John" on December 25th.

Web Series

Hina Khan diagnosed with breast cancer, vows to fight

Popular TV personality Hina Khan disclosed on Friday that she has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. The actress, known for her role in "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai", shared the news via Instagram, addressing her fans and well-wishers. Despite the challenging diagnosis, Khan, 36, expressed optimism, stating she is "doing well" and has already commenced treatment. She emphasized her determination to overcome the disease and requested privacy during this time. Khan, who originates from Jammu, has also participated in reality shows like "Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 8" and "Bigg Boss". Her announcement garnered an outpouring of support from fans, encouraging her through this difficult journey.

The Bollywood hot pair

Power couple goals! Ayushmann supports wife Tahira's directorial debut



Ayushmann Khurrana and Tahira Kashyap, Bollywood's beloved couple, continue to set relationship goals with their unwavering support for each other. Today marks a special milestone as Tahira's directorial debut film, "Sharmajee Ki Beti," premiered on June 28. Ayushmann took to Instagram to celebrate his wife's achievement, expressing immense pride. He shared a heartfelt post

featuring a nostalgic childhood photo of Tahira, sweet moments of them together, snapshots with their children, and Tahira behind the camera. Ayushmann also proudly showcased a photo of himself with "Sharmajee Ki Beti" on screen, captioned "Ayushmann Khurrana A.K.A Tahira's husband," encapsulating their beautiful journey and Tahira's success.

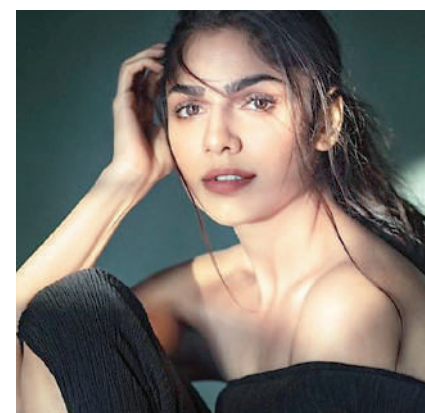
Fashion

Ananya Panday oozes confidence in red corset and mini skirt

Ananya Panday stuns in a fiery all-red ensemble featuring a corset and mini skirt. The Bollywood diva's outfit from Acel is bold and elegant, making a powerful fashion statement. The red satin corset, with its structured bodice and sweetheart neckline, perfectly accentuates her curves.



Trending on Insta



@rakulpreet

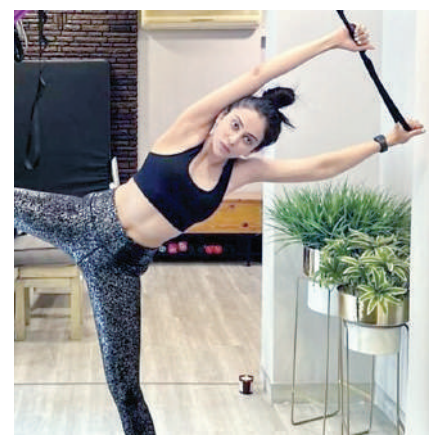
Rakul Preet Singh: Sculpting strength with style

Rakul Preet Singh shares her rigorous strength training session on Instagram, highlighting the grind and gains in fitness. Sporting black gym attire, she inspires with her workout dedication.

@sharminsegal

From Heeramandi to Italy: Sharmin Segal's postcard-perfect vacation

Sharmin Segal shared 10 Instagram photos from her Italy vacation and added a quirky twist to the song "Ek Baar Dekh Lijiye" from Sanjay Leela Bhansali's web show, writing, "Ek baar break lijiye, ice cream kha lijiye, swimming karne ko hai tayyar hum, neela neela pani dikha dijiye."



Wellness

SALT & WARM WATER BATHS

Dive into Wellness: Experience the healing power of saltwater

Having a relaxing warm saltwater bath can work wonders for your body and mind. Allow yourself to be transformed by this therapy.



Soaking in warm water with salt can help relax tight muscles and reduce inflammation.



HIGHLIGHT

From relaxation, therapeutic, and healing properties to their ability to boost overall health, adding salt to your regular bathwater can do wonders and calm your body and mind.

water baths can alleviate skin irritations like eczema and psoriasis, providing gentle relief without harsh chemicals. Whether you're looking to improve sleep quality, manage stress, or simply pamper yourself after a long day, a saltwater bath could be your go-to solution. Embrace the rejuvenating power of saltwater baths as a natural remedy to enhance your overall well-being. Take a moment to indulge in self-care and experience the profound benefits of this time-honored practice. Your body and mind will thank you for it.

Health Tips

BOOST IMMUNITY THIS MONSOON: EASY & NUTRITIOUS RECIPES

Grilled Chicken Salad

Ingredients
Grilled chicken breast, mixed greens (spinach, arugula), cherry tomatoes, cucumber, bell peppers, red onion, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper.



Instructions
Grill chicken until cooked through. Toss mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumber, bell peppers, and red onion in a bowl. Slice grilled chicken and add to the salad. Drizzle with olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Mix well and serve.

Zucchini Noodles with Pesto

Ingredients
Zucchini (spiralized into noodles), cherry tomatoes, pine nuts, fresh basil pesto (made with basil, garlic, Parmesan cheese, olive oil), lemon zest, salt, pepper.



Instructions
Spiralize zucchini into noodles. Heat olive oil in a pan, add cherry tomatoes and cook until softened. Add zucchini noodles and cook briefly until just tender. Stir in basil pesto, pine nuts, lemon zest, salt, and pepper. Toss well and serve hot or cold.

Baked Salmon with Asparagus

Ingredients
Salmon fillets, asparagus spears, lemon slices, garlic, olive oil, fresh dill (optional), salt, pepper.



Instructions
Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Place salmon fillets on a baking sheet. Arrange asparagus around salmon. Drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle minced garlic, salt, and pepper. Top with lemon slices and fresh dill. Bake for 15-20 minutes until salmon is cooked through and asparagus is tender.

Turkey and Vegetable Skewers

Ingredients
Turkey breast, bell peppers (red, yellow, green), red onion, cherry tomatoes, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic powder, paprika, salt, pepper.



Instructions
Cut turkey into cubes. Thread onto skewers with bell peppers, onion, and tomatoes. Mix olive oil, lemon juice, garlic powder, paprika, salt, and pepper in a bowl. Brush mixture over skewers. Grill or bake until turkey is cooked and vegetables are tender.

Quinoa and Vegetable Stir-Fry

Ingredients
Quinoa, mixed vegetables, tofu (optional), soy sauce, garlic, ginger, sesame oil, green onions, salt, pepper.



Instructions
Cook quinoa. Sauté garlic, ginger, veggies, tofu. Add quinoa, soy sauce, sesame oil, salt, pepper. Stir well and serve hot for a nutritious stir-fry. Garnish with chopped green onions and a squeeze of fresh lime juice.

Greek Yogurt and Berry Parfait

Ingredients
Greek yogurt (plain or vanilla-flavored), mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries), honey, granola.



Instructions
In serving glasses or bowls, layer Greek yogurt, mixed berries, and granola. Drizzle with honey for added sweetness if desired. Repeat layers. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to eat, for a satisfying and nutritious breakfast or dessert option loaded with protein, fiber, and antioxidants.

GOOD LIVING

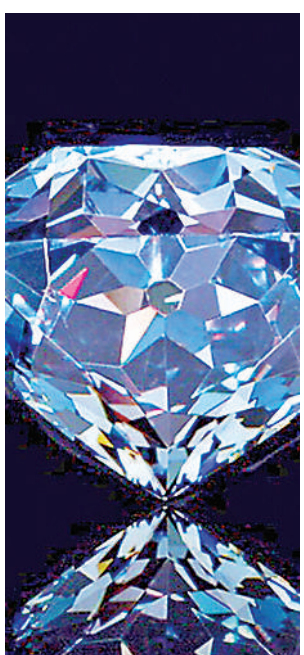
Bohemian Makeover: Ditch the beach for bliss



Transform your space from beachy to boho with effortless flair! Start by embracing vibrant colors and mixing eclectic patterns with natural textures like rattan and jute. Incorporate whimsical accents such as dreamcatchers, macramé wall hangings, and floor cushions to infuse bohemian charm. Mix vintage finds with modern elements for a unique, layered look. Add greenery with potted plants and incorporate soft lighting for a cozy ambiance. Embrace a relaxed, free-spirited aesthetic that celebrates individuality and creativity, turning your home into a sanctuary of boho-inspired beauty where every corner tells a story of wanderlust and personal style.

Enigmatic Hope: A diamond worth millions

The Hope Diamond, with an estimated value exceeding \$250 million, is one of the world's most renowned and mysterious gemstones. Its vivid blue hue and storied history have captured imaginations for centuries. Originally mined in India, it passed through royal hands and was later acquired by Henry Philip Hope, lending it its famous name. The diamond's curse and alleged associations with tragic events further add to its allure. Currently housed in the Smithsonian Institution, this 45.52-carat gem continues to fascinate with its unparalleled beauty and rich narrative, solidifying its place as an iconic symbol of wealth and intrigue.



| SELF-SILENCING |

Beat the Ache: Managing arthritis during monsoon season

Central Chronicle News

HIGHLIGHT

Monsoon can exacerbate arthritis pain by affecting joints, despite offering relief from heat. Its dampness is notorious for worsening arthritis, impacting both physical and mental well-being.

diet rich in anti-inflammatory foods such as colourful fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and sources of omega-3 fatty acids (like fish and nuts) can help manage arthritis inflammation. Herbs and spices like turmeric and ginger, known for their anti-inflammatory properties, can be added to meals or consumed as teas for additional benefit. Proper hydration is essential for joint lubrication and toxin flushing, so ensure



Foolproof strategies to manage arthritis pain during this rainy season

adequate water intake throughout the day.

Choose footwear with good arch support and non-slip soles to prevent falls and minimize joint strain, especially on wet surfaces prone to slipping. Additionally, prioritize stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or engaging in hobbies that promote relaxation.

Sports



This was my last T-20 World Cup, and I am very proud of this team
Virat Kohli
Indian Player



Former players hail India's triumph

India's first T20 World champion skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni led the chorus of former and current cricketers, hailing Rohit Sharma's men for regaining the trophy after 17 long years, beating South Africa by seven runs in a pulsating final in Bridgetown on Saturday. Former skipper Dhoni, who led India to their maiden title win in 2007 in South Africa, praised the team for maintaining their calm during the adversities in the game.

MS Dhoni

"WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS 2024. My heart rate was up, well done on being calm, having the self belief and doing what u guys did," (sic) Dhoni wrote on Instagram. "From all the Indians back home and everywhere in the world a big thank you for bringing the World Cup Home. CONGRATULATIONS. arreeee thanks for the priceless birthday gift," said Dhoni, who will turn 43 early next month.



TEAM INDIA REVELS IN WORLD CUP GLORY

BRIDGETOWN: The triumphant Indian team's celebrations at the Kensington Oval lasted close to four hours after a roller-coaster T20 World Cup final with players grooving to their favourite dance numbers and the usually reticent outgoing coach Rahul Dravid letting his hair down amid a general sense of relief for ending a lengthy title drought. The euphoria carried on in the team hotel but before that, at the historic venue, skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who both retired from the format, and Dravid let their emotions take control after a gruelling month-long campaign in the Caribbean and USA. It was the end of a wait that stretched over a decade and had its fair share of tears and frustrations. Dravid, an undisputed great of the game who could not win a World Cup in his long

playing career, usually does well to guard what's going on inside him. Not on Saturday. In a rather animated display of emotions, Dravid pumped his fists while joining his players on the ground who watched in amusement as a rarely seen side of the Bengaluru-man went on display for the world. Kohli, an antithesis to Dravid's personality, heaved a massive sigh of relief when India's win was sealed on the penultimate ball of the game with Kagiso Rabada being caught at long-off. Standing in the deep, he too pumped his fist twice in the air before covering his face with his palms and heaving a massive sigh of relief as South Africa had the game in the bag not too long ago. Then came the memorable visuals of Rohit and Kohli holding the desperately desired trophy with the Indian flag around them.

BHANGRA, FIST BUMPS AND A HUDDLE

What followed was Bhangra with the boys in the middle with Kohli, Arshdeep, Axar Patel, Mohammed Siraj and Rinku Singh grooving to Daler Mehendi's iconic Punjabi number 'Tunak Tunak Tun'. There were tears of joy too both from Rohit and Kohli. Loud roars could be heard from inside the dressing room long after the outcome of the game was decided at 2pm local time.



At one point, it seemed the players just wanted to share their joy with anyone who would care to join them. Rishabh Pant, who was coming back to international cricket after a life-threatening car accident in 2022, gifted his shoes to a fan in the building adjacent to the dressing room. A sense of satisfaction and relief was clearly visible on Rohit's face when he came to the post match media interaction. Choosing to play a high risk game since the ODI World Cup, Rohit finally got the much deserved trophy in his hands, seven months after the heartbreak in Ahmedabad. "This has to be the greatest time I can say that. It's only because how desperately I wanted to win this. So, all the runs, all the runs that I've scored in all these years, I think it does matter, but I'm not big on stats and all of that," he said in his familiar nonchalant tone. "I think winning games for India, winning trophies for India, that is what I look forward to all the time.

Sachin Tendulkar



"Every star added to the Team India jersey inspires our nation's starry-eyed children to move one step closer to their dreams. India gets the 4th star, our second in T20WC," he wrote on 'X'. "Life comes full circle for Indian cricket in the West Indies. From our lows in the 2007 ODI World Cup to becoming a cricketing powerhouse and winning the T20WC in 2024," he said.

VVS Laxman



"Congratulations Team India on becoming the T20 World Champions. Been the best team in the tournament remaining unbeaten throughout," VVS Laxman, current head of the National Cricket Academy wrote on X. "Great composure and character shown by the team to win this from the situation we were in with 5 overs remaining. Every player deserves credit for giving it their all and rising to the occasion and wonderfully led by Rohit," he added.

Pandya silences critics gracefully



BRIDGETOWN: Hardik Pandya believes in leading his life with a lot of grace and he has no issues with people who don't know him one percent but said a lot about him in the middle of his disappointing campaign as Mumbai Indians captain in the IPL. Having replaced Rohit Sharma as Mumbai Indians captain, Hardik was a subject of ridicule and was booed by fans of his own team in the IPL. Mumbai could not qualify for the play-offs and his own performance as captain and player was also questioned. However, he silenced his critics with an all-round show in the T20 World Cup. "I believe in grace. A lot was said by people who don't know even know me one percent as a person. People have spoken, no issues but I have always believed in life that you never respond with words, circumstances can respond. "Even difficult times, they don't last forever. It is important to be graceful, whether you win or lose. "It is time for fans and everyone else to learn that (to

be graceful). We need to find better ways to conduct yourself. I am sure the same people will be happy," said Hardik after the T20 World Cup final victory over South Africa here on Saturday.

KOI 'RO-KO' NA

In triumph and retirement, Rohit and Kohli stick together

NEW DELHI: As characters, they are like chalk and cheese just as any 'vada pao' loving Mumbaikar and a 'chhole-bhature' craving Delhiite are expected to be. But for every graceful cover drive, there is always a pull shot executed with panache, and that's why Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, for the last decade and half, have complemented each other -- in dejection, triumph and now in T20 International retirement. Together, they make the word contrast come alive -- Kohli bringing in the darker shades with his dogged intensity in pursuit of excellence and Rohit with those pas-



tel shades which manifest calm amid the storm. Their reactions immediately after the T20 World Cup triumph painted a thousand pictures. Rohit, first on his haunches and then lying

on the ground, had tear-filled eyes throughout. Kohli, on the other hand, quietly walked back towards the dressing room, trying hard to conceal the emotions that he was feeling.

Celebration Time



Harbhajan Singh



"YEH MERA INDIA. WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS. SO PROUD OF YOU GUYS. (This is my India. We are the champions, so proud of you guys.)," wrote former spinner Harbhajan Singh.

Yuvraj Singh



"You did it boys ! @hardikpandya7 your a hero ! @jaspritbunrah93 what an over to bring India back in the game ! Extremely ecstatic for @ImRo45 great captaincy under pressure ! @imV-kohli #Rahul Dravid and the whole team india vssa #ICT20WorldCup2024," he wrote. "Well played @akshar2026 @JamShivam-Dube. koi reh to nahi gaya ! Oh @surya14kumar what a catch under pressure," Yuvraj added, wondering if he mistakenly did not leave out anyone.

Sourav Ganguly



"Heartiest congratulations to Rohit sharma and his team .. what a game to win .. may be a World Cup in 11 (13) yrs but the talent the country has ,they will win many more .." (Sic) "Bumrah is absolutely magic .. well done Virat,axar ,Hardik and every one .. rahul Dravid and the support staff .. what a proud moment," (sic) Ganguly added.

World



Russia needs to resume production of intermediate-range missiles after scrapping of treaty with US

Vladimir Putin
Russian President

INS Ranvir docks at Chattogram for strategic deployment in Bangladesh



Indian Naval Ship (INS) Ranvir of the Eastern Fleet under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command arrives at Chattogram, Bangladesh, as part of an Operational Deployment. | Photo: PTI

Two Lankan Navy staff arrested

COLOMBO: Two Sri Lankan Navy officers attached to the special investigation unit were arrested on Sunday for their alleged involvement in a large-scale drug smuggling racket. They have been handed over to the police narcotic bureau for further action.

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AFGHANISTAN UN QATAR

Taliban delegation attends a UN-led meeting in Qatar on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD: A Taliban delegation on Sunday attended a United Nations-led meeting in Qatar on Afghanistan after organisers said women would be excluded from the gathering. The two-day meeting is the third UN-sponsored gathering on the Afghan crisis in the Qatari capital of Doha. Zabihullah Mujahid, the chief spokesman for the Taliban government who leads its delegation, wrote on social media platform X that the delegation met with representatives from countries including Russia, India and Uzbekistan on the sidelines of the meeting. The Taliban were not invited to the first meeting, and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said they set unacceptable conditions for attending the second one in February, including demands that Afghan civil society members be excluded from the talks and that the Taliban be treated as the country's legitimate rulers. PTI

CHINA SCO

Chinese President Xi Jinping to attend SCO summit in Astana



BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the 24th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Kazakhstan's capital Astana this week, the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced on Sunday. He will also pay a state visit to Tajikistan, it said. From July 2 to 6, President Xi will attend the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Astana, the ministry said. PTI

Hungary's populist Orban to take over EU presidency

Orban set to amplify Anti-EU stance, potentially obstruct key decisions and maintain populist rhetoric, raising concerns in Brussels over the next six months.

Press Trust Of India

BUDAPEST: When Hungary takes over the helm of the European Union on July 1, many politicians in Brussels will have the same thing on their minds: whether populist Prime Minister Viktor Orbán will use the role to further his reputation as the bloc's main spoiler.

Orbán in recent years has seemed to relish opportunities to block, water down or delay key

EU decisions, routinely going against the grain of most other leaders on issues like the war in Ukraine, relations with Russia and China, and efforts to defend democracy and the rule of law.

His public opposition to EU policies and stances has long frustrated his partners in the bloc and pushed him to the margins of the continent's mainstream. Hungary's motto for its presidency - Make Europe Great Again

HIGHLIGHT

● Now, as Hungary resides over 27-nation bloc for coming six months, it will likely keep up its anti-EU rhetoric

● Orbán has vocally opposed and threatened to block Ukraine's candidacy

- raised eyebrows for its resemblance to the famous tagline of former U.S. Pres-

ident Donald Trump. The EU presidency rotates among its member countries, and while the post holds little real power, it does allow countries to put their priorities high on Europe's agenda.

Now, as Hungary resides over the 27-nation bloc for the coming six months, it will likely keep up its anti-EU rhetoric, said Dorka Takácsy, a research fellow at the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democ-

ocracy. But the timeline of its presidency - beginning with a lengthy summer break and a transitional period of forming a new European Parliament and executive commission - will give Budapest few opportunities to derail the bloc's priorities significantly, she said.

"These six months are altogether not that long, which means that ... Hungary cannot do potentially much harm, even according to the critics," Takácsy said.

7 killed in road accident in Karachi

KARACHI: At least seven persons were killed when an overspeeding coaster lost control and the vehicle overturned after crashing into a pavement in Karachi. The accident occurred in Sindh province on Sunday when a trailer took a U-turn and the coaster, coming from behind, rammed into it and overturned, police said. He added that the driver of the trailer fled while the driver of the coaster was among the injured persons, the Dawn newspaper reported. The crash resulted in the deaths of seven persons, including women and children, the Express Tribune reported.

Emergency responders provided immediate medical assistance to the injured. The bodies of the deceased have been transferred to Civil Hospital Karachi (CHK) for further legal procedures. Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah expressed grief at the lives lost in the incident.

Rishi Sunak, Keir Starmer woo British Hindu voters

Press Trust Of India

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Labour Leader Keir Starmer, have hit the temple trail to woo British Hindu voters on final weekend of campaigning ahead of UK general election.

LONDON: While 44-year-old Sunak was at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden on Sunday to promise to keep trying to "make the community proud", 61-year-old Starmer chose another north London Swaminarayan Temple in Kingsbury on Friday to reiterate his commitment to building a "strategic partnership with India".

The move follows a 'Hindu Manifesto' being



British PM Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata Murty during their visit at BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, in London.

FASTFACTS

● The move follows a 'Hindu Manifesto' being launched by an umbrella group of British Hindu organisations

● Around 1 million people living in Britain identify as Hindus, making this electorate quite a sizable chunk in July 4 general election

launched by an umbrella group of British Hindu organisations for the first time ahead of a British general election, calling on elected representatives to take proactive steps to protect Hindu places of worship and tackle anti-Hindu hate. "This mandir stands as a great statement of the contributions that this community makes to Britain," said Sunak, in his

speech at the iconic Neasden Temple, where he offered prayers and sought blessings from the elderly in the gathering.

"Education, hard work, family, those are my values. Those are your values. Those are Conservative values," he declared in his election pitch.

Meanwhile, Starmer was welcomed to the tunes of an India-Scottish pipe band at the Kingsbury Temple, where he also began his speech in the same way as Sunak with "Jai Swaminarayan".

"If we're elected next week, we will strive to govern in the spirit of sewa to serve you and a world in need," said the Labour Leader, reiterating a previous message that there is "absolutely no place for Hinduphobia in Britain".

FRANCE ELECTIONS

France's exceptionally high-stakes election has begun

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PARIS: Voters across mainland France began casting ballots Sunday in the first round of an exceptional parliamentary election that could put France's government in the hands of nationalist, far-right parties for the first time since the Nazi era. The outcome of the two-round election, which will wrap up July 7,

could impact European financial markets, Western support for Ukraine, and how France's nuclear arsenal and global military force are managed.

Many French voters are frustrated about inflation and economic concerns, as well as President Emmanuel Macron's leadership, which they see as arrogant and out-of-touch with their lives. Marine



Le Pen's anti-immigration National Rally party has tapped and fuelled that discontent, notably via online platforms like TikTok, and dominated all preelection opinion polls.

A new coalition on the left, the New Popular Front, is also posing a challenge to the pro-business Macron and his centrist alliance Together for the Republic.

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

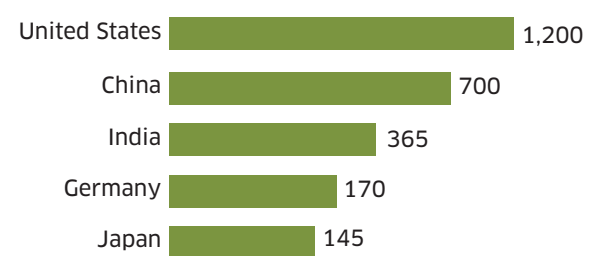
Storms in Switzerland cause flooding and a landslide



BERLIN: Storms in southern Switzerland caused a landslide that left two people dead and one missing, and a bridge over a small river collapsed, police said Sunday. Storms and heavy rain affected southern and western Switzerland on Saturday and overnight, with the worst-hit areas in the Italian-speaking Ticino canton (state), on the southern side of the Alps. Police said there was a significant landslide in the Fontana area of the Maggia valley, which is near the city of Locarno. PTI

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP COUNTRIES BY EDUCATION EXPENDITURE IN 2023-2024



Source: Statista

SUDAN PARAMILITARY ATTACK

Paramilitary forces attack a city under military control in central Sudan

CAIRO: Fighting raged between Sudan's military and a notorious paramilitary group in a city in a central province, officials said Sunday, opening another front in a 14-month war that has pushed the African country to the brink of famine.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces began its offensive on Sennar province earlier this week, attacking the village of Jebel Moya before moving to the city of Singa,

the provincial capital, where fresh battles have erupted.

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