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## More than 122 killed in stampede at a 'satsang'

Stampede occurred during a 'satsang' which was attended by hundreds.



Relatives outside a hospital where victims of the Hathras' stampede are admitted, in Etah. | Photo: PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● Rs 2 lakh each has been announced for the families of the dead and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken note of the incident and, on his directions, a committee has been set up to investigate the incident. Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu also expressed their condolences to the families of those who were killed and said they were praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. PM Modi said the Centre is extending all possible help to the Uttar Pradesh government. Hathras District Magistrate Ashish Kumar said that, according to numbers received from the community health centre, 50-60 people were killed.

### Deepest condolences to those who lost their family members.

Droupadi Murmu President

Officials in Etah district confirmed the deaths of an additional 27. "The stampede broke out in Phulrai village within the Sikandra Rao police station limits in Hathras. The injured are being taken to hospitals. Doctors at the community health centre have told me 50-60 people have died. This was a private event and permission had been given by the sub-divisional magistrate.

### Five Naxals killed in encounter

**NARAYANPUR:** Five Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Tuesday, police said. The gunfight took place in a forest under Kohkameta police station area in Abujhmad, a hilly forest area when a joint team of personnel from different security forces was out on an anti-Naxal operation, a senior police official said. "Five Naxalites have been killed in the action so far. The search operation is still underway in the area and further details are awaited," he said, adding that security personnel were reported to be safe. The operation, involving personnel of the District Reserve Guard, Special Task Force, Border Security Force and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police from different districts, was launched on Sunday, police said.



### HC to rescue of man to bury mother's body

Press Trust Of India

**BILASPUR:** The Chhattisgarh High Court has ordered burial of the body of a woman, who had converted to Christianity, on the private land owned by her in her native village in Bastar district of the state as per her family's wishes. A bench of

Justice Parth Prateem Sahu passed the order on Monday while hearing a petition filed by Ramlal Kashyap of Arracote village under Parpa police station limits in Bastar district of the state. Kashyap filed the petition for the last rites of his mother at the graveyard located in his native Arracote village.

### NATION FIRST |

## Will work with triple speed in third term: PM Modi in LS



PM Modi replies to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the LS. | Photo: PTI

Sabha, amid vociferous protests by the opposition. He said the mandate for the BJP's rivals was to sit in the opposition and keep shouting after running out of arguments. "Try to understand the mandate of the people honestly and accept it. I would urge the Congress to accept the mandate and not hide behind fake victory celebrations," Modi said. Before the prime min-

### HIGHLIGHT

● PM mentioned that understand the pain of those who lost polls.

ister's reply, opposition members wanted Speaker Om Birla to allow the MPs from Manipur to speak in the House but he said a member from the north-eastern state had already spoken on Monday. They then trooped into the Well

of the House, drawing a sharp rebuke from Birla. The prime minister said, "The people of the country have given us this mandate after testing us on every criterion. The people have seen our track record of 10 years." "The people have seen that we have worked with dedication for the welfare of the poor, fulfilling the mantra of 'public service is God's service'," he said.

### MEDICAL UPDATE |

## 1500 stones removed from gallbladder

1500 stones, said Dr Manish K. Gupta, Vice Chairperson and Senior Consultant, Laparoscopic and General Surgeon at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

The woman Riya Sharma, who successfully underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, had also been self-medicating for what she believed to be gas, Dr Gupta told



PTI. She also experienced recurrent episodes of right upper abdominal pain radiating to her back and the shoulder, often accompanied by nausea and vom-

iting, he added. After a thorough evaluation, the patient was scheduled for a laparoscopic cholecystectomy, a minimally invasive procedure to remove the gallbladder and stones. "During her surgery (on Saturday), 10 mm and 5 mm incisions were made in her abdomen to facilitate the removal of the gallbladder," Dr Gupta said.

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# Raipur



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Laxmi Rajwade

Minister of State for Women and Child Development.



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched the Single Window System 2.0 on Tuesday.

## CM Sai launches Single Window System 2.0

To boost industrial investment in Chhattisgarh state.

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**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched the Single Window System 2.0 on Tuesday, aiming to streamline the process of setting up industries in Chhattisgarh. Addressing the event from his residence office in Raipur, CM Sai emphasized the state government's commitment to providing robust support to entrepreneurs and maintaining good governance with zero tolerance for corruption. The Single Window Portal 2.0 is designed to facilitate quick

approvals and clearances for investors, significantly reducing administrative hurdles. "This portal will be extremely user-friendly for entrepreneurs," said CM Sai. "Our state is rich in resources, offering immense opportunities for industrial development. This new system will make setting up industries easier, thereby boosting investment and creating employment opportunities for the youth." With the new portal, all necessary departmental permissions, consents, and clearances can be obtained through a

### HIGHLIGHT

• The Single Window Portal 2.0 is designed to facilitate quick approvals and clearances for investors.

single click, eliminating the need for investors to navigate multiple departments. Departmental officers will be held accountable for the timely processing of applications, ensuring efficient service delivery. Industry Minister Lakhanlal Dewangan highlighted the portal's

role in resolving applications promptly. "Applicants can now track their application status with a single click," he said, congratulating the business community on this development. Commerce and Industry Department Secretary Ankit Anand provided an overview of the portal's capabilities, noting that it offers over 100 facilities from more than 16 departments. Applicants will need to log in only once, and any requests for additional information from departments will be communicated through the portal.

## Governor Harichandan invited for Rath Yatra

**RAIPUR:** Officials from the Jagannath Seva Samiti, led by Raipur North MLA Purandar Mishra, paid a courtesy visit to Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. Continuing a cherished tradition, the committee extended an invitation to the Governor for the Rath Yatra festival at the Lord Jagannath temple in Gayatri Nagar. As the first servant of the state, Governor Harichandan is expected to perform the ritual of Cherapahara, which involves offering prayers at the Jagannath temple. This annual event holds significant cultural and spiritual importance, with the Governor's participation symbolizing his role in upholding and honoring local traditions. The Rath Yatra festival, a prominent event organized by the Jagannath Seva Samiti, draws devotees and visitors from across the region, celebrating the divine journey of Lord Jagannath with great fervor and devotion.

## Raipur Police arrest Sundar Singh with 3 kg Opium

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The police seized approximately 3 kg 210 grams of opium and Rs 3,23,800 in cash from the accused.

**RAIPUR:** In a significant crackdown under Operation Nijaat, Raipur Police have arrested Sundar Singh for selling banned drug opium near Gurunanak Chowk in Shyam Nagar, Telibandha area.

The police seized approximately 3 kg 210 grams of opium and Rs 3,23,800 in cash from the accused, bringing the total value of the seized items to an estimated Rs 6,43,800. This arrest is part of the ongoing anti-drug campaign led by Senior Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh. The "Nijaat"



Police officials along with accused arrested.

### FACTFILE

• The 'Nijaat' campaign involves continuous operations by all police stations.

campaign involves continuous operations by all police stations, alongside the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit. A special team has been formed within the

Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit to enforce the Narcotics Act, with all police station in-charges instructed to take stringent action against drug traffickers and suppliers.

On July 1, the Telibandha police received a tip-off about a person near Gurunanak Chowk selling opium. Acting on this information, Additional Superintendent of

## ICAI Raipur Branch honors senior members

**RAIPUR:** The Raipur branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) honored several senior members in a recent ceremony. The event recognized the contributions of former president CA Amit Chimanani and esteemed members such as Sanjay Bilthare, Ravi Agarwal, Ashutosh Srivastava, Madan Upadhyay, Suresh Agarwal, Sanjeev Rathi, Shashikant Chandrakar, Deepika Natthani, Shyam Sundar Agarwal, Rajesh Agarwal, Vinay Palsaniya, Siddharth Parikh, Yogesh Purohit, Jitendra Khanuja, Chetan Tarwani, Sumit Barwani, Ashish Sewak, Manmish Rajpal, and Reena Jain.

The ceremony was attended by former CIRC president GS Agarwal and Kishore Bardia, along with Raipur branch president Dhawal Shah, secretary Rashmi Bangla, and managing committee members Ravi Gwalani, Vikas Golchha, Gopal Agarwal, and Ravi Jain. This gathering celebrated the dedication and achievements of senior members who have significantly contributed to the profession and the community.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

Foundation Day

### Shri Medishine Hospital celebrates 13 years of service and dedication



**RAIPUR:** Shri Medishine Hospital is celebrating a significant milestone, marking 13 years of providing dedicated medical care and advanced treatments to the people of Chhattisgarh and neighboring regions. Established on July 3, 2011, with a mission to offer quality healthcare locally, the hospital has grown into a beacon of medical excellence, eliminating the need for patients to travel to distant cities for specialized treat-

ments. Director and Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Surgeon Dr. Sushil Sharma shared insights into the hospital's journey, achievements, and future plans. From its inception, Shri Medishine Hospital has continuously integrated new and modern medical facilities to meet the evolving needs of its patients. To mark the 13th anniversary, Shri Medishine Hospital has organized a comprehensive health camp on its premises.

Courtest meet

### Punjab National Bank General Manager meets Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh



**RAIPUR:** Mr. Ashish Chaturvedi, General Manager and Zone Manager for Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand at Punjab National Bank (PNB), met with Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai at the Chief Minister's Office on Tuesday. The meeting focused on PNB's initiatives and contributions to the state's financial and social development. During the discussion, Mr. Chaturvedi briefed the Chief Minister on the government-sponsored schemes offered by the bank. He detailed PNB's retail services, including home, vehicle, and education loans, as well as business and enterprise loans. Emphasizing the bank's extensive network, Mr.

Chaturvedi noted that PNB operates 182 branches across every district of Chhattisgarh under the Raipur Zonal Office. He assured the Chief Minister that PNB provides prompt services for retail loans, home loans, agricultural loans, and industrial and business loans to its customers. Mr. Chaturvedi also elaborated on the current business operations of the bank, highlighting various loan and deposit schemes, and the services being offered by PNB branches in different districts of Chhattisgarh. He underscored PNB's commitment to supporting the state's development through its financial services.

Blood donation

### Doctors of Sanjeevani Cancer Hospital donate Blood on Doctor's Day, felicitated by Rotary Club



**RAIPUR:** On National Doctor's Day, July 1, senior doctors from Sanjeevani Cancer Hospital donated blood. They were honored by the Rotary Club North Raipur for their contributions to public health. President Naveen Sharma, Secretary Suresh Chhaba, and Deputy Secretary Khanganji congratulated and celebrated the doctors. The theme for Doctors' Day 2024, "Healing Hands, Caring Hearts," emphasizes the compassion and dedication of doctors. Mr. Naveen Sharma highlighted the crucial

role doctors play in providing comfort and care, especially amidst challenges like the global pandemic, rising population, increased treatment costs, and limited medical resources. During the event, senior doctors shared insights on health, advocating for regular exercise, yoga, a balanced diet, and avoiding stress and tobacco. Dr. Yousuf Memon stressed the importance of doctors not only treating their patients but also showing goodwill and providing compassionate care.

NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM |

## Pihu Yadav brings laurels to Chhattisgarh

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**RAIPUR:** Pihu Yadav has made a remarkable entry into the national volleyball team, embodying the adage "where there is a will, there is a way."

Driven by her childhood dream to excel in volleyball, Pihu's unwavering dedication and hard work, along with her family's support, have led her to this significant achievement. Pihu Yadav hails from a modest family living near the Kalibari

Chowk Special Police Station in Raipur. Her father, Anil Yadav, works as a peon in the tehsil office, while her mother is a skilled homemaker. Recognizing Pihu's passion and talent for volleyball, her parents enrolled her at Harinath Academy.

Now a class 11 student, Pihu's commitment to the sport has earned her a spot in the Under-18 national volleyball team within just two years.

Representing India, Pihu showcased her excep-



Made a remarkable entry into the national volleyball team.

Pihu Yadav

Class 11th student

tional skills during the championship. Standing at five feet three inches, she played as a libero and impressed everyone with her defensive prowess,

notably stopping powerful smashes and efficiently passing the ball to her teammates.

Although the Indian team did not secure a notable position in the

championship, Pihu's performance received widespread acclaim. Her journey from the Sapre Shala ground in Chhattisgarh to the Khelo India Games and ultimately the national team marks a significant milestone.

As the first player from her state to join the Under-18 team, Pihu has not only brought pride to Chhattisgarh but also demonstrated that perseverance and dedication can lead to extraordinary accomplishments.

### DRT Court commissioner attaches properties of Bank of Baroda loan defaulters

**RAIPUR:** Advocate Commissioner Mahesh Kumar Pandey, Court Commissioner for DRT Jabalpur covering Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, has attached the immovable properties of loan defaulters of Bank of Baroda, ROSARB, Raipur. The attachment orders were issued by Recovery Officers Mr. Vaatsalya Kumar and Ms. Priti Desai of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT). During his visit from June 11, 2024, to June 20, 2024, Advocate Commissioner Pandey, with assistance from Revenue Department officials and

adequate police force, executed the attachment of properties in Mahasamund and Raipur districts. Properties of Heenal Container Lines (P) Ltd, Pal Trading, and Royal Hatcheries in Raipur, along with agricultural lands of Motim Sahu, Nemoo Singh Dhruw, Mohanlal Dhruw, and Sitaldas Manikpuri located in various villages of Mahasamund District, were attached. Officials from Bank of Baroda's ROSARB accompanied the Advocate Commissioner and coordinated to ensure the smooth completion of the process.



# Raipur News

## Expansion of tourism facilities discussed

Working committee based on the subject of 'Tourism and Eco-tourism and Art and Culture' discussed short, medium and long term goals.

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### FASTFACTS

- Discussions were held on the development of adventure activities in tourist places and inviting private investors, promoting other local festivals.

- Responsibility of preparing the vision document has been entrusted to State NITI Aayog.

local festivals, local literature, folk tales and knowledge. Other topics including preservation of local food and techniques and encouragement for innovation, development of creativity and art skills were discussed in detail.

The responsibility of preparing the vision document has been entrusted to State NITI Aayog. It is expected to prepare the final report of the vision document by September 2024. To this end eight working groups have been formed on different subjects.

Aayog member K Subramaniam, Director of Culture Department, Vivek Acharya and other members gave suggestions on short, medium and long term vision and strate-



Meeting to prepare 'Amritkaal: Chhattisgarh Vision 2047' document.

### Discussion on preserving tribal culture

Other important topics including preserving the tribal culture and traditions of the state, developing the vast forest area with flora and fauna available in the state as eco-tourism, developing wellness tourism, agricultural tourism and amusement parks, sustainable, inclusive and responsible tourism, establishing Chhattisgarh as a major tourism brand, providing employment to operate tourist centers and empowering local communities and promoting Chhattisgarh as a safe state were discussed.

gies made by the departments. K Subramaniam suggested increasing the number of tourists in Chhattisgarh at domestic and international level, increasing the contribution of tourism to state's

GDP, encouraging private sector in infrastructure development, strengthening and development of tourism facilities and including marketing and branding campaign in policy document.

## Tankram to review revenue deptt works

RAIPUR: Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Tankram Verma will conduct review meeting of the department in Balodabazar on July 3 in the office of Joint Collector. In the meeting discussions will be held agenda-wise. In the meeting as per the agenda, the condition of pending revenue cases in the district; solution to the problems; MNREGA under Panchayat and Rural Devp Deptt and number of labourers; NRLM budget allocation; under RES - condition of construction work; and others will be reviewed.

## Applications invited for Natl. Award

RAIPUR: The School Education department and Literacy Dept and School Ministry GoI has invited online applications for National Teachers' Award 2024. The last date for submission of application is July 15, 2024. In this regard the Chhattisgarh Directorate of Public Instructions has directed all the Joint Director Education division and all DEOs as well. The online applications can be sent on 'www.nationalawardstoteachers.education.gov.in' and the date for online registration is June 23 to July 15.

## Rahul Gandhi did not call Hindus violent in Parliament: Bhupesh

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### HIGHLIGHT

- In fact the history of BJP and RSS has been of violence and intimidation.

RAIPUR: On Rahul Gandhi's speech in Parliament, former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that he did not call Hindus violent. BJP is doing false propaganda against him, Baghel said.

Congress has always talked about Sarvadharm, non-violence and brotherhood, Baghel said at a press conference here today.

He said that the nationalism of BJP and Sangh was not of Indian tradition. BJP's nationalism is the nationalism of Mussolini and Hitler, he said. 'Our nationalism is the nationalism shown by Gandhiji and saints', Baghel said.

He said that the BJP had been trying to suppress the opponents. The Modi government is silent on the matter of NEET today, and does not want to discuss it, he said. Baghel said that for the first time the BJP government came on the back foot in Parliament. BJP does not represent the Hindu society and it moves on the path of conspiracy, violence and hatred, said Baghel, adding that BJP is presenting Rahul Gandhi's statement in a wrong way.

## Collector inspects seed storage center

RAIPUR: Collector Dr Gaurav Singh reached the fertilizer seed storage center in Dharsiwa and talked to the farmers present there. The collector asked the farmers whether fertilizer, seeds were being available from time to time or not. On this, the farmers said that there was no shortage of fertilizer, seeds in the committee. The collector told the committee managers that there should be no shortage of fertilizer,

seeds and stock should always be kept available. The collector inspected ration card shops of Dharsiwa, Kura and Pathri and Barbanda villages and directed to complete distribution of new ration cards as soon as possible. He also asked cardholders whether ration was being received on time or not. On this, all ration card holders expressed satisfaction and told collector about availability of ration on time.

## JCI Raipur MAIC United shines in 'Mid-con 2024'

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JCI Raipur MAIC United participated in the prestigious "Mid-con 2024" conference organized by Nagpur Nakshatra.

RAIPUR: The team gave a mesmerizing dance performance in the event. It also won several awards and recognitions in various categories. MAIC United's dedication towards training was recognized with the 'Outstanding Performance in Training' award. The team put up an excellence show in Public Relations and Marketing category. For which it was awarded the 'Outstanding Performance in PR & Marketing' award. JCI Raipur MAIC United demonstrated excellent organizational skills for which it was awarded the 'Outstand-

ing Performance in Management' award. MAIC United's strategic planning and execution also earned them the 'Plan of Action' award. The highlight of the event was the 'Group Dance' performance by the group of MAIC United, which won the first prize. MAIC United's teamwork and problem solving skills were also seen in the 'Treasure Hunt', where they emerged victorious. The creativity of the team was recognized with a special mention for 'Reels Creation'. In the 'Photo Display' category, artistic photography skills earned MAIC United runners-up position. Every month MAIC United recognizes hard work and dedication of the members who work behind the scenes, and for such volunteers 'Salute to Silent Star' award was also presented to MAIC United for consistency.

## Avg rainfall of 191.7mm recorded

RAIPUR: According to the information compiled by the State-Level Control Room under Revenue and Disaster Management Department, an average rainfall of 191.7 mm has been recorded in Chhattisgarh state since June 1, 2024. Bijapur district has recorded the highest average rainfall of 283.1 mm and Surguja district has recorded the lowest average rainfall of 128.6 mm.

## Drugs: Youth arrested

RAIPUR: A youth was arrested for selling prohibited tablets used as drugs in front of a private hospital in Kachana. Police had received information that a person was roaming around in a two-wheeler near the hospital for selling that tablets. A joint team of Police went to the place and identified person, as mentioned by the informer and caught him on the spot.

## Doctors set stage on fire with song and music

DOCTORS DAY

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On the occasion of Doctors Day, Chhattisgarh Medical Teachers Association organized a "Doctors Day Musical Meet" program at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Smriti Medical College, Raipur.

RAIPUR: Doctors of the college gave a wonderful performance of singing and dancing with karaoke music. In this ceremony organized at the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee Auditorium in the Medical College, the doctors made this day memorable by presenting melodious songs through solo and group singing.

This program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Arvind Neral, President of Medical Teachers Association. Doctors were also felic-



Doctors Day Musical Meet was organised by Ch'garh Medical Teachers Association at Pt JNM Medical College Raipur.

### FASTFACTS

- They showcased their dancing talent through solo and group dance.
- Surprise gifts, lucky draw and cake cutting ceremony were also organized to encourage the doctors.

itated by various organisations. In the series of cultural programmes, Dr. Arvind Neral, Dr. Varsha Mungutwar, Dr. Vibha Patre, Dr. Akash Lalwani, Dr. Santosh Sonkar, Dr. Devpriya Rath, Dr. Prabha Thakur, Dr. Roshan Rathod, Dr. Kushal Chakraborty, Dr. Kasturi Mangrulkar, Dr. Anand Jaiswal, Dr.

Jyoti Jaiswal, Dr. Durgesh Gajendra, Dr. S.N. Gole, Dr. S.B.B.S. Netam mesmerised the audience by singing solo songs. In group singing, 11 medical teachers of the pathology department gave an attractive performance on theme "Love You Zindagi" by including seven colours of rainbow in their costumes.

MALNUTRITION

## Efforts to make state malnutrition-free

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RAIPUR: The Minister for Women and Child Development, Laxmi Rajwade, conducted an extensive review of the departmental work at Mahanadi Bhavan today. Rajwade instructed the officials to conduct regular and surprise inspections of every Anganbadi center. She also directed to monitor the quality of nutritional food and other facilities provided to the beneficiaries. During the meeting,



department officials provided information on the ongoing programs and schemes through a PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting was attended by Shammi Abidi, Secretary of the department, Tulika Prajapati, Director, and

**"Regular health check-ups, vaccinations, and weight monitoring for pregnant and lactating mothers, children, and adolescent girls should be conducted".**

Laxmi Rajwade  
Minister for Women and Child Development

other departmental officials. Rajwade emphasized on the requirement of effective implementation of Integrated Child Development Services on the ground and gave instructions to provide women in the region the benefits of various government welfare schemes in a systematic manner.

She called for initiatives to raise public awareness, improve the quality of services, and expand services to make them result-oriented.

## Secretary in-charge of 33 district appointed

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RAIPUR: The state government has appointed senior administrative officers as secretary in-charge in all the districts of Chhattisgarh for the implementation of public welfare programmes and monitoring of developmental work as well.

The State Government has given charge of the district to the Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Secretary, Director and Special Sec-

retary for all 33 districts of the state. The Secretary-in-charge of the concerned district will continuously monitor the schemes and development works being run in the district, so that the development works can be expedited. The Secretary-in-charge will submit a brief note regarding the visit to Chief Secretary every month. Additional Chief Secretary Renu G. Pillai has been appointed as the Secretary-in-charge of Dhamtari district.

### NEWSLINE

#### FELICITATION

Prof. Alok Agarwal felicitated



RAIPUR: The Indian Medical Association (IMA), Delhi, felicitated Prof. Alok Chandra Agarwal, Dean (Academics), All India Institute of Medical Sciences, for his remarkable contribution to patient care. National President Dr. R.V. Asokam, and Secretary General Dr. Anil Kumar J. Nayak in a ceremony held at New Delhi on Doctors' Day highlighted the role of Prof. Agarwal in patient care and innovative approaches adopted by him in Academics. They praised Prof. Agarwal for his exceptional dedication and commitment.

#### CRIME

7 accused held for beating up head constable

SURAJPUR: The city police have arrested seven accused for reportedly beating one police constable. According to the information, last night some youths were creating a ruckus in the name of birthday celebration on the road in Datima village. When the head constable Samay Lal from Karanji police station, tried to persuade the miscreants, the matter was almost settled.

#### TOURISM

CG gets letter of recognition for Rajim Corridor

RAIPUR: After a prolonged phase of waiting, Chhattisgarh got a letter of recognition from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture. Thanks to the initiative taken by former Minister of Tourism and Culture in the state. Agrawal's initiative turned out to be fruitful, as Chhattisgarh was recognized as a center of faith and religious tourism in the world.

#### RMC

Plantation, rainwater harvesting discussed



RAIPUR: Raipur Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra held a meeting with all zone commissioners regarding tree plantation, rainwater harvesting, Swachh Bharat Mission and ward delimitation.

The commissioner set zone-wise targets for tree plantation and directed that tree plantation should be carried out in the interest of society with the participation of willing NGOs for environmental protection. The commissioner also gave instructions to continuously inspect rainwater harvesting work.



# Bhilai



State government working in strategic manner to improve school education

Lalit Chandrakar (MLA, Durg Rural)

## 'Pay special attention on cleanliness, disaster mgmt'

Collector reviews status of time limit cases of different departments.



Officials of all the departments attend time limit meeting.

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### FASTFACTS

- Door-to-door campaign to make Ayushman cards
- Resolve pension cases before retirement date

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has said that the pension cases should be resolved before the retirement date so that the government servants can get the benefit of pension immediately after retirement. She took information about the pending cases and the treasury department objections and instructed the disbursing officers to update the official documents, service book etc. Collector reviewed the time-limit pending cases department

wise and gave necessary guidelines to the officers. The Collector said that the pending cases of PGN / Sarathi App / Collector Janchaupal and District Level Public Grievance Redressal Camp should be resolved on time. Emphasizing on the cleanliness

### Officials asked to stay alert to tackle disasters

She inquired about disaster management training in the district. To reduce the possible damage in disasters, she asked the officials of urban bodies, revenue, health and technical departments to stay alert and immediately respond for protective efforts, financial assistance, rehabilitation arrangements, medical assistance, etc.

campaign, she directed the officers to run a cleanliness campaign every Sunday with public participation. She asked to make the rain water harvesting system at all buildings

and conduct cleaning of ponds, wells and canals. She took updated information about Ayushman cards and instructed to conduct door-to-door campaign for maximum coverage.

## Advisory Committee meeting today

**BHILAI:** The meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary has been organized in the meeting hall of the District Collectorate on July 03. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 16:00 hrs. The District Lead Bank Manager has asked the bankers and officials of all the concerned departments to attend the meeting.

## Last date extended for State Sports Award

**BHILAI:** Chhattisgarh Government Sports and Youth Welfare Department is inviting recommendations for Shaheed Rajiv Pandey Award, Shaheed Kaushal Yadav Award, Shaheed Pankaj Vikram Samman, Veer Hanuman Singh Award and Shaheed Vinod Choubey Samman, Chief Minister Trophy to confer sports awards to players / trainers / judges every year and to honour them with State Sports Awards. Assistant Director of Sports and Youth Welfare Department (Durg) informed that the last date for submission of application form has been extended from June 30 to July 10.

## Free training for rural youth from 5th

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**BHILAI:** Bank of Baroda Rural Self-Employment Training Institute Durg is run by the Government of India, which provides various training programmes to meet the objectives of achieving the goal of self-reliance in rural areas. The institute is organizing free residential (with food arrangement) training for the youth of rural areas of Durg, Balod and Bemetara districts from July 05. Applications have been invited from young men and women aged 18 to 45 years. It will be man-

datory to bring the photocopy of the required documents - Aadhar card, ration card, NREGA job card, passport photo and

### HIGHLIGHT

- To meet the objectives of achieving the goal of self-reliance in rural areas

mark sheet. Training in computer accounting (for 30 days) will begin from July 05, training in photography and videography (for 30 days) from July 15 and training in mobile repairing (for 30 days) from August 05.

## BSP's Sabarmati Welding Plant records New High

**BHILAI:** SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Flash Butt Welding Plant (FBWP) at Sabarmati has made a record number of 282 Long Rail panels in the month of June 2024, as compared to previous best of 264 Long Rail panels in May 24. As many as 22 rakes of 260 metre welded rail panels had been despatched to Indian Railways so far from FBWP, Sabarmati.

This includes ten rakes dispatched in the Rakes to June period of current fiscal year

2024-25 and 12 rakes dispatched in fiscal year 2023-24. The first rake of 260 metre welded rail panels had been despatched from Sabarmati plant in November 23.

The input rails for welding at the FBWP are being supplied in 26 metre length by BSP's Rail & Structural Mill.

Utilisation of the FBWP at Sabarmati has helped augment the volume of 260 metre long rail supplies to Indian Railways from SAIL-BSP.

### NEWSLINE

#### HELP

#### Social orgs help for girl's marriage



**BHILAI:** Praja Sewa Samiti, Red Drop Chhattisgarh and Sri Sainath Jansewa Samiti extended support for a girl's marriage of an underprivileged family. The social service organizations provided ration, vegetables for the marriage function as well as gifted a mixer grinder, dressing table and washing machine to the bride.

#### STOLEN

#### Iron laden truck stolen

**BHILAI:** Iron angles and channel laden truck was stolen from Chhawani on the intervening night of Monday. The victim, Chandrakant Yadav informed that he had parked the truck trailer bearing registration number CG04-FB-4441 near Arihant Dharamkanta in Chhawani late evening on June 30. The driver returned back on Monday morning and found that the vehicle was missing. Total value of truck and loaded goods is around Rs 21 lakhs. On checking CCTV footage, the victim found an unknown person taking the vehicle around 01:00 hrs on July 01. Police lodged an offence under section 303 (2) of BNS.

#### CRIME

#### Youth stabbed by unknown bikers

**BHILAI:** Three unknown bike borne ruffians assaulted and stabbed a youth near Rasmada Overbridge on Nehru Nagar Anjora Bypass Road late evening on Monday. The victim Pawan Kaser is recuperating in the Pulse Hospital. With a friend Priyanka Lanjewar, Pawan was returning from Rajnandgaon in his car. He stopped near Rasmada flyover to attend nature's call. Meanwhile, three ruffians reached there and raised an objection to urinating on the roadside. They started assaulting Pawan and then attacked with a sharp weapon. Priyanka and other passersby intervened after which the accused escaped from the spot. Police lodged an offence under section 109 (1) of BNS.

## SSV-X students excel at Fit India Quiz



Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** Sri Sankara Vidyalaya students won the second prize in Fit India Quiz, India's biggest quiz on sports and fitness. The State Round of the 3rd Edition of Fit India Quiz started from June 18. Two talented students Muditt Nair (XI-A) and Mehul Dhandore (XII-B) participated in the preliminary round through a special web platform and qualified for the State Round. In finals, they showcased exceptional skill, dedication, and sportsmanship and secured the second position in a fiercely competitive environment. They won a cash prize of Rs 10000 each. Additionally, SSV was honoured with a

substantial cash prize of Rs 1,00,000 in recognition of its contribution to foster a culture of fitness and excellence among their students.

This achievement is a testament to the hard work of students under the able guidance of PTI Nikhilesh Sharma and the unwavering support from the school community.

Principal Bipin Deshmukh said that SSV remains committed to nurturing talent and promoting holistic development among students and ensuring that they excel in all spheres. Secretary S Swaminathan congratulated the students and appreciated the sincere efforts of teachers and the school.

## IHSDP House allotment cancelled

**BHILAI:** Under IHSDP Housing Scheme, Bhilai Municipal Corporation had allotted house number 3/31 in Jawahar Nagar to Durgesh Chauhan / Ramesh Chauhan for personal residential use. It was found that the allottee was not residing in the house and had given it on rent to Sangeeta Sao.

## Inspection at Amrapali society today

**BHILAI:** In the meeting of the District Selection Committee (dated Feb 20), Collector had directed to cancel the allotments of houses allotted under government schemes in cases of misuses and violation of rules. In this sequel, BMC officials will conduct inspection and take action against illegal occupants in Amrapali Society on July 03.

## Health, WCD and other depts to work in coordination

Central Chronicle News

### Stop Diarrhoea Campaign from July 01 to August 31

**BHILAI:** On Tuesday, Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a meeting regarding the Stop Diarrhoea Campaign-2024 which began on July 01 and would conclude on August 31. She discussed the data of diarrhoea and other waterborne infections and diseases in the past months with the concerned officials. Health, Panchayat, Women and Child Development, Education, Urban Area, Public Health Engineering departments will jointly participate in awareness activities.

The Collector has asked to ensure availability of clean drinking water, personal hygiene and environment. Through the campaign, tar-



Collector interacting with the officials of various departments.

### FASTFACTS

- All departments asked to conduct awareness activities
- ORS and zinc tablets distribution under prophylactic strategy

geted sensitization of families of children below 5 years of age, providing ORS and

zinc at local level to patients below 5 years of age, admitting and treating children with severe acute malnutrition, etc will be done. The Collector has asked the education department officials to ensure training of teachers on targeted activities to increase awareness among students. Misconceptions related to diarrhoea should be removed by organizing

a meeting with the targeted women and families. Collector directed to run campaign in high risk areas or communities, urban slums / hard to reach areas or settlements, flood affected areas, nomadic areas, brick kilns, areas with construction activities, destitute children, children living in orphanages, areas with outbreak of diarrhoea, etc.

### SHALA PRAVESH UTSAV |

## Lalit dedicates additional room at Govt School in Shivpara

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar dedicated the additional room built in Government Higher Secondary School at Shivpara, Station Maroda on the occasion of Shala Pravesh. The room has been constructed at a cost of Rs 7 lakh 63 thousand. Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha announced to build a bicycle stand in the campus her allocated fund.



children and parents, Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar said that the one who lives in poverty learns. The state

government is trying to do better in the field of education. Chief of the state Vishnu Dev Sai has asked the collector to

### A cycle stand will be made in the school campus from Mayor fund

Sashi Sinha, Mayor, Risali Municipal Corporation

work in a planned manner for good education. He instructed the officials of the Municipal Corporation to prepare an estimate for the develop-

ment of the school as per the need. On this occasion, Mayor Shashi Sinha welcomed the newly admitted children and also wished for the bright future of the children. Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha announced to build a stand in the campus from the allocated fund, Rs 10 lakh rupees have been reserved for this. The guests planted a sapling in the school campus. The MLA asked every citizen to plant a sapling and take care of it.

## RMC collects Rs 9500 fine for material on road

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** Risali Municipal Corporation took action against those who kept the building construction material on the Krishna Talkies main road. Rs 6000 fine has been collected from the operator of Vaibhav Traders.

At the same time, a warning has been given to remove the construction material within fifteen days. Corporation Commissioner Monica Verma has given

instructions to remove encroachment from the road side affecting traffic movement and drainage system. The team led by Revenue Department Incharge Sanjay Verma took action against those who were doing business by encroaching on the road land for years.

Three days ago, the corporation had issued a notice to remove the building construction material. Even after this, no step was taken to remove the material.

#### OBITUARY

#### Raghav Prasad Tamrakar

**BHILAI:** Sikolabhata Durg resident Raghav Prasad Tamrakar left for heavenly abode at the age of 74 years on Tuesday. Last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Harnabandha Muktidham around 10:00 hrs on July 03. He was the elder brother of Kalyan (kallu) Tamrakar and father of Vinay, Vishal, Yogesh, Vinita and Vidya.





# N-E-W-S



“The Opposition’s demand for a discussion in House on the NEET issue, is genuine as it is related to years of hard work of around 24 lakh students..”

Gaurav Gogoi  
Congress MP

## Flood situation grim in Assam



Assam minister Keshab Mahanta inspects an embankment that was damaged by flood water, at Hatimura in Nagaon district on Tuesday. PTI

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### RAINFALL

#### Parts of Delhi receive light showers, city on ‘orange’ alert

**NEW DELHI:** Parts of the national capital received light showers Tuesday late afternoon even as the weather department forecast heavy rainfall in the city. Delhi is on an “orange” alert for Tuesday which denotes “be prepared” in the colour codes of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Some parts of Delhi witnessed light rainfall at around 3 pm, according to the IMD. The Met office this morning predicted moderate to heavy rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds.

The city recorded a minimum temperature of 30.7 degrees Celsius, 2.8 notches above the season’s normal, the IMD said. The humidity was recorded at 76 per cent at 8.30 am. The maximum temperature is likely to settle around 33 degrees Celsius, the Met predicted. **PTI**

### AGITATION

#### Unite for quota cause or face consequences in assembly polls: Jarange



**JALNA:** Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange on Tuesday urged MLAs and MPs from his community to unite in the fight for reservation under the OBC category or face consequences in the forthcoming Maharashtra assembly elections.

Speaking to reporters, Jarange outlined plans to hold peaceful rallies in every district of Maharashtra from July 6 to 13, advocating for the quota demand. **PTI**

# Student bodies of INDIA bloc parties slam Centre over NEET row

Student groups of INDIA bloc parties slammed the BJP-led Govt. for the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG and demanded that the entrance test be held again for all the 24 lakh candidates

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Student groups of INDIA bloc parties slammed the BJP-led Centre over alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG and reiterated their demand that the medical entrance test be held again for all the 24 lakh candidates who had appeared in it.

At a press conference held at the Press Club here, national leaders of the student outfits signed a common resolution against discrepancies in the examination conducted by the

National Testing Agency (NTA) and pressed their demand to scrap the testing agency for its failure in holding a fair examination.

Members of the Left-backed All India Students’ Association (AISA), Students’ Federation of India (SFI) and All India Students’ Federation (AISF), along with the Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha and the Congress’s student wing National Students’ Union of India (NSUI), where among those who addressed the press conference.

They alleged that the

### HIGHLIGHT

● The students groups demanded the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over reported incidents of paper leak and corruption in the exam.

● The student bodies of the INDIA bloc parties plan to take out a joint march to Parliament on the last day of the 18th Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

future of lakhs of students is jeopardised due to the NTA’s “inability

to hold exams in a fair and transparent manner” and demanded that fresh dates of the NEET-UG be released immediately for all candidates.

They also demanded the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over reported incidents of paper leak and corruption in the exam.

The student bodies of the INDIA bloc parties plan to take out a joint march to Parliament on the last day of the 18th Lok Sabha on Wednesday, they said.

“The recent NEET

scam is a glaring example of the NTA’s inability to conduct fair and transparent examinations. We, as representatives of students across the nation, demand an immediate ban on the NTA and the establishment of a new, trustworthy body to conduct these crucial exams.

“Our united stance is to safeguard the interests of our students and we will not rest until justice is served and the examination system reformed to ensure fairness and transparency,” NSUI president Varun Choudhary said.

## Minor among three killed in Aizawl landslide

**AIZAWL:** A couple and their four-year-old daughter were killed after a landslide partially buried their tin-roofed concrete building on the outskirts of Aizawl on Tuesday, a police officer said.

The incident, triggered by incessant rain, occurred in the morning while some of the occupants were still sleeping, Aizawl SP Rahool Alwal said.

He said the landslide hit the building owned by F. Lalrokima, a resident of Zembawk area in the state capital. The eastern side of the building, used as a bedroom by Lalrokima’s son Isaac Chhangte (32) and his wife Lalrinchani (25), was covered by the landslide, trapping the couple and their four-year-old daughter Abigail Lalchhanhimi under the debris, he added.

# ‘Telugu film industry should raise awareness against drugs’

TELANGANA CM REVANTH REDDY URGES

Press Trust Of India

Filmmakers will have to provide a short video to the govt. to promote awareness on drugs and cyber crime when they approach the government to hike ticket prices.

**HYDERABAD:** Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said Telugu film industry bigwigs, who seek government permission to increase ticket prices when a big budget film is released, are not fulfilling their social responsibility to raise awareness on the menace of drugs and cyber crime.

He directed the offi-



Telangana CM Revanth Reddy is against drug abuse. PTI.

cial to set a pre-condition to filmmakers to provide a video of one or two minutes duration to the government to promote awareness on drugs and cybercrime when they approach to hike ticket prices.

The video can be made with the same cast who acted in the film for which permission to hike ticket prices is sought, he said.

### FACTFILE

● It is a routine practice in Telangana and neighbouring Andhra Pradesh to increase ticket prices, with government permission, for some days after the film’s release.

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Revanth Reddy, who was speaking after flagging off a fleet of vehicles of state anti-narcotics bureau and cyber security bureau, appreciated mega star Chiranjeevi for handing over a video to the government against the

problem of narcotic substances. The Chief Minister also asked the Cyberabad and Rachakonda police commissioners here to place the request before filmmakers to provide a short duration video to raise awareness against narcotics and cyber crime when permissions are sought for film shootings. He said he agrees that films are made with investment of crores of rupees but drugs is a societal problem, he said. Filmmakers should give back to the society, he said. He instructed that cinema theatre owners should screen short duration films free of cost before beginning the film screening to promote awareness against drugs and cyber crime.

## UDDHAV THACKERAY ATTACKS

# ‘Danve’s suspension a one-sided decision’

Press Trust Of India

“As the chief of the Shiv Sena (UBT), I was apologising for the remarks made by Danve if it hurt women. In similar remarks of BJP leaders no action was taken”, he argued.

**MUMBAI:** Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has said the decision to

suspend Ambadas Danve, the Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra legislative council, was one-sided and a pre-planned conspiracy.

Talking to reporters, Thackeray said Danve was not given any opportunity to present his side before being suspended.

Thackeray said, as the chief of the Shiv Sena (UBT), he was apolo-

“Ambadas Danve was not given any opportunity to present his side before being suspended.”

Uddhav Thackeray  
Shiv Sena (UBT) chief



gising for the remarks made by Danve if it hurt women, but asked what action was taken against the Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena leaders for making such comments outside the House.

“There was a need to discuss the resolution (to suspend Danve), but there was no discussion on it,” he said.

He said the suspension was done to overshadow the victory of his party in the legislative council polls.

## ‘THE DEAD END’ WINS LAURELS

### Indian Cinema: Dr. Rajinderr Jaina honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award in Delhi

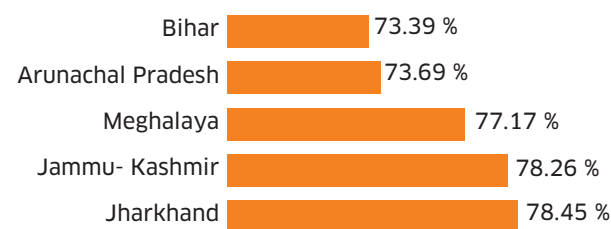


**NEW DELHI (INDIA):** Dr. Er. Rajinderr Jaina is one such rising star of Indian cinema who has reached the pinnacle of success in a very short span of time. We all know how difficult it is to make a name for yourself in Bollywood these days, but Rajinderr has made a name for himself today due to his hard work, dedication and new vision. The biggest thing is that film producer Dr. Er. Rajinderr Jaina is one such artist who made his mark in the film world while living in Delhi. He believes that life is given only once and

hence one should live it to the fullest Dr jaina said. HE honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by Suniel Parashar, Chairman, Film Piracy Eradication Cell for his contribution to the film and music industry. A Chartered Civil Engineer, Architect and LL.B, he started his career as a practicing architect and soon moved into the construction industry business, establishing the Dr. Jaina Group of Companies in 1979. Apart from being a successful businessman, he has led various social, trade and professional associations. **PTI**

## The Day's NUMBERS

### LOWEST MALE LITERACY RATE IN INDIA



Source: Agencies

### NEW COURSE

#### Ahmedabad University Launches The BxMx Dual Degree Programme

**AHMEDABAD:** Taking the lead towards building diverse capabilities and skills and enhancing employability, Ahmedabad University has launched the dual degree The BxMx Programme. This unique programme allows an undergraduate student to study for a Bachelor’s programme in one discipline while completing a Master’s in another in five years.

The innovative BxMx Programme is designed to equip undergraduate Arts and Science students with a professional degree while building strong humanistic and social competencies that are prerequisites for succeeding in a contemporary workplace. Hence, by integrating undergraduate and graduate studies, Ahmedabad University aims to create flexible employment opportunities for its students while enabling them to explore their passions. **PTI**

### PERMISSION

#### Court allows two-hour custody parole to Engineer Rashid to take oath as MP



**NEW DELHI:** A court here on Tuesday granted two-hour custody parole to Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdul Rashid to take oath as a Lok Sabha MP on July 5. Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, was elected from Baramulla seat as an independent candidate defeating National Conference leader Omar Abdullah in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

He was arrested in a 2017 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case. **PTI**



In order to become a better citizen of the country, all students should come to school daily and study hard.

**Lakhan Lal Dewangan**  
Minister for Industry and Commerce, C.G.



# Chhattisgarh



Failing to get insurance payment for Rabi crop, farmers approach SBI branch.

## Farmers fails to get insurance amount?

Farmers of Khairagarh have not received the insurance payment for their Rabi crop, after which they went to the bank to get information.

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**KHAIRAGARH:** Farmers of Khairagarh have not received the insurance payment for their Rabi crop, after which they went to the bank to get information and were told by the bank that if their crop is not insured then how will they get claim of the insurance amount. Actually, farmers of Khairagarh rural have taken KCC loan from State Bank. Farmers say that when they took the loan under KCC, then the bank should have deducted the

premium amount from their account and insured it, but now when the insurance amount has not been received, the bank is informing that there was no amount for the insurance premium in the account of the said farmers, due to which the insurance has not been done.

**Farmers denied compensation: Bank blamed for insurance blunder**

Farmers deprived of the insurance compensation amount due to the mistake of State Bank of India are angry. Farmers say that

### HIGHLIGHT

● Farmers deprived of the insurance compensation amount due to the mistake of SBI are angry.

● Due to the negligence of the bank, the farmers of the entire village are angry.

due to the mistake of SBI, their insurance could not be done and they were not even given information. Narayan Lal Verma, a res-

ident of village Hardi, said that along with him, no farmer of the village was insured by the State Bank, due to which they will not be able to get the compensation amount. Due to the negligence of the bank, the farmers of the entire village are angry.

Farmer leader Khemraj Jain says that farmers have been transacting with the State Bank through Kisan Credit Card for the last 15-20 years. The bank gives them KCC loan and the farmers also pay them on time.

## Problem resolution camps 10th

**KORIYA:** Public problem resolution camp is being organized for quick resolution of the problems of the common people in the district. These camps will be organized at various places till December 2024. As per the instructions of Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, the calendar for organizing the district level public problem resolution camp has been released for the year 2024. This camp will be organized from 10 July to 27 December, more than 150 gram panchayats will participate in these camps.

## Works worth Rs 21 lakh approved

**KOREA:** Due to the initiative of Baikunthpur Assembly MLA Shri Bhaiya Lal Rajwade, administrative approval of Rs 21 lakh 25 thousand has been given for various development works. Under the Assembly Constituency Development Scheme, administrative approval of Rs 9 lakh 95 thousand has been given for the construction of a drain from Madan Singh's house to the lake via Ramchandra Singh's house in Dandapara of village panchayat, Pipra of Baikunthpur. 5 lakh 70 thousand have been approved for the construction of a drain from Rambai's house to Bhaiyalal's in Dandapara.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### WORKSHOP

#### Bijadutir volunteers workshop concludes with CEO Hemant Nandanwar

**BIJAPUR:** Under the Bijadutir program jointly run by the District Administration UNICEF, a workshop of Bijadutir volunteers was organized in the presence of CEO District Panchayat, Hemant Ramesh Nandanwar in the District Panchayat Assembly Hall on the theme 'Main Hoon Na' for primary assistance to the people at the village level on mental health. The volunteers were trained on the three principles of seeing, listening and connecting by Master Trainer of Chhang Agricon Committee, Danish K Hussain. The District Panchayat CEO said that due to not getting many departmental schemes to the people or due to not getting any work done on time, many people get mental illnesses. During this time, it becomes difficult to do daily work with stress and illness.

### ARREST

#### Bilaspur police arrest international online fraudsters



**BILASPUR:** The City Police has busted an international gang involved in online fraud. Four accused were arrested from Shimla and Ceylon in Himachal Pradesh, out of which two accused are from abroad. One accused is from Bangladesh and the other is from Cameroon. According to the police, members of the international gang had cheated a large number of individuals in the name of rating of places like online shops, malls, parks. One victim from Bilaspur lost about 27 lakh rupees after falling prey to the fraud of these accused.

### Felicitations of students

#### Suryavanshi Samaj felicitates talented students and offers career guidance



**JANJGIR CHAMPA:** The felicitation program was inaugurated by garlanding the portrait of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and taking oath on the Indian Constitution in the central building of Suryavanshi Samaj, Sukli under Navagarh development block area. A one-day program to honour talented students and Bhoomi Pujan for compound construction was organised. In this program, more than 450 students who scored high marks were honored. Suryavanshi Samaj President Sanjay

Gadhwal, who was presiding over the program, said that career guidance was given to the talented children of Suryavanshi Samaj. In career guidance, a large section of the society is serving in government work. Officers, employees, teachers and public representatives of such society gave guidance. Mohanlal Pradhan Block Education Officer said that we all have to collectively search for talented children and bring them forward to raise the level of education in the society.

## Mother Tree vehicle flagged off

**JAGDALPUR:** Chhattisgarh Government Forest and Climate Change Department today formally inaugurated the free sapling distribution center under Bastar Forest Division by BJP State President and MLA Kiran Dev. In the program organized by Bastar Forest Division, free saplings were distributed under the name of Sapling Tunhar Duar and Ek Ped Maa by MLA Kiran Dev. Also, MLA Kiran Dev flagged off the greenery propagation vehicle. In this program, Mayor Mrs. Safira Sahu, former Forest Development Corporation President Srinivas Rao Maddi, Collector Vijay Dayaram, Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, CCF RC Dugga, DFO Umesh Gupta, District President Roop Singh Mandavi, District General Secretary Ramashray Singh, Srinivas Mishra, Manohar Dutt Tiwari, Rinku Pandey and other officers and employees were present.

## Raids against fertilizer shops to check fake goods

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Several fertilizer medicine shops of the district were inspected in a raid style under the leadership of Dy Director Agriculture.

**BILASPUR:** On the instructions of Collector Avneesh Sharan, several fertilizer medicine shops of the district were inspected in a raid style under the leadership of Deputy Director of Agriculture. When expired nano urea was found stored in these shops, its sale was banned. The shop was sealed after 470 bags of fertilizer were found illegally stored in private shops. The sale of 600 liters of pesticide storage without a valid license has been banned. Deputy Director of Agriculture PD Hatheshwar said that a series of contin-



Several fertilizer medicine shops of the district were inspected in a raid.

### FACTFILE

● 470 bags of various types of fertilizers sealed in a private shop.

● Ban imposed on the sale of 600 liters of pesticides without a valid license.

uous inspections has been started to ensure that farmers get quality seeds and fertilizers when the

farming season starts. In this sequence, a surprise inspection was conducted by the district level inspection team at Dhuma Seva Sahakari Samiti under development block Kota in which expired storage of Nano Urea was found, which was immediately banned from sale. Necessary instructions were given to the committee manager for fertilizer storage and maintenance. He informed that the fer-

tilizer illegally stored in M/s Shiv Krishi Kendra located in village Kargi Kala were sealed till further orders. Along with this, the sale and storage place of Karan Traders and Aman Khad Bhandar were inspected and necessary instructions were given. 600 liters of pesticide stored without a valid principal certificate in Ramesh Krishi Kendra located in Kota was banned for sale.

### RAIDS AGAINST FERTILIZER

### POTHLES

## Potholes on road getting worse each day

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**RAJIM:** The potholes in Chaubebandha-Sindhauri road are getting worse day by day. Until now, more than three dozen people have fallen and suffered physical, mental and financial losses. Like Sursa, the number of potholes here are also continuously increasing. It is a single road and doesn't have extra space on its sides either. Therefore, when the



four-wheelers pass, there is no space left for pedestrians, cyclists and bike riders. Due to an improper drainage system, it is always filled with water. The wheels of loading trucks pass over the potholes, causing them to

expand. There are always pits and mud near the tap connection at a distance of 100 yards from here.

It is noteworthy that people from several villages including Sindhauri, Baronda, Shyamnagar,

The students are tired of demanding the filling of potholes and widening of the road.

Students Sindhauri road.

Sursabandha, Tarra, Kurusekera, Dhuma, Deori, Jenjra and Kopra com-

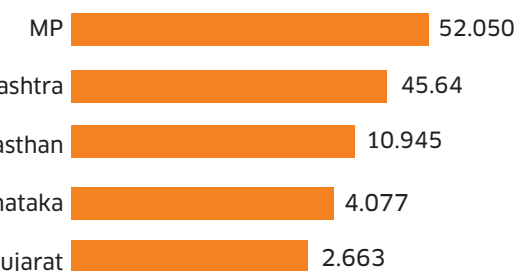
mute through this road. The people of Gariaband district pass through this route to reach Dhamtari district and the villages in Raipur district. Students from nearby villages use this route to study in Rajim city. Especially, students of Chaubebandha commute to Sindhauri High School by bicycle. Since this is an agriculture-based area, the road is also used to transport agricultural goods. It faces traffic jams 24/7.

### The Day's NUMBERS

In terms of Sowing Area (in million MT)

Source- SOPA

### TOP FIVE SOYBEAN PRODUCERS IN INDIA FOR KHARIFF 2023.



### CAMPAIGN

#### 'Stop Diarrhoea & Stay Strong' campaign ends August 31st

**KOREA:** Stop Diarrhoea campaigns have been organized in the district from 1 July to 31 August. Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh has asked the Health and Family Welfare Department, Women and Child Development Department, Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Panchayat and Rural Development Department and School Education Department to work in coordination in this campaign. According to the information received from the Health and Family Welfare Department, under this campaign, the department will do the work of micro planning, publicity and monitoring. The Women and Child Development Department will identify children at risk of malnutrition and will conduct a nutritional assessment. The Drinking Water and Sanitation Department will conduct water quality testing and provide pure water supply. The Urban Administration and Development Department will participate in the cleanliness campaign and create awareness towards cleanliness. The Panchayat and Rural Development Department will spread public awareness by organizing discussions in the meetings of Gram Sangathan, Self Help Groups, and Mitanins.

### THEFT

#### Four arrested in theft case of several motorcycles



**RAIGARH:** Raigarh Polie has arrested four accused, involved in the theft of several motorcycles during the last six months or so. Superintendent of Police Divyang Kumar Patel informed that a team of senior police officers including DSP (Cyber Cell) Abhinav Upadhyay was given the task to trace the location of the accused. As the informer told police that an accused Anil Mishra was trying to get customer for his motorcycle stock, the city police immediately rushed to the spot and held Anil Mishra. After getting information regarding another accused Mahavir Sonwani, the police caught him also. Later in the day, the police arrested two more accused in the case - Tasleem Khan and Nandu Chauhan. The all were sent to jail on judicial remand.



## Amendments in new Judicial Law welcomed

Collector said that after 160 years, amendments have been made in the old law and by amending the laws before independence.

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**MARWAHI :** People from all sections including public representatives, collector, and superintendent of police, dignitaries, media and students participated in the new law launch festival organized in the gymnasium hall of Gurukul Sports Complex, courtesy of the District Administration and District Police. In the program, Collector Leena Kamlesh Mandavi said that after 160 years, amendments have been made in the old law and by amending the laws before independence, 3 new laws will now be known by new names, namely Indian Justice Code, Indian Civil Defense Code and Indian Evidence Act 2023 coming into force from July 1. She asked the people to familiarize themselves about the amended law and make people aware.



People from all sections took part in the launch of three new laws.

### FASTFACTS

● SP Bhavna Gupta said that in today's environment, change in law and order is very important and uniformity, equality, sensitivity and confidentiality have been clearly defined in the new law. She said that today is a historic day, and there has been an unprecedented change in the law that has been in place since ancient

times. She also gave information about the various provisions, sections, organized crimes, theft, robbery, murder, cyber crime, determination of time limit for the judicial process, provisions for evidence protection etc.

### People informed about sections of new laws

Program coordinator cum advocate Pawan Tripathi and government advocate Sanjeev Rai also told about the various provisions and sections of the new law and said that by amending the old law, new sections have been added and sections have been adjusted, due to which people will get quick justice. The program was also addressed by Chairman Municipal Council Pendra Rakesh Jalan, Chairman District Panchayat Gaurela Mamta Paikra and Councillor Rakesh Chaturvedi. Additional Superintendent of Police Om Chandel, Additional Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, DSP Nikita Tiwari, Chairman Municipal Council Gaurela Mrs. Gangotri Rathore, eminent citizens Kanhaiya Rathore, Mukesh Dubey, Brijlal Rathore, Pawan Sultania, Gopal Agarwal, Gyanendra Upadhyay along with citizens, media and school-college students were present in large numbers.

## School Entrance Festival celebrated

**MUNGELI:** School Entrance Festival was celebrated with enthusiasm in Government Primary School Madanpur and the school premises and school were made clean, beautiful and attractive before the admission festival. Children were welcomed by applying the traditional tilak and feeding them sweets. Prominently present in the program other than students were Assistant Project Officer Samagra Shiksha Akash Parihar, local Sarpanch Smt. Savita Anchal, Deputy Sarpanch Kanhaiya Singh Bais, local Panch Smt. Alkhanandani Parihar, Ram Pujan Parihar, Damini Parihar, Vikram Singh, Naresh Sahu, Nileshwari Sahu, Tuleshwar Yadav, Dwarika Yadav, Vinod Yadav, Deepak Yadav, Rambhadra Chauhan and committee members and other dignitaries.

## MLA lays stone for devp works

**ARANG:** MLA Guru Khuswant Saheb performed Bhoomi Pujan of ITI Bhawan and hostel building with capacity of 50 students to be built in Gram Panchayat Tekari under Arang Assembly. After Bhoomi Pujan program, he participated in the school entrance festival program organized in Government Pre-Secondary School Tekari and congratulated all the students for the new session.

## Workshop on ICJ held at Govt. PG College

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**RAJIM:** A one-day workshop was organized at Government Rajiv Lochan Postgraduate College Rajim under the direction of Commissioner Higher Education Chhattisgarh on the subject of Indian Code of Justice (ICJ) 2023, Indian Civil Security Act 2023, and Indian Evidence Act 2023.

Neeraj Kumar Jhare, Advocate, Additional District and Sessions Court, Gariaband was present as the keynote speaker in the workshop. Coordinator of this workshop, Prof. M.L. Verma, Principal, Government College, Rajim, in his address, emphasized on the change over time in the sections

### HIGHLIGHT

● keynote speaker Neeraj gave detailed information about the facility and its benefits to the common citizens through the three news laws.

running since the British era and thereafter, the keynote speaker Neeraj gave detailed information about the facility and its benefits to the common citizens through the Indian Code of Justice, Indian Civil Security Act, and Indian Evidence Act.

In his address, Neeraj also said that earlier the Penal Code was in force in India, but after these three rules, now the Justice Code will be in force.

## Awareness prog organized on new laws

**KASDOL:** An awareness program was organized by the police department in Kasdol police station premises here, in which JMFC Magistrate Brijesh Roy and ADPO Tej Kumar Ekka of Kasdol participated as chief guests. The Honorable Magistrate addressed the public representatives and journalists and said that the old laws which were applicable in our country were coming from the British rule, now it is the time of modernity and all things

are becoming digital, in view of which changes have been made in the new laws, now there will be no need to go to the police station with the complaint of any complainant. If the complainant wants, he can register an FIR by giving information through online phone record, email or WhatsApp, for this, the complainant will have to come to the police station and sign the copy of the application after three days of giving online information.

### NEWSLINE

#### WORKSHOP

Lecture organized on new legislation in PG College



**DHAMTARI:** A workshop was organized on the new Judicial Act 2023 under the direction and guidance of Principal Shridevi Choubey of BCS Government College Dhamtari. Addressing the meet, Prof. Durgesh Prasad said that the latest law has come into force from 01 July 2024 and this law will improve the conviction rate in criminal cases and the victim will get justice within the stipulated time. Throwing light on the Indian Judicial Code 2023, Prof. Komal Prasad Yadav said that new laws have been added in the new judicial code and old irrelevant laws have been removed, and gave detailed information on snatching, mob lynching, treason and other provisions.

#### NEW SESSION

Vidyarambh and Birthday Sanskar performed

**RAJIM:** Under the direction of Akhil Vishwa Gayatri Parivar Shantikunj Haridwar, under the guidance of Gayatri Shaktipeeth Rajim, in village Koma, Vidyarambh of 15 children and birthday rituals of 05 children were performed, in Navadih. Similarly in Patharra, Vidyarambh of 11 children and birthday rituals of 06 children were performed. Chandralekha Gupta Chief Managing Trustee, Ramkumar Sahu Unit Head, Sadhuram Nishad Co-Head, Amrit Sahu Active Worker, Himanshu Sahu Omin Sahu Familyjak were present from Gayatri Shaktipeeth Rajim and completed the sequence of rituals.

#### INSPECTION

Joint Collector inspects PM Shri School



**MUNGELI:** Joint Collector and Co-Nodal Officer Samagra Shiksha Mrs. Maneka Pradhan inspected PM Shri School Sodhar. After the inspection, show cause notice has been issued to the Head Teacher Pushpa Patre for negligence in work. As per information, under the Green School item, LED lighting, activities promoting green schools, kitchen garden, dustbins for waste separation, compost making facilities, tree plantation and Bala Building as Learning Aid, wall print rich and other works were not found in the school. If a satisfactory reply is not received within three days to the issued notice, disciplinary action will be taken against the Head Teacher. Joint Collector has said that PM Shri School is included under the most important scheme of the Central Government and this act of the Head Teacher shows indifference towards the work of the government.

## Collector addresses public grievances in Jandarshan



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District Collector Akash Chikara here addressed the public grievances in Jandarshan, in the presence of all the district level departmental officers.

**JANJGIR-CHAMPA:** District Collector Akash Chikara here addressed the public grievances in Jandarshan, in the presence of all the district level departmental officers and instructed for appropriate action within the time limit period. A total of 94 applications were received on different

issues. Sonaichand Sonwani, resident of village Khisora of Balouda development block, came with an application for rectification of revenue records, Mr. Arun Kaushik, resident of village Loharsi of tehsil Pamgarh, came with an application for getting the benefit of Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Pratibha Dwivedi of village Ghuthiya of tehsil Navagarh came with an application for removal of encroachment and correction of map, Mrs. Pitambari, resident of village Kamrid of tehsil Saragaon came with an application for making ration card, to name a few.

## Rescue Campaign launched

**SUKMA:** On the occasion of Child Labor Prohibition Day, under the instructions of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and under the guidance of Collector Haris.S, a rescue campaign was run in the district from 12 June to 30 June 2024 on the theme of Child Rights and well-being towards the elimination of child and adolescent labor.

## School Admission Festival organized

**PANDARIYA:** Block level School Admission Festival was organized here in the development block with MLA Bhavana Bohra present as the chief guest in the program. The program was also presided over by Sevasmund Kurre, President Janpanchayat Pandariya.

## Oath ceremony of Lions Club Champa concludes

NEW BODY FORMED

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Oath taking ceremony of the new executive of Champa Lions Club for the session 2024-25 was held at Lions Bhawan Champa.

**JANJGIR- CHAMPA:** The oath taking ceremony of the new executive of Champa Lions Club for the session 2024-25 was held at Lions Bhawan Champa in the presence of Chief Guest MJF Lion Rajkumar Agrawal PDG and Special Guest Lion Doctor VK Agrawal PDG. At the beginning of the program, the guests started the program by lighting a lamp in front of the oil painting of Maa Saraswati and Melvin Jones and thereafter the club members were welcomed with a bouquet and garland by the members of Lions Club.

Lion Vinod Kumar



The oath taking ceremony of the new executive of Champa Lions Club for the session 2024-25 was held at Lions Bhawan Champa.

### FASTFACTS

● The club president and Secretary while presenting the secretarial report, gave detailed information about the service activities done by the club in the session 2023-24.

Agrawal presented a welcome song in melodious

voice, while the welcome speech was given by the club president Ram Prasanna Dewangan. Secretary Advocate Lion Santosh Kumar Soni, while presenting the secretarial report, gave detailed information about the service activities done by the club in the session 2023-24. Oath-taking officer, Region Chairman Rajkumar

Agrawal administered the oath to the office bearers selected for the year 2024-25 including President Lion Ramprapanna Devangan and Secretary, all the office bearers of the club, Vice President, Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors and provided them detailed information about their duties towards the club.

### GENERAL BODY MEETING

## Kurud Nagar Panchayat okays various works

Central Chronicle News

**KURUD:** The general body meeting of the council of Nagar Panchayat Kurud concluded here, in which the proposal and approval of various construction/development works from the infrastructure item including the re-auction of shop number one two three built in front of the old Janpad Panchayat was done. Apart from these,



A general meeting of the council of Nagar Panchayat Kurud concluded here on Monday.

auction of 11 shops of Super Market due to the removal of SBI, bicycle stand contract etc. were discussed,

as well as the beautification of various lakes and the water supply scheme from the Mahanadi main canal to the

In GBM of Nagar Panchayat Kurud many proposals related to various construction works were approved.

Tapan Chandrakar Nagar Panchayat Chairman

water supply augmentation to end the problem of water supply in Kurud city. 17 different issues were discussed

in the general council meeting of Kurud Nagar Panchayat.

In which the first issue was that due to the bidders not taking the shops of shop number 1, 2, 3 of the complex built in the old Janpad Panchayat, the decision was passed unanimously that they will not be included in any auction or tender of Nagar Panchayat Kurud in future and a notice will be issued to them.

## MLA attends New India's New Law Awareness Camp

Central Chronicle News

**MANDIR HASAUD:** MLA Guru Khuswant Saheb attended the "New India's New Law" Awareness Camp organized in the premises of Mandir Hasaud Police Station near the capital. While addressing the people present in the program, the MLA said that law and order is getting strengthened under the able guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leadership of Home



Minister Amit Shah. The Indian Penal Code has now become the Indian Judicial Code. On this occasion, Tehsildar Rajkumar Sahu, Naib Tehsildar Shruti Sharma, Additional Superintendent of Police Raipur Rural Kiran Rathore, Sachin Singh Police Station Incharge Mandir Hasaud and others were present.





No mention of Ayodhya in president's speech  
Awadhesh Prasad  
Faizabad MP



CJI DY Chandrachud laid the foundation stone.

# Foundation stone laid for three court complexes

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud laid the foundation stone for the construction of the court complexes at the function held at the Karkardooma Court.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi government under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is committed to fulfill the promises of justice and provide whatever support is needed to the judiciary, Delhi law minister Atishi said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a foundation stone laying ceremony for three court complexes at Karkardooma, Shastri Park, and Rohini Sector-26, she said the Delhi government's budgetary allocation for the courts has increased more than four times in the last decade.

It was Rs 760 crore in

2014-15 and has increased steadily over the last few years, rising over four times to nearly Rs 3,000 crore in 2024-25.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud laid the foundation stone for the construction of the court complexes at the function held at the Karkardooma Court.

Atishi said the new court buildings will reflect the trust in Constitution and hope for justice. The entire project is worth Rs 1,100 crore, she added.

The construction of court complexes will add 200 court rooms to the existing infrastructure, she said. Delhi is on its

## HIGHLIGHT

● Budgetary allocation for the courts is nearly Rs 3,000 cr in 2024-25.

● Construction will add 200 court rooms to the existing infrastructure.

way to becoming first state in country where all district courts will work in hybrid mode, she said.

The minister said that judicial infrastructure has expanded under the Delhi government, including the inauguration of 60 courtroom complexes at Rouse Avenue in 2019, the addition of 144 courtrooms to Saket, Tis Haz-

ari and Karkardooma courts, and the construction of a new block at the Delhi High Court.

Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena said the three court complexes will be green buildings equipped with features, such as rainwater harvesting and solar power.

He said it was imperative to strengthen the judicial system in the national capital.

The three court complexes will not only be the call of the hour but also bring justice closer and accessible to the residents of Delhi, Saxena added.

Supreme Court Justice Hima Kohli, Acting Chief

Justice of Delhi High Court Justice Manmohan, Delhi High Court Justice and Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Rajiv Shakti were also present at the foundation stone laying ceremony.

The court complex in Rohini Sector-26 will consist of two building blocks with 10 and 12 storeys, along with a basement and ground floor. It will have 102 judges chambers, 362 lawyers chambers and 102 courtrooms, a statement from the Delhi government said.

The Shastri Park court complex will have 48 courtrooms and 250 lawyers' work desks in a 11-storey building.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### NEED TO BE ALERT

**Woman detected with Zika virus infection in Pune; number of cases rises to 7**

**PUNE:** A 55-year-old woman has been detected with Zika virus infection in Pune, taking the number of cases to seven, health officials said on Tuesday.

The city had on Monday reported six cases of the infection, and two of the patients were pregnant women.

In the latest case, a woman from Dahanukar colony in Kothrud developed rashes and suffered from joint pains. Her reports came positive for Zika virus on Monday, an official from the Pune Municipal Corporation said.

The woman's health is good, and there was no need for hospitalisation, he said. Two pregnant women aged 28 and 35 are among seven cases in the city. Zika virus in pregnant women may cause microcephaly (a condition in which the head is significantly smaller due to abnormal brain development) in the foetus. **PTI**

### HERITAGE TOURISM

**Renovated 'heritage hut' inaugurated in Kargil ahead of Vijay Diwas**



**KARGIL:** A recently renovated 'heritage hut' was inaugurated here on Tuesday on the sidelines of a bike rally ahead of 25th 'Vijay Diwas' commemoration to mark India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 war, officials said. The Vijay Diwas celebrations are scheduled to be conducted at Drass in Kargil from July 24 to 26. The Kargil 'heritage hut', opened for tourists by the Army in June last year, now features vintage mine-protected vehicles such as 'Rakshak' and 'Cas-siper', the officials said. **PTI**

### Excise Scam

**HC says BRS leader K Kavitha one of main conspirators, denies bail in two cases**



**NEW DELHI:** BRS leader K Kavitha was prima facie one of the main plotters of the criminal conspiracy behind the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, the Delhi High Court has said while denying bail to her in two cases of corruption and money laundering linked to the alleged liquor scam.

The high court, which perused the material collected by the investigating agencies, said Kavitha was prima facie involved in the payment of kickbacks in various processes and activities relating to proceeds of crime and in the commission of the offence of money laundering. The high court

said no case for grant of regular bail was made for now as the investigation is at a crucial stage. It rejected her plea for relief on ground of being a woman, saying as a well-educated person and a former MP, she cannot be equated with a vulnerable female and the court cannot lose sight of the "serious allegations" against her. "This court is of the opinion that K Kavitha was prima facie one of the main conspirators in the criminal conspiracy hatched in relation to formulation and implementation of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22," Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma said in an order which was passed on Monday and uploaded late last evening. **PTI**

## Four animals dead in flooded KNP

**GUWAHATI:** Four hog deer drowned while 24 other animals were rescued from flood water following inundation of the Kaziranga National Park on Tuesday, an official said. Forest department officials moved the rescued animals, mostly deer, to a dry and safe area. Out of the total 233 camps in the Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, 167 have been inundated so far by the gushing flood waters, the official said. Forest department employees including security personnel stay in camps inside the national park to conduct patrolling for the protection of flora and fauna. Altogether eight camps have been vacated by the forest personnel so far in various divisions. Meanwhile, the Golaghat district administration has issued prohibitory orders.

## Students detained while trying to march towards Parl

Press Trust Of India

The students belonging to different outfits under the banner "India against NTA" gathered at the Patel Chowk metro station here and started raising "anti-NTA" slogans.

**NEW DELHI:** Over a dozen students were detained while attempting to march towards the Parliament on Tuesday to protest against alleged irregularities in several competitive exams.

The students belonging to different outfits under the banner "India against NTA" gathered at the Patel Chowk metro station here and started raising



Students from different organisations protest against NTA and NEET, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.

### FACTFILE

● The students have called for another march for "Sansad Gherao" on Wednesday.

"anti-NTA" slogans.

Carrying posters and banners with slogans like "sack Union Education Minister" and "NTA must go" written over them, the students staged demonstration against the reported incidents

of paper leak and corruption in the medical entrance exam, besides others. The Delhi Police detained the protesting students while they tried to march towards the Parliament to press their demands.

| RARE VIEW |

## View Kailash peak from old Lipulekh pass

Press Trust Of India

**PITHORAGARH:** The devotees can view the sacred Kailash peak in Tibet from the 18300 feet high old Lipulekh pass within the Indian territory from September 15.

The old Lipulekh pass is situated in Vyas valley of Pithoragarh district.

"The pass will open for common pilgrims

from September 15 this year," said Pithoragarh District Tourism Officer Kirti Chandra Arya.

From September 15 onwards, the pilgrims can travel in their vehicles upto Lipulekh from Dharchula, he added.

Arya said the pilgrims will have to traverse a distance of about 800 meters from there on foot to reach the point from

**Pass will open for common pilgrims from September 15 this year.**  
Kirti Chandra Arya  
District Tourism Officer

where they can view the peak. The Kailash-Mansa-

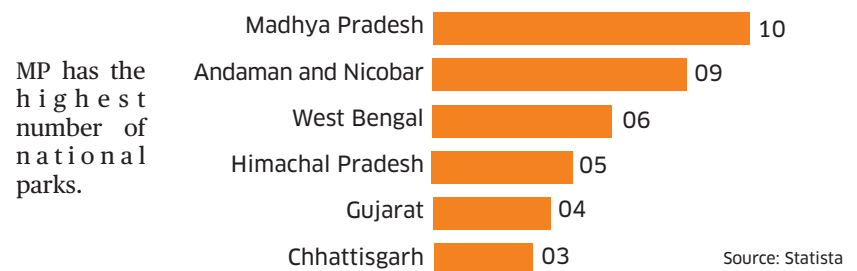


rovar yatra through the Lipulekh pass was closed in 2019 after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The route has not been opened by China yet.

However, the pilgrims can now have a view of both the Kailash peak and Om Parvat from within the Indian territory without any hassles in the course of a single trip, said Arya.

### The Day's NUMBERS



### CLOSE SHAVE

**Lufthansa plane experiences fire in wheel after landing at Delhi**

**NEW DELHI:** A Lufthansa wide-body A380 aircraft from Munich experienced fire in one of the wheels during landing at the Delhi airport on Monday night, according to sources.

The aircraft, which operated flight LH 762, landed safely at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA). Since the plane had to undergo checks and spare parts were not immediately available, the return flight to Munich was cancelled, they added.

Sources said there were around 490 passengers on board the aircraft, which made a controlled landing at the airport. "While LH762 landed safely in Delhi, a short term technical deregistration of the aircraft was required due to the lack of availability of spare parts after a controlled landing. Safety is our top priority at Lufthansa," an airline spokesperson said in a statement on Tuesday. The sources said the fire was noticed in one of the wheels during landing. **PTI**

### DISPUTE

**ASI seeks 4 weeks to submit survey report on Bhojshala complex in MP**



**INDORE:** The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Tuesday filed an application in the Madhya Pradesh High Court seeking four weeks' time to submit its survey report on the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula mosque complex, a medieval-era structure in Dhar district locked in a long-running dispute. The plea contended that the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad, has sought three weeks' time from the ASI to study the huge data collected during the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)-Geographic Information System (GIS) survey of the complex and submit a final report. **PTI**



# Facilitate debate in LS on NEET issue, Rahul Gandhi

Press Trust Of India

Oppn's request to discuss the issue related to NEET was denied in both Houses.

**NEW DELHI:** Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting him to facilitate a debate on the NEET issue in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

He said the Opposition's request to discuss the issue related to the medical entrance exam NEET was denied in both Houses of Parliament on June 28 as well as on Monday, and added that the Lok Sabha speaker had assured the Opposition that he would discuss the matter with the government. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said the aim was to engage "constructively to find a way forward".

"I am writing to



LOP Rahul Gandhi in Lok Sabha.

request for a debate in Parliament on NEET," Gandhi said in his letter to the prime minister on Tuesday. "Our aim is to engage constructively to find a way forward. At this moment, our only concern is the welfare of nearly 24 lakh NEET aspirants across India," he said. Referring to the government's move to postpone other examinations and replace the Director General of the National Testing Agency, he said these moves are to "cover up the systemic break-

down of our centralised testing system".

"The NEET examination deserves immediate attention because it has exposed the deep rot in our higher education system. The past seven years have seen over 70 paper leaks, affecting over two crore students," the Congress leader said.

He said lakhs of families have made tremendous personal sacrifices to support their children, and for many, the paper leak is a betrayal of a lifetime dream.

## Victims look up to public rep to resolve the issue

Rahul Gandhi Gandhi said those families are looking up to their public representatives to take "bold and decisive steps" to resolve the issue. "Our students deserve answers. A parliamentary debate is the first step towards rebuilding and restoring their faith," he said. "Given the urgency of the matter, I request the government to facilitate a debate in the House tomorrow. I believe that it would be fitting if you were to lead this debate in the interest of the students," Gandhi added. Opposition INDIA bloc parties sought debate on the NEET issue in both Houses.

# PM Modi's 'balak budhhi' jibe at Gandhi

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Replying to a two-day debate on the President's address to both houses of Parliament, PM also accused the Congress of working towards creating economic anarchy in the country.

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the people have given his government a mandate for stability and continuity for the third consecutive term after seeing its work of 10 years and accused

## FASTFACTS

- PM said, Cong has not crossed 100 seats for three consecutive times.
- PM said, a new drama was played in the Lok Sabha to garner sympathy.

the Congress of trying to build a narrative that it has defeated the BJP-led NDA in the Lok Sabha polls. Replying to a two-day debate on the President's address to both houses of Parliament, he also accused the Congress of working towards

creating economic anarchy in the country.

Modi singled out Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, saying the House witnessed the wailing of a person with "balak budhhi (childish behaviour)" who tried to gain sympathy without disclosing the wrongs he had committed. "This is the first time that the Congress has not crossed 100 seats for three consecutive times. Instead of conceding defeat, they are being arrogant. They are trying to build a narrative that they have beaten us," Modi said in the Lok Sabha amid vociferous

protests by the opposition. The prime minister said a new drama was played in the Lok Sabha to garner sympathy.

"They know the truth that they are out on bail for embezzlement of thousands of crores of rupees, have been convicted for calling OBC people thieves and they had to apologise for irresponsible comments on the country's top court," the prime minister said in an apparent reference to Gandhi. Modi said an attempt was made to mislead Parliament on the Agnipath scheme and minimum support price for farm produce.

## Brothers electrocuted in contact with live wire

**SULTANPUR:** Two brothers were electrocuted and their granddaughter was injured after they came in contact with a live wire near a farm here on Tuesday, police said. The incident occurred in the Chanda area of Sultanpur.

## Bail to teen's father, in driver's kidnapping

Press Trust Of India

**PUNE:** A Pune court on Tuesday granted bail to the father and the grandfather of juvenile involved in the Porsche car crash, in a case pertaining to alleged kidnapping and wrongful confinement of their family driver after the fatal accident in May. A Judicial Magistrate



granted bail to the 17-year-old boy's father Vishal Agarwal, a prominent builder, and his grandfather, who were arrested

in May-end.

According to police, the teen's father and the grandfather allegedly kidnapped their family driver after he left a police station on May 19 at 11 pm, hours after the crash, wrongfully confined him at their bungalow and tried to force him to admit that he was behind the wheels.

# AAFT makes efforts to inspire young minds thru innovation

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AAFT University and Wizcraft MIME aspire to pave the way for future leaders in media, PR, and entertainment.

**MUMBAI:** The utmost mission of AAFT University has always been to inspire young minds to be a better version of themselves. It helps them envision a tomorrow where they can help curate a sense of well-being and togetherness in the media and arts community.

On the other hand, Wizcraft MIME is the industry's premier event management educational institute. The vision behind crafting Wizcraft MIME was to help fill in the huge gap within the talent pool to prepare upcoming professionals for careers in the experiential industry. The chosen ones are made to train with the best professionals in the business. With a hybrid format, in-class training is combined with online lectures and project experiences through which students are trained, groomed, monitored and mentored to

achieve careers in the fast-growing experiential industry

On this Dr. Sandeep Marwah, Chancellor, AAFT University, expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, "The significant collaboration between AAFT University and Wizcraft MIME marks a major milestone in our mission to deliver exceptional learning experiences. By combining AAFT's rich legacy in media education with Wizcraft's industry expertise, we are setting a new benchmark in event management education. Speaking on behalf of Wizcraft MIME, Ms. Sushma Gaikwad, Co-Founder & Director said, "Wizcraft MIME was envisioned to meet the huge gap in the talent pool of the experiential industry. With practical and best-in-class training delivered by the most brilliant minds in the industry, we are developing the next generation of professionals to carve a niche for themselves.

The partnership of AAFT University with Wizcraft MIME helps create a collaboration that shares the same vision and values.

# LS adjourned sine die

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Tuesday after passage of the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

The session, which began on June 24, had seven sittings that were spread over 34 hours and the productivity of the House was 103 per cent, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said. The session saw 539 Lok Sabha members take oath or make affirmation over the first two days. Birla was elected as

the Lok Sabha speaker on June 26 and President Droupadi Murmu addressed the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on June 27. Over 68 members participated in the debate on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address moved by BJP member Anurag Thakur and seconded by Bansuri Swaraj. The debate on the Motion of Thanks lasted for 18 hours, Birla said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi replied to the debate on the Motion of Thanks on Tuesday.

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**RAJA BHAI PARMAR**  
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It is informed to the general public that I Kanak Lal W/o Mr. Bharat Lal Resident of House No.- 89, Ward No- 32, Near- Dr S.N. Shukla Azad Nagar, Masanganj Bilaspur. I declare that before marriage my name was Sakshi Panjwani D/o Mr. Pawan Panjwani and after marriage my name has been changed to Kanak Lal W/o Mr. Bharat Lal so in future I should be recognized by my new name Kanak Lal W/o Mr. Bharat Lal in all government and other documents.

**Kanak Lal**  
W/o Mr. Bharat Lal  
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**CENTRUM**  
Home Loans  
Aao milkar ghar banaye

Corporate & Registered Office : Unit No. 801, Centrum House, CST Road, Vidyannagar, Marg, Kalina Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400098, CIN No. UB5922MH2016PLC273826  
Centrum Housing Finance Ltd.-G-9, 1st Floor, BR Gwalani Chambers, Vyapar Vihar Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) - 495001

**APPENDIX-IV-A**  
[See proviso to rule 8(6) & 9(1)]  
**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE**

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Centrum Housing Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrowers, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

Sr. No.	Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./ Branch	Total Outstanding as on date	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 10%
1	Shiv Kumar Yadav/ Saraswati Yadav/ BSPBS17000818 & BSPBS18001248/Bilaspur	Rs. 27,31,789 /-(Rupees Twenty-Seven Lac Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Only) as on 26-08-2022	In the rights, piece and parcel of immovable property- Khasara No.664/4, Admeasuring 1400 Sq. Ft. Mouja Sirgitti PHN 23/37 RNM Bilaspur Block Bilha and R.I.Circle. Tehsil & Dist.- Bilaspur-495001, Chhattisgarh, Boundaries: East -25 Ft. Chauda Nistari Road, West -1 Anil Plot, North-Meenakshi Plot, South - budhram Dahia Plot.	Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakhs Only)	Rs. 2,20,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs and twenty thousand Only)

1.The Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis. 2.The detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form, available at the above mentioned Branch office. 3.Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD payable by way of Demand Draft in Favor of "Centrum Housing Finance Limited", along with KYC is On or Before 06-08-2024 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. 4. Date of Inspection of the Immovable Property is on 05-08-2024 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM. 5.Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer Auction Date for Property is 07-08-2024 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM at the above mentioned Branch Office address at 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM by the Authorized Officer. 6.The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory dues, taxes, rates assessment, Govt & Semi Govt. taxes, TDS and other charges, fees etc. in respect of the auctioned property. The possession of the Mortgage Property mentioned above is with the CHFL, who will hand over peaceful possession to the successful bidder on compliance of above. The intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries regarding the Encumbrances Title of property & also inspect & satisfy themselves. 7.All other expenses for getting the properties transferred on their name and statutory dues, if any shall be borne by the successful purchaser. 8.The Highest bidder shall be subject to approval of Centrum Housing Finance Limited. Authorized Officer shall Reserve the right to accept all any of the offer /Bid so received without assign any reason whatsoever. His decision shall be final and binding. 9.The Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Centrum Housing Finance Limited, in full, before the date of sale, auction is liable to be set aside. For further details, contact the Authorized Officer, at the above mentioned Office address Contact Person - Prashant Soni-+91 97660 52769  
Place : Chhattisgarh Date : 03.07.2024  
Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Centrum Housing Finance Limited

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK**  
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, In front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sundar Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001

## E-AUCTION NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.**

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	45099420003271	1) Mr. Vikram Singh Luniya, S/o. Kamal Singh, 2) Mrs. Jamuna Luniya, W/o. Vikram Singh Luniya	29.12.2023	13.03.2024	Rs. 8,61,590.10 (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and Ten Paise Only) as of 19.06.2024	05.07.2024 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs.7,10,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	Rs.71,000/- (Rupees Seventy One Thousand Only)	22.07.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	21.07.2024, before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, In front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sundar Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001
2	45099420002979	1) Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Kaivart, 2) Mrs. Punita Kaivart, W/o. Kamlesh Kaivart	17.10.2023	15.02.2024	Rs. 18,01,770.10 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Ten Paise Only) as of 30.06.2024	05.07.2024 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs. 18,25,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,82,500/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	22.07.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	21.07.2024, before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, In front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sundar Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001

**Property Description/ Schedule:** All that piece and parcel of land bearing Khasra No.1815/2 (Part), total admeasuring area of 1050 Sq.ft. (97.583 Sq.mtrs.), situated at Gram Mopka, P.H. No.19/29, R.N.M. Bilaspur, Tehsil & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: 20 Ft. wide Nistari Road, West by: Nala, North by: Remaining Land of Seller and South by: Remaining Land of Seller.

**Property Description/ Schedule:** All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.17/1, total admeasuring area of 2150 Sq.ft. (199.814 Sq.mtrs.), Out of Khasra No.594/1, Mouza Amsena, Block Takhatpur, P.H. No.38, R.N.M. Amsena, Tehsil Sakari & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Seller's Remaining land, West by: Nistari Road, North by: Land of Sardar and South by: Nistari Road.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". All payments relating to purchase of above said property to be made in favour of Jana Small Finance Bank. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. 4 Closure at the web portal <https://www.foreclosureindia.com>. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Arijit Kumar Das, Contact Number: 8142000725. Email id: [info@bankauctions.in](mailto:info@bankauctions.in) / [arjit@bankauctions.in](mailto:arjit@bankauctions.in) / [arjit@bankauctions.in](mailto:arjit@bankauctions.in) (Mob. No.9029290202) & Mr. Ajay Naik (Mob. No.9960948687). To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagees about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 03.07.2024, Place: Bilaspur  
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

**आम सूचना**  
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नीचा ग्राम नृजाबिलासपुर व्यापार स्थित योजना क्रमांक 02 प.ड.नं. 22/36 रा.मि.नं. नृजाबिलासपुर तहसील बिलासपुर अंतर्गत नगर पालिका निम्न बिलासपुर जिला बिलासपुर छ.ग. स्थित दुकान नं. 17 निर्मित भूमि खसरा नं. 834, 835/2, 838, 839/2 क्षेत्रफल में से 264 वर्गफुट जिते राजेन्द्र कुमार अजयानी एवं चरनजीत अजयानी दोनों पिता मूलकराज अजयानी दोनों निवासी दरवाबंद बिलासपुर छ.ग. वाले को विक्रय किया गया था जिसका पंजीकृत विक्रय पत्र दिनांक 20.06.2001 ग्रंथ क्रमांक 9973 पंजीवन क्रमांक 1779 रजिस्टर कार्यालय बिलासपुर छ.ग. में पंजीवन कराया गया था जो उस दो माह है उक्त भूमि को राजेन्द्र कुमार अजयानी एवं चरनजीत अजयानी के द्वारा श्री इन्द्रलाल मंगलानी एवं श्री रवि मंगलानी के पक्ष में विक्रय किया गया है उक्त भूमि पर वर्तमान में श्री इन्द्रलाल मंगलानी एवं श्री रवि मंगलानी का मालिकाना हक व कब्जा है उक्त विक्रय पत्र को मूल प्रति श्री इन्द्रलाल मंगलानी एवं श्री रवि मंगलानी से मूला गुप्त हो गयी है। श्री इन्द्रलाल मंगलानी एवं श्री रवि मंगलानी के द्वारा एच. डी.ओ. फवरेसिलयल सर्वेसिंग लिमिटेड बिलासपुर छ.ग. में ऋण प्राप्त करने हेतु आवेदन पत्र प्रस्तुत किया है। उक्त भूमि के संबंध में विक्रय पत्र, संसदा, निगम, पत्रिका, विपिन संस्थान, बैंक, समिति को कोई आपत्ति हो तो अविलंब दरवाबंद के साथ मेरे कार्यालय में एक सख्त के भीतर प्रस्तुत कर सकते हो। समयवशी पत्रार्थ आपत्ति अमान्य होगा। को सूचना जारी।  
दिनांक 02.07.2024  
M.L. Yadav-Advocate  
MIG-2/14, Narmada Nagar  
Bilaspur (C.G.) Mob. 9300325314

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER**  
**MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)**

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(Second Call)

**System Tender No. 155389/ NIT No. 02/SAC/2024-25 Dated: 28.06.2024**

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 15.07.2024 at 17.30 Hour  
Name of work : Construction of Futhamuda Main Canal Including Lining and 37 No. Structures from RD. 9330 m. to 19740 m.  
Probable Amount of Contract: Rs. 1693.05 Lakhs  
(As per SOR Dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto Dated 01.08.2014)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 05.07.2024 at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

**NOTE:** All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e- procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**Executive Engineer**  
Water Management Dn., Rudri  
Code No. 38  
for Chief Engineer  
Mahanadi Project, Raipur (C.G)

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## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.

[Isaac Newton]

## Comment

## Intense fight for dalit vote in upcoming UP elections

## OUR VIEW |

## Unprecedented heat and rainfall deficit in Northwest India

The northwest region of India has witnessed an alarming climatic shift, experiencing its warmest June since 1901. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the average temperature reached an unprecedented 31.73 degrees Celsius. This disturbing trend is marked by an average maximum temperature of 38.02 degrees Celsius, which is nearly two degrees above normal, and an average minimum temperature of 25.44 degrees Celsius, 1.35 degrees higher than usual. This exceptional heatwave has been compounded by a significant shortfall in rainfall. June saw an 11 percent deficit in rainfall, the highest in five years, with the country receiving only 147.2 mm of rain against a norm of 165.3 mm. This marks the seventh-lowest June rainfall since 2001, a worrying sign for a country heavily reliant on the monsoon season. IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra highlighted that northwest India faced a stark 33 percent rainfall deficit. The early onset of the monsoon over Kerala and the northeastern region on May 30 quickly lost momentum, resulting in delayed rains across key states, thereby exacerbating the heatwave conditions in northwest India. From June 11 to June 27, India experienced 16 consecutive days of below-normal rainfall activity, contributing to the overall deficit. Regionally, northwest India suffered the most with a 33 percent deficit, followed by central India at 14 percent, and east and northeast India at 13 percent. Only South India recorded a surplus, with rains 14 percent above normal. The IMD data reveals a troubling pattern: 50 percent of the country's sub-divisional areas experienced deficient to large deficient rainfall, while only 12 percent saw excess to large excess rainfall. Despite these grim statistics, historical data offers a glimmer of hope. In 20 out of the last 25 years when June rainfall was below normal, July rainfall turned out to be normal or above normal. Looking ahead, the IMD forecasts a varied rainfall distribution for the remainder of the monsoon season. While below-normal rainfall is expected in northeast India, the northwest is predicted to see normal levels, and central and south peninsular regions are anticipated to receive above-normal rainfall.

## GUEST VIEW |

## India's transformative shift in criminal justice system

India is poised to witness a significant transformation in its criminal justice system with the implementation of three groundbreaking laws starting July 1st, 2024. However, this transition raises substantial concerns about the readiness of institutions nationwide to adopt these changes. A comprehensive audit of preparedness across various criminal justice institutions in different states is crucial but has yet to be conducted. The lack of an in-depth assessment may lead to widespread confusion as the country shifts from the old laws to the new ones. The complexity of transitioning to these new legal frameworks cannot be understated, as it involves re-training personnel, updating procedural protocols, and ensuring consistent application across the board. Given these challenges, it would be prudent to postpone the implementation of these laws until a thorough and independent audit of institutional readiness is completed. Alternatively, a phased implementation approach could be adopted to test the waters, allowing for adjustments and corrections before a full-scale rollout.



Noopur Baruah

Geologists say that aftershocks usually follow larger earthquakes in the rupture zone, months or even years after, depending on the size of the main quake. If the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Lok Sabha election result is the main earthquake, the fight for supremacy over the Dalit vote bank that started afterward are the aftershocks being felt in UP's political field. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections saw the total obliteration of the BSP, which had been a dominant force ever since Kanshiram established it in the late 1990s. BSP leader Mayawati became the state's Chief Minister three times—twice with the support of other parties and in 2007 on her own. As recently as the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BSP won 10 seats from UP with a 19.42% vote share. Since then, the BSP lost its footing, reaching its lowest point by not winning a single Lok Sabha seat and seeing its vote share drop to 9.39% in 2024.

There were multiple reasons for the BSP's decline. Now, the party realizes the need to fight back to stop the

rise of another faction of Dalits under the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram). The new party, ASP(K), led by Chandrasekhar Azad, is almost running away with the legacy of Ambedkar and Kanshiram, upon which the BSP and Mayawati's politics were built.

Mayawati's monopolistic politics angered many aspiring Dalit leaders in the state, leading many to leave the BSP and join other parties where they saw better opportunities. Some rebelled but didn't succeed. The exception was Chandrasekhar Azad, a young, energetic activist who championed the Dalit cause and succeeded. His defiance of Yogi Adityanath's orders mobilized the Dalit youth, who gravitated towards his Jai Bhim Army. Having gained acceptance from the new generation of Dalits, Chandrasekhar Azad founded the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram). The very name of his party cleverly took away the legacy of both Ambedkar and Kanshiram from Mayawati and her BSP. "Azad" is a catchy word, and Kanshiram is a pioneering Dalit politician. Chan-



Dr. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

drasekhar Azad's recent victory from the Nagina constituency with a majority of around 1.51 lakh votes established him as a new Dalit mascot. Previously, he had been dismissed as a "BJP agent" by Mayawati, who blocked his attempts to join the BSP. At the time, Mayawati was projecting her nephew, Akash Anand, as her political successor and saw Chandrasekhar Azad as a competitor. In the competition between Akash Anand and Chandrasekhar Azad, it is Azad who emerged victorious, forcing Mayawati to rethink her political priorities to reclaim the BSP's lost glory.

The upcoming 10 assembly by-elections in the state are thus seen as a major battle for Dalit leadership. Additionally, three more assembly by-elections are set to be held in Punjab and Uttarakhand. Under normal circumstances, Mayawati would have adhered to the BSP policy of not contesting by-elections. However, with Chandrasekhar Azad and his ASP(Kanshiram) breathing down her neck, she cannot afford to lose the Dalit vote bank she has built over the last

three decades. Not contesting these seats would give Azad an upper hand, potentially pushing Mayawati into political oblivion by the next UP Assembly elections in 2027.

Mayawati is already politically ostracized by the I.N.D.I.A. bloc for her adamant politics and is not in the good books of the NDA either. Her focus in the recent Lok Sabha elections was perceived as more anti-SP and hence pro-BJP. This perceived softness on the BJP cost Mayawati heavily in terms of growth.

Now, with both Dalit parties—BSP and ASP(K)—deciding to go solo to establish their grip on the Dalit vote bank, the fight has turned intense. The BSP aims to retain its place in the Dalit imagination, while ASP(K) seeks to expand its newly acquired base. This intra-Dalit rivalry between Mayawati and Chandrasekhar Azad may seriously damage the cohesion of the Dalit vote. Who will ultimately hold the Dalit leadership will be known by the end of this year. Regardless of the winner, the real loss will be to the Dalit vote bank.

## Conservation - What we need is a cultural shift

Humanity's relentless exploitation of nature has led to environmental chaos and climatic disorders. A cultural shift with traditional values is crucial. by M.R. Lalu



Image reflects the harmonious coexistence with nature and the cultural values of conservation. | Photo AP

The world faces alarming repercussions due to humanity's relentless exploitation of nature. This once nurturing globe, which helped the human race survive and flourish, now responds with climatic disorders and environmental chaos. As we evolve into a global community through advances in communication, transportation, and technology, there is a palpable sense of betrayal by Mother Nature.

Human innovation and scientific advancements have indeed brought comfort and convenience. However, this progress has come at the cost of our compassionate connection with nature. For a long period, we have neglected to fine-tune our cultural alignment with the natural world, losing its nurturing embrace that ensured our survival throughout human history.

Our relentless pursuit of exploitation, often justified by intellectual superiority, has led to natural calamities and depleting resources. Human greed has driven us to damage the planet and its species without regret. Religious events and community celebrations often involve the slaughter of millions of innocent animals, displaying our dominance over less privi-

leged species and disturbing their habitats.

The common belief that humans hold a divine right to exploit nature is deeply flawed. This mindset contradicts the traditional Indian belief in conserving nature and preserving its essential values of coexistence. In India, every element of nature, from blades of grass to macro elements, was revered and protected. Advancing scientific inventions and deliberate interventions have disrupted the natural balance, creating an existential crisis for both

humans and other species.

What we need is an emotional shift towards conservation and a cultural realignment with nature. This shift should be suitable for the modern era, balancing technological progress with environmental stewardship. The influx of sophisticated gadgets has also disrupted the human environment, causing mental disarray within families and communities.

Ancient texts like the Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, and epics such as the Mahabharata and Ramayana, empha-

sized profound respect for Mother Nature. They outlined numerous ways to conserve nature and practice traditional approaches to environmental stewardship. Rishis understood nature as a divine entity, worshipping every element in different forms and names. Sacred groves attached to temples in Kerala, for instance, still attract people seeking spiritual and physical well-being. These groves were protected as places of worship and sanctuaries for various animals, embodying the concept of dharma.

India's recent diplomatic outreach during its G20 presidency, with the declaration of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), reflects this traditional approach of interconnectedness. This ideal seeks to remind global humanity of the urgency to return to our cultural roots before we irreparably harm nature's survivability. India's fundamental belief system has long maintained reverence for nature, nurturing its resources and promoting sustainable practices.

As we plan for future generations, it is imperative to recognize that Earth is not solely for humans. Every species, from ants to gigantic mammals, has a right to survive here. Humanity needs to embody true compassion, ensuring we do not become the last link in our civilization. We must be known as the generation that preserved and sustained nature, allowing its bounty to flow abundantly for those to come.

In conclusion, our survival and the well-being of future generations depend on a cultural shift towards conservation. We must reintegrate traditional values of respect and coexistence with nature, ensuring a harmonious and sustainable future for all.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Sengol controversy in Parliament

Two MPs have demanded Sengol's removal from Parliament, claiming it symbolizes monarchism. Despite no initial protests, opposition parties are politicizing the issue. Samajwadi Party argues Sengol is undemocratic, but historical context shows it represents good governance. This demand distracts from real issues, like NEET. Such partisan arguments disrupt national discourse and democratic values. Sengol's installation should be viewed as a positive addition, reflecting India's cultural legacy.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

## India's T20 Triumph

India deserved the T20 World Cup after a near-miss in the ODI World Cup. The team's success lay in unity, with each player contributing. Bowlers dominated; Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, and Arshdeep Singh excelled. Rohit Sharma led astutely, and the team's fielding was exceptional. Selectors and coach are praised for sending the right combination. Consequently, India's T20 World Cup glory is a fitting tribute to the coach, captain and every team member.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

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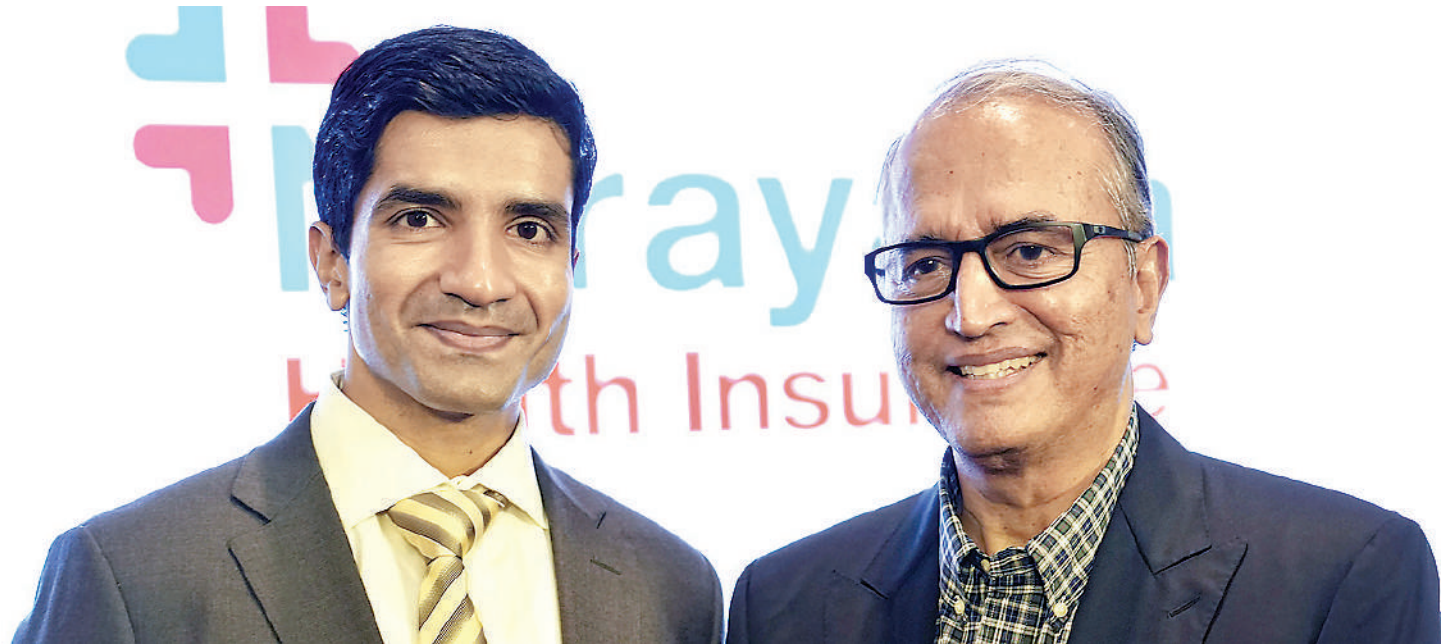


# Business



CIEL HR to raise Rs 82 cr this year.  
**K Pandiarajan**  
Executive Airperson, CIEL.

## Narayana Health Insurance launch



Bengaluru: Narayana Health Chairman Devi Shetty with Vice Chairman Viren Prasad Shetty during the launch of the Narayana Health Insurance 'ADITI' at a press conference, in Bengaluru.

## 'Peak power demand may cross 400 GW by FY32'

India's peak power demand may surpass the projected 384 GW mark and even cross 400 GW by 2031-32, according to Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India's peak power demand may surpass the projected 384 GW mark and even cross 400 GW by 2031-32, according to Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal. Speaking at the CII-Smart Metering Conference, the official on Tuesday said peak power demand had already reached 250 GW in May. "The way power demand has grown in some states

in the last two years, the demand will touch 384 GW and may easily cross 400 GW by 2031-32. For this we must have an installed (power generation) capacity of 900 GW," Agarwal said. The government's projection for this year's peak power demand is 260 GW, which is expected by September, according to Agarwal. With the onset of monsoon, peak power demand has been showing a downward trend. As per

**NUMBER**  
**250**

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official data, peak demand was around 209 GW on Monday. He further said beneficiaries of PM Surya Ghar Yojana must be provided meters under the RDSS scheme.

"When AMISPs (Advanced Metering Infrastructure Service Provider) have orders of 11 crore smart meters, then why we are unable to give PM Surya Ghar beneficiaries RDSS meter. I have been working with the utilities

and today I urge the industry to address this. Whenever we are implementing, PM Surya Ghar, we must provide meter under RDSS," he said.

He also said that financial viability of discoms and integration of renewable energy are two main challenges before the power sector which must be addressed and resolved to achieve Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

| BUDGET EXPECTATIONS |

## Want policy supporting EVs for next 8-10 yrs: Santosh Iyer

Central Chronicle News

For stable and better planning towards zero emission mobility.

**JAIPUR:** Mercedes-Benz India wants the government to commit to continuity in policies that support electric mobility for the next eight to ten years, for stable and better planning towards zero emission mobility, its Managing Director and CEO Santosh Iyer said on Tuesday.

Besides, the company feels that providing the incentives given to electric vehicles to hybrid vehicles will extend the timeline for transition to emission free mobility. The company, which had increased EV penetration to 6 per cent in the first quarter of 2024, from 2.5 per cent earlier, expects



Santosh Iyer, Managing Director and CEO, Mercedes-Benz India.

**FACTFILE**

• For EVs govt has already given 5 pc GST compared to 48-50 pc on internal combustion engines.

the momentum to carry going forward with three new EV models slated for launch this year, starting with the EQA next week. "A much more clear roadmap when it comes

to taxation on EVs," Iyer told PTI here when asked about the company's expectations from the upcoming Union Budget. "We understand that the Budget may not address the GST topic, but at least if you are able to get a commitment that for the next eight to ten years, this kind of taxation benefit will continue, this will really help brands like us to plan long term and have more

commitments when it comes to investments for the EVs," he said.

For electric vehicles the government has already given 5 per cent GST compared to 48-50 per cent on internal combustion engines, Iyer added.

Highlighting investment on infrastructure as another key aspect, he said, "One of the biggest drivers for our growth has been the growing road infrastructure and intercity road infrastructure that has come up in the last couple of years." He further said, "one big line item that we will see in the Budget is the capital expenditure on infrastructure.

We expect (it) to go up if possible, so that not only it helps demand but also the indirect benefits of it for the country also is great."

| HIGH BASE EFFECT |

## Passenger vehicle dispatches see muted growth in June

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Passenger vehicle wholesales saw a marginal growth of 4 per cent in June on account of high base effect and muted demand due to severe heatwave conditions in several parts of the country. Overall passenger vehicle dispatches last month stood at 3,40,784 units,



a growth of 3.67 per cent compared with 3,28,710 units in June 2023. Market leader Maruti Suzuki India said its total domes-

tic passenger vehicle sales stood at 1,37,160 units last month compared to 1,33,027 units in the year-ago month,

a growth of 3 per cent. Sales of mini-segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, declined to 9,395 units from 14,054 units in June 2023. Sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift, Tour S and WagonR, stood at 64,049 units against 64,471 units in the year-ago month.

Utility vehicles, con-

sisting of Brezza, Grand Vitara, Ertiga and XL6 clocked sales of 52,373 units last month compared to 43,404 units a year earlier.

The company currently has a network stock of 37-38 days spread across the country, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Partho Banerjee said.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

**FOREX CARD**

### ICICI Bank launches Sapphire Forex Card specifically for students

**NEW DELHI:** Private sector lender ICICI Bank on Tuesday launched a pre-paid Sapphire Forex Card, crafted specifically for students who are going abroad for higher education. The card, powered by Visa, provides exclusive benefits and convenience to students and their parents to manage education-related expenses abroad like admission fees, course-related fees and other day-to-day expenses, including travel, dining and groceries, among others, the bank said in a statement. The card offers the freedom of loading and transacting in 15 currencies without any cross-currency mark-up charge being levied by the bank, allowing students to conveniently travel across the globe even if they load only one currency on the card, it added. The card comes with an array of joining benefits up to Rs 15,000, along with exclusive privi-

**INDICATORS**

**Share MARKETS**

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	79,441.45	-0.04
Nifty	24,123.85	-0.07
Nifty, MidCap	55,854.70	-0.78
Nifty SmallCap	18,509.05	-0.45
Nifty Bank	52,168.10	-0.77

Closing rates as on July 02, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

**Forex RATES**

**Foreign currency Vs Rupee**

US Dollar	83.45 (+)	↗
Euro	89.61 (-)	↘
Chinese Yuan	11.47 (-)	↘
UAE Dirham	22.72 (+)	↗
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)	↘
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)	↗

On July 02, 2024

**World INDICES**

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,138.38	-0.08%
FTSE 100 Index	8,120.67	-0.56%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	40,074.69	+1.12%
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,471.79	-0.18%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, July 02, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

### Sensex, Nifty settle flat after hitting fresh lifetime high levels in early trade



**MUMBAI:** Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty hit fresh lifetime high levels before closing flat due to profit-taking in select banking and telecom shares amid concerns over rich valuations on Tuesday. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 34.74 points or 0.04 per cent to settle at 79,441.45 in a volatile trade. During the day, it jumped 379.68 points or 0.47 per cent to hit a record peak of 79,855.87. The Nifty declined by 18.10 points or 0.07 per cent to 24,123.85. Intra-day, it climbed 94.4 points or 0.39 per cent to hit a lifetime high of 24,236.35.

On Monday, the BSE benchmark settled higher by 443.46 points or 0.56 per cent at an all-time peak of 79,476.19. The Nifty climbed 131.35 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at a fresh lifetime high of 24,141.95. In Asian markets, Tokyo,

Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory on Tuesday, while Seoul ended lower. European markets were trading down. US markets ended in the green on Monday. India's gross GST collection increased 8 per cent to Rs 1.74 lakh crore in June, sources said on Monday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.66 per cent to USD 87.17 a barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 426.03 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

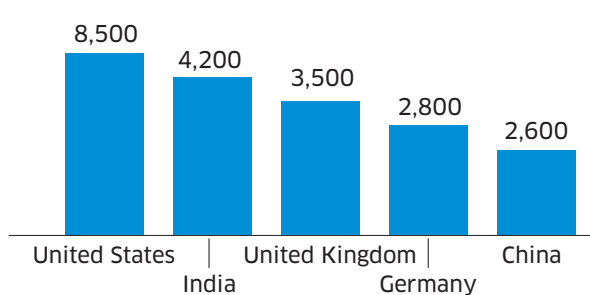
**Major Gainers:** Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, HDFC Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies and Tata Steel.

**Major Losers:** Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI and Titan.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(In number of startups)

**TOP COUNTRIES BY TECH STARTUPS FOUNDED IN 2023-2024**



Source: Statista

**NEW LAUNCH**

### OPPO unveils A3 Pro, sets new benchmark for extreme quality

**MUMBAI:** OPPO India announced the launch of the OPPO A3 Pro which is engineered for all-around endurance and boasts a stunning premium design. The new A-series smartphone features a Damage-proof All-Round Armour Body for drop and impact resistance, IP54 certification for water and dust resistance and Splash Touch technology for use with wet hands. It boasts additional features like a 120Hz Ultra Bright Display, AI LinkBoost, AI Eraser, and a large 5,100mAh Hyper Energy Battery with over a four-year lifespan plus 45W SUPERVOOCTM Flash Charge. The OPPO A3 Pro's Damage-proof All-Round Armour Body features a new reinforced internal structure and a suite of drop-resistant materials like Blue Glass double tempered glass for the screen cover that ensure the phone can withstand most everyday drops and impacts. Key components inside the phone are also cushioned with a Biomimetic Sponge for shock absorption.

**BULLION MARKET**

### Gold, silver prices decline amid weak global cues



**NEW DELHI:** Gold and silver prices declined on Tuesday, tracking a bearish trend in the international markets amid uncertainty over the interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. In the futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold for August delivery traded lower by Rs 122 or 0.17 per cent at Rs 71,532 per 10 grams. During the day, the precious metal hit a low of Rs 71,432 per 10 grams. Silver prices also eased in the spot as well as futures markets. Silver contracts for September delivery were declined by Rs 81 to Rs 89,669 per kg on the MCX.



"We are very different as people, but there is a bond that goes beyond anything, and it's the awareness that we share or what we feel for each other."

**Tabu**  
Actress



# & Glitters

## O.T.T Watch



### Zakir's new show

Sony Entertainment Television unveils "Apka Apna Zakir," a new comedy show starring Zakir Khan. Expect laughter, shayari, and life tips in this exciting series soon to air on Sony Entertainment Television.



### Articleship continues: Half CA: The grind goes on

'Half CA' Season 2 kicks off with Ahsaas Channa and Gyanendra Tripathi, celebrating CA Day with a teaser. The series follows Archie and Niraj's journey towards becoming Chartered Accountants, promising more challenges and growth.



### The conclusion arrives: Chamak on SonyLIV

"Chamak: The Conclusion" Returns August 16 on SonyLIV! Join Kaala on a quest for vengeance in this musical thriller. Stakes rise in the battle for legacy, featuring Mohit Malik and Isha Talwar.



### Dutton legacy rides on

Paramount+ has confirmed Season 2 of the Yellowstone spinoff starring Harrison Ford, despite delays from strikes. Ford expressed his commitment to reprising his role as Jacob Dutton, reflecting on his love for acting and filmmaking in a recent interview.



### The Big Door Prize axed by Apple TV+

"The Big Door Prize," based on M O Walsh's book, follows a small town transformed by a mysterious machine promising to reveal potential. Apple TV+ cancelled the series after two seasons, starring Chris O'Dowd and Josh Segarra, as reported by Variety.

CLOSE UP

## New York's export to Mumbai: Nargis Fakhri's Bollywood journey

Nargis Fakhri has recently opened up about her journey into the world of Bollywood and how she didn't have any plans on entering the most coveted industry in India.

Central Chronicle News

**Bollywood actress Nargis Fakhri, initially aspiring to be a veterinarian, found passion in acting. Emphasizing impactful film roles, she has intriguing upcoming projects awaiting announcement.**

Nargis Fakhri's unexpected journey into Bollywood began with a pivotal email opportunity that changed the course of her life. Hailing from New York, she shot to fame with her portrayal of Heer Kaul in Imtiaz Ali's *Rockstar*, a role that showcased her talent and versatility. In a revealing interview with HT City, Nargis described her entry into acting as a "serendipitous adventure," guided by destiny and a leap of faith. Despite not planning a career in Bollywood initially, Nargis embraced the challenges and opportunities that came her way, particularly with *Rockstar*, which she considers a transformative experience. The recent re-release of the film and its enduring popularity reaffirm its status as a cult classic, highlighting Nargis's ability to resonate with audiences across generations. Reflecting on her diverse heritage as a Pakistani-Czech American, Nargis remains grateful for the journey that has unfolded.



Nargis who never planned to enter Bollywood reveals how one 'email' changed her life



Nargis Fakhri on what films excite her most  
Nargis Fakhri favors action comedy for its adrenaline rush and strong characters, stating, "The intensity and excitement of action films are

incredibly appealing to me." Besides films like *Azhar* and *Dishoom*, she enjoys comedy for its versatility in showcasing different aspects of her personality and entertaining audiences.

| BOLLYWOOD |

## Jaya Bhattacharya praises SRK, Aishwarya and Govinda's versatility

Central Chronicle News

**Jaya Bhattacharya praises SRK's discipline, Aishwarya's courage, and Govinda's performance, calling them complete actors.**

Actors need a blend of confidence, courage, and exceptional skills to be truly versatile. Jaya Bhattacharya, a seasoned actress currently starring as Urmila in 'Chhathi Maiyya Ki Bitiya,' recently reflected on her extensive career, highlighting her experiences with some of the industry's most com-



Jaya Bhattacharya: Celebrating versatility and talent in Indian television.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Chhathi Maiyya Ki Bitiya" follows orphan Vaishnavi's devotion to Chhathi Maiyya, celebrating good's triumph.

plete actors.

"When I worked with Shahrukh Khan, it was an incredible experience. He is disciplined, humble, and a true gentleman," Bhattacharya shared. "Aishwarya Rai and Govinda ji are exceptional performers with immense courage. They

possess all the qualities of great actors. I feel grateful for the opportunity to work with such talented individuals."

She also mentioned her memorable, though unreleased, project with Madhuri Dixit and Nana Patekar. "I felt blessed to work with actors who

are not only talented but also amazing people."

'Chhathi Maiyya Ki Bitiya' is a heartwarming drama about Vaishnavi (Brinda Dahal), an orphan devoted to Chhathi Maiyya (Devoleena Bhattacharjee), celebrating the triumph of good over evil.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Wedding bells and Chills: "A Wedding Story" in theatres August 30

Prepare for supernatural chills in "A Wedding Story," directed by Abhinav Pareek, hitting cinemas August 30, 2024. Produced by Vinay Reddy and scripted by Shubho Shekhar Bhat-tacharjee, the film stars Vaibhav Tawawadi, Mukti Mohan, and others in a spine-tingling tale. Anticipation builds with a teaser poster hinting at eerie depths, promising a haunting narrative enriched with paranormal intrigue. Presented by Boundless Blackbuck Films, known for unique storytelling, this film blends supernatural elements with gripping horror, setting the stage for a captivating cinematic experience. Brace yourself as "A Wedding Story" unveils its supernatural mysteries this summer.

Web Series

### Arbaaz Khan returns for more invincibles!

Arbaaz Khan gears up for the new season of 'The Invincibles', a chat show celebrating Bollywood legends like David Dhawan, Shabana Azmi, and more. Highlighting their challenges and achievements, Arbaaz aims to immortalize their cinematic contributions. The show, airing on Bollywood Bubble, promises insights into their passion and magic on screen. Meanwhile, Arbaaz continues to diversify with productions like 'Patna Shuklla', featuring Raveena Tandon, and his acting stint in the thriller 'Tanaav', alongside an ensemble cast. Inspired by the Israeli series 'Fauda', 'Tanaav' explores complex themes of extremism and Kashmiri politics, adding to Arbaaz's dynamic portfolio in the entertainment industry.

### The Bollywood hot pair

### Double duty! Saif Ali Khan captures Kareena Kapoor's beauty



Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan are currently savoring a serene London vacation with their sons, Taimur and Jeh. Kareena, who recently celebrated her 24th year in Bollywood, has been delighting fans with glimpses of their family getaway on social media. In one charming moment, Saif turned photographer, capturing

Kareena enjoying a quiet evening and a cup of tea at their opulent London residence. The pictures offer a rare insight into their downtime away from Mumbai's hustle, highlighting their close-knit family moments amidst the picturesque backdrop of London's summer charm, making it a refreshing break for the celebrity couple.

Fashion

### Blooming Beauty: Bhumi Pednekar's white dress screams summer

Bhumi Pednekar stuns in a white floral dress perfect for summer escapades and elegant outings. Jetting off to an undisclosed location, she shares envy-inducing snapshots of her vacation style. The House of CB dress, crafted from cotton rich broderie anglaise with 3D flowers and ruffled trims, exudes charm.



## Trending on Insta



@tigerjackieshroff

### Tiger Shroff gets nostalgic with Baaghi 3 throwback

Tiger Shroff took to Instagram stories to reshare a throwback video from the sets of *Baaghi 3*. The video shows him performing action sequences in cold weather alongside the movie's cast and crew.

@shraddhakapoor

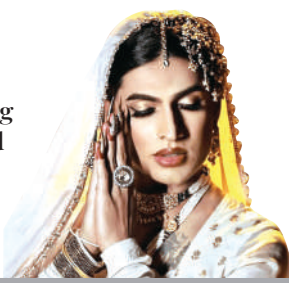
### Shraddha Kapoor battles illness to film Stree 2

Shraddha Kapoor, preparing for 'Stree 2', shared on Instagram that she's unwell but determined to travel to Lucknow. She posted a photo in an orange top, turquoise jacket, and face mask.





"I have won my National Award. I don't need anything else. So, she is and always be a style icon for me."  
Sushant Divgikr  
Actor



# Bella



psychological problems such as depression in pregnant women during the postpartum period due to stress are life-threatening illnesses.

## POSTPARTUM PERIOD IN WOMEN

# Postpartum Recovery: Essential do's and don'ts for new moms

The postpartum period in a woman's life is quite stressful as it brings with it new changes and experiences. It's also the first time that a woman becomes a mother and has to care for the new life she has created.

Navigating the postpartum phase as a new mother is a transformative journey that demands careful attention to physical recovery and emotional well-being. Rest is paramount; prioritize sleep whenever possible to aid in healing from childbirth and maintain energy levels. Accepting help from supportive friends and family members eases the burden of daily tasks, allowing for more quality time with the newborn. Maintaining a nutritious diet is crucial for both recovery and breastfeeding success. Ensure adequate hydration by drinking plenty of water throughout the day.



Emotionally, new mothers may experience a range of feelings. It's essential to communicate openly with loved ones or a healthcare provider about these emotions to receive the necessary support. Avoid overexertion; listen to your body and refrain from strenuous activities until fully recovered.

Neglecting self-care or comparing oneself to others can contribute to unnecessary stress. Each mother's journey is unique; focus on your own well-being and the baby's needs. Lastly, monitor physical health closely and seek medical advice promptly for any concerning symptoms. By



### HIGHLIGHT

● Pregnancy brings significant physiological changes, leading to a crucial postpartum period. Recovery, rest, breastfeeding knowledge, and support are vital.

following these guidelines resting adequately, seeking support, maintaining a healthy diet, nurturing emotional health, and avoiding common pitfalls new mothers can navigate the postpartum phase confidently, ensuring a positive start for both themselves and their newborns.

## Empty stomach hack: Chia seeds for power



Consuming chia seed on an empty stomach offers numerous health benefits. These tiny seeds are packed with nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, protein, and antioxidants. Eating them first thing in the morning can aid digestion, promote satiety, and regulate blood sugar levels. Chia seeds also absorb water, expanding in the stomach, which can help with hydration and provide a feeling of fullness. This makes them an excellent addition to breakfast or as a pre-meal snack. Including chia seeds in your diet can support overall health and well-being, making them a beneficial choice for starting your day right.

### Myth or Truth: Coughing after rice? Here's the truth!

Is it Myth or Truth? The belief that rice causes coughing is a myth. Rice itself does not inherently lead to coughing. However, poorly cooked rice or allergies to rice can provoke throat irritation or allergic reactions, potentially causing coughing in sensitive individuals. Proper cooking meth-

ods and awareness of personal food allergies are key to enjoying rice safely. As a staple food in many diets worldwide, rice is generally safe to consume when prepared correctly. It's important to distinguish between genuine allergies or sensitivities and unfounded myths about food-related health effects.

### | FASHION |

## Stars go natural: The rise of the "No-Makeup Makeup" trend

### Central Chronicle News

In the ever-evolving world of beauty, the allure of minimalism has found a captivating new expression: the no-makeup makeup look. Drawing inspiration from the clean simplicity of Japanese and Korean beauty ideals, this trend celebrates the art of 'skinimalism'—using minimal products to achieve a flawless, yet natural complexion. Celebrities like Alia Bhatt, Kiara Advani, Katrina Kaif, and Shraddha Kapoor have become trendsetters in effortlessly flaunting this laid-back glam. Their secret? Embracing their skin's innate radiance and letting their true selves



No makeup look is the celebrity-favourite trend and here's why you should mimic it.

shine through. This look isn't just about makeup; it's a lifestyle that champions authenticity and self-acceptance. Perfect

for every occasion, from casual brunches to glamorous red carpet events, the no-makeup makeup trend is gaining popular-

ity for its versatility and inclusivity. It's redefining beauty standards by emphasizing skincare over heavy makeup, using light-

### HIGHLIGHT

Explore how leading celebrities like Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif are setting the trend with their effortless embrace of the no-makeup makeup look, showcasing natural beauty through minimalist skincare routines and glamour tips.

weight foundations, tinted moisturizers, and dewy cream blushes to enhance natural features. Imagine a bride walking down the aisle with a luminous, fresh face that radiates confidence and grace a testament to the timeless allure of simplicity.

## DivasDazzle

BEST OF THE REST

### Celebs

#### Karisma Kapoor: Owning the trend with neon asymmetry

Karisma Kapoor recently captivated onlookers in a stunning asymmetrical gown that showcased her impeccable fashion sense. Embracing the vibrant allure of neon colors, she chose a luxurious Safiyaa creation that melded sophistication with modern flair. The gown featured an asymmetrical neckline and a form-fitting silhouette, complemented by a flowing cape that added a touch of drama. Karisma effortlessly paired the ensemble with white pumps and accessorized minimally yet effectively with silver hoop earrings and statement rings. Her makeup, characterized by radiant skin and a matte nude lip, perfectly accentuated her look, while a sleek ponytail completed this elegant and memorable appearance.

### Achiever

#### History made! Shafali Verma crushes fastest women's Test double ton

Shafali Verma has rewritten history in women's Test cricket, achieving the fastest double century ever in just 194 balls against South Africa in Chennai. Her remarkable feat not only set a new benchmark but also marked her as only the second Indian woman to reach the 200-run mark in this format. Shafali's aggressive batting, highlighted by 23 fours and eight sixes, showcased her prowess and determination on the field. Partnered with Smriti Mandhana, their record-breaking opening stand of 292 runs solidified India's dominance in the series, emphasizing Shafali's status as a true achiever in the sport.

### The Inspirors

#### Big Names, Big Stories: Deepika Padukone's series tackles mental health



Deepika Padukone, through her LiveLoveLaugh foundation's 'Lecture Series Unplugged', inspires a cultural shift in mental health conversations. By spotlighting personal stories and expert insights, she empowers individuals to open up about their mental health journeys. Deepika, alongside psychiatrist Shyam Bhat and CEO Anisha Padukone, creates a supportive platform that fosters resilience

and self-compassion. Danish Sait's participation in the inaugural episode highlights the impact of seeking help and sharing experiences, encouraging viewers to embrace their challenges with courage and empathy. This initiative exemplifies Deepika's dedication to breaking stigma and promoting understanding, making meaningful strides towards a more compassionate society.

### Wellness

#### Reduce plastic use? May lower diabetes risk

Recent studies suggest that chemicals found in plastic bottles and containers may pose health risks, including an increased likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes. These chemicals, such as bisphenols (BPA and BPS), are known as endocrine disruptors, meaning they can interfere with hormonal systems in the body. Exposure to these chemicals occurs through everyday activities like drinking from plastic bottles or consuming canned foods. Research indicates that they can leach into food and beverages, especially when exposed to heat or over time. Studies have linked higher levels of these chemicals in the body to insulin resistance, a key factor in the development of type 2 diabetes.



## Divas on Insta

### @masabagupta

#### Masaba Gupta

Masaba shared on Instagram about her hormonal acne during pregnancy, renaming them "baby kisses" to embrace their significance in her journey of creation, offering solidarity to others facing similar challenges.



### @aliabhatt

#### Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt's trainer offers a peek into her Sunday fitness session post India's T20 World Cup victory, capturing their energetic workout vibe and celebratory spirit after the historic win.



# Sports



I want to live this moment, each minute, each second that is passing by and will try to make the most of it.

Rohit Sharma  
India captain

## Laxman-coached India team leave for Zimbabwe



Abhishek Sharma and Dhruv Jurel. | Photo: PTI



Parag is the first Assam player to be picked for the Indian team. | Photo: PTI

Sudharsan, Jitesh and Rana added to India's squad for first two T20Is vs Zimbabwe. The unforeseen circumstances has forced BCCI to name replacements for the three players.

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** A young-Indian cricket team under National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman left for Zimbabwe to play a five-match T20I series starting in Harare on July 6.

The team will be led by Shubman Gill while the likes of youngsters Riyan Parag and Abhishek Sharma have been rewarded for their exploits in the last IPL with maiden

India call-ups.

Skipper Gill, the reserve opener for the T20 World Cup was on a break and will link up with the Zimbabwe-bound squad directly in Harare from the US.

The BCCI took to X to post pictures of those who boarded the flight, which includes Sharma, Parag, Rituraj Gaikwad, Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Washington Sundar, Tushar Deshpande and NCA head

### HIGHLIGHT

• The trio of Sai Sudharsan, Jitesh Sharma and Harshit Rana named as replacements for Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube and Yashasvi Jaiswal in the Indian squad for the first two matches.

Laxman.

Five members of the squad -- Shivam Dube, Sanju Samson, Yashasvi

Jaiswal, Rinku Singh and Khaleel Ahmed were either part of the T20 World Cup-winning team or were travelling reserves are stranded in Barbados due to hurricane Beryl. They will join the squad later.

With Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja retiring form the shortest format of the game, the T20 series against Zimbabwe will provide the youngsters with

the perfect opportunity to cement their places in the team for future series.

**India's squad for T20I series against Zimbabwe:** Shubman Gill (Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rituraj Gaikwad, Abhishek Sharma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Shivam Dube, Riyan Parag, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Tushar Deshpande.

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BEST OF THE REST

### EURO 2024 More changes to Mbappé face mask as problems persist

**DUESSELDORF:** Kylian Mbappé has had more masks than goals at the European Championship. The France captain is struggling with his peripheral vision in the masks that were fitted to protect his broken nose from their opening game at Euro 2024. He wore a third different mask on Monday in the 1-0 win against Belgium in the round of 16. The striker failed to hit the target in five attempts on goal against Belgium. He has only one goal in the tournament. "You've got the sweat aspect and we know sweat can get in his eyes. He's getting used to it, but it can affect his vision," coach Didier Deschamps said. "Everything in front of him is fine, but there's a delay with his peripheral vision." Mbappé broke his nose in an aerial collision with Austria's Kevin Danso, and has described the mask-wearing experience as "an absolute horror." **PTI**

### INDIANS IN COUNTY Sudharsan scores 14 for Surrey, Shaw manages 31 and 37 for Northants



**LONDON:** Young left-hand batter Sai Sudharsan and the seasoned Prithvi Shaw failed to get big scores in their ongoing English county games for Surrey and Northamptonshire respectively. Both are into their second season with their county sides. In a home game at the Oval against Essex, Surrey scored 262 in their first essay with Sudharsan, who normally bats at the top of the order for Tamil Nadu, coming in at No. 6 and managing 14 off 47 balls with two boundaries. **PTI**

### Unwanted tag of perennial "chokers" Gutted, tough pill to swallow: Miller on T20 World Cup final loss



**JOHANNESBURG:** A "gutted" David Miller said the T20 World Cup final loss to India was a tough blow, but the swashbuckling batter expressed confidence that despite enduring pain the resilient South African team would continue pushing boundaries.

Shedding the unwanted tag of perennial "chokers", the Proteas had marched into their maiden T20 World Cup final unbeaten. However, they faltered in the summit clash, losing to India by seven runs. "I am gutted!! Really tough pill to swallow after what transpired 2 days ago. Words don't explain how I am feeling. One thing I do know is how proud I am of this

unit," Miller posted an Instagram story late on Monday. Before the final, the Proteas enjoyed a sensational run, ekeing out wins in the pressure situations to become favourites for the title.

"This journey was an incredible one, with highs and lows throughout the entire month. We have endured pain, but I know this team has the resilience and will keep raising the bar," he wrote. With Miller at the crease and 16 needed off the last over, the Proteas still remained hopeful.

But a spectacular catch by Suryakumar Yadav at the boundary ended Miller's innings while deflating hopes of a South African win. **PTI**

## Frankfurt signs promising Can Uzun

**FRANKFURT:** Eintracht Frankfurt has signed the 18-year-old Turkey forward Can Uzun on a five-year contract for one of the most promising young players in German soccer.

Uzun, who was born and raised in Germany, scored 19 goals in 32 games for second-division Nuremberg last season. Frankfurt said he turned down other offers.

"Can Uzun is one of the biggest talents in Germany," Frankfurt board member for sport Markus Krösche said in a statement. "We're therefore delighted that he has chosen us ahead of several interesting offers that he received from all around Europe. He has incredible skills for his age. We've outlined our precise plans to Can and he's bought into them."

## Andy Murray playing only doubles after back surgery

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The 37-year-old Murray pulled out of the singles competition hours before he was supposed to play Tomas Machac on Centre Court.

**LONDON:** Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray will play only doubles at his last appearance at the All England Club following his withdrawal from singles on Tuesday, just over a week after back surgery.

"Unfortunately, despite working incredibly hard on his recovery since his operation just over a week ago, Andy has taken the very difficult decision not



Andy Murray will partner brother Jamie in the doubles. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

• He has since been hampered by various issues, including tearing ligaments in his left ankle at the Miami Open in March.

to play the singles this year," his management

team said in a statement. "As you can imagine, he is extremely disappointed but has confirmed that he will be playing in the doubles with Jamie and looks forward to competing at Wimbledon for the last time." Murray had surgery on June 22 to remove a cyst from his spinal cord.

Murray has said he wants to retire after the Paris Olympics, which start later this month.

He has dealt with injuries in recent years, including a bad hip that required two procedures.

Murray stopped playing during a second-round match at the grass-court tournament at Queen's Club in London last month because he was having trouble walking. He later explained that the cyst was compressing a nerve in his back and leaving his right leg numb.

Murray owns three major championships: The U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016. His 2013 title made him the first British man to win the Wimbledon singles in 77 years.

### DAVID REVEALS |

*'Thanks you very much for that call Rohit Sharma'*

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**BRIDGETOWN:** Had he not received a phone call from India skipper Rohit Sharma, requesting him to continue after the ODI World Cup final defeat, Rahul Dravid wouldn't have been a part of history, the outgoing head coach revealed in his farewell speech to the team after it was

crowned T20 world champion here. "Ro, thank you very much for making that call to me November and asking to continue," Dravid said in a video shared by BCCI on Tuesday.

"I think it's been such a privilege and a pleasure to work with each and everyone of you, but Ro, also thanks for the time...there is a lot of

**Ro, thank you very much for making that call to me November and asking to continue.**

Rahul Dravid  
India Coach

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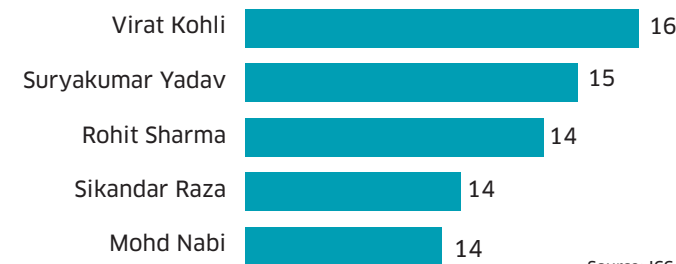


to agree, we have to disagree at times, but thank you so very much," Dravid said as Rohit laughed.

"All of you will remember these moments. We always say, it is not about the runs, it is not about the wickets, you never remember your career but you remember moments like this, so let's really enjoy," Dravid said.

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### DURAND CUP

Jamshedpur, Shillong to be new venues for Durand Cup

**KOLKATA:** Domestic season opener Durand Cup football tournament will be held from July 27 to August 31 across four venues with Indian Super League, I-League and other invitational teams competing in it. The 133rd edition of the Asia's oldest tournament will have 43 matches to be played in a round-robin league-cum-knockout format, with the opening match and the final scheduled at the iconic Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK) in Kolkata. The 24 participating teams will be divided into six groups. Eight teams -- group toppers and two best second-placed sides -- will qualify for the knockout stage. Like last year, international teams are expected to participate this year too, the organisers said on Tuesday. Continuing with its commitment to spread the tournament further into the East and North-East, two new cities -- Jamshedpur and Shillong -- have been added as host venues this year. **PTI**

### WIMBLEDON

Naomi Osaka wins for the first time in 6 years, and Coco Gauff moves on



**WIMBLEDON:** Naomi Osaka had not won a match at Wimbledon in six years. On a day when there was plenty of focus away from the courts and instead on the health and status of various players who have been ranked No. 1 and won multiple major championships -- tournament favorite Aryna Sabalenka and Victoria Azarenka, each a two-time Australian Open winner dealing with a bum shoulder, withdrew hours before they were due on court; Other big names who won on Day 1 at Wimbledon included reigning U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff, 2021 U.S. Open winner Emma Raducanu and three-time major champion Carlos Alcaraz, all on Centre Court. **PTI**



## Sports News

# Epic penalties drama for Ronaldo ends with win

The moment when he surely had to become the oldest player ever to score at a Euros finals tournament came in the first period of extra time.

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Tears welled in Ronaldo's eyes and soon flowed during the break before the second period of extra time began. Team-mates consoled him, kissed his forehead and urged him to keep going.

**FRANKFURT:** No one does high drama in international soccer to such an operatic extent as Cristiano Ronaldo.

Portugal is heading to a blockbuster quarter-final with France at the European Championship after its star captain generated compelling viewing on center stage of the victory over Slovenia on Monday.

Winning a penalty shootout 3-0 after a 0-0 game against the 57th-ranked team in world soccer might not sound much.

But there were tears, lots of them, from Ronaldo; an apology in prayer-form to his fans, who responded with adulation; extravagant arm gestures of anger,



Bruno Fernandes consoles a dejected Cristiano Ronaldo as he walks off the field after regulation time. | Photo: PTI

## HIGHLIGHT

● Portugal will face France in the quarterfinals on Friday.

frustration and exasperation; chances wasted and denied to make more tournament history; a renewed duel with an old rival goalkeeper; and ultimately redemption and victory.

The moment when he surely had to become the oldest player ever to score at a Euros finals tournament came in the first period of extra time, the 105th minute, after missing five or six of the kind of chances he has thrived on now for 20 years at this level.

Portugal had been awarded a penalty kick and Ronaldo stepped up

to take what could have been the decisive goal.

Instead, Slovenia goalkeeper Jan Oblak, a long-time adversary from their time playing Spanish league soccer in Madrid, dived left to push aside the well-struck shot against a post and away to safety. Tears welled in Ronaldo's eyes and soon flowed during the break before the

second period of extra time began. Teammates consoled him, kissed his forehead and urged him to keep going.

Extra time also finished 0-0 and when the penalty shootout started, Slovenia's first kick was saved by Portugal goalkeeper Diogo Costa.

Up stepped Ronaldo, facing a massed stand of about 10,000 Portugal fans. He placed it perfectly low beyond Oblak diving to his right.

Ronaldo looked apologetically to the fans and put his hands together as if in prayer. The fans responded with a bellowing and forgiving shout of "Siuuuu" – their soccer icon's trademark goal scream.

"I was certain that he had to be the first penalty taker and show us the way to victory," Portugal coach Roberto Martinez said. "Life gives you difficult moments and the way he reacted makes us very proud."

Costa answered the rest of those fans' prayers with as good a penalty shootout as any goalkeeper could have.

# France into quarters after Muani's late goal

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**DUESSELDORF:** Another frustrating match for Kylian Mbappé. Another underwhelming performance by France at the European Championship.

"It's beautiful," the France coach said after Les Bleus relied on the ninth own-goal scored at Euro 2024 to squeeze past Belgium 1-0 in the round of 16 on Monday.

A heavyweight match between neighbors and teams ranked No. 2 (France) and No. 3 (Belgium) failed to live up to its billing, and the nature of the only goal proved to be fitting.

Randal Kolo Muani, on as a second-half substitute, turned in the area and sent in a shot in the 85th minute that deflected off Belgium defender Jan Vertonghen and looped over stranded goalkeeper Koen Casteels.

"I was lucky enough to get my shot on target," he said of his decisive intervention. "It was blocked but it went in. We're very, very happy and very, very proud."

UEFA thought differently about the destination of Kolo Muani's shot and put it down as an own-goal, the latest in a tournament full of them.



Kylian Mbappe of France and Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne challenge.

## HIGHLIGHT

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It's the second own-goal earned by France while there has also been a penalty by Mbappé. It means a France player has yet to score from open play.

"Even if today that goal was enough to get us to the quarterfinals, we have the capability to score more," Deschamps said.

The match-winner, instead, was Kolo Muani, whose last big moment at a major tournament came when he bore

down on goal in the last seconds of extra time in the 2022 World Cup final against Argentina. His shot was saved by Emi Martinez, when a goal would surely have won the title for France.

France's overall display will do little to stop the growing dissent among many of its fans who feel more can come from a talented bunch of players headlined by Mbappé, playing on the day he officially became a Real Madrid player.

Against France, they were intent on not leaving the game too open for the quick French attackers and the deployment of De Bruyne in a deeper role helped in that regard, even if it limited the team's attacking options.

| WIMBLEDON |

# Error-prone Nagal makes first round exit

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Nagal toiled hard and even managed to take a set off world number 53 Kecmanovic before conceding a 2-6 6-3 3-6 4-6 defeat.

**LONDON:** India's top singles player Sumit Nagal committed 44 unforced errors as he made a first round exit from the Wimbledon, going down in four sets to Miomir Kecmanovic of Serbia here.

Making his maiden appearance in the men's singles main draw, Nagal toiled hard for two hours 38 minutes and even managed to take a set off world number 53 Kecmanovic before conceding a 2-6 6-3 3-6 4-6 defeat on Monday night.

The 26-year-old, ranked 72 did show flashes of brilliance as



## HIGHLIGHT

● The Paris Olympics bound Nagal is the first Indian in five years to play a Wimbledon men's singles main draw match.

hit 47 winners but in general, struggled on the grass court. In the end, he could manage only 104 points against Kecmanovic's 122.

The 53rd ranked Serbian fired six aces and

only conceded two double faults.

This was Kecmanovic's second win in as many matches against Nagal, having beaten the Indian at the ATP 250 event in Cologne, Germany, four years ago.

The Paris Olympics bound Nagal is the first Indian in five years to play a Wimbledon men's singles main draw match. Prajnesh Gunneswaran had made a first-round exit in 2019.

# HI to host first-ever Masters Cup

**NEW DELHI:** Hockey India on Tuesday announced inaugural Masters Cup, a pioneering tournament which will feature veteran players in men's and women's categories.

The event is designed to celebrate the enduring passion and skill of seasoned hockey players.

All Hockey India affiliated state member units are eligible to participate in the event and all eligible veteran players, aged around and above 40, who want to participate in the tournament will have to contact their respective member units and register through the Hockey India Member Unit Portal. The dates and venues for the tournament will be announced soon. "We are thrilled to announce the first-ever Hockey India Masters Cup, an event that honours the dedication and passion of our veteran players," HI president Dilip Tirkey said in a statement.

# Pragya to take on Bogdan-Daniel; Gukesh up against Vachier-Lagrave

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**BUCHAREST:** Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa will look to sharpen his game after squandering winning opportunities when he takes on last-placed Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania in the sixth round of the Superbet Classic Chess tournament.

While Praggnanandhaa has not been at his best in better positions, World Championship challenger D Gukesh has survived pretty well despite living dangerously in a couple of games in the tournament, which is a part of the Grand chess tour.

With five rounds gone and just four more to come, the two Indians with three points apiece, are within striking distance of the tournament



World Championship challenger D Gukesh. | Photo: PTI

leader Fabiano Caruana of United States who is on 3.5 points.

Alireza Firouzja and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France, Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi and American Wesley So share the fourth spot on 2.5 points each, a half point ahead of Dutchman Anish Giri and Uzbek Nodirbek Abdusattorov.

Bogdan-Daniel is at the bottom of the table with

1.5 points.

Gukesh will have black pieces against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and it should not be a tall order for the Indian who has been trying various set ups against the King pawn opening.

Vachier-Lagrave, on the other hand, will be hoping for a complicated struggle but the fact that he is not very adventurous when it comes to

## FASTFACTS

● With five rounds gone and just four more to come, the two Indians with three points apiece, are within striking distance of the tournament leader Fabiano Caruana of United States who is on 3.5 points.

opening choices makes his task a little more difficult.

Praggnanandhaa will not only be favourite but will also be under pressure. In the previous round, the Indian missed out on a straightforward winning manoeuvre against Wesley So while earlier on, Gukesh survived what was a technically difficult but theoretically lost endgame against him.

| ROHIT SPEAKS |

# 'I want to live every second of this win'

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**BRIDGETOWN:** Rohit Sharma held the T20 World Cup trophy like a new-born baby as he walked towards the beach here for the triumphant Rohit Sharma's post-tournament photo shoot, a serene smile refusing to leave his face and the feeling of being a world champion yet to fully sink in.

He couldn't be faulted for being a bit dazed. After all, a jinx that lasted over a decade had been broken.

"It's surreal. It feels like a dream. It feels like it hasn't happened. Although it has happened but it feels like it hasn't happened," Rohit laughed trying to process his



Rohit Sharma India Captain

thoughts after 24 hours. "Last night we had a good time, we had a blast with the teammates till the early morning," he couldn't stop grinning before becoming a touch emotional. I would say I didn't sleep properly but that's absolutely fine by me. There is a lot of time

"I want to live this moment, each minute, each second that is passing by and will try to make the most of it," he said describing how it felt to lead an Indian team to its first ICC title in 11 years.

"It's been a great moment right from the

time the game got over to till now. That's the emotions and feelings you have," said the skipper.

"We have dreamt about this for such a long period of time, we worked hard as a unit for such a long period of time and to see this (the trophy) with us, it feels quite relieved as well.

"When you have worked hard for something and eventually at the end you get it, feels really, really nice," the skipper reiterated.

People were amazed and amused to see Rohit walk to the 22-yard strip at Kensington Oval and put a tiny speck of soil in his mouth, just like Novak Djokovic does after winning the Wimbledon.

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Vivian Balakrishnan  
Singapore Foreign Minister

## Russian soldiers fire from the BM-21 "Grad" multiple rocket launcher



Russian soldiers fire from the BM-21 "Grad" self-propelled 122 mm multiple rocket launcher in an undisclosed location in Ukraine. | Photo: PTI

# Haiti's gang violence has displaced 300,000 children: UN

Children are more than half of the nearly 580,000 people who have become homeless in the last four months.

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**SAN JUAN:** Gang violence in Haiti has displaced more than 300,000 children since March, the UN children's agency said Tuesday as the Caribbean country struggles to curb killings and kidnappings.

Children are more than half of the nearly 580,000 people who have become homeless in the last four months. The spike in violence

began in late February after a series of coordinated attacks on key government infrastructure eventually led Prime Minister Ariel Henry to resign in April.

"The humanitarian catastrophe unfolding before our eyes is taking a devastating toll on children," Catherine Russell, UNICEF's executive director, said in a statement. "Displaced children are in desperate need of a safe and

### HIGHLIGHT

● Gangs now control at least 80 per cent of the capital Port-au-Prince and the key roads leading in and out of it

● Many children are living in makeshift shelters, including schools that are in poor hygienic conditions

protective environment, and increased support and funding from the

international community."

Gangs now control at least 80 per cent of the capital Port-au-Prince and the key roads leading in and out of it, with more than 2,500 people killed or injured across the country in the first three months of the year, according to the UN.

Many children are living in makeshift shelters, including schools that are in poor hygienic conditions, placing them

at risk of disease. School closures are also leading to a higher dropout rate.

The agency said children in Haiti are being forced to join violent gangs to survive as they often lack access to food, health care, clean water and sanitation. Displaced children and teenagers in Haiti also face a higher risk of sexual assault, exploitation, abuse and family separation, according to UNICEF.

## UN launches global road safety campaign in US

**UNITED NATIONS :** The United Nations on Monday launched its global road safety campaign in the United States, which aims to halve the number of road-related victims worldwide by 2030.

The two-year advertising campaign seeks to educate people on basic, but life-saving, safety measures, such as wearing seatbelts and helmets and putting away phones on the road, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt told a news conference opening the US campaign.

The advertisements will appear on JCDecaux billboards in more than 80 countries and 1,000 cities, including New York City, Chicago, and Boston starting Monday, said Jean-Luc Decaux, president and co-CEO of JCDecaux North America.

# Hurricane Beryl razes southeast Caribbean islands

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Beryl made landfall on the island of Carriacou in Grenada as the earliest Category 4 storm in the Atlantic, then late in the day the National Hurricane Center in Miami said its winds had increased to 160 mph (260 kph).

**BRIDGETOWN:** Hurricane Beryl strengthened to Category 5 status late Monday after it ripped doors, windows and roofs off homes across the southeastern Caribbean with devastating winds and storm surge fuelled by the Atlantic's record warmth.

Fluctuations in strength, and later a significant weakening, were forecast as the storm pushes further into



Fishermen pull a boat damaged by Hurricane Beryl back to the dock at the Bridgetown Fisheries in Barbados, Monday.

### FASTFACTS

● Beryl was still swiping the southeast Caribbean late Monday as it pushed into the Caribbean Sea on a track heading just south of Jamaica.

● A hurricane warning was in effect for Jamaica, and a tropical storm warning for the southern coast of Hispaniola

the Caribbean in the coming days. Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell said one person had died and he could not yet say if there were other fatalities because authorities had not been able to assess the situation on the islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique, where there were initial reports of major damage but communications were largely down.

"We do hope there aren't any other fatalities or any injuries," he said. "But bear in mind the challenge we have in Carriacou and Petite Martinique." Mitchel added that the government will send people first thing Tuesday morning to evaluate the situation on the islands.

Streets from St. Lucia island south to Grenada were strewn with shoes, trees, downed power lines and other debris. Banana trees were snapped in half and cows lay dead in green pastures with homes made of tin and plywood tilting precariously nearby.

"Right now, I'm real heartbroken," said Vichelle Clark King as she surveyed her damaged shop in the Barbadian capital of Bridgetown that was filled with sand and water.

## Orban is in Ukraine for talks with Zelenskyy

**BUDAPEST:** Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was in Kyiv on Tuesday for talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. It is his first visit to the country since the war began with Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

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### NORWAY CHINA SPYING

## Norwegian citizen arrested on suspicion of spying for China

**COPENHAGEN:** A Norwegian citizen has been arrested on suspicion of spying for China, Norway's NTB news agency reported Tuesday, citing the Scandinavian country's domestic security agency. The person, whose identity wasn't released, was arrested Monday, according to NTB's report, based on information from the security agency, known by its Norwegian acronym PST.

The suspect, who will face a court hearing later Tuesday in Oslo, is suspected of serious intelligence activities involving state secrets, NTB said. PST wasn't immediately available for comment. The suspect's lawyer, Marius Dietrichson, told the VG newspaper that his client denies being an agent for China. In its annual threat assessment, the Norwegian domestic security service said that China "will be a significant intelligence threat in 2024." PTI

### NEPAL POLITICS

## Nepali Congress & CPN-UML strike deal to oust PM 'Prachanda'



**KATHMANDU:** In a dramatic political development, Nepal's two largest parties - Nepali Congress and CPN-UML - have inked a midnight power-sharing deal to form a new 'national consensus government' to replace the coalition government led by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", who on Tuesday refused to resign. PTI

### FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## Australian police arrest 14-year-old boy suspected of stabbing a student



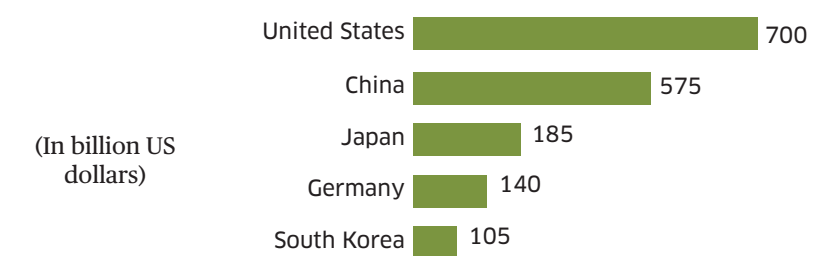
**MELBOURNE:** A 14-year-old boy dressed in military clothing was arrested after police alleged he stabbed a 22-year-old student in the neck Tuesday at the University of Sydney.

The student was taken to hospital in a stable condition. The suspect was treated in hospital for cuts and was kept for a mental health assessment, said Mark Walton, acting assistant commissioner for the New South Wales Police. "A motive or ideology importantly has not been determined at this time," Walton told reporters. The New South Wales

Joint Counterterrorism Committee was investigating the matter, but there was no ongoing threat to the community, Walton said. "The ideology that may be related to this young person's activity is unknown, but I would say it's likely to be categorized as mixed and unclear ideology. It's certainly not a religiously related ideology," Walton added. Walton said the boy had worn a "camouflage defence force uniform" and left a kitchen knife at the scene. The boy caught a bus from the university to a nearby hospital for treatment before he was arrested, police said. PTI

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### TOP COUNTRIES BY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE IN 2023-2024



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### US PANAMA IMMIGRATION

## US signs deal to help Panama remove migrants

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**WASHINGTON:** The United States is going to pay for flights and offer other help to Panama to remove migrants under an agreement signed Monday, as the Central American country's new president has vowed to shut down the treacherous Darien Gap used by people travelling north

to the United States. The memorandum of understanding was signed during an official visit headed by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Panama for the inauguration Monday of José Raúl Mulino, the country's new president.

The deal is "designed to jointly reduce the number of migrants being cruelly smuggled



through the Darien, usually en route to the United States," National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson said in a statement Monday.

"Specifically, the United States will support Panama's efforts to begin the swift, safe and humane repatriation of migrants who do not have a legal basis to remain in Panama."

### MYANMAR INDIA TRADE

## India executes first Rs 1 crore pulses export to Myanmar

**DHAKA:** The first transaction of over Rs 1 crore pulses export to Myanmar from India was successfully executed under the Rupee-Kyat trade settlement mechanism on Tuesday, a move which will boost bilateral trade and enhance the usage of local currencies. "Rupee-Kyat trade settlement

mechanism is operational now," the Embassy of India in Yangon posted on X. "The first transaction of over INR 1 cr of pulses export was successfully executed by the Yangon office of @pnbindia today. We encourage businesses on both sides to benefit from the mechanism," it said. PTI

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