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## Rohit-Virat lift Cup for fans on open-bus parade

The open-top bus, adorned with a photo of the Indian team celebrating their T20 World Cup triumph, became the centerpiece of the festivities.

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**MUMBAI:** India captain Rohit Sharma and star batter Virat Kohli lifted the T20 World Cup 2024 trophy in front of the fans during a grand victory parade on a bus-top in Mumbai. Both Virat and Rohit showcased the glittering trophy to thousands of fans who had gathered to witness this historic event.

The parade, which commenced from the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), saw the players make their way atop an open-top bus. Fans thronged the streets, particularly at the Marine Drive, turning on their flashlights to create a mesmerizing visual spectacle as the champions' caravan progressed. In a heartwarming gesture, Virat Kohli, who has been a stalwart of Indian cricket, asked Rohit Sharma to come forward and lift the trophy together, symbolizing their united effort



Players of the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team acknowledge fans during their open bus victory parade. | Photo: PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● The celebration marks a momentous occasion in Indian cricket, bringing joy and pride to millions of supporters across the country.



**I had a memorable conversation with our Champions on their experiences.**

Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

and team spirit. Key players such as Hardik

Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, and Shivam Dube were

prominently visible at the front of the bus, waving to the enthusiastic crowd. The atmosphere was electric, with chants of victory and patriotism echoing through the streets. India's open-bus parade, celebrating their T20 World Cup victory, was initially scheduled to start at around 5 PM.

| JHARKHAND |

## Hemant Soren takes oath as 13th CM

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He had resigned as the CM shortly before his arrest on January 31 by the Enforcement Directorate.

**RANCHI:** JMM executive president Hemant Soren on Thursday took oath as the 13th chief minister of Jharkhand.

He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor C P Radhakrishnan at the Raj Bhavan here, an official said. Chamapi Soren, who resigned as the chief minister on Wednesday, was also present on the occasion. After taking the oath, Soren said former CM Champai Soren discharged his duties well.



Hemant Soren takes the oath of office and secrecy as CM. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

● Hemant Soren was released from jail on June 28 after the High Court of Jharkhand granted bail to him in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam.

The court order is in the public domain for all to see, the JMM executive president said, adding

that he would discharge his duties with commitment. In a video message to people, Hemant Soren said that a conspiracy was hatched against him by the opposition which had succeeded in their "evil designs" and he had to spend about five months behind bars.

JMM legislator Kalpana Soren said welfare work would be expedited in the state.

## Firearms, explosives recovered post encounter in which 5 Naxals were killed

**RAIPUR:** Security personnel have recovered a cache of arms, ammunition and explosives at the site of an encounter in which five Naxalites were killed in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district a day ago, a senior police official said on Wednesday.

Prima facie, it seems the slain cadres belonged to Maoists' PLGA (People's Liberation Guerrilla Army) Company No. 1 and were part of security detail of senior Naxalites, he said.

Police had said five Naxalites were gunned down on Tuesday in an encounter with security forces in forests under the Kohkameta police station area of Narayanpur district, around 240km from state capital Raipur.

Following the encounter, an ongoing search operation was extended

in the area till Wednesday afternoon following which security personnel started returning to their bases, Inspector General of Police, Bastar range Sundarraj P told PTI.

Personnel belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF), along with the 53rd battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the 135th battalion of the Border Security Force (BSF) were involved in four-day long the operation, he said.

On Tuesday, at around 10:30 am when security forces were cordoning off a forest between Hikulnar and Ghamandi villages, a gunfight broke out between the two sides. The intermittent firing lasted till late in the evening at different places, Sundarraj said.

## PM Modi to visit Russia, Austria from July 8 to 10

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two-day visit to Russia from July 8 to 9 to hold the 22nd India-Russia annual summit that will review the entire range of multifaceted ties between the two countries. After concluding his trip to Russia, Modi will travel to Austria, which will be the first visit by an Indian PM to that country in 41 years.



## ED arrests two in CG liquor 'scam'-linked money laundering case

**NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has arrested two liquor businessmen in connection with its money laundering probe into an alleged excise scam of Chhattisgarh that is estimated to have generated over Rs 2,100 crore of slush funds.

Arvind Singh and Trilok Singh Dhillon were arrested on July 1 at the central jail in Raipur and later a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court sent them to ED custody till July 6, the federal probe agency said in a statement.

The two were lodged

in jail after the Chhattisgarh Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) arrested them in the case sometime back.

The money laundering case of the ED stemmed from an EOW/ACB FIR filed in January and had named 70 individuals and companies, including former excise minister Kawasi Lakhma, former chief secretary Vivek Dhand and others.

The alleged scam, where the ED has pegged the proceeds of crime at Rs 2,161 crore, purportedly took place between 2019-2022 when the Congress was in power in the state.

### NEWSLINE

**Hathras**  
6 sevadars arrested over Hathras stampede

The Uttar Pradesh police said on Thursday that they have arrested six 'sevadars', including two women, in connection with the Hathras stampede that killed 121 people.

**Thane**  
Woman loses in cryptocurrency scam

A 44-year-old woman from Navi Mumbai has fallen victim to a cryptocurrency scam and lost more than Rs 36 lakh, police said on Thursday. The woman, a stock trader, lodged a complaint against two persons in this connection, following which a case was registered against them.

| NEET-UG |

## 56 students move SC against any bid to cancel exam

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**NEW DELHI:** Over 50 successful Gujarat-based NEET-UG candidates, including several who have been ranked first, have moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to restrain the Centre and the National Testing Agency from cancelling the controversy-ridden exam. They have sought

a direction from the top court to the Union Education Ministry to probe, identify and take strict action against students and others who indulged in unfair practices like paper leak and impersonation in the NEET-UG exam conducted on May 5 this year.

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bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud

is scheduled to hear as many as 26 petitions seeking reliefs like re-test and probe into the conduct of the examination plagued by allegations of malpractices.

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and

other related courses in government and private institutions across the country. NEET-UG, 2024 was held across 4,750 centres on May 5 and around 24 lakh candidates appeared in the exam. Allegations of irregularities, including paper leaks, have led to protests in several cities and sparring between rival political parties.



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# Raipur



Action will be taken against officers who halt revenue cases.

**Tankaram Verma**  
State Revenue Minister



Amritlal Meena, Secretary of the Ministry of Coal, Govt of India, and CS Amitabh Jain during review meeting.

## Coal Mining vital for development: Amritlal

The session delved into the progress of coal projects by the Govt of India.

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**RAIPUR:** A significant review meeting was convened at the Mantralaya on Thursday, led by Amritlal Meena, Secretary of the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, and the Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Government. The session delved into the progress of coal projects overseen by the Government of India across Chhattisgarh, particularly in Korba and Raigarh districts.

Officials from the Central and State governments, alongside representatives

from South East Coal Field Limited, engaged in extensive discussions regarding land acquisition and compensation issues related to coal mining projects.

The dialogue also encompassed the distribution of coal for various national projects in accordance with production targets set by South East Coal Field Limited. Secretary Amritlal Meena underscored the indispensable role of continuous coal production in sustaining national energy needs and supporting broader developmen-

tal initiatives. Stressing the necessity of cooperation from local administrations, Meena highlighted the importance of expeditiously settling compensation cases and adhering to regulatory frameworks governing land acquisition. Participants at

### HIGHLIGHT

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the meeting, which included senior officials from Coal Fields Limited, Forest and Environment departments, and district administrations, committed to enhancing coordination to expedite clearances for projects such as the Chhattisgarh East West Rail Corridor.

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## Chief Secretary chairs meeting for I-Day

**RAIPUR:** Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain presided over a crucial meeting at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan to finalize arrangements for this year's Independence Day celebrations on Thursday. The meeting, attended by key officials from various departments, focused on coordinating a dignified and seamless event. Scheduled for the Police Parade Ground Raipur starting at 9 am, the state-level function promises to showcase a spectacular parade featuring participants from the police, armed forces, NCC, and students. Deputy Inspector General of Chhattisgarh Armed Forces has been tasked with overseeing parade arrangements, ensuring precision and grandeur. Highlighting cultural diversity, school children will present cultural programs, with prizes slated for participants, coordinated by the School Education Department. Traffic, parking, and security will be managed by the Police Department, while the Raipur Municipal Corporation takes charge of venue cleanliness.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### UPGRADATION

**Raipur-Balodabazar road to be upgraded to four lanes with Rs 1494 crore approval**

**RAIPUR:** The Raipur-Balodabazar National Highway 130B will soon see a significant upgrade, transitioning from its current two-lane structure to a four-lane road. The Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India, has approved a substantial budget of Rs 1494 crore for this project. Revenue Minister Tank Ram expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao for their roles in securing the approval for this critical infrastructure project. Minister Tank Ram highlighted the importance of this upgrade, noting the heavy traffic pressure on the existing highway, which serves not only the general public but also numerous large cement and other industries in the area.

### FOUNDATION DAY

**MAIC to celebrate 18th Foundation Day today**

**RAIPUR:** Maharaja Agrasen International College (MAIC), operated by the Maharaja Agrasen Charitable Trust, is celebrating its 18th Foundation Day with great pomp on Friday, July 5. Established in 2006 with just 93 students, the college now educates over 2,000 students. MAIC offers a variety of university and professional courses. Students from various departments consistently secure spots on the merit list of Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University. To foster the all-round development of its students, MAIC conducts numerous programs and certificate courses, including Prompt Engineering, Android, Digital Marketing, French Language, and Tally, under the Learn Villa initiative.



Initiative introduced by SSP Santosh Singh

## Twelve police officers and employees named 'Cop of the Month' in Raipur



**RAIPUR:** In a move to motivate and recognize the hard work of police officers, twelve personnel from Raipur district have been honored with the 'Cop of the Month' award for their exemplary service. This initiative, introduced by Senior Superintendent of Police San-

tosh Singh, aims to encourage excellence and responsible behavior within the police force. Reserve Inspector Vaibhav Mishra from Raipur Police Line was acknowledged for his diligent and responsible work, along with effective force management.

### TRAINING PROGRAM

## Airfares have seen a decline due to off season, brings relief

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Airfares from Raipur to Delhi and Mumbai have decreased substantially.

**RAIPUR:** With the onset of the rainy season and the reopening of schools and colleges, air travel has seen a significant decline. Consequently, airlines have reduced their fares, bringing relief to travelers. Currently, airfares from Raipur to Delhi and Mumbai have decreased substantially, with prices ranging from Rs 6500 to Rs 8000.

Travel operator Kirti Vyas confirmed that airfares from Raipur to Delhi now range from Rs 7000 to Rs 8000, while fares to Mumbai are available for Rs 6500 to Rs 7000. Additionally, fares for other



Passengers along with cabin crew.

### FACTFILE

• Reduction in air travel during the rainy season impacts airlines.

routes have also dropped: Raipur to Bangalore is Rs 8000, Raipur to Hyderabad is Rs 7500, and Raipur to Kolkata has seen similar reductions. This decrease is a stark

contrast to last month when airfares from Delhi to Raipur had soared to Rs 20,000.

Vyas explained that the reduction in air travel during the rainy season impacts airlines, prompting them to lower fares to attract passengers. He also noted the need for regulation to prevent arbitrary fare increases by airlines.

Air passenger movement at Raipur airport has decreased for the past two weeks. From June 17 to June 23, 47,560 air passengers traveled, a 2.44 percent decrease from the previous week.

Similarly, from June 24 to June 30, 46,438 passengers traveled, marking a 2.36 percent decline. Over the last 15 days, 652 flights were operated.

### DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

## CM awards cheques to children

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**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai distributed cheques of two lakh rupees each to meritorious children of workers registered under the Labour Department. The ceremony took place at the Chief Ministers residence office during the Jandarshan program. The awarded amount includes an incentive of one lakh rupees under the Chief Minister Noni-Babu Medhavi Shiksha Sahayata Yojana and an additional cheque



of one lakh rupees for purchasing a scooter. The event was attended by the parents of the meritorious children and the state's Labour Minister Lakhanlal Devangan. A total of 26 lakh rupees was distributed to 13 children of

construction workers, each receiving two lakh rupees, said Dewangan.

This initiative is part of the Chhattisgarh Bhawan and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board's efforts under the Labor

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**Lakhan Lal Devangan**  
State Industry Minister

Department. The children received one lakh rupees for their academic achievements and one lakh rupees to purchase a scooter.

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## Raipur News

# Massive enthusiasm for CM's 'Jandarshan'

People got to meet CM Sai in person and submit their requests.



Large number of people from across the state showed up at Chief Minister's second 'Jandarshan'.

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**RAIPUR:** Large number of people from across the state showed up at Chief Minister's second 'Jandarshan' with tremendous enthusiasm. In this public interaction program held at CM House, people got to meet Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai in person and submit their requests and appeals for redressal. During the program, Chief Minister distributed cheques of Rs two lakhs each to the meritorious children of labourers. Additionally, he planted a Dehiman sapling in honour of his

## FASTFACTS

- Large Number of people showed up from across the state at CM House to attend the second 'Jandarshan' of Chief Minister.

- People expressed gratitude to Chief Minister for immediate resolution of applications in the Previous 'Jandarshan' program.

mother at his residence premises. At the event, visitors also availed the health check-up services

## CM orders investigation into eviction threats

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai addressed the applications of Kamar tribe families from the Bagbahara forest area during today's weekly Jandarshan programme at his residential office in Raipur. He instructed forest department officials to investigate the notice issued by the Assistant Forest Range Officer regarding the eviction of Kamar families residing in Bagbahara forest area number 88 for many years, and to take necessary action accordingly.

arranged for them. Satisfied with the immediate resolution of their grievances, many applicants of previous Jandarshan also attended today's program to personally thank Chief Minister.

At the Jandarshan

program held today, Chief Minister awarded cheques of incentives worth Rs two lakhs each provided to 13 meritorious children under Mukhyamantri Non-i-Babu Medhavi Shiksha Sahayta Yojana.

## CM orders probe into Patwari's work delay

**RAIPUR:** During his interaction with Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai at Jandarshan, farmer Shri Ashok Rajak from Paunsari village in Nawagarh block expressed frustration over his unsuccessful attempts to get work done despite applying to the village Patwari for several days.

Chief Minister immediately directed the Bemetara Collector to investigate the status of the farmer's application and provide necessary assistance. He stressed the need to determine the cause of the delay and instructed that appropriate action be taken against the Patwari if negligence is found.

## Free medical check-ups and medicines

**RAIPUR:** A health camp has been set up today at weekly Jandarshan programme organized at the residence of CM Sai in the capital city of Raipur. A team of doctors is examining the health of people who have come from far-flung areas of the state, providing them with free medicines and medical advice. The camp includes arrangements for blood tests, blood pressure checks.

## Five bookies arrested from Pune, operating cricket betting

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**RAIPUR:** City police has arrested 5 bookies operating cricket betting through Mahadev Reddy Anna-15 panel from Pune (Maharashtra).

According to the investigating police officer, Dashrath Nishad lodged a report in Maudhapara police station that his local friend Mohit Vishwakarma, came to him and asked that he needed a bank account. So he opened his bank account in Bank of Maharashtra for Mohit Vishwakarma.

Mohit then bought one Airtel SIM card from the applicant's Aadhar card to link the new bank account. Mohit also kept the passbook, checkbook and ATM card of the new bank account with himself.

## HIGHLIGHT

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On April 30, Mohit Vishwakarma called the applicant and said that the said bank account is stuck and it has to be closed. Then the applicant thought there was something suspicious. After a little inquiry, he came to know that Mohit Vishwakarma, along with his other accomplices, was cheating him and using his bank account and mobile number for transactions of money received in Mahadev Satta operation.

## CM pays tribute to Swami Vivekananda

**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai paid his profound respects and tribute to Swami Vivekananda, a pathbreaking figure and an inspiration for the youth, on his death anniversary, at his Residence Office. On the occasion, Shri Sai said that Swami Vivekananda introduced the world to Indian philosophy and spirituality. He showed the world the

path for the welfare of humanity. Chhattisgarh has embraced Swami Vivekananda's generous, practical, and reformist principles.

It is a matter of pride for Chhattisgarh that Swami Vivekananda spent part of his childhood in Raipur. Today, Chhattisgarh is progressing by following the path and principles shown by Swami Vivekananda.

## CM Sai formally launches "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

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Over 70 lakh saplings set to be planted under this campaign.

**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai formally launched the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign today, aimed at promoting environmental protection and greenery across the state. As part of the initiative, CM Sai planted a Dahiman sapling at his residential office premises in Raipur and urged the people of the state to plant saplings in honor of their mothers. The Dahiman plant, abundant in the Surguja region, is known for its medicinal properties beneficial in treating various diseases.

It is worth mentioning that PM Narendra Modi has encouraged citizens to plant trees ded-

icated to their mothers. In Chhattisgarh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, efforts are underway to implement Modi's appeal. A state-level 'Van Mahotsav' is scheduled for July 11 in Chhattisgarh, during which 70 lakh saplings will be planted.

To ensure the success of the plantation drive and safeguard planted areas, public representatives will adopt plantation sites. Under this campaign, people can also plant saplings in the honor of their deities according to their religious beliefs. Besides forested areas, saplings will be planted along roadsides and in public spaces. To boost green cover and promote environmental conservation in Chhattisgarh, the Forest Department is planting over 3 crore 95 lakh 85 thousand saplings through various schemes.

## CFC to visit Ch'garh on July 11

**RAIPUR:** Central Finance Commission will visit Chhattisgarh state from July 11 to 13. A 12-member delegation led by the Commission's Chairman, Mr. Arvind Panagariya, will arrive at the state capital, Raipur on July 11. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and members of the cabinet will engage in discussions with the Central Finance Commission on various issues, including the state's financial requirements, infrastructure development, and economic progress. Finance Minister O.P. Choudhary will provide detailed information to the Commission regarding the state's economic, financial, and infrastructure development, and also apprise them of the specific requirements of the state. Additionally, requests for special grants for various proposed projects of different departments of the state government will be submitted to the Commission.

## 'One-day stakeholder's conference organized'

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One-day stakeholder's conference on 'Water, Energy & Climate: Vision for Chhattisgarh', was organized jointly by NIT and UNICEF Ch'garh here on Thursday.

**RAIPUR:** National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur in collaboration with UNICEF Chhattisgarh organized a one-day stakeholder's conference on 'Water, Energy & Climate: Vision for Chhattisgarh' on July 4.

The event was graced by several distinguished guests Prasanna R, Secretary of Higher Education, Govt. of C.G. as Chief Guest; Guests of Honor Mohammad Qaiser Abdul Haq, Secretary of PHED, Govt. of C.G & William Hanlon Jr, Chief UNICEF Odisha & Chhat-



NIT Raipur in collaboration with UNICEF Ch'garh organized a one-day stakeholder's conference.

## FASTFACTS

- Asha Lata Gupta, PHED highlighted that rapid development is causing emerging water crises and emphasized the government's efforts to provide tap water connections to every household.

tsigarh; Special Guests Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Verma, Vice Chancellor, CSVTU Bilhail & Prof. Piyush Kant Pandey and others After this Dr. Rao high-

lighted areas like sustainable water management, equitable water access, and renewable energy expansion, calling for collaboration with professionals to create a sustainable vision for the region.

Dr. Verma emphasized the need for sustainable technology, particularly in water resource management and renewable energy. Dr. Pandey discussed Chhattisgarh's historical role in CO2 absorption and the need for carbon capture and storage policies.

Dr. Qaiser mentioned the use of over 40,000 tube wells and borewells, highlighting the shift from hand pumps to ensure water quality.

He also anticipated that the workshop would yield effective solutions for the state government and community.

Dr. William emphasized water quality and climate-centric planning, while mentioning programs supporting solar energy for households and solar pumps to create sustainable solutions for future generations.

## NEW EXECUTIVE BODY |

## Lions Club Raipur Shikhar's new body sworn-in

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**RAIPUR:** Raipur's Lions Club Shikhar known for social service is ready this year with a new executive body. Under the leadership of Patron Charter President Lion Saroj Pandey and Charter Secretary Lion Chandrakanta Oswal and in the presence of Chief Guest VDG Lion Vijay Agarwal, key note speaker PDG Lion Preetpal Bali, special guest PDG Lion Ranjana Kshetrapal, Zone Chair-



person Lion Lakshmi Burad and swearing-in Officer Region Chairman Lion Rajesh Jain, the auspicious oath taking ceremony was held yesterday

at Vrindavan Hall. In this ceremony, new members took charge for the year 24-25.

The new team 2024-25 comprises of Patron-

**This year too, we will try to help people as much as possible.**

Lion Saroj Pandey  
Patron Charter President

Charter President Lion Saroj Pandey; Charter Secretary Lion Chandrakanta Oswal; outgoing President - Lion Meenakshi Bhargava;

President - Lion Dr. Sushmita Sengupta; First V-P - Lion Usha Sharma; 2nd V-P-Lion Radha Verma; 3rd V-P-Lion Pammi Rokariya; Secretary - Lion Dr. Shaili Dubey; Co-Secretary - Lion Davinder Grewal; Treasurer - Lion Kaushal Mahawar; Co-Treasurer - Lion Jayanti Sharma; Tale Twister - Lion Kanchan Pusadkar; Tamer - Lion Manju Sarangi; PRO-Lion Anubhuti Srivastava; Greeting Chairperson - Lion Jyoti Agarwal.

## State-level Youth Assembly in VS today

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**RAIPUR:** Nehru Yuwa Kendra Chhattisgarh jointly under the aegis of UNICEF will be organizing state-level Youth Assembly in the Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha tomorrow on July 5. The chief guest of the Youth Assembly will be Speaker Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha Dr Raman Singh and special guest will be Cabinet Minister Kedar Kashyap.

Giving information about this programme,

NYK District Youth officer Arpit Tiwari informed that in this programme to be organized on the theme of 'Climate Change for Youth', all 200 young participants from 146 blocks of Chhattisgarh will take part and in this total of 16 young speakers will express their views on Climate Change. The objective of this programme is to push forward young leadership and try to develop political understanding among the youth.

## NEWSLINE

### WINNER

**Anushna Roy Chowdhury bags 1st position**



**RAIPUR:** Anushna Roy Chowdhury, with her consistent performance year on year has maintained the trend of winning the first prize. In a yet another national level competition of performing arts being organized by Krishna Lalit Kala Mahavidyalaya named Kaushal Mahotsav 2024 at Raipur. Out of many performances, the 8 minute Solo performance by Anushna Roy Chowdhury in Kathak, which consisted of Ganesh Vandana followed by Tarana was very appreciated by the judges and the audience. In the sub junior category, Anushna secured 1st position. Anushna is a student of fourth standard in IGCSE Board at NH Goel World School, Raipur.

### THEFT

**Ornaments and cash worth Rs 5 lakh stolen in Darri Power city**

**KORBA:** Unidentified thieves ran away with ornaments and cash worth Rs five lakh from a house in the Power City Colony under Darri Police Station. The thieves broke into the house in the late night hours and took away jewelry worth Lakhs of rupees along with Rs 1.50 Lakh cash.

The applicant Amitesh Rathore has been living with his family on rent in this house for the last seven years. When they returned Korba yesterday morning, they saw that the lock of the house was broken and all the stuff inside was scattered. After getting information Darri police team immediately reached the spot and started investigation

### INJURED

**Five students injured, as plaster of classroom ceiling fell down**



**JAGDALPUR:** Five minor students of a primary school in Chhote Mudra village under Darbha block of Bastar district were injured, as the plaster of their class room ceiling fell down during the class. There were 15 children in the class when the mishap occurred. They all got scared. The school teachers immediately took all the injured students to the primary health centre in Tokapal for treatment.

Collector Vijay Dayaram also reached the health centre to see the injured students and instructed the doctors to ensure adequate treatment to the students.



"Attachment warrants issued to BSNL offices for property tax default of Rs 45.75 lakh".

Devesh Dhruv  
(BMC Commissioner)

# CCW supports socially ostracised family

Chairman Dr Kiranmayee Nayak conducts hearing on cases in Durg.



Women Commission Chairman and other members hearing cases in Durg

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## FASTFACTS

**BHILAI:** Chhattisgarh Commission for Women (CCW) Chairperson Dr Kiranmayee Nayak heard cases of women harassment in WCD Office, Durg. In a case of social ostracism after same-caste love marriage in village Chirpoti, the Commission extended support to the married couple. The respondent Puhup Ram Sahu (Samaj President) admitted to imposing a social ban and explained that the couple eloped and married in Arya Samaj, which could ruin social traditions. The

● Commission's 255th hearing and 10th of Durg held

● No social ostracism in case of same caste marriage

Commission found it to be a crime under the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955. The respondents agreed to correct their mistake and hold a meeting on July 06 to revoke social ostracism. Social activists Ratna Naramdev and Gurmeet Dhanai will attend this meeting, and

## Daughter-in-law ordered to pay maintenance

A woman was ordered to pay monthly maintenance of Rs 10000 to her father-in-law and mother-in-law under Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The widowed woman works as School Principal and earns Rs 55000 per month and receives Rs 20000 pension after husband's death. She was not allowing her in-laws to reside in the family house.

if needed, will assist the victims to lodge FIR. In another case, the parties reached a mutual settlement outside the court. In a case, the Commission instructed the respon-

dent to pay honorarium to the applicant. In a case of sexual harassment at workplace, a Principal was asked to submit probe report within 15 days.

## 116 mm rainfall recorded in June

**BHILAI:** An average rainfall of 116 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 04 July. The highest rainfall of 229 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 61.4 mm in Bori. 81.3 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 63.8 mm in Dhamdha, 95.4 mm in Bhilai 3 and 165.0 mm in Ahiwara.

On 04 July, 8.4 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 3.4 mm in Dhamdha, 15.2 mm in Ahiwara, 12.0 mm in Bori, 15.8 mm in Bhilai 3 and 15.0 mm in Patan.

## Applications invited for training

**BHILAI:** Applications are invited from SC / ST youth who aspire to make a career in hospitality and hotel management. Late date to apply is July 12.

Assistant Commissioner Hemant Sinha informed that a total of 100 students will be benefited.

It is a residential training course with free hostel and mess facilities. The training institute will also provide jobs through placement drives.

## Lump Iron Ore Crushing Unit at OHP B sets new record

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## HIGHLIGHT

● Highest lump crushing of 1,04,473 Tonnes in the month of June 2024

**BHILAI:** The Lump Iron Ore Crushing Unit in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Ore Handling Plant B (OHP-B) has recorded highest lump crushing of 1,04,473 Tonnes in the month of June 2024 as against previous best of 97,002 T in Feb 24. The new crushing unit that crushes iron ore lumps into iron ore fines which are then utilized by Sinter Plant for making sinter had been inaugurated on Dec 09, 2023. The quality of iron ore fines generated from the lump ore crushing unit is superior as compared to the fines

supplied from the depleting iron ore reserves in the Plant's captive mines. With higher Fe content and less gangue component, the sinter produced from crushed iron ore fines in the new crusher unit have higher strength and better quality, resulting in significant improvement in techno economics of hot metal production in blast furnaces.

## NEWSLINE

### CAMPAIGN

**Gram Panchayats celebrate seed treatment fortnight**



**BHILAI:** National Rural Livelihood Mission (Bihaan) is observing a seed treatment fortnight at the Gram Panchayat level from June 26 to July 10. The villagers are being explained the process of seed treatment. This treatment will save seeds, protect the seeds from harmful insects and diseases inside the soil. After the plant emerges, the ability to fight diseases in the roots will increase and a healthy plant will be prepared. Also, the cost of medicines will be reduced.

### ASSISTANCE

**Rs 4 lakh financial aid sanctioned**

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has approved financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family of a person who died in an accident. According to the information, Sector resident Tulsi Das died on July 02, 2023 due to drowning in a dam. In accordance with the provisions of Revenue and Disaster Management of the Government, the Collector granted a financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to Varalakshmi, wife of late Tulsi Das.

### EDUCATION

**District level Shala Pravesh Utsav today in Vaishalinagar**

**BHILAI:** The Education Department is organizing the District Level Shala Praveshotsava 2024 program on July 05. The chief guest of the program will be Durg Lok Sabha MP Vijay Baghel. Ahiwara MLA Doman Lal Korsevada, Vaishalinagar MLA Rikesh Sen, Durg City MLA Gajendra Yadav, Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar, Saja MLA Ishwar Sahu and other public representatives will be present as special guests. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:30 hrs at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Vaishalinagar Bhilai.

### CIVILIAN AWARD

**Applications invited for Padma Awards**

**BHILAI:** Government of India, New Delhi has invited online nomination proposals from eligible persons for the year 2025 for the "Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri" awards under the prestigious Padma Award series. Online applications have been invited as per the prescribed eligibility and criteria for conferring "Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri" awards in the year 2025.

## Dengue Prevention Campaign on full swing in Bhilai

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Intensive spraying and fogging being done by BSP-PHD and Durg Malaria Eradication Department.

**BHILAI:** The Public Health Department (PHD), under the Town Services Department (TSD) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has initiated intense Dengue and other mosquito-borne disease prevention campaigns in the Bhilai Township since June 15, 2024.

Under the campaign, the houses in the township are being surveyed and intensive spraying and fogging are carried out in various residential and commercial areas by BSP-PHD and Durg Malaria Eradication Department, of the Government of Chhattisgarh. In view of the possibility of Mosquito Larvae

breeding, stagnant water sources are also being inspected and spots having mosquito larvae are cleaned and sprayed with medicines.

Door-to-door awareness activities are also being carried out to make people aware of prevention and precautionary measures for mosquito-borne diseases. Door-to-door distribution of Temephos is also being carried out from time to time to prevent the mosquitoes from breeding in stagnate water. Oiling, spraying of medicines in the backline, fogging with portable mist blower machines, etc.

along with inspection of open containers for stagnant water. BSP's Public Health Department has made an appeal to the common public to take precautionary measures at individual as well as collective levels to ensure everyone's safety.

## Vans, autos ferrying students fined

**BHILAI:** A joint team of Transport and Traffic Department checked the vans and auto-rickshaws ferrying school students and imposed fine on 21 vehicles for over seating and unsafe transport. A fine of Rs 75000 was collected. The schools have been instructed to immediately ban the vans and auto-rickshaws. RTO SL Lakra, RTO Sub Inspector Prabha Tiwari, DSP (Traffic) Satish Thakur and traffic police team conducted the checking drive.

## Goon nabbed for stabbing

**BHILAI:** Police arrested a notorious goon on charges of stabbing. The accused Navin alias Bablu Nishad (21) a resident of Kosa Nullah Supela had stabbed the victim Mohit Vaidya on July 03 over an old rivalry. Several criminal cases are lodged against the accused.

## PCB Facility disposes 82 tonnes of toxic waste

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Toxic waste oil from old transformers have been disposed in environment-friendly manner.

**BHILAI:** More than 82 tonnes of toxic waste oil from old transformers have so far been disposed in environment-friendly manner at the Poly Chloro Bi-Phenyls (PCB) waste disposal facility operationalised by SAIL-Bhilai in Oct 23.

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in partnership with Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Govt of India and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) had undertaken the prestigious national project for disposal of Poly Chloro Bi-Phenyls (PCBs) & PCB

## ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY DISPOSAL



The PCB Plant at BSP is one of the largest facilities in entire South Asia.

## FASTFACTS

● PCB wastes have been declared as one of the Persisting Organic Pollutants

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contaminated wastes at Bhilai Steel Plant. These wastes have been

declared as one of the Persisting Organic Pollutants (POPs). One of the largest facilities in entire South Asia, the PCB plant set up at BSP is aimed at environmental-friendly disposal of all the PCB wastes presently available at different units of SAIL. It will in future also cater to disposal of PCB wastes stored at different electrical installations spread across the country. It is worth mentioning that a static prototype model of facility at BSP that was displayed in the PCB Fair as part of its joint initiative with UNIDO & MoEFCC came in for much appreciation at an International Conference held in Geneva in May 2023. The overall theme of the Conference was "Accelerating action: Targets for the sound management of chemicals and waste"

## REVIEW MEETING

## Bankers honoured for excellent performance

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**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired the quarterly review meeting of District level Coordination Committee (DLCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) on Wednesday. In the meeting, she took information about the target achievement as on March 31, 2024 of all government schemes, approval, rejection of Kisan Credit Card (Animal Husbandry and



Fisheries) cases, financial services, progress of social security schemes, Kisan Credit Card, Aahar seeding, target and progress allotted by NRLM for the year 2023-24, progress of Antyo-

daya Self Employment Scheme and Tribal Self Employment Scheme.

Collector Chaudhary said that bankers should focus not only on agriculture but also on animal husbandry cases.

**"Focus on horticulture, fisheries and animal husbandry loan cases along with agriculture"**  
Richa Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector

She instructed to approve loan cases related to government schemes on priority. In the meeting,

bankers who performed excellently in government schemes and social security schemes during the financial year 2023-24 were honored with certificates and mementos. Bankers honoured Bhavna Sahu, a student of Jeora Sirsa HSS, who scored 95% marks in 12th exam and secured tenth position in the merit list and Durgarani Verma, who scored 97.50% marks in Class 10th and secured 8th position in merit list.

## Notice issued to 19 illegal occupants

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**BHILAI:** It is proposed to set up a sewerage treatment plant on government land in KhaNo 94 near Ward No 57 Urla, under Durg Municipal Corporation limits. During inspection it was found that the site has been encroached/occupied by making farm and fencing adjacent to KhaNo 94, due to which government land is getting obstructed, which is violation of the sections of Municipal Corporation

Act 1956. Notice has been issued to 19 illegal occupants seeking removal of the said fencing/farm and from the government land within 24 hours and restore the site to its original state. Failing which the Nagar Palika Nigam will take strict action to remove the occupation. Notice was given to Bhukhan Nishad, Lata Nishad/Puran Nishad, Chaiti/Vinod Yadav, Sunil/Sohan Dhimar, Gabharu Sahu, Nandkumar Yadav and others.

# Bilaspur



A teacher never retires, as the need of their knowledge, experience and education is always felt for all people

VK Langeh  
Collector Koriya

## Journalists, people protest against SDM's behaviour



RAMANUJNAGAR: The people and journalists of city raised slogans in protest outside Kotwali Thana on charges of beating a journalist trying to cover the incident of beating of party workers in SDMs office and those who wanted to gherao Collector's office over irregularities by SDM. SDM had seized mobile of the journalist having all the videos. SP on reaching the site assured of unnecessary action and then the demonstration stopped.

## 'Chandrayaan-3' book registered in Golden Book of World Records

Chandrayaan 3 Vishwa Kirtiman Book is a world-class poetry compilation book featuring contributions from 123 writers from Korba and other countries.

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**KORBA:** If we talk about knowledge and science, then India has been supreme in the world since ancient times. The basic inventions of science have happened on this land.

With the help of Vedas and science, the scientists of our country did what the great experts of the world could not do. They created history in the world by landing Chandrayaan first on the south pole of the moon and made India proud.

Recently, an award ceremony and book release program was held in Vrindavan Hall of



Gargi and Dhruvota Chatterjee of Korba have contributed in this book.

Raipur under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Swabhiman Sansthan. In the presence of Chief Guest Brijmohan Agrawal (ex-Culture Minister, Education and currently LS MP Raipur), very special guest Rajeshri Mahant Ram

Sundar Das Ji Maharaj (Peethadheeswar Shri Dudhadhari Math, Raipur and Shivrinarayan Math), Special Guest Dr. Sushil Trivedi (Former Chief Election Commissioner, CG), Dr. Udaybhan Singh (President,

### HIGHLIGHT

• A total of four certificates were given to the participating authors from all corners of the country present in the gathering.

CSS, Bhagirath), Sonal Sharma (CG In-charge of Golden Book of World Records), Shakuntala Tarar, Snehlata Pathak, Rameshwar Verma and the editors of the book, Urmila Devi and Dr. Asha Azad (Professor, Government College, Korba and holder of many world records).

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participating authors from all corners of the country present in the gathering for their participation and contribution in the above book.

These are respectively Golden Book of World Records, State Level Honour by Culture Department, Ch'garh Government, Citation Certificate by CSS and Citation Certificate by Vedic Publications.

Chandrayaan 3 Vishwa Kirtiman Book is a world class poetry compilation book in which 123 writers from Korba and other countries have played an important role in giving it a concrete shape.

## Collector locked the office of Town and Country Planning Department

**JAGDALPUR:** The deadline meeting is taken by Collector Bastar Vijay Dayaram as per rules. In which there was continuous absence of officers and employees of Town and Country Planning Department. Angered by this, the Collector has locked the office of the Town and Country Planning Department. The office has been locked for the last seven days.

According to information received from sources, a deadline meeting is organized every week in the Collectorate. In which the Collector has taken this step seriously due to the continuous absence of officials of the Town and Country Planning Department. The angry collector has locked the office. By doing this the Collector has given a clear message to the officers of all the departments.

### PLANTATION DRIVE

## NTPC Lara undertake massive plantation drive in periphery

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**BILASPUR:** With onset of monsoon and under celebration of "Van mahoschav" Anil Kumar, Executive Director, NTPC Lara started the tree plantation campaign in Ghughuwa village. This initiative shows NTPC Lara's commitment towards environmental protection. This step of NTPC Lara is an important step towards enriching the ecosystem of the area and ensuring a green future. NTPC Lara has set a target of planting 11000 saplings in Ghughuwa village through the CG State Forest Development Corporation (CGSFDC). Apart from this, this year NTPC Lara has also set a target of planting 11000



NTPC Lara started the tree plantation campaign in Ghughuwa village. PTI.

saplings in Semibhawar village, 6500 in Jhlgitar village and 1800 saplings in Basanpali Primary School.

The ceremony started with tree plantation by Anil Kumar, Executive Director, (NTPC Lara)

by planting a tree along with Ghughuwa village Sarpanch Smt. Saraswati Dansena. Divisional Manager (Raigarh) of Chhattisgarh State Forest Development Corporation Sunil Kumar, Sarpanch of Semibhawar

### FACTFILE

• NTPC Lara has set a target of planting 11000 saplings in Ghughuwa village through the CGSFDC.

village Narsingh Chauhan, Additional General Manager of NTPC Lara Shri Joysurya Roy Choudhary (Technical Services), Additional General Manager Shri Sudhir Dahiya (Environment Management) were also present there and the event was a success in their presence.

As NTPC Lara adopts this green approach, all of us can also develop a rich environment that enhances our quality of life and preserves our natural heritage for the years to come.

### IGNTU ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE

## 'IGNTU ranked 1st in MP, 11th in whole country'

Central Chronicle News

**AMARKANTAK:** The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) has released the ranking of top universities in India for 2024. According to IIRF, the ranking is based on 7 performance indicators, focusing on Indian socio-economic and industrial scale based on placement performance,

teaching learning and resources, research, industry income and integration, placement strategy and support, and external perception, which is trusted by students, faculty, industry experts and alumni across the country.

IIRF has divided universities in India into Central Government Universities, State Gov-

**"It is a moment of great pride that we have got the 11th position in the whole country."**

Prof. SM Tripathi  
(Vice Chancellor - IGNTU)



ernment Universities, Deemed Universities and State Private Universities as per UGC. Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

(IGNTU) is one of the best universities in the country. With 976.40 marks, it is ranked first in Madhya Pradesh and 11th in the whole country i.e. the tribal university is only 12.88 marks behind the first ranked university in the whole country. This is a big achievement in itself because the tribal university has been established only 16 years ago.

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### REFORMATION

#### Information given about new laws to public about changes in IPC

**PALI:** The new law has come into force after 12 midnight on July 1. Under this change brought by the central government, many sections of the Indian Penal Code have changed. The post in-charge provided detailed information by organizing a program at the police post Chaitma on the new law.

Till now action was taken under 302 on the charge of murder, but now action will be taken under section 103 A of the Indian Penal Code in this case, similarly, the crime was registered against those who commit fraud under section 420, this has also been changed now. Section 316 of the Indian Penal Code has been changed, similarly there was no section earlier in mass murder, but now death penalty can be given under mob lynching. Similarly, 64 BS will be imposed instead of 376 for rape.

### APPOINTMENT

#### V-C Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal appointed as Member of AIU- EC



**BILASPUR:** Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) has been appointed as a member of the Equivalence Committee of the Association of Indian Universities-Equivalence Committee (AIU-EC), New Delhi. Expressing his happiness at being nominated as a member of the committee by AIU, Prof. Chakrawal stated that he feels honored by this responsibility.

### Education System Overhaul

#### Notice issued to sarpanch for irregularities in school building construction



**BIJAPUR:** In a campaign to make the education system effective in the district, Collector Anurag Pandey toured the Gangalur area and conducted a surprise inspection of the primary school in Nayapara Padera. Upon reaching the institution, he checked the attendance of children and reviewed educational activities. The Collector congratulated teacher Sanjay Sahu and teacher Mrs. Sumitra Molcheta for maintaining the meal menu under the Prime Minister's Nutrition Power Scheme, time table, cleanliness, and keeping classrooms organized in the school. He encouraged them to continue their good work.

Later the Collector went to the children's classroom and playfully taught the Hindi alphabets lesson and inquired about the subject matter. The children, delighted to have the Collector among them, sang a song in the local dialect, "Modil Kudil Kusur Mor Mama," which pleased the Collector, and he encouraged them to study regularly. The Collector instructed to deduct funds from the group's amount for not serving food according to the menu in the mid-day meal. Here, instructions were given to issue a notice under Section 40 to the Sarpanch for not finding quality in the school building construction.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOP FIVE STATES WITH LARGEST FOREST COVER (IN SQ.KMS)

MP	94,689
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743
Maharashtra	61,907.08
Odisha	61,204.17
Ch'garh	59,772

(source- Agency)

### EMPOWERMENT

#### Anganwadi workers inform about their grievances to BJP state president

**JAGDALPUR:** Under the leadership of Bhagwati Kashyap, the newly appointed division president of Anganwadi workers and assistant union of Bastar division, on Wednesday met BJP state president and MLA Kiran Deo in the MLA's office and made him aware of their problems along with their demands. MLA Kiran Deo, while congratulating the newly appointed Divisional President Bhagwati Kashyap on becoming the President, has assured to solve the problem of Anganwadi workers and assistants by discussing it with the minister of the concerned department. During this, BJP District President Rup Singh Mandavi, Anganwadi workers and assistant union presidents, secretaries, officers and sisters of five districts were present. The meeting emphasized the importance of addressing workers' concerns promptly to improve community services.

### PM AWAS

#### Complete the pending construction works of PM Awas soon: Jain



**SUKMA:** Sukma District Panchayat CEO Namrata Jain held a review meeting of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) works in the meeting hall of the District Panchayat on Monday. In the review meeting, CEO District Panchayat Ms. Jain reviewed the works in the updated PM Awas. During the review, she directed to motivate the beneficiaries of those panchayats where the work of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is slow and the number of completed houses is less, to complete the houses soon. She talked about taking action against those who are unnecessarily delaying the housing construction work.

“State taking loan of 16000 cr in six months is not having funds for ready-to-eat meals for school children.”

Vinod Chandrakar  
Ex-MLA Mahasamund



# Chhattisgarh



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## Collector focuses on strengthening admn

Collector obtained department-wise information regarding the effective action taken against unauthorizedly absent or duty-averse govt servants.

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**KHAIRAGARH:** Chandrakant Verma, posted as the third Collector to improve the administrative system after the formation of the district, is continuously showing strict attitude. In the weekly time-limit meeting, she has issued instructions to take direct action against unauthorizedly absent and duty-averse government servants. In the meeting, Collector Verma has issued instructions in this regard to the district offi-

cers of all departments. In fact, the Collector obtained department-wise information regarding the effective action taken against unauthorizedly absent or duty-averse government servants in various departments of the district and she said that action should be taken as per rules and instructions of the government against such government servants who are unauthorizedly absent for more than 3 years. Collector showed displeasure upon learning that no action has been

### HIGHLIGHT

● Collector issued instructions to take direct action against unauthorizedly absent and duty-averse govt servants.

● District officers of all departments got instructions in the weekly time-limit meeting.

taken so far in this case. During this, she expressed her displeasure on the concerned departments

not taking action against the government servants who were absent for a long time without permission and directed to issue show cause notices to the concerned officers. She said that complaints are being received about water dripping from the roof and also operating without roofs in the district. The Collector directed to inspect and properly investigate such schools by forming a team with Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Chhuikhadan Gandai and Block Education Officer.

## Retirement celebration and pension distribution

**KORIYA:** Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh congratulated and wished the eight employees who completed their service period for the next stage of life by presenting them shawl and coconut along with pension order.

On this occasion, Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh said that retirement is a continuous process for every officer/employee. Despite this, he believes that teachers never retire. Their knowledge, experience and education are essential for every section of the society. Mr. Langeh, while highlighting education-teacher-society, said that it is the teachers who strengthen the foundation of development in all areas and take it to the top.

Pension cases are reviewed and monitored as per the instructions of the Collector through the pension process thank you portal three months before retirement. Under the guidance of Joint Director Mr. Lajus Minj, Treasury Accounts and Pension District Treasury Officer Padmakar Singh Parihar constantly informs the pensioners about the current status of their pension case through the “Thank You Portal”.

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### PROGRAMME

#### Govt primary school Maath holds educational program in courtyard

**KHARORA:** Education 4.0 program was organized in the courtyard of Government Primary School Maath under Development Block Tilda Nevra, Cluster Center Beldar Seoni.

Mothers of students participated in this program and learned about education in a playful way through various activities.

In-charge teachers of this program, Mrs. Yamin Verma and Manjulata Devangan jointly told that this program is a powerful medium to connect mothers of the village with the school, in which mothers participate with enthusiasm and share their various experiences.

Head teacher of the school Manoj Baghel and teacher Vasundhara Sahu were present in this program.

### PROBLEMS

#### Poorly planned canal route creates hardships for farmers



**RAJIM:** Farmers are facing a lot of problems due to bad canal route passing between village Jenjra-Kapsidih. Right now, agricultural work is in full swing in the entire region. In such a situation, farmers have to pass through these routes. Tractors also go to the fields through this route. Due to the presence of mud, the road has become swampy due to which there is the danger of a big accident at any time.

### Standing for justice in times of trouble

#### CKS secures compensation for worker's family from a company in Sitalara



**KHARORA:** Ch'garh Kranti Sena (CKS) came forward to get a cheque of 19 lakhs, one lakh cash and 20 thousand monthly pension for the family of the deceased from Mahendra Sponge Company located in Sitalara.

The deceased Harihar Das was an employee of Mahendra Sponge Rolling Company, Silatra. He died due to electric shock during work on 1st July. The brother of the deceased, Bhuvaneshwar Das, sought help from Chhattisgarhiya Kranti Sena in writing and told that the factory management is reluctant to give compensation.

On the intervention of Chhattisgarhiya Kranti Sena, on Wednesday the

family of the deceased was given a cheque of Rs 19 lakhs, one lakh cash and a contract was signed to provide 20 thousand monthly pension. Chhattisgarhiya Kranti Sena's Rural District President Ajay Verma said that in Chhattisgarh, employees are made to work without paying any attention to safety standards.

Due to the government's indifference, factory management has become fearless and every day some employee is becoming a victim of an accident. The problem increases further when the breadwinner of the family dies. The organization stands with every worker who needs justice.

## Rs. 50 cr for rabi crop insurance compensation

**KHAIRAGARH:** Claim amount has started coming in the bank accounts of the farmers of the district who got Rabi crop insured in 2023-24 under the Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme. Last year, farmers had suffered a lot in gram crop due to excessive rain, after which Collector Chandrakant Verma had directed the officials of the Revenue and Agriculture Department in this regard that gram crop should be compensated due to reasonable assessment under Prime Minister Crop Insurance including loss due to excessive rain, due to which the claim amount is being deposited directly in the accounts of the farmers under the insurance scheme. It is worth mentioning that District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh, after discussing with the officials about the loss of Rabi crop of the farmers and compensation.

## Rain may still fall, but solutions are on the horizon

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Since the school building has been renovated, classes are also being conducted smoothly.

**KORBA:** Some time ago, a school of the forest region, Pahadi Korwas, Ratni Bai of a special backward tribe family studying in class five and Sunil studying in class four remember very well that whenever it rained, water would suddenly start dripping from the roofs of their school from somewhere. To avoid this problem that started with the rain, not only they, but all the students of the school had to run here and there and struggle to save their notebooks and books and themselves from getting wet. More or less this is not



Since the school building has been renovated, there is no seepage in the classrooms now.

### FACTFILE

● More than five hundred schools improved with school efforts.

● 129 unemployed PVTG people got appointment in schools.

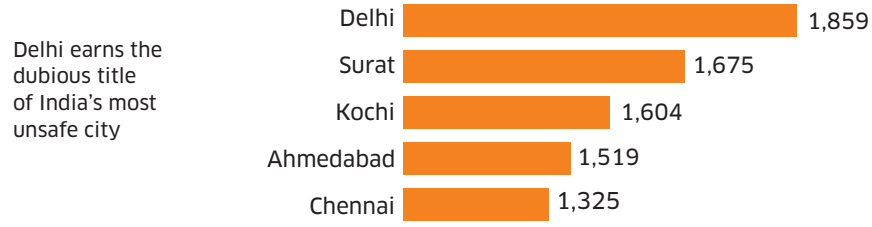
the situation now. No matter how strong or late the rain is, neither water drips

from the roof nor do they have to run here and there. Since the school building has been renovated, classes are also being conducted smoothly. There are more than five hundred such schools in the district, which have been repaired recently and the students who face problems during rainy days have been provided relief. Village Chhatasarai under Korba is a locality of Pahadi Korwas. Located

away from the main road in the forest area and at a higher altitude, a school is being run in this village to connect the Pahadi Korwas with education and to take them forward on the path of development. All the students studying here are from the Pahadi Korwa tribe. The condition of this school building located in a remote forest area was dilapidated earlier and was also troublesome for the students.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### DANGEROUS CITIES IN INDIA AS ON 2024 CRIME RATE (PER 100,000 PEOPLE)



Sources - Adda24-7

### PROTEST

#### BJYM protests by burning effigy of Rahul for anti-Hindu statement

**PANDRIYA:** Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha burnt the effigy of Rahul Gandhi in the city on the call of the state leadership and under the guidance of District President Maniram Sahu. The way the Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi gave an anti-Hindu statement in the Parliament House, Hindus were called violent and it was said that those who call themselves Hindu commit violence. District General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, Sachin Gupta said that the Congress Party and Rahul Gandhi talk about the Constitution, but they themselves have done anti-Constitutional work in the Parliament House. They gave a speech by turning their back towards the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. The Congress Party and Rahul Gandhi have always been anti-Hindu. Their opposition to the Ram temple, calling Ram imaginary and addressing Hindus as saffron terrorism, has always been the nature of the party. The Congress has constantly insulted Hindus.

### WELCOME

#### Ghivra schools welcome newcomers with innovative tradition



**KHARORA:** Each year, Shala Pravesh Utsav is celebrated in a unique way in 11 schools of complex center Ghivra, Tilda. The newly admitted children are welcomed with full respect from the main gate of the school by Panchayat representatives, members of school management committee, parents and teachers by showering flowers and playing Ram Dhuni and showering flowers till their classrooms. Along with this, sweets, textbooks and uniforms are also given to the newly admitted children by the guests. The happiness and enthusiasm of the newly admitted children is worth seeing. All the newly admitted children become overwhelmed by this kind of welcome and respect, which undoubtedly increases their attraction towards school.

### RATH YATRA |

## Rath Yatra festivities to culminate with Maha Aarti

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**BIJAPUR:** Collector Anurag Pandey held a weekly time limit review meeting in Indravati Sahakaksha, reviewed all the departments and directed the officials to provide maximum benefits of government schemes to the villagers.

For the first time in Bijapur, Maha Aarti will be organized at Timed Ghat of Indravati river on the occasion of Rath Yatra on 7th July. The Collector said



that the purpose of this Maha Aarti is to promote environmental conservation and cleanliness by understanding the importance of rivers. Be it a reservoir or the surrounding forest, all should be kept clean so that society can

live in a clean environment. For the Aarti of Indravati river, similar to Ganga Aarti, the Collector urged all the citizens that maximum number of people should participate in this event. While reviewing the

**Similar to Ganga Aarti, all the citizens were urged to be present in maximum number for Maha-Aarti on Indravati River.**

Anurag Pandey  
Collector Bijapur

education department, the Collector directed all the officers to regularly inspect the hostels, ashrams and schools and

check the arrangements. The collector said that the amount of the groups which do not provide complete nutritious food to the children in the mid-day meal as per the menu will be cut and he also warned of strict action against absent teachers. The honorable Chief Minister has accepted the request of the tendu leaf collectors of Bastar region and has decided to pay them the remuneration amount in cash.

# Girija is Khairagarh Nagar Palika president

She is nominated by Chhattisgarh government

Central Chronicle News

**KHAIRAGARH:** BJP Mahila Morcha's Mandal President and undefeated corporator from city's Ward No. 12 Amlipara for the second time in a row, Mrs. Girija Nand Chandrakar has been nominated by Chhattisgarh government's Urban Administration Department for the post of Khairagarh Nagar Palika Parishad's Acting President till further orders.



Girija Nand Chandrakar has been nominated by state govt's Urban Administration Department for the post of Khairagarh Nagar Palika's Acting President.

## FASTFACTS

● With this the BJP returned to power in Nagar Palika after seven and a half years, and the workers expressed happiness with celebrations

information, in the 20 ward Khairagarh Municipal Council, 10 councillors each from Congress and BJP were elected in the Municipal Council General Elections held two and a half years ago.

By lottery, Congress's Ward No. 2 coporator Shailendra Verma and Ward No. 18 councillor Abdul Razzaq Khan became the Municipal Council Vice President, but after the change of power in the state seven months ago, amid the

## Girija- a leader with clean & undisputed image

Political experts say that Girija Nand Chandrakar, who has been undefeated by winning elections from Khairagarh MLA Yashoda Verma's home ward Amlipara for two consecutive times, has been a leader with a very clean and undisputed image, and her work in local BJP organizations including Mahila Morcha has been significant. Here the BJP organization has tried to give a different message to political opponents and workers by giving the post of Municipality President to Girija, who has been winning elections continuously from Khairagarh MLA's home ward Amlipara. Earlier also, such discussions were common that in Khairagarh, the BJP organization would give a chance to a clean, neat and simple image instead of a flamboyant leader and the same happened.

changing events in Khairagarh Nagar Palika, the controversy of the resignation of Nagar Palika President Shailendra Verma came to the fore and after the judicial and administrative process

for the last 3 months, and Shailendra was removed from the post of Nagar Palika President and now BJP corporator Girija has been nominated as the acting president of the municipality.

## Application invited for admission in EARS

**KORBA:** Applications have been invited for admission in vacant seats of class 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th of CBSE syllabus for the academic session 2024-25 in Eklayva Adarsh Residential Schools (EARS). Interested candidates of Scheduled Tribe category can submit applications in room number 12 of the office of Collector (Tribal Development) Korba by 05 pm on 11 July 2024. According to the information received from the Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development, in Eklayva Adarsh Residential School Churikala of Katghora development block, 01 boy in class 7th, 01 girl in class 9th, 02 boy and 03 girl seats are vacant in class 11th. Similarly, 01 seat is available for boys in class 8th in Rampur Prayas Vidyalaya of Podi-Uporada development block.

## Jal Jeevan Mission meeting to be held on July 8

**KORBA:** A meeting of Jal Jeevan and Sanitation Mission has been organized in the Collectorate meeting room on 08 July 2024 at 05 pm under the chairmanship of Collector Korba the meeting will discuss the progress of the works in different villages to provided safe drinking water to the villagers.

## Collector conducts surprise inspection



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## HIGHLIGHT

● Collector checked the records and documents of the liquor shop to ensure that all the rules are in place.

**BEMETERA:** District Collector Ranbir Sharma inspected the liquor shop of Saja area during his block tour and took stock of the arrangements there. The main purpose of this inspection was to check the sale of liquor and compliance with the conditions of the license and during the inspection, the Collector checked the records and documents of the liquor shop to ensure that all the rules are in place.

He also reviewed the quality of liquor and its sale at the right price and

also interacted with the shop staff and obtained information from them about the license conditions and other rules. Apart from this, the Collector also talked to the local people and heard their complaints and suggestions and instructed the liquor shop management to follow all the rules and take care of the interests of the local community.

## Shala Pravesh Utsav celebrated in Kharora

**KHARORA:** School Entrance Festival was celebrated under the joint aegis of all the schools at the cluster centre Mura. The newly admitted children were given admission by showering flowers, applying traditional tilak and giving school bags received from Adani Power Plant. Adani Power Plant Raikheda ws presented a memento of gratitude on behalf of the cluster centre for giving smart TVs, furniture, school

bags, sports material to all the schools. The program was conducted by the cluster coordinator Rajkumar Shrey and vote of thanks was proposed by the in-charge principal Vyas Narayan Arya. Sarpanch Nutan Dhruv, District Member Kanchan Gaikwad, Deputy Sarpanch Pushpa Sahu, SMDC President Kevra Verma, Middle School SMC President Dr. Jagdish Verma and others were present in the programme.

## NEWSLINE

### LECTURE

**Lecture on Indian Judicial Code held in RRDS Govt. College**

**KHAIRAGARH:** A lecture series on Indian Code of Justice was held at Rani Rashmi Devi Singh Government College (RRDSGC) Khairagarh under the chairmanship of Principal-in-charge Dr. Jitendra Sakhare, Paralegal Volunteer Goludas Sahu, Student Union In-charge J.K. Vaishnav and National Service Scheme Program Officer Prof. Yashpal Janghel.

In the welcome address, Principal-in-charge Dr. Jitendra Sakhare gave detailed information about the new Indian Code of Justice starting from July 1, 2024, while paralegal volunteer Mr. Sahu elaborated on the main sections and its provisions of this new code and drew the attention of the students towards the new crimes included in this section.

### CAMPAIGN

**Population Stabilization Fortnight to conclude on July 24**



**KAWARDHA:** Population Stabilization Fortnight is being run in the district from 27 June to 24 July 2024, in which in the first phase, Mobilization Phase (Couple Contact Fortnight) is being promoted for awareness related to family planning. Under this, gap between 02 children at appropriate age, family planning after delivery, male participation in family planning and family planning after abortion will be included. In the second phase, Population Stabilization Fortnight will be organized from 11th July to 24th July and under the Family Welfare Program, in the Population Stabilization Fortnight, family planning will be widely publicized and target couples will be encouraged to use permanent and temporary means of family planning as per their need.

### CRIME

**Action taken against gamblers**

**PANDARIA:** Action was taken against a group of gamblers under Section 3(2) Chhattisgarh Prohibition Act 2022 and a total amount of Rs 3200/- and 52 cards were seized from their possession in the region. As per information, gamblers from village Saganadih playing a game called Kat Patti by betting on the win or loss of cards were caught on the tip of an informer. On the information, the place mentioned by the informer was cordoned off and 03 gamblers Siddharth Bhaskar S/o Sadharam age 31 years Saganadih, Shiromani S/o Manharan Satnami age 23 years Saganadih, Bajinath S/o Biharilal Mahilange age 37 years resident Saganadih were caught red handed while gambling.

## Experts share info about criminal laws



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In the program organized in the police station premises, the people present were informed about the Indian Judicial Code, Civil Defense Code and Evidence Act.

**BAGBAHARA:** On the occasion of implementation of three new criminal laws in the country from July 01, in the program organized in the police station premises, the people present were informed about the Indian Judicial Code, Civil Defense Code and Evidence Act, under the hospitality of Alka Chandrakar and the chairmanship of Smita Chandrakar, ADPO of the

local civil court Shivshankar Banjare and DSP Wellington Yark.

On this occasion, Alka Chandrakar said that it was prepared by the central government in four years so that the law is relevant and the public gets justice quickly and easily and criminal elements get punishment. She said that this will end the laws of the colonial era and also highlighted the main points of the three laws and said that these laws will bring changes in the criminal justice system of India. Smita Chandrakar said that at present there was a great need for all three laws, as this will provide protection to women, children and the elderly, as provision of strictness has been made on criminal elements.

## Meritorious student felicitated

**KHARORA:** Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School has got top marks in the meritorious student examination 2024 organized by Saraswati Shiksha Sansthan Chhattisgarh, in which student Laksh Devangan, father Mr. Narayan Prasad Devangan, mother Mrs. Manjulata Devangan, from class IV of Madhyamik Vidyalay Kharora, secured second position in this state level examination.

## AAM gets NQS certificate

**ARANG:** The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued the NQS certificate after inspection and evaluation of health centres and in this series Ayushman Arogya Mandir Korasi achieved this feat for providing high quality health services. Block Medical Officer Dr. Vijayalakshmi Anant congratulated all the staff and asked them to work in the same way in future.

# PHE secretary inspects Jal Jeevan Mission work

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Secretary PHE dept here inspected the progress of the works of Jal Jeevan Mission being conducted in different villages.

**KAWARDHA:** Secretary of Public Health Engineering Department, Mohammad Qaiser Abdul Haq here inspected the progress of the works of Jal Jeevan Mission being conducted in villages Bhavartok, Thavarjhol, Katgo, Dongaitola and Chimra of Kabirdham district development block Bodla.

Secretary Abdulhaq, along with Chief Engineer ML Aggarwal, Chief Engineer Rajesh Gupta, observed the facilities being provided to the people and the quality of the works under the ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district

## FASTFACTS

● Secy. observed the facilities being provided to the people and the quality of the works under the ongoing JJM.

● Secretary also took information about the progress of the work done so far under JJM and the number of beneficiaries.

and gave instructions to the officers. After the inspection, the Secretary also held a review meeting of the works of Jal Jeevan Mission in development block Bodla.

Collector Janmejy Mahobe gave detailed information about the progress and implementation of schemes of Jal Jeevan Mission, which is a priority of the Central and State Government. The Secretary also took infor-



Secretary PHE inspecting works under JJM.

mation about the progress of the work done so far under Jal Jeevan Mission, the number of beneficiaries and the capacity of the water tank and gave instructions to ensure the availability of clean drinking water in the houses of the villagers. He told that Jal Jeevan Mission is

an important scheme to provide clean and safe drinking water to the village, poor and common people and took information about the tap connections provided under the scheme in the solar based scheme village Bhavartok and Thavarjhol of Bodla development block.

## TOURISM PROSPECTS |

# Jhumka Water Tourism is now Korea Tourism Club

Central Chronicle News

**KOREA:** In the general meeting of Jhumka Water Tourism Society held in the Collectorate hall in the presence of MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwade and under the chairmanship of Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh, consent was given with the aim of increasing tourism in the area. Collector VK Langeh informed that the name of Jhumka Water Tourism Society has now been changed to 'Koriya Tourism Club' and explaining the purpose behind this change, he said that Korea district is full of natural resources and there are immense possibilities of tourism here.



Nestled in the lap of nature, this district has many waterfalls, Balam Pahad, rock paintings,

Ghoraghat, Ghunghutta, Gauge, Tedia Dam, Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tiger Reserve, confluence of Tropic of Cancer and IST Meridian, which will attract a large number of tourists. MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwade also expressed hope that Korea will rapidly emerge

**Korea will rapidly emerge on the tourism map and held the need to work with a coordinated strategy and public participation.**

**Bhaiya Lal Rajwade** MLA on the tourism map and emphasized on working with a coordinated strategy and public participa-

tion for this. It was also decided in the meeting that the contracts of cafeteria, parking, fish aquarium given on tender by Jhumka Water Tourism Society have expired, for which new contracts will be made soon and due to non-payment of annual rent amount on time and non-compliance of other terms of the contract by the operator of Jhumka Boat Club, it was decided to cancel the contract and publish a new tender.

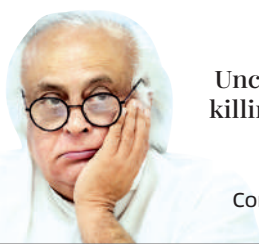
## Sujata Sharma becomes president SDC SAGES

Central Chronicle News

**RAJIM:** As per the instructions of the government, the list of nomination of the Chairman of the School Development Committee (SDC) in the High and Higher Secondary Schools under District Gariaband, after recommendation and approval of the Minister in charge Dayaldas Baghel, as per the list received from the office of District Education Officer Gariaband, Sujata Sharma, W/o Vivek



Kumar Sharma, National IT Cell Incharge, Om Shanti Bhawan Gaurav Path Rajim, has been appointed as the Chairman of the School Development Committee of SAGES Rajim (Hindi and English Medium) School.



Unchecked air pollution is killing tens of thousands of Indians every year.

Jairam Ramesh  
Congress General Secretary

## SFI protests over NEET irregularities in Kerala



Students' Federation of India (SFI) activists shout slogans during a protest over the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG exams 2024, in Thiruvananthapuram.

# 'Reasons for SC rejecting judgeship can't be made public'

HC made the observation while dismissing an appeal challenging an order which had rejected a petition seeking a direction to the SC collegiums.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The reasons for rejection of recommendations for appointment of high court judges by the Supreme Court collegiums cannot be made public as it will be detrimental to the interests of people concerned and will stifle the appointment process, the Delhi High Court has held.

The high court made the observation while dismissing an appeal challenging an order which had rejected a petition seeking a direction to the Supreme Court collegiums to provide detailed reasons while refusing to accept recommendations

for appointment of high court judges.

The appointment of a judge to the high court or Supreme court is an integrated, consultative and non-adversarial process which cannot be challenged in a court of law except on the ground of want of consultation with the named constitutional functionaries or lack of any condition of eligibility in case of an appointment or a transfer being made without the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India, it said.

"Further, publication of reasons for rejection will be detrimental to the interests and standing of people whose names

### HIGHLIGHT

● Law regarding appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and high courts is well settled and the apex court has drawn a distinction between eligibility and suitability of a person to be appointed as a judge.

have been recommended by the high courts, as the (SC) collegium deliberates and decides on the basis of information which is private to the individual being considered. Such information, if made public, will have the effect of stifling

the appointment process," a bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said.

The division bench said the single judge has correctly noted that this court cannot sit in appeal over the subjective satisfaction of the Supreme Court collegiums.

It said the law regarding appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and high courts is well settled and the apex court has drawn a distinction between eligibility and suitability of a person to be appointed as a judge of the high court.

Petitioner Rakesh Kumar Gupta also sought

directions to the top court collegium to provide the "qualification" considered for appointment as a high court judge and publish monthly data related to pending and disposed of recommendations.

The petitioner, who claimed to be a victim of delay in disposal of his case pending in the Rohini district court here, said the "high" rejection rate of recommendations by the collegium of the Supreme Court was "extremely disturbing" and showed there was a communication gap between the apex court and high courts regarding the criteria for appointment.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### RAJYA SABHA

#### Opposition claims victory over PM's address on Manipur violence

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The Congress on Thursday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "breaking his silence on the Manipur violence" in the Rajya Sabha is a real victory for the opposition parties. A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke on the Manipur violence in the Rajya Sabha, the opposition party said the entire country had been waiting for Modi's reaction on the matter for the last one and a half years. "...he didn't speak anything about Manipur for the last one and a half years. Finally, yesterday (Wednesday) he broke his silence on the Manipur. It is a real victory for the opposition," AICC general secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal told reporters here, reacting to a query. He had asserted that all efforts are being made to ensure a return of complete peace in the state. **PTI**

### HATHRAS STAMPEDE

#### 'Govt can't run away from its responsibility', says Akhilesh Yadav



**LUCKNOW:** Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday said there cannot be a conspiracy behind the Hathras stampede but it can definitely be a conspiracy that the government wants to run away from its responsibility on this matter.

The Samajwadi Party chief was reacting to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's remarks that he suspected a "possible conspiracy" behind the Hathras incident. **PTI**

### Special Category Status

#### Chandrababu Naidu meets PM Modi, terms talks on AP-specific issues 'constructive'



**NEW DELHI:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Thursday and described their discussions on key development issues concerning the state as "constructive".

During the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Naidu advocated for increased assistance to Andhra Pradesh in lieu of special category status. The chief of Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which is an important ally in the BJP-led NDA government, presented several crucial proposals for the state's development and sought the Union government support,

sources said. Following the meeting, he expressed confidence in Andhra Pradesh's potential to "re-emerge as a powerhouse among states" under PM Modi's leadership.

"Today, I had a constructive meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri @narendramodi Ji, in Delhi to address important matters concerning the welfare and development of Andhra Pradesh. I am confident that under his leadership, our state will re-emerge as a powerhouse among states," Naidu tweeted. The Andhra Pradesh chief minister's two-day Delhi visit included meetings with several Union Ministers. **PTI**

## MCD demolition drive against unauthorised structure

**NEW DELHI:** The MCD carried out a demolition drive at a religious structure in North West Delhi's Rohini area, sparking protests by some locals, officials on Thursday said. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) carried out the demolition drive following a court order to take action against unauthorised construction of a religious structure encroaching upon a park in the area. The removal of the unauthorised construction/encroachment was scheduled on various occasions but could not be carried out due to non-availability of police force, said a civic body official. The MCD along with a team of local police and paramilitary forces reached the spot.

## 'Development of Class-6 textbooks in final phase'

Press Trust Of India

The meeting came in the backdrop of a delay in coming up with Class-6 textbooks that were supposed to be taught from April and are yet to hit the market.

**NEW DELHI:** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan reviewed the development of school textbooks in accordance with the New Curriculum Framework (NCF) at a meeting here on Thursday. The meeting came in the backdrop of a delay in coming up with Class-6 textbooks that were supposed to be taught from April and are yet to hit the market. The National Council for



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during the ongoing Parliament session.

### FACTFILE

● The NCERT had an initial aim of releasing the new textbooks based on the NCF 2023 only for Classes 3 and 6 this year.

Educational Research and Training had earlier announced that new textbooks for Classes 3 and 6 will be introduced from the 2024-25 academic session. "For the academic year 2024-25, new and engaging textbooks

will be introduced in Classes 3 and 6.

The textbook development work is in the final phase and nine textbooks for Grades 3 and 6 are already available. The remaining eight will be available very soon."

### MINISTER INFORMS ASSEMBLY |

## 'Govt to bring tough law to curb illegal colonies'

Press Trust Of India

**BHOPAL:** The Madhya Pradesh government on Thursday told the legislative assembly that it was considering bringing a tough law to keep a check on illegal colonies in the state. "Illegal colonies are a big problem. A nexus is working in the state. MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has already given

instructions to frame a tough law to deal with the problem of illegal colonies," state Urban Development and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya told the House during the Question Hour.

The government would come up with a bill to this effect, he said.

The minister added that the existing illegal colonies won't be regu-

Existing illegal colonies won't be regularised, but basic amenities would be made available.

Kailash Vijayvargiya  
Cabinet Minister

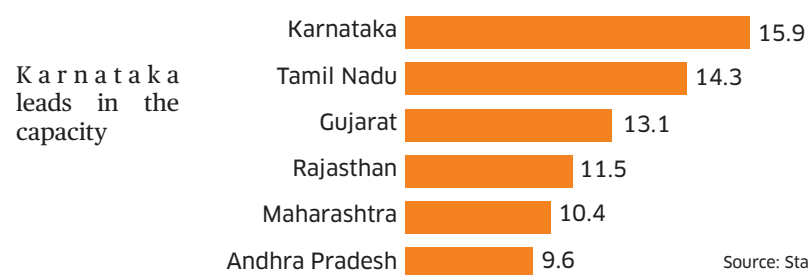


larised, but basic amenities would be made available in such dwellings.

Vijayvargiya, who is also the MP Legislative Affairs Minister, was replying to the questions raised separately by two BJP MLAs Hardeep Singh Dang and Rajendra Pandey over the mushrooming illegal colonies and the plight of the residents.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### STATE WISE DATA OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY (IN GW)



### INTERNATIONAL BORDER SSP reviews security during visit to border areas in Jammu region

**JAMMU:** SSP Vinod Kumar visited the areas along the International Border (IB) to review the border security grid and said that the Border Police Posts (BPPs) will be strengthened further in the coming days in Jammu district, police said on Thursday. Police have deployed over 560 newly trained jawans in various border villages across the Jammu region to bolster the anti-infiltration and anti-terrorism grid, they said. The Border Police Posts serve as the third line of defence, complementing the primary and secondary roles of BSF and Army, respectively. "To enhance the border grid and augment the existing infrastructure in the border zones of Jammu district, the Senior Superintendent of Police toured the border belts of RS Pura and Arnia sectors," a police officer stated. During the visit to Border Police Posts, the SSP emphasised the need to upgrade infrastructure and assessed their current capabilities. **PTI**

### REHABILITATION CM Adityanath reviews progress of various developmental projects



**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reviewed the progress of various projects at a meeting with the Urban Development Department on Thursday. Emphasising the rehabilitation of slums, he directed officials to identify one slum in each municipal corporation and prepare a plan for the development of a multi-storey residential complex with basic facilities like schools, markets, parks, etc nearby. The market developed in these complexes should be allotted to the families living in the slums, the chief minister said. **PTI**







## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

[Walt Disney]

## Comment

## Awareness of rights and honesty in duties is the need of the hour

We all know that the present is born from the past, and the future is born from the present. The past advises us to be proud of the good things and learn from the wrong things that happened, while the present makes us think and worry about the future. It advises us to live the present in a meaningful manner.

As far as Indian population figures are concerned, it is a young country, so the responsibility for progress and development rests on the shoulders of youth. The youth should know their rights very well and make every effort to achieve them. While being aware of one's duties, one should follow them with full devotion and honesty. But we Indians talk a lot about rights, yet often forget to follow our duties. The dream of the youth should be to see the country become a prosperous, happy, developed, powerful nation and to work hard to achieve this to the best of our abilities. This is possible only when we all, together, respect all religions, sects, castes, languages, genders,

regions, constitutional institutions, culture, environments, and geographical structures and make efforts for their upliftment and protection.

This is possible only when the body, mind, health, and environment of the Indian youth and citizens remain healthy. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to keep in mind environmental and climate changes and focus on protecting the environment from getting polluted. Be determined to conserve and expand greenery and use natural resources economically and judiciously. One more thing needed in the young generation is dedication towards family, society, state, and country and their respect and development.

This is possible only when youth are vigilant towards health and education and stay away from immoral activities such as encroachment, terrorism, separatism, Naxalism, theft, robbery, violence, molestation, drug addiction, forgery, fraud, hoarding, bribery, etc., as well as hatred, malice, distrust, condemnation, negative thinking, etc. They should nur-

ture good thoughts and activities. It is necessary that children should be taught good manners, culture, etiquette, and moral values right from the beginning by their parents, friends, and teachers.

Therefore, we can say that every citizen needs to love India, avoid discrimination and corruption, and be social workers, nation-loving, responsible citizens who are ready to die for the pride and dignity of the country, who are ready to abide by the Constitution of the country. They should follow the accepted rules and laws and be dedicated to protecting the sovereignty of the nation. They should have patriotism running in their veins, be proud of their country's glorious history, culture, values, traditions, and have respect for all religions. They should have feelings, believe in truth, non-violence, justice, equality, and brotherhood, and have the strength to oppose terrorism, Naxalism, separatism and the courage to fight against anti-national forces.

In the end, I want to say that

every citizen of India should work for the progress and development of the nation. But it should also be kept in mind that neither rights should be misused nor duties should be neglected. The meaning is clear that if we have the freedom of speech and expression, the freedom to express our language and thoughts, religious freedom, and the right to raise our voice against exploitation and injustice under the Constitution, then it is also our duty to not tell lies. Avoid spreading and setting a wrong narrative. Work dedicatedly for the unity, integrity, and prosperity of the nation while respecting the national flag, national anthem, constitution, constitutional institutions, and constitutional posts.

The future of India rests in the hands of its youth, who must balance their rights with their responsibilities. By fostering a deep respect for the country's diverse cultures, environments, and constitutional values, young Indians can drive the nation towards a prosperous and sustainable future.



Dr. Manmohan Prakash

## OUR VIEW |

## Hathras tragedy: Urgent need for crowd safety reforms

The Hathras stampede, claiming over 120 lives during a religious 'satsang,' was a disaster waiting to happen. With approximately 2.5 lakh attendees crammed into a venue approved for only 80,000, this tragedy underscores the chronic deficiencies in crowd management and disaster preparedness in India. The organizers had secured permission based on a false undertaking regarding the number of expected devotees, and they allegedly refused to cooperate with the police in traffic control, further exacerbating the chaos. Ironically, in a country where mass gatherings at religious events are routine, crowd management often remains an afterthought. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had, a decade ago, issued comprehensive guidelines for managing crowds at events and venues of mass gatherings. These guidelines emphasized the importance of proactive planning and flawless execution by well-trained personnel to prevent man-made tragedies like stampedes. Unfortunately, these protocols were conspicuously absent at the Hathras event. The practice of providing misleading estimates about crowd size to secure administrative approval is a common yet dangerous ploy. At times, bribes smooth the path to approval, bypassing crucial safety checks. However, placing the blame solely on organizers is insufficient. Authorities must exercise due diligence when granting permissions. This includes mandatory spot inspections to ensure that adequate safety arrangements are in place for worst-case scenarios. The Hathras incident highlights the urgent need for a cultural shift in how crowd management is approached in India. Authorities must adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards negligence and corruption in event planning and execution. Exemplary action should be taken against those whose reckless disregard for safety puts lives at risk. State governments and local authorities must rigorously enforce NDMA guidelines and ensure that all organizers adhere to strict safety protocols. The tragic loss of life at Hathras should serve as a sobering reminder of the cost of negligence and the imperative for change.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Hathras tragedy: No lessons learnt from the past mistakes

Reams have been written about the need for effective crowd control mechanisms in religious congregations. Yet, the quality of crowd management in India remains sub-par. Despite past tragedies leaving unmistakable imprints, stakeholders are reluctant to learn. The tendency to take people for granted and the chronic lack of disaster anticipation are alarming. The stampede near Uttar Pradesh's Hathras, claiming nearly 120 lives of devotees leaving a "satsang," highlights the callousness of the State and event organizers. The discourse took place in a small hall with one narrow exit, others closed for the preacher's passage, and a crowd of nearly one lakh devotees. There was inadequate manpower to control the sudden exodus. The district administration's awareness of the satsang is questionable. Were necessary arrangements like water, food, and adequate fans made? Often, organizers have their personnel, but they are overruled by frenzied crowds. State police rarely manage the main crowd control, leading to tragic repeats like Hathras.



Dr. Ganapathi Bhat

Do you struggle to eat your fruits and vegetables? You are not alone. Less than 5% of Indians consume the recommended servings of fresh produce each day. While around 44% eat enough fruit, only 6% meet the vegetable intake recommendation.

Adults should aim to eat at least five servings of vegetables (roughly 375 grams) and two servings of fruit (about 300 grams) daily. Fruits and vegetables are essential because they provide vital nutrients, including vitamins, minerals, and fiber, along with health-promoting bioactive compounds, all while being low in calories.

If eating the recommended servings is challenging, you might wonder if drinking your fruits and vegetables through juices or smoothies is a good alternative.

The answer, as with most nutritional queries, is context-dependent.

Common reasons for not consuming enough fruits and vegetables include personal preferences, habits, perishability, cost, availability, time constraints, and lack of cooking skills.

Juices and smoothies can help address some of these barriers. They can mask the flavors you might dislike, such as the bitterness of some vegetables, and can make use of imperfect produce.

## How does juice compare to whole foods?

Struggling to eat enough fruits and vegetables? Discover how juicing can help you meet your nutritional needs, making healthy eating more accessible and enjoyable. by Press Trust of India



The photograph showcasing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables along with a glass of freshly made juice and a smoothie. | Photo AP

Preparing juices and smoothies doesn't require much time or skill, especially if you opt for store-bought options. While processing can alter the composition slightly, unsweetened juices still provide significant nutrients and beneficial bioactives.

Juicing can extend the shelf life of produce and make nutrients more affordable. Research has shown that fruit juice offers a high nutrient density relative to its cost.

The positioning of juice in healthy eating guidelines can be confusing. The Indian dietary guidelines include 100% fruit juice but don't specifically mention vegeta-

ble juice.

This could be because vegetable juices were less common when the guidelines were last updated.

The guidelines caution against excessive juice consumption, based on the idea that juice is not as beneficial as whole fruit. Juice contains less fiber, which is essential for gut health, heart health, and satiety.

Juicing releases sugars from the fruit, making them "free sugars," which the World Health Organization recommends limiting for better health.

However, fruits and vegetables are more than just their individual nutrients.

A reductionist approach to nutrition, which focuses on specific features like sugar content or particular vitamins, can overlook the complexity of whole foods.

A recent review of multiple studies looked at the relationship between 100% juice and various health outcomes. Most evidence indicated that juice has either a neutral or positive impact on health.

Pure 100% juice was linked to improved heart health and inflammatory markers and wasn't associated with weight gain, multiple cancers, or negative metabolic markers.

Some observational studies reported risks such as

death from heart disease, prostate cancer, and diabetes. However, these studies are not controlled and might include misclassifications, as people might confuse 100% fruit juice with sugar-sweetened beverages.

The common belief that juice damages teeth often arises from studies that group 100% juice with sweetened drinks or use unrealistic consumption scenarios. Juice is acidic and contains sugars, but proper oral hygiene, including rinsing, cleaning, and using straws, can mitigate these risks.

The nutrients and bioactives in juice can also benefit oral health.

Comparing whole fruits to juice is challenging because they serve different purposes.

The Indian dietary guidelines recommend water as the preferred beverage, assuming essential nutrients are obtained from food.

Whether to eat or drink your fruits and vegetables depends on what fits best into your diet and lifestyle.

Smoothies and juices are not a magic solution and don't work as a "cleanse" or detox.

However, given the low levels of fruit and vegetable consumption in society, having accessible, cheap, and tasty ways to obtain nutrients and bioactives should not be discouraged.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Rain exposes infrastructure failures

The airport roof collapse has exposed the government's claims of world-class infrastructure. An investigation is needed to determine if corruption caused the construction and maintenance lapses. Prime Minister Narendra Modi must intervene to ensure zero tolerance for corruption. If the responsible individuals are not held accountable, the credibility of government claims will suffer. This incident highlights the urgent need for stringent oversight and transparency in infrastructure projects to prevent such failures in the future.

Mk Nair, Raipur

## Rein in anti-social elements

The actions of cow vigilante Bittu Bajrang, previously arrested for his role in the Nuh riots, are deeply concerning. His repeated attempts to disturb harmony suggest political patronage and lenient law enforcement. Failure to control such elements worsens law and order nationwide, contributing to increased mob violence and lynching. This situation must be addressed seriously to protect ordinary, law-abiding citizens from the consequences of lawlessness and ensure a stable and safe society.

Sebastian George, Jalandhar

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# Business



Hindustan Zinc committed to partner with India's auto firms.  
Arun Misra  
CEO, Hindustan Zinc.

## Nushratt Bharuccha and Ishan Kishan at an event



Bollywood actor Nushratt Bharuccha and cricketer Ishan Kishan during an event of the footwear brand 'Skechers', at City Center Mall, in Patna, Thursday, July 4, 2024.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### HEALTHCARE SERVICE

#### Star Health launches home healthcare initiative; to cover 50 cities

**CHENNAI:** Standalone health insurance company Star Health and Allied Insurance Company with an aim to providing healthcare service at doorstep has launched Home Health Care service in 50 cities, a top official said. The city-headquartered company would further expand the service to other cities, Managing Director and CEO Anand Roy said. "We are happy to announce the launch of Home Health Care Services across 50 cities and towns today. Customers are always kept at the centre and this offering aims to provide effective healthcare at the doorstep of the customer," he told reporters. For launching the service, he said Star Health has collaborated with Care24, Portea, CallHealth, Athulya Homecare and Argala to offer in-home medical care across India. To a query, he said the company initially did a pilot study of the service in Coimbatore, Pune, Delhi and Kolkata and later decided to expand it to other cities. **PTI**

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	80,049	+0.08
Nifty	24,302	+0.06
Nifty, MidCap	56,618	+0.58
Nifty SmallCap	18,792	+0.49
Nifty Bank	53,103	+0.33

Closing rates as on July 04, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.50 (+)
Euro	90.19 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.48 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.73 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On July 04, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,308	-0.06%
FTSE 100 Index	8,244	+0.90%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	225: 40,913	+0.82%
CSI 300 (CHN)	300: 3,445	-0.51%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, July 04, 2024)

### How the markets behave today?

#### Sensex, Nifty close at fresh lifetime highs on gains in ICICI Bank, Infosys



**MUMBAI:** Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ticked higher to close at fresh all-time high levels on Thursday, following buying in market heavyweights ICICI Bank, Infosys and TCS amid a largely positive trend in global equities. The 30-share BSE Sensex scaled an intraday record high of 80,392.64 in early trade. The index pared most of the gains later due to volatility and profit-taking by investors at record levels. Sensex closed 62.87 points or 0.08 per cent higher at 80,049.67, its all-time closing high. The broader Nifty also hit an intra-day record high of 24,401 in early trade before closing almost flat. The 50-issue index rose by 15.65

points or 0.06 per cent to settle at a record 24,302.15 with 23 of its shares closing higher and 27 with losses. "The defensive bet on large caps like IT and pharma gained momentum due to the diminishing US inflationary pressure, improvement in QoQ earnings outlook and a resultant sharp fall in the US 10-year bond yield.

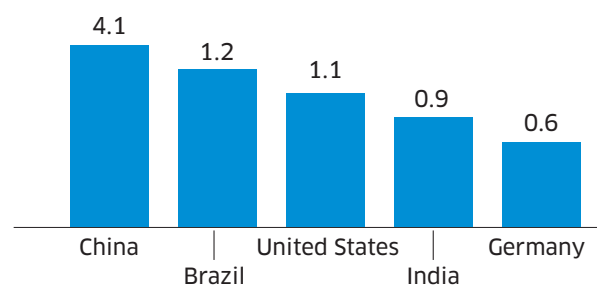
**MAJOR GAINERS:** HCL Tech, ICICI Bank, Tata Motors, Sun Pharmaceuticals, TCS, Infosys, Kotak Mahindra Bank and M&M.

**MAJOR LOSERS:** HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, Tech Mahindra, UltraTech Cement and IndusInd Bank. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

(In million jobs)

#### TOP COUNTRIES BY RENEWABLE ENERGY JOBS IN 2023-2024



### NEW LAUNCH

#### OPPO introduces F27 Pro+ 5G monsoon ready phone

**MUMBAI:** OPPO India has introduced the F27 Pro+ 5G - the country's first IP66, IP68 and IP69-rated Super-Rugged, Monsoon-Ready smartphone. The F27 Pro+ will be available in two colours - Dusk Pink and Midnight Navy - and retails at INR 27,999 with 128GB storage and INR 29,999 for the 256GB variant. The smartphone boasts OPPO's full-device protection solution - a damage-proof 360-degree Armour Body - that shields the device from drops and scratches. This is in addition to a four-year durable 5,000 mAh battery. Commenting on the launch, Savio D'Souza, Director of Product Communications at OPPO India, said, "The OPPO F27 Pro+ 5G meets the needs of customers who are always on the move, and demand a durable smartphone that can keep up with them, whether rain or sunshine. It is the only smartphone to carry all three - the IP66, IP68 and IP69 - ratings and meets the highest standards against dust and water damage. The OPPO F27 Pro+ 5G will be available in India from June 20th 2024. **PTI**

### BULLION MARKET

#### Gold jumps Rs 530, silver bounces Rs 1,200 on firm global cues



**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices jumped by Rs 530 to Rs 73,080 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday tracking a bullish trend in the international markets, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had settled at Rs 72,550 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver prices also leapt Rs 1,200 to Rs 92,500 per kg. In the previous session, it closed at Rs 91,300 per kg. "In Delhi markets, spot gold prices (24 carats) are trading at Rs 73,080 per 10 grams, up by Rs 530 from the previous close," Saumil Gandhi, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said. **PTI**

# SBI announces initiatives to mitigate risks in agri loan

On the occasion of the 69th Foundation Day, SBI announced these initiatives to widen the bank's accessibility to address the banking needs of its customers.

### Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The country's largest lender SBI on Thursday announced 11 new initiatives -- including enhancing of its digital banking features and opening of 35 new Agricultural Centralised Processing Cells -- to mitigate risks in its agricultural loan portfolio. On the occasion of the 69th Foundation Day, State Bank of India announced

these initiatives to widen the bank's accessibility to address the banking needs of its potential customers, the lender said in a statement. SBI has enhanced its digital payment experience, with the introduction of two exciting features like tap-and-pay on the BHIM SBI PAY app and end-to-end digital loans against mutual funds on the YONO app, it added. The bank has also announced

### NUMBER

# 11

● SBI has enhanced its digital payment experience

● SBI opened a second Global NRI Centre in Patiala, Punjab.

an initiative, which is a fully digital end-to-end journey for SBI Surya

Ghar Loan, it said, adding that the users can opt for credit to install solar rooftops under the central government's PM Surya Ghar Scheme, offering loans for up to 10 KW capacity. The entire process will be managed on SBI's digital platform from applicant registration on the MNRE/REC portal to loan disbursement.

Acknowledging the significant contributions and global presence of the

Indian diaspora in shaping the nation's growth story, SBI opened a second Global NRI Centre (GNC) in Patiala, Punjab. To enhance its service to NRI clients, its Chairman Dinesh Khara inaugurated the second Global NRI Centre (GNC) in Patiala on Bank Day. SBI's dedicated GNCs reflect the bank's unwavering commitment to strengthening its ties with the global Indian community.

### DRONE INDUSTRY

# Indian Drone industry seeks favourable policies, incentives

### Press Trust Of India

Component ecosystem to push domestic manufacturing.

**NEW DELHI:** The drone industry players on Thursday demanded more favourable policies, incentives, and a component ecosystem within the country to promote indigenisation in the sector.

According to global data and business intelligence platform Statista, the Indian drone market is projected to generate a revenue of USD 27 million in 2024, with a CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 5.96 per cent from 2024 to 2028.

"Addressing a summit at Drone International Expo 2024 in Delhi, industry experts today demanded better incentives and more favour-



Security personnel check a weapon during Drone International Expo 2024.

### FACTFILE

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able policies supporting robust component manufacturing in India for complete indigenisation," organiser Nexgen Exhibitions said in a statement.

The two-day Drone International Expo 2024 beginning Thursday is

showcasing the latest innovations from over 25 countries, including the UK, USA, Israel, Poland, Croatia, UAE, Germany, Canada, Singapore, Brazil, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. "One key area to promote the indigenisation of the industry is to support it by creating a conducive growth environment for the domestic component and technology manufacturing in India. We need more

investments in R&D of flight controllers, motors, batteries, and various other components," said M Sundararaj, Executive Director of drone manufacturing company Infinity Arsenal Pvt Ltd.

Intensification of technology is the key and the government should create more incubation and technology centres in the drone segment, said G Ravi Chand, Vice President, Dhaksha Drones. Piloting of drones is not a skill which is readily available in the Indian market and we need more experts in this field.

"It needs a lot of high skill, where people are flying complex drones. So I think the government should look into how to make that field far more lucrative for pilots and aspiring pilots who want to get into this industry," said a spokesperson of ideaForge.

### FOR PARIS OLYMPICS

# Tasva's ceremonial dress for Team India unveiled

### Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Tasva, the men's Indian wear brand by Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd. and celebrated designer Tarun Tahiliani, has taken on the prestigious task of designing the ceremonial dress for Team India at the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024. The Minister of Youth Affairs and

Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, unveiled the official ceremonial dress for Team India in the presence of Indian Olympics Association. President, Dr PT Usha.

Tasva is all set to bring to Paris, the fashion capital of the world, its fresh take on Indian traditional wear. The ceremonial attire draws inspiration from the rich



cultural tapestry of India and embraces a patriotic spirit reflected in the

iconic tricolour palette of saffron, green, and white. "We're incredibly hon-

oured to dress Team India," Tarun Tahiliani, Chief Design Officer, Tasva, shared at the Kit Unveiling ceremony. "We worked closely with the Indian Olympic Association to create an attire that tells a story about India. The garments are designed to be visually captivating while also ensuring comfort and practicality.

"I had come into films thinking I would wear chiffon sarees and dance on rain songs. I did not know if I should do the role, but the universe has its ways of giving you what you want. You will get what you want."

**Divya Dutta**  
Actress



# & Glitters

## OIT Watch



### Jackpot! Trailer hits Prime Video

Prime Video unveils the trailer for Paul Feig's dark comedy "Jackpot!" starring Awkwafina, John Cena, and Simu Liu. Set in a dystopian California, it follows a deadly lottery twist. Streaming from August 15th, 2024.



### Dhindora is back! Bhuvan Bam announces season 2

Celebrating nine years of BB Ki Vines, Bhuvan Bam confirmed 'Dhindora' Season 2 will be a full romantic comedy focused on Titu Mama's life, aiming for a larger audience on new platforms.



### Karisma Kapoor heats up India's Best Dancer S4!

Karisma Kapoor returns to TV as judge on India's Best Dancer Season 4. A promo features her dancing to "Le Gayi" from DilToPagal Hai, sparking anticipation for the upcoming talents' performances.



### My Lady Jane: Season 2 on the throne?

"My Lady Jane" on Prime Video, set in an alternate Tudor world, awaits renewal for Season 2 amid fan anticipation. The cast hints at future storylines, leaving viewers hopeful for the show's continuation.



### Family, Mystery, Powwow: Watch Fancy Dance

Fancy Dance quickly debuted on Apple TV+ after hitting the theaters. The film is streaming on this platform from June 28, 2024. If you're eager to watch Fancy Dance, Apple TV+ offers exclusive access to the film.

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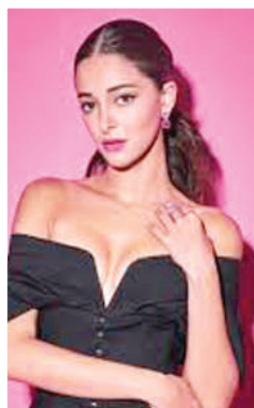
## Gehraiyaan co-stars: Ananya Panday on Deepika Padukone's work ethic

After sharing the screen with Deepika Padukone in the 2022 film, Gehraiyaan, Ananya Panday has become a fan of the former's work ethic.

Central Chronicle News

Ananya recalled how Deepika would request a brief moment of silence before a take to ensure she could deliver her best performance.

Ananya Panday has consistently lauded Deepika Padukone for her dedication on the set of Gehraiyaan, calling her an "inspirational female superstar." In a recent interview with The Week, Ananya shared her profound admiration for Deepika's work ethic during their collaboration on the film. Reflecting on her experience, Ananya expressed, "Working with this massive female superstar in such close proximity was something else. It inspired me so much, and I learned little things like a lot of work ethic I picked up from DP." She highlighted Deepika's commitment by attending every workshop diligently, even when unexpected, showing a student-like dedication with her notebook in hand. Ananya also praised Deepika's consideration for her own needs on set, emphasizing the importance of taking a moment for oneself before a take. She concluded, "Just work ethic and just an inspirational female superstar," encapsulating the impact Deepika had on her approach to work.



Ananya Panday is inspired by Deepika Padukone after working with her in movie 'Gehraiyaan'.



From Gehraiyaan to beyond: Ananya and Deepika's next steps

Ananya is set to be seen in the web show Call Me Bae. Directed by Collin D'Cunha, the web show also stars Vir Das, Gurfateh Pirzada, and Juhi Babbar, among others. It will be released on Amazon Prime Video

on September 6, 2024. Meanwhile, Deepika, who is set to embrace motherhood soon, was recently seen in Kalki 2898 AD alongside Amitabh Bachchan and Prabhas. She will be next seen in Singham Again. Directed by Rohit Shetty, the film will be released on Diwali 2024.

| BOLLYWOOD |

## Will Reeve to cameo in James Gunn's Superman film

Central Chronicle News

Will Reeve, journalist and son of the iconic "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve, is stepping into the DC cinematic universe with a cameo in James Gunn's highly anticipated "Superman" film. Known for his role as Clark Kent, Christopher Reeve remains a beloved figure in superhero lore, having portrayed the character in the original 1978 film and its sequels. In Gunn's adaptation, actor David Corenswet takes the helm as Superman, alongside Rachel Brosnahan as Lois Lane



and Nicholas Hoult as the notorious villain Lex Luthor. Will Reeve will play a TV reporter in the movie, adding a personal connection to the Superman legacy.

Directed by James Gunn and produced under the Warner Bros-owned DC Studios banner, the film is currently filming in Cleveland, Ohio, with a star-studded

Reeve, who passed away in October 2004, was the first Hollywood actor to play Superman on the big screen

### HIGHLIGHT

• Will Reeve, son of "Superman" star Christopher Reeve, will cameo in James Gunn's DC film "Superman". Christopher Reeve was the first to portray Clark Kent on screen.

cast including Anthony Carrigan, Isabela Mercedes, and Nathan Fillion. Scheduled for release in July 2025, this reboot promises to reintroduce the beloved superhero to a new generation of fans.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha release delayed at exhibitor request

"Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha," starring Tabu and Ajay Devgn, faces a delay in its release date. Initially set for July 5th, the decision to postpone was made following requests from exhibitors and distributors. Directed by Neeraj Pandey, this musical romance drama from Friday Filmworks boasts a promising cast including Jimmy Shergill and Sayaji Shinde. In contrast, Nikhil Nagesh Bhat's action-packed "Kill" remains on track for its release alongside. Fans anticipating "Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha" will have to wait a bit longer for the new release date, eagerly awaiting updates from the production team.

Web Series

### Get ready for more! Pratik Gandhi returns for Crimes Aaj Kal S3

Actor Pratik Gandhi returns as host for the gripping third season of 'Crimes Aaj Kal', promising enthralling narratives inspired by real-life incidents. The series aims to provoke thought and reflection, delving into intricate criminal cases that unravel societal misdeeds. With a riveting promo teasing ghastly crimes, the anthology on Amazon mini TV explores diverse perspectives on crime, emphasizing the importance of awareness and vigilance. Pratik Gandhi expresses enthusiasm, citing the series' success as motivation. Amogh Dusad of Amazon mini TV highlights the season's depth and engagement, while Vipul D. Shah of Optimystix Entertainment promises impactful storytelling.

The Bollywood hot pair

### Off-duty chic: Rajkummar Rao & Patralekhaa's airport style



Rajkummar Rao and Patralekhaa turned heads with their stylish airport appearance, showcasing their effortless charm. Rajkummar, known for his fashion flair, rocked a casual yet trendy look in a light brown t-shirt and black cargos, paired with sunglasses and a cap. Patralekhaa complemented him with a chic ensemble of a grey t-shirt, black denims, and designer

glasses, exuding sophistication. The couple, known for their public displays of affection, arrived hand in hand, posing graciously for photos before heading off for a well-deserved break. On the horizon, Rajkummar gears up for "Stree 2" and "Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video," while Patralekhaa has projects like "Wild Wild Punjab" and "IC814: The Kandahar Hijack" lined up.

Fashion

### Mrunal Thakur rocks a versatile olive kurta set

Mrunal Thakur's monsoon style shines with her ethnic olive kurta set, perfect for every occasion from work to home. While Western fashion often dominates, celebs like Mrunal remind us of the charm and versatility of Indian wear. Her True Browns kurta features intricate cotton cut-work embroidery, a V neckline, and flowing sleeves, paired flawlessly with elasticated pants for comfort.



## Trending on Insta

@parineetichopra

### Parineeti Chopra delights in fan's heartfelt message

During an Instagram AMA, a fan praised Parineeti Chopra's husband Raghav Chadha, sparking a heartfelt response from the actress: "Taking a small break for FACTS."



@aslisona

### Newlywed Bliss: Sonakshi Sinha enjoys poolside fun with Zaheer

Sonakshi Sinha shared a sweet Instagram Story with Zaheer Iqbal by the poolside, tagging him with a red heart. Later, she posted a sunset selfie with her husband, enjoying the moment with a glass of juice.





# FineDine

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

## Hilers World: Raipur's destination for delectable delights & stress relief

Hilers World, a new cafe in Raipur promises a great ambiance and global cuisines for youngsters who always want to try new cafes in the city.

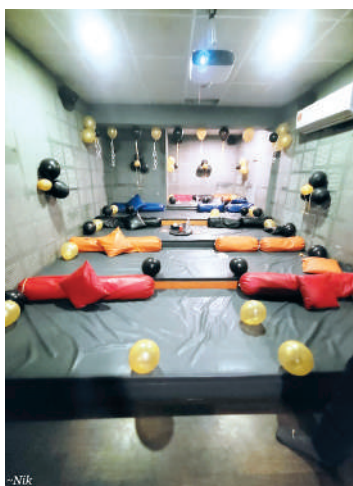


The vibrant ambiance of Hilers World, Raipur, here every corner invites you to relax and unwind.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Indulge in a diverse selection of global cuisines at Hilers World, Raipur, offering a culinary journey like no other in the city.

venue offers tailored experiences with charming decor and intimate settings. Immerse yourself in the thrill of interactive gaming, escape into virtual realms, or unwind in the unique Anger Room, where letting loose is encouraged. Every visit to Hilers World promises adventure, culinary delight, and moments of pure enjoyment. Come and experience Hilers World - where food, fun, and unforgettable memories converge in Raipur's most dynamic destination. Whether you're a local resident or visiting the city, Hilers World invites you to indulge in an unparalleled fusion of flavours and entertainment.



### Snack smart: Raisins' packed punch

Raisins, those tiny jewels of dried grapes, pack a powerful punch in both flavour and nutrition. These naturally sweet treats are not only delicious but also rich in fibre, antioxidants, and essential minerals like iron and potassium. Whether enjoyed on their own as a snack or incorporated into dishes like oatmeal, salads, or baked goods, raisins add a burst of natural sweetness and texture. They're a convenient source of energy and are believed to support digestive health and boost immunity.



GOOD DINING |

## Smoky & Buttery: Try Amritsari Tadke chai



Discover Amritsari tadke waali chai, a unique twist on traditional tea. This specialty adds buttery richness and aromatic rose petals to a classic chai blend, complemented by a nutty essence from ground almonds and cashews. Prepared by melting butter with spices like black pepper, it's a delightful departure from regular chai. Perfect for surprising guests or simply enjoying a flavourful change, this recipe promises a warm, comforting experience that tea lovers will cherish.

| JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL ONIGIRI |

## Onigiri: Japan's treasured rice ball goes global

Central Chronicle News

In the realm of soulful comfort food, few dishes rival the humble yet deeply satisfying onigiri. These Japanese rice balls, stuffed with savory fillings and wrapped in a crispy seaweed layer, have captured hearts and taste buds across generations and continents. Originating in ancient Japan as a practical meal option during the eighth century, onigiri has evolved from a simple sustenance to a revered culinary art form. Traditionally known as omusubi, it gained prominence during the Heian period (794-1185), showcasing the ingenuity of shaping rice into portable, hand-held delights that embraced regional flavors and cultural diversity. Today, onigiri enjoys a newfound

global popularity, celebrated for its affordability, health benefits, and irresistible flavors. During the pandemic, its convenience made it a preferred choice for home and office consumption, leading to a surge in dedicated onigiri shops worldwide, as reported by The Japan News.

Imagine biting into a perfectly crafted onigiri, filled with grilled salmon, pickled plum, or seasoned vegetables, each bite a harmonious blend of textures and flavors. This blend of tradition and innovation has propelled onigiri beyond Japan's borders, inspiring culinary enthusiasts and bridging cultural divides through vibrant tasting events and international collaborations. As more people discover the joy of onigiri, it continues



Onigiri originated in ancient Japan as a simple and easy dinner alternative.

to evolve, reflecting the global appetite for wholesome, delicious food that brings comfort and delight with every bite. Experience the allure of onigiri and savor its timeless appeal wherever you are in the world.

### FoodPick MUST TRY WHEN TRAVEL

#### Veg Heaven

#### Rs. 499 buffet extravaganza

Experience the ultimate pure veg buffet at just Rs. 499, complemented by stunning views and a delightful ambience at MP's Kitchen in Labhandi. Dive into a variety-packed plate featuring soups, crispy corn, panipuri, noodles, and tandooris for starters. For the main course and desserts, explore an enticing array of options that cater to every palate. Plus, celebrate your birthday with complimentary decorations, adding a special touch to your occasion.



#### Sweet Surprise

#### Crumbly's shareable strawberry treat

Crumbly's Strawberry Shortcake offers a delightful



experience with its double-stacked vanilla shortcake, richly layered with fresh whipped cream and homemade strawberry jam. Beyond being a dessert, it fosters moments of sharing and enjoyment among loved ones. This treat epitomizes Crumbly's commitment to crafting indulgent sweets that not only satisfy cravings but also create memorable, communal experiences around the table.

#### Sweet News Raipur

#### Theobroma opens doors!

Finally, Theobroma arrives in Raipur, bringing the essence of 'Food of the Gods' to Shankar Nagar. Indulge in their heavenly delights: from gooey fudgy brownies and decadent cakes to rich chocolates and freshly baked breads. Their patisserie also offers wholesome savouries, viennoiserie, and fresh beverages, alongside festive and seasonal specialties. As a beloved pan-India chain with presence in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi NCR, and Hyderabad, Theobroma is renowned for its divine culinary creations.



#### Sour Berry Mocktail

#### Ingredients

1 cup mixed berry juice (blueberry, raspberry, blackberry), 1/2 cup sparkling water, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, 1 tablespoon simple syrup (adjust to taste), Ice cubes, Fresh berries (for garnish), Lemon slices (for garnish), Fresh mint leaves (for garnish)

#### How to make it

In a pitcher, combine mixed berry juice, sparkling water, fresh lemon juice, and simple syrup. Stir gently until well mixed. Fill glasses with ice cubes. Pour the mixture over the ice cubes. Garnish each glass with fresh berries, lemon slices, and fresh mint leaves. Serve immediately and enjoy your refreshing sour berry mocktail!



#### The Rémy Sidecar

#### Ingredients

2 oz Rémy Martin cognac, 1 oz triple sec, 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice, 1/4 oz simple syrup, Ice cubes, Lemon twist (for garnish), Sugar (for rimming, optional)

#### How to make it

In a cocktail shaker, combine Rémy Martin cognac, triple sec, fresh lemon juice, and simple syrup. Add ice cubes. Shake well until chilled. If desired, rim a chilled cocktail glass with sugar. Strain the cocktail into the prepared glass. Garnish with a lemon twist. Serve immediately for a classic and sophisticated Rémy Sidecar experience.



#### Blueberry Coconut Chia Smoothie

#### Ingredients

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, 1/2 cup coconut milk, 1/2 cup Greek yogurt, 1 tablespoon chia seeds, 1 tablespoon honey, Ice cubes, Fresh blueberries (for garnish), Shredded coconut (for garnish)

#### How to make it

In a blender, combine blueberries, coconut milk, Greek yogurt, chia seeds, and honey. Blend until smooth. Add ice cubes and blend until chilled. Pour into glasses and garnish with fresh blueberries and shredded coconut. Serve immediately and enjoy your unique Blueberry Coconut Chia Smoothie!



# Sports



I'm not nostalgic at all. This will be my last game. So, I think we can all look forward to seeing each other again.

Toni Kroos  
Germany soccer player

## India women fine-tune strategies in T20 series vs SA



India women players at a practice session.. Photo: PTI

Indian women's cricket team aims to fine-tune strategies during three-match T20I series against South Africa in Chennai ahead of the crucial Asia Cup and T20 World Cup.

Press Trust Of India

**CHENNAI:** The Indian women's cricket team is set to face South Africa in a three-match T20I series starting this Friday in Chennai. This series is crucial for India as it serves as the final white-ball bilateral series before the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka from July 19 and the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh from October 4. Under the leadership of Harmanpreet Kaur, India aims to refine its strategies and enter these

major tournaments in peak form. India has shown promising signs, having won the preceding three-match ODI series in Bengaluru and a one-off Test in Chennai, despite challenges posed by South Africa. Since 2023, India has participated in seven T20I series, winning three and losing four. The team is keen to improve this record.

Key players have shown excellent form recently. Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana shone

### HIGHLIGHT

● Harmanpreet Kaur leads India in their last white ball series before major tournaments.

● Key players Mandhana, Rodrigues, and Ghosh aim for consistency against South Africa's bowling attack.

in the ODIs with two centuries and a fifty, while Harmanpreet Kaur regained form with a century in the final

ODI. Opener Shafali Verma, despite a dip in form, rebounded with a record-breaking double century in the one-off Test. Batters Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh have also demonstrated potential, ranking among India's top T20I run-scorers.

India's bowling lineup is formidable, featuring pacers Renuka Singh, Pooja Vastrakar, and Arundhati Reddy, and spinners Deepti Sharma, Radha Yadav, Asha Shobana, and Shreyanka

Patil. South Africa, led by Laura Wolvaardt, who has been prolific with centuries in both the ODIs and the Test, will rely heavily on her for early momentum. The team needs contributions from Mari-zanne Kapp, Sune Luus, Anneke Bosch, and Tazmin Brits. Their bowling attack, comprising Nonkululeko Mlaba, Masabata Klaas, Nadine de Klerk, and Ayabonga Khaka, must be at its best against India.

## CricBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ATP EVENTS

**MOC to fund Olympic-bound Bopanna and Balaji's two ATP events**

**NEW DELHI:** The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) of the Sports Ministry has approved tennis ace Rohan Bopanna's request for assistance for him and his doubles partner Sriram Balaji to compete in two ATP Tour events ahead of the upcoming Paris Olympics. Bopanna and Balaji will head to Hamburg and Umag, Croatia along with their coach and physiotherapist to compete in the ATP 500 events before they head to Paris. The MOC also approved requests of shooters Rhythm Sangwan, Sarabjot Singh, Vijayveer and Anish Bhanwala for assistance towards expenses of personal coaches or trainers during the Olympic training camp in Volmerange, France and Paris Olympics. Target Olympic Podium Scheme will cover their cost of flight, board and lodging, visa and local transport. **PTI**

### WIMBLEDON

**Bopanna-Ebden move to second round Wimbledon men's doubles event**



**LONDON:** India's Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden moved into the second round of the Wimbledon men's doubles event with a smooth win over Robin Haas and Sander Arends here. Bopanna and Ebden sailed past their Dutch opponents 7-5, 6-4 in an hour and 11 minutes in a rain-interrupted match on Wednesday. The second seeds, who are the current Australian Open champions, will face Germany's Hendrik Jebens and Constantin Frantzen in the second round. **PTI**

### Navarro's Mental Edge

**Emma Navarro's mental notes help her beat former No. 1 Naomi Osaka at Wimbledon**



**LONDON:** To be sure, Emma Navarro used clean tennis to defeat Naomi Osaka at Wimbledon: just five unforced errors compared to 16 winners; zero break points faced; a 4-for-4 success rate at the net. What else helped Navarro reach the third round at the All England Club for the first time by eliminating Osaka – a four-time major champion and former No. 1 – 6-4, 6-1 in under an hour at Centre Court? Little reminders the 23-year-old American types into her cellphone's notes app before each match. "That's an atmosphere that could easily overwhelm me, or overwhelm any player,

and I spent just a good amount of time preparing myself mentally for the emotions and the nerves I was going to feel. Then once I got out there, I just felt really at home," said Navarro, who won the 2021 NCAA singles title for the University of Virginia and is seeded 19th at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. "In the notes, I told myself to make the court my home and never be afraid to stay out there for as long as it takes," Navarro said. "I was able to do that today and it's pretty cool to come out on the other end of an experience when you're not sure how its going to go." **PTI**

## Gritty Advani wards off Parikh

**RIVADH:** Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani scored a fine come-from-behind 4-2 win over Siddharth Parikh to keep himself in line for a hat-trick of Asian Billiards titles here. The match started with Parikh taking an early lead. Showing precision, he scored 101 points, leaving Advani trailing with 38. The second frame was a nail-biter. Parikh managed to edge out Advani at 100-99. Parikh's highest break was 65, but the latter almost turned the frame in his favour with an impressive break of 92. Trailing 0-2, Advani bounced back strongly in the third frame with a commanding 101-0 win. His break of 60 was a testament to his strategic prowess and execution. The fourth frame was an intense battle. Parikh scored 95, including a break of 95, but it wasn't enough to surpass his opponent's 101.

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**Cristiano Ronaldo and Kylian Mbappe clash in Euro 2024 quarterfinals, highlighting generational talents and legacy.**

**HAMBURG:** Cristiano Ronaldo vs. Kylian Mbappe. A clash of soccer icons. A clash of generations. Cristiano Ronaldo and Kylian Mbappe are set for a highly anticipated showdown in the Euro 2024 quarterfinals, marking a clash of soccer generations.

"It is, without doubt, my last European Championship," the 39-year-old Ronaldo said after his tearful, emotionally charged performance in Portugal's penalty-shoot-



Cristiano Ronaldo. | Photo: PTI



Kylian Mbappe. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

● Ronaldo's potential final Euro match adds emotional weight and urgency to the encounter.

out victory over Slovenia in the last 16.

Mbappé, who idolized Ronaldo growing up, now has the chance to end his hero's Euros career.

The two met in 2012 when a 13-year-old Mbappé visited Real Madrid, and their bond has grown since. Ronaldo's recent tearful

performance against Slovenia emphasized his emotional investment in making fans happy.

Meanwhile, Mbappé, playing with a protective facemask due to a broken nose, has scored just once this tournament.

### EURO 2024

## Ronaldo vs. Mbappe: Clash of generations at Euro 2024

### PARIS OLYMPICS

## I am going to Olympics at 14: Dhinidhi Desinghu

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**BENGALURU:** At 14, Bengaluru swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu is set to become the youngest member of the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics. Despite missing out on typical teenage pleasures and feeling lonely at times, Dhinidhi believes the sacrifices are worth it. "I chose this path and

at 14, I am going to the Olympics, so all the sacrifices are worth it," she said.

Dhinidhi's stellar performances at the National Games and senior National championships earned her one of the two Universality places from the Swimming Federation of India. Competing in the women's 200m freestyle, she's

**Sometimes I miss the fun generally kids of my age have. I do not go out much with friends and feel lonely.**

Dhinidhi Desinghu  
Young swimmer



excited to meet elite athletes, including her idol, Katie Ledecky. "I want to experience the Olympic village and learn from world-class athletes," she shared. For Dhinidhi, this is just the beginning of a promising career, with aspirations for the 2028 and 2032 Olympics. She looks forward to soaking in the experience and growing as an athlete.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(by a fielder)

Player	Catches
Mahela Jayawardene	218
Ricky Ponting	160
Mohammad Azharuddin	156
Jacques Kallis	131
Sachin Tendulkar	140

Source: ICC

### CRICKET

**Senior players pressure keeps major changes unlikely in Pak team setup**

**LAHORE:** The Pakistan Cricket Board might not be able bring about major changes in the national team in the wake of the side's dismal performance in the T20 World Cup as that could lead to a confrontation with senior players, according to sources. PCB's governing board, scheduled to meet here on Saturday, will take cognizance of white-ball head coach Gary Kirsten and senior team manager Wahab Riaz's reports submitted to chairman Mohsin Naqvi. But a source said, only cosmetic changes will take place and the "same set of players" would likely continue to play. Naqvi had been quoted as saying following Pakistan's defeat to India in the World Cup that a "major surgery" was required in the team. "The reports by Kirsten and Riaz will help the Governing Board and chairman Naqvi decide the next course of action but all indications are there Naqvi doesn't want a confrontation with senior players and he has also been advised against massive changes in the team," a source told PTI. **PTI**

### WRESTLING

**Vinesh receives Schengen visa for Spain with help from sports ministry**



**NEW DELHI:** World Championships bronze medallist wrestler Vinesh Phogat will be able to travel to Spain for a competition as she received her Schengen visa on Wednesday with help from the government. Phogat, who is competing at the Grand Prix of Spain 2024 in Madrid, has her flight scheduled for Wednesday night but did not get her visa till this morning. She initially sought "urgent help" from Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Ministry of External Affairs as she did not have information on her visa. "Dear authorities, Im requesting for urgent help. **PTI**

# Sports News



Prime Minister Narendra Modi poses for a group photograph with the 2024 T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team during an interaction, in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

## CHAT WITH WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS

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**Prime Minister Modi hosted India's T20 World Cup-winning cricket team for breakfast in Delhi.**

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team for breakfast here on Thursday during which, he said, there were "memorable" conversations on the side's experiences through the marquee event co-hosted by USA and the West Indies.

The Rohit Sharma-led squad, that won the title after defeating South Africa by seven runs in the final last week, arrived in Delhi early morning

after being stranded in Bridgetown, Barbados for five days due to a category 4 hurricane.

"An excellent meeting with our Champions! Hosted the World Cup winning team at 7, LKM and had a memorable conversation on their experiences through the tournament," Modi posted on 'X' along with pictures of him with the team.

The PM was flanked by Rohit and outgoing head coach Rahul Dravid in the group picture.

Several players later shared photos with the PM. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah posted an image of him and his wife, Sanjana Ganesan, basking in the moment with Modi holding their 10-month

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**HIGHLIGHT**

● **Modi, Rohit Sharma, and Rahul Dravid engaged in memorable conversations about the tournament.**

● **Players shared emotional moments and photos with the PM, celebrating their World Cup victory.**

old son, Angad. Kuldeep Yadav also shared images of his interaction and looked emotional while being hugged by Modi.

Pacer Arshdeep Singh and his parents were all smiles posing with Modi.

"What a great honour, meeting our honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. Thank you sir for inviting us to the Prime Minister's residence," star batter Virat Kohli, who was adjudged player of the final for his 59-ball 76, posted on Instagram.

The team had earlier landed in Delhi amid much fanfare before heading to the Prime Minister's residence for breakfast, where they spent close

to two hours. The Prime Minister's Office shared a little over a minute-long video in which the players were seen engaging in a chat, sitting in a circle around Modi.

For the interaction, players wore customised jerseys with the world 'CHAMPIONS' inscribed in bold letters on the front. It also featured two stars, denoting the two T20 World Cup titles, above the Team India crest on the top left corner. All of them were seen flashing smiles as they chatted with the PM.

BCCI president Roger Binny and secretary Jay Shah also presented the Prime Minister with a customised Team India jersey with 'NAMO' and 'I' inscribed on it.

### Mumbai halts for victory parade as all roads lead to Marine Drive

**MUMBAI:** South Mumbai witnessed massive traffic snarls as a sea of people converged at Marine Drive to witness the victory parade of the Indian cricket team on Thursday evening. Trains arriving at Churchgate on the Western Railway network and the sprawling Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the last station on Central Railway's vast route, were crowded as people from various parts of the metropolis made their way to the southern tip right from the afternoon of the metropolis to watch the parade. Stations and roads reverberated with slogans of 'Bharat Mataki Jai',



Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma dances with artists.

'Vande Mataram' and 'India India' as Tricolour-waving and blue jersey-clad crowds braved the intermittent rains to catch a glimpse of the team that had brought T20 cricket's most coveted prize home after more than

a decade. Roads in the entire region saw heavy parking since afternoon, while megaphone-wielding Railway Protection Force and railway police personnel manned stations guiding people to the iconic Marine Drive.

### Neeraj Chopra to lead 28 member squad in Olympics

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**The squad includes 17 men and 11 women, featuring Asian Games champions and top athletes.**

**NEW DELHI:** Defending champion Neeraj Chopra will headline a 28-member Indian athletics contingent at the Paris Olympics starting July 26. The 26-year-old Tokyo Games gold medallist and reigning world champion in javelin

throw has decided to skip the last Diamond League this weekend in Paris in order to prepare for the quadrennial extravaganza as almost all the selected names are on expected lines. The squad comprises 17 men and 11 women athletes with some of the other prominent names being Asian Games champions Avinash Sable, Tejinderpal Singh Toor along with sprint hurdler Jyothi Yarraji, to name a few. The 4x400m men's relay team, featuring Muhammed Anas, Muhammed Ajmal,

Amoj Jacob and Rajesh Ramesh, which had created quite a stir by leaving behind the USA team in one of the heats at the last World Championships, will also be followed with keen interest. The track and field competition will be conducted at the Stade de France between August 1 to August 11.

World Athletics has introduced marathon race walk mixed-relay event, while men's 50km race walk has been excluded from the Olympics programme.

| CRICKET |

### Babar seeks help of Aus power-hitting coach Young

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**Babar met coach Young to discuss essential skills for executing power shots in cricket.**

**LAHORE:** Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has sought the help of Shannon Young, the renowned Australian power-hitting coach, to reinvent his

T20 skills after an underwhelming campaign in the just-concluded World Cup.

Babar made 120 runs from four matches at a strike-rate of 101, as Pakistan bowed out of the ICC showpiece even without entering the Super Eights. Babar met Young, who coached Australia's Glenn Maxwell and Jake Fraser-McGurk, and

discussed with him the essential skills required to execute power shots successfully in T20 format.

The meeting took place in Lahore where Young is on a private visit.

Young has been credited with mentoring a number of Australian players and improving their power-hitting skills.

The young batting sensation McGurk had set the 2024 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) alight with his range-hitting while playing for the Delhi Capitals.

Babar has often been criticised for his low strike-rate and inability to regularly hit sixes in the shortest format and after 123 T20Is he has a strike rate of 129.

### Rajawat stuns Gemke, enters second round of Canada Open

**CALGARY:** Promising Indian shuttler Priyan-shu Rajawat stunned higher-ranked Rasmus Gemke of Denmark in a hard-fought three game contest to advance to the second round of men's singles event at the Canada Open here. World No.39 Rajawat had to dig deep to get the better of eighth seed Gemke of Denmark 17-21 21-16 21-14 in his opening round match that lasted one hour and 10 minutes on Wednesday night. Rajawat, thus, remained the only Indian surviving player in the men's singles competition and will take on Takuma Obayashi of Japan in the next round.

The two other Indians in the fray, Ayush Shetty lost 14-21 11-21 to sixth seed Koki Watanabe of Japan, while S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian was shown the door by France's Alex Lanier 16-21 17-21. In the women's singles, Tanya Hemant and Anupama Upadhyay also progressed to the second round.

| CHESS |

### Indian-origin schoolgirl chess prodigy to be youngest in England team

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**LONDON:** Indian-origin schoolgirl chess prodigy to be youngest in England team London: Bodhana Sivanandan, a nine-year-old Indian-origin schoolgirl is set to make chess history after she became the youngest person selected to represent England internationally in any sport.

Bodhana, from Harrow in north-west London, will join the England Women's Team at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, in September. The others in her team are all in their 20s, 30s or 40s.

"I found out yesterday after I came back from school when my dad told me. I was happy. I hope I'll do well and I'll get another title," she told the BBC on Wednesday. Malcolm Pein, manager of the England chess team, described the schoolgirl as one of the most remarkable British chess prodigies he has ever seen. "It's exciting -

she's on course to be one of the best British players ever," he said. Her father, Siva Sivanandan, says he remains mystified about where his daughter got her talent. "I'm an engineering graduate, as is my wife, but I'm not good at chess," he said. Bodhana first picked up chess during the pandemic lockdown when Siva's friend was going back to India and gave her a few bags which also had a chess board.



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"I was interested in the pieces, so I started playing," she recalls. Last December, Sivanandan won the European Blitz Chess Championship in Zagreb, Croatia, and was dubbed "super talented" at the time. Soon after, she was among a group of young chess enthusiasts invited by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to 10 Downing Street to mark the government's major new GBP 1 million investment package for the game.

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# World



“Terrorism is a major concern for member states of SCO. Terrorism in its all forms should be tackled through joint efforts.”

**Shehbaz Sharif**  
Pakistan Prime Minister

## MEA Dr. S Jaishankar at the Summit of SCO Council



External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar poses for group photograph at the Summit of SCO Council of Heads of States, in Astana. | Photo: PTI

# Isolate countries that provide safe havens to terrorism: India

Delivering PM Narendra Modi's remarks at the SCO Council Summit External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recalled that one of the original goals of the SCO is to combat terrorism.

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**ASTANA:** India on Thursday asked the international community to “isolate and expose” those countries that harbour terrorists, provide safe havens and condone terrorism, saying that if left unchecked, terrorism can become a major threat to regional and global peace, in a veiled jibe at China and Pakistan.

Delivering Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State Summit in the Kazakhstan capital Astana, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who was physically present at the meeting, recalled that one of the original goals of the SCO is to combat terrorism.

“Many of us have had our experiences, often originating beyond our borders. Let us be clear

### HIGHLIGHT

● “Terrorism in any form cannot be justified” External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar said in the summit, which was attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin among others. He said that the international community “must isolate and expose those countries that harbour terrorists, provide safe havens and condone terrorism”, in an apparent reference

that if left unchecked, it can become a major threat to regional and global peace. Terrorism

in any form or manifestation cannot be justified or condoned,” he told the summit, which was attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin among others. He said that the international community “must isolate and expose those countries that harbour terrorists, provide safe havens and condone terrorism”, in an apparent reference

to Pakistan and its all-weather ally China which has often put on hold on proposals in the United Nations to blacklist the Pakistan-based wanted terrorists.

“Cross-border terrorism requires a decisive response and terrorism financing and recruitment must be resolutely countered. We should also take proactive steps to prevent the spread of radicalisation among our youth,” he said.

## France's govt spokesperson attacked on the campaign trail

**PARIS:** Just days before a high-stakes legislative election, French government spokesperson Prisca Thevenot was attacked on the campaign trail, officials said on Thursday.

Thevenot, a candidate for the Macron-led centrist alliance Ensemble, her deputy and a party activist were putting up electoral posters near Paris on Wednesday night ahead of the July 7 legislative election when a group attacked them, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said on the social media platform X.

Media outlets reported that Thevenot was not injured and will continue to campaign, but her deputy and the party activist were taken to a hospital. It was not immediately clear what type of injuries they suffered.

# Ukraine's army retreats as Russia seizes Chasiv Yar

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A spokesperson for Ukraine's military said its army has retreated from Chasiv Yar, a strategically important town, which has been reduced to rubble under Russian assault.

**KYIV:** A spokesperson for Ukraine's military said its army has retreated from a neighbourhood in the outskirts of Chasiv Yar, a strategically important town in the eastern Donetsk region which has been reduced to rubble under a months-long Russian assault.

Chasiv Yar lies a short distance west Bakhmut, which was captured by Russia last year after a bitter 10-month battle. For months, Russian



Chasiv Yar was captured by Russia recently. | Photo: PTI

### FAST FACTS

● Relentless Russian strikes have devastated Chasiv Yar, with homes and municipal offices charred, and a town that once had a population of 12,000 has been left deserted..

forces have focused on capturing Chasiv Yar, a town

which occupies a strategic, elevated location. Its fall would put nearby cities in jeopardy, compromise critical Ukrainian supply routes and bring Russia closer to its stated aim of seizing the entire Donetsk region. The Ukrainian army retreated from a northeastern neighbourhood in the town of Chasiv Yar, with homes and municipal offices charred, and a town that once had a population of 12,000 has been left deserted.

a written message Thursday.

Ukraine's defensive positions in the town were “destroyed,” he said, adding that there was a threat of serious casualties if troops remained in the area and that Russia did not leave “a single intact building.” Months of relentless Russian artillery strikes have devastated Chasiv Yar, with homes and municipal offices charred, and a town that once had a population of 12,000 has been left deserted.

The intensity of Russian strikes on Ukraine's defensive line in the area of Chasiv Yar has increased over the last month, Voloshyn said. In the past week alone, Voloshyn said Russia has carried out nearly 1,300 strikes, fired nearly 130 glide bombs and made 44 ground assaults.

## Palestinian death toll crosses 38,000

**DEIR AL-BALAH:** The Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Thursday that the Palestinian death toll from nearly nine months of war has surged past 38,000. The ministry said that in the last 24 hours, the bodies of 58 people had been brought to hospitals, bringing the overall death toll to 38,011.

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## Briefs

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### DIPLOMACY

#### Israel weighs Hamas' latest response to Gaza cease-fire proposal

**TEL AVIV:** Israel's Cabinet was set to convene Thursday to discuss Hamas' latest response to a US-backed proposal for a phased cease-fire in Gaza, as diplomatic efforts aimed at ending the nine-month war stirred back to life after a weeklong hiatus.

Fighting, meanwhile, intensified between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah, with the militant group saying it fired more than 200 rockets and exploding drones into northern Israel to avenge the killing of a senior commander in an Israeli airstrike the day before.

The relatively low-level conflict has literally set the border ablaze and raised fears of a potentially even more devastating war in the Middle East. Hezbollah has said it will halt its attacks if there is a cease-fire between Hamas – a fellow Iran-backed ally – and Israel. **PTI**

### ATTACK ON PM

#### The suspect in the attempted assassination faces terror charges



**BRATISLAVA:** The suspect in the attempted assassination in May of Slovakia's populist prime minister, Robert Fico, is now facing terror charges as part of an investigation by authorities, the country's prosecutor general said Thursday. Maros Zilinka said in a statement that the suspect identified only as JC, who was originally charged with attempted murder, now faces the additional charges. **PTI**

### BILATERAL TIES

#### Indian Navy chief meets B'desh Army chief; discusses new avenues for cooperation



**DHAKA:** Indian Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has met with the newly-appointed army chief of Bangladesh General Waker-Uz-Zaman, and discussed the robust bilateral ties and explored new avenues for cooperation between the two armed forces.

Admiral Tripathi began a five-day visit to Bangladesh on June 30 to consolidate the bilateral defence engagement and explore new avenues of cooperation in the maritime domain. This visit is Admiral Tripathi's first official visit abroad after he took the reins of the Navy two months ago.

“During his ongoing visit to Bangladesh, Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, CNS, interacted with General Waker-Uz-Zaman, Chief of the Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, at Bangladesh Army Headquarters, Dhaka,” the spokesperson for the Indian Navy said in a post X on Thursday.

“The two principals discussed longstanding and robust ties between the two nations and initiatives for enhancing defence cooperation and exploring further avenues in areas of training and joint exercises between the armed forces of Bangladesh and India,” the post said. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

The Nile River is the longest river in the world, whereas the Amazon is the largest river in the world, in terms of its flow and volume of water.

### TOP FIVE LONGEST RIVERS IN THE WORLD

The Nile River	6650 Kms.
The Amazon River	6575 Kms.
The Yangtze River	6300 Kms.
The Mississippi River	6275Kms.
The Yenisei River	5539 Kms.
The Yellow River	5464 Kms.

Source: Statista

### SEA COAST DISPUTE

## Philippine army warns China of retaliation

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**MANILA:** Philippine forces will defend themselves with “the same level of force” if they come under assault again from China's coast guard in the disputed South China Sea, where Chinese personnel armed with machetes and spears injured Filipino navy personnel and damaged two

of their boats in a chaotic faceoff last month, the Philippine military chief said on Thursday.

Armed Forces of the Philippines chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. asked China to pay 60 million pesos (USD 1 million) in damages for the two navy boats and return seven rifles which he said were seized by Chinese coast guard personnel during



the June 17 confrontation at Second Thomas Shoal.

Philippine officials relayed the demands, along with a strong protest, during talks with a Chinese government delegation in Manila. The Chinese delegation did not immediately respond to the demands, a Philippine official told The Associated Press on condition

of anonymity because of not being authorized to discuss the sensitive issue publicly.

The Philippine military may also ask China to pay for planned surgery on the hand of a navy officer who lost his right thumb during the clash in the shoal when it was hit by a Chinese navy vessel that rammed his boat, Brawner said.

### IMPRISONMENT

#### Japanese man sentenced to 17.5 yrs in jail in Singapore for rape

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A Japanese hairstylist has been sentenced to 17.5 years in prison and 20 strokes of the cane in Singapore for what the judge described as a “brutal and cruel” assault and rape of a drunk student five years ago, his lawyer said on Thursday. Kita Ikko, 39, pleaded guilty on Monday to one

charge of rape, one charge of sexual assault by penetration, and one charge of making an obscene film, defence lawyer Adrian Wee told. The Kyodo News Agency cited the Japanese Embassy in Singapore as saying that Kita is set to be the first Japanese person to be sentenced to caning in Singapore.

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