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Putin confers highest civilian honour on Modi

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MOSCOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Tuesday officially conferred the 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' award by Russian President Vladimir Putin for his contribution to fostering bilateral ties between the two countries.

In a special ceremony in St. Andrew Hall in the Kremlin, President Putin conferred the award on Prime Minister Modi. The award was announced in 2019. Prime Minister Modi is the first Indian leader to be conferred with this award, which was established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great in honour of Saint Andrew, the first apostle of Jesus and patron saint of Russia. While accepting the award, Prime Minister Modi dedicated it to the people of India and to the traditional bonds of friendship between India and Russia. He further



PM being conferred the highest civilian award of Russian Federation, in Moscow, Russia. | Photo : PTI

stated that the recognition illuminates the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries, said a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. "I am heartily grateful to you for confer-

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● Modi is the first Indian leader to be conferred with this award.

ring me with the highest civilian honour of Rus-

This is an honour of 140 crore Indians

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

sia. This honour is not just mine, this is an honour of 140 crore Indians. This is an honour of the centuries-old and deep friendship and mutual trust between India and Russia," Modi said after receiving the award.

Govt to implement bagless days in schools

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Education on Tuesday reviewed the NCERT guidelines for implementation of bagless days in schools and said they will be further fine-tuned, according to officials.

PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), a unit of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), had developed comprehensive guidelines for implementing bagless days and make learning in schools more joyful, experiential and stress-free for students.

"Various suggestions were discussed during

the meeting, including sensitising students about the local ecology, teaching them to test water purity, recognising local flora and fauna, and visiting local monuments. Based on this review, PSSCIVE will further fine-tune and finalise its guidelines," a senior MoE official said.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 had recommended that all students in grades 6-8 participate in a 10-day bagless period.

During this time, students will intern with local skill experts and engage in activities outside of traditional school settings.

NEWSLINE

MUMBAI

Tejas Thackeray dances at Ambani sangeet

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray's son Tejas was recently seen shaking a leg at the Anant Ambani-Radhika Merchant sangeet in Mumbai. However, going by the response in some Maharashtra political circles, not everyone seems to be in step with the 29-year-old.



SATARA

Some turnout MLAs in contact

Nationalist Congress Party (SP) president Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said some MLAs from the breakaway NCP faction led by his estranged nephew Ajit Pawar have met his party's senior leader Jayant Patil. Pawar senior was replying to a question here about the possibility of MLAs from the NCP led by Ajit Pawar, Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister, returning to NCP (SP). "I have not met anyone who left our party and now wants to join back, but I learnt that some of them met Jayant Patil," he told reporters.

Woman naxal killed in encounter

KANKER: A woman Naxalite was killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Tuesday, police said. The gunfight broke out in a forest near Binagunda village under Chhote Bethiya police station limits when security personnel were conducting an anti-Naxal operation, said Kanker SP.

Soumya, advisor of TB elimination program

NEW DELHI: Soumya Swaminathan has been appointed principal advisor for the Union health ministry's National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme on a pro-bono basis. Swaminathan is a former chief scientist of the World Health Organization and earlier served as director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Gambhir appointed as Indian team head coach



NEW DELHI: World Cup-winning opening batter Gautam Gambhir was on Tuesday named as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, replacing Rahul Dravid at the top post. Dravid quit the post after India's recent T20 World Cup triumph in the Americas. "It is with immense pleasure that I welcome Mr @GautamGambhir as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team," BCCI secretary Jay Shah posted in his 'X' account.

BMW crash: Sena leader's absconding son arrested

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Mihir, 24, who managed to evade the police since Sunday morning, was arrested from Virar.



Rajesh Shah's family driver Rajshri Bidawat being produced before a court.

MUMBAI: Mihir Shah, the absconding accused in the BMW hit-and-run case and son of a Shiv Sena politician, was arrested on Tuesday by Mumbai Police, two days after he allegedly rammed his luxury car into a two-wheeler, killing a woman and injuring her husband.

Mihir, 24, who managed to evade the police since Sunday morning, was arrested from Virar near Mumbai, a senior police official said. Mihir's

FACTFILE

● Mihir Shah's politician father Rajesh Shah actively ensured his son's escape and had plans to tow away the BMW car after the accident.

mother and two sisters were brought to Mumbai for questioning from Sha-

hapur in Thane district. They are being quizzed along with 10 others, the official added. The police stated that Mihir Shah's politician father Rajesh Shah actively ensured his son's escape and had plans to tow away the BMW car after the accident. In a related development, the state Excise Department has sealed

a bar in the Juhu area of Mumbai visited by Mihir and his friends on Saturday night, hours before he allegedly took the wheel of the car involved in the crash, an official said.

The bar manager had served hard liquor to Mihir, who is yet to complete 24 years of age, violating Maharashtra's legal drinking age of 25, he said.

The action to seal the bar was taken on the orders of the district collector for violation of rules, the excise department official said.

Preliminary investigations showed that the luxury car driven by Mihir rammed into a two-wheeler from behind in the Worli area on Sunday.

PROMPT ACTION

Kidney transplant racket involving B'deshis busted

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NEW DELHI: At least seven people, including a 50-year-old Delhi-based woman doctor, have been arrested in connection with an alleged kidney transplant racket running across Bangladesh and the Delhi-NCR region, police officials said on Tuesday.



the Delhi Police Crime Branch had been working on the case for two

months. A majority of the donors and recipients are from Bangla-

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desh brought to India on the basis of fake documents for the surger-

ies, officials said. The woman doctor identified as D Vijaya Rajakumari, now working as a kidney transplant surgeon on a "fee-for-service basis" in the Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in southeast Delhi, was allegedly involved in the transplant surgeries of around 15 people from Bangladesh between 2021 and 2023, they said.

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Nature has to be made more greener and for this everyone should plant a sapling in the name of mother.

Vijay Sharma
Dy. CM - Chhatisgarh



Foundation Day of Bihar, Odisha, Gujarat, Sikkim, and Telangana celebrated at Raj Bhavan.

'Language, culture strengthen integrity'

Event, organized under the Central Govt's "Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat" program.

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RAIPUR: The Foundation Day of Bihar, Odisha, Gujarat, Telangana, and Sikkim was celebrated with grandeur at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. The event, organized under the Central Government's "Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat" program, aimed to promote the spirit of unity in diversity. Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan emphasized the importance of understanding the language, culture, traditions,

and customs of different states to strengthen India's unity and integrity.

In his address, Governor Harichandan congratulated the attendees and highlighted the contributions of the states to Chhattisgarh's cultural heritage and development.

He noted that Bihar, the land of Buddha and Mahavira, has significantly influenced peace and non-violence worldwide. Odisha, with its cultural ties to Chhattis-

HIGHLIGHT

• The function aimed to promote the spirit of unity in diversity

garh, has enriched the state through its Sambalpuri cloth and music. Gujarat, a major trade and commerce hub, has preserved its rich history and vibrant culture. Telangana, the youngest state, represents a blend of South and North Indian cultures, while Sikkim symbolizes peace and natural beauty.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from the Gujarati, Bihari, Oriya, Telugu, and Sikkim communities residing in Chhattisgarh. Representatives from these communities, including MLA Purandar Mishra of the Odia Samaj, Smt. Charmi Davda of the Gujarati Samaj, Acharya Remendra Nath Mishra of the Bihari Samaj, and G. Swamy of the Telangana Samaj, highlighted their cultural activities and contributions to Chhattisgarh's development.

Vyapam releases schedule for recruitment exams

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (Vyapam) has announced the schedule for a series of recruitment exams slated to take place over the next few months.

From July 28 to October 20, eight recruitment exams will be conducted, including tests for positions such as laboratory technician, hostel superintendent, and fisheries inspector.

Over 16 lakh candidates have applied for these exams. The detailed schedule for the upcoming exams is as follows: Assistant Grade 3 Exam: July 28 Laboratory Assistant Exam: August 25, Laboratory Technician Exam: August 25, Hostel Superintendent Exam: September 15, Lab Technician Higher Education Exam: September 29, Fisheries Inspector Exam: September 29, Assistant Statistical Officer Exam: October 20, Laboratory Assistant Agriculture Exam: October 20.

The release of this schedule provides candidates ample time to prepare and plan for their respective examinations.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

OFFICE INAUGURATION

Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission to be inaugurated in Balodabazar

RAIPUR: Justice Gautam Choudhary, Chairman of the Chhattisgarh State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, will inaugurate the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission office at the District Headquarters in Balodabazar on July 10 at 5 pm. The inauguration ceremony will feature Justice Choudhary as the chief guest.

The event will be presided over by District and Sessions Judge Rakesh Bihari Ghore and Collector Deepak Soni. Mrs. Himanshu Jain, Registrar of the Chhattisgarh Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, will also be present to witness this significant occasion.

The establishment of the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission office in Balodabazar marks a crucial advancement in the region's efforts to enhance consumer rights and streamline dispute resolution processes.

REVIEW MEETING

Deputy CM Sao attended the review meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission



RAIPUR: Deputy Chief Minister and Public Health Engineering Minister Arun Sao attended the review meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission in New Delhi on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti V. Somanna, Secretary Vini Mahajan, Secretary of Public Health Engineering Department of Chhattisgarh Government Mohammad Qaiser Abdulhaq and Chief Engineer Dr. M.L. Agarwal also attended the review meeting held at Antyodaya Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil.

Felicitations of Chhattisgarh Sarafa Association

CAIT felicitates newly elected Chhattisgarh Sarafa Association office bearers



RAIPUR: The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) CG Chapter held a ceremony on Tuesday to honor the newly elected office bearers of the Chhattisgarh Sarafa Association at CAIT's state office. National Senior Vice President of CAIT, Mr. Amar Parwani, and State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi presided over the event, congratulating the new leadership team and wishing them a bright future. The newly elected office bearers include President Mr. Kamal Soni from Bilaspur, General Secretary Mr. Prakashchandra Golcha from Raipur, and Treasurer Mr. Har-

shvardhan Jain, also from Raipur. These leaders were felicitated in the presence of several distinguished CAIT officials, including Chairman Mangal Malu, Amar Gidwani, Executive President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Mahija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Executive General Secretary Bharat Jain, and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal. Mr. Parwani and Mr. Doshi highlighted the significance of the Chhattisgarh Sarafa Association elections, emphasizing the vital role these leaders will play in advancing the interests of traders in the state.

Safety checks for dilapidated bridges

RAIPUR: In a move to ensure public safety, the Chhattisgarh government has ordered immediate safety checks for all old and dilapidated bridges across the state. This decision follows reports of bridge collapses in Bihar and other states, prompting increased vigilance.

Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai and PWD Minister Arun Sao held discussions leading to the Road-Bridge Division of the PWD initiating safety inspections of older bridges, particularly those that get submerged annually. PWD Secretary Dr. Kamalpreet Singh emphasized that the government is taking no chances with potentially dangerous bridges. A comprehensive report on the condition of all bridges has been requested by July 20. Dr. Singh instructed all chief engineers to prioritize safety.

Smart Electricity Meters to be installed in every household

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Prepaid recharge system introduced, to be installed free of cost

RAIPUR: In a significant move towards modernization, Chhattisgarh is set to install smart electricity meters in every household, allowing consumers to recharge their meters like prepaid mobile phones, DGH, and broadband. This initiative is rapidly progressing across the state, including Raipur, aiming to streamline electricity consumption and billing.

With over 54 lakh consumers in the state, these smart meters will function similarly to mobile SIM cards. Consumers will need to recharge their meters based on a fixed package, and their electricity consumption will be limited



Worker installing electric meter at Kabir Nagar.

FACTFILE

• Electricity supply will not be interrupted if the recharge gets over at night

to the amount recharged. The electricity supply will stop once the recharge is depleted, much like mobile services cease when the

balance is exhausted. However, power supply will not be interrupted at night if the recharge runs out, allowing consumers to recharge the next morning.

Officials from the Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (CSPDCL) stated that the entire system would become automatic with

the installation of smart meters. Currently, these meters are being installed in various colonies on a trial basis to address issues related to outstanding electricity bills.

Consumers will receive weekly SMS updates on their recharge budget and alerts when the balance is low, three times a week.

WORKSHOP

Breast and Thyroid workshop by BALCO Medical

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RAIPUR: The Department of Surgical Oncology at BALCO Medical Centre, in collaboration with the Skill Enhancement Program by the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI), successfully hosted a Breast and Thyroid workshop on July 6. The event was led by Dr. Mou Roy, Director of Clinical and Surgical Oncology, and Course Coordinator Dr. Subhash Agrawal.



The live surgical workshop featured an interactive session on the latest surgical techniques, current surgical procedures, and management

of Breast and Thyroid cancers. Twenty-six doctors from various hospitals and medical colleges across Central India participated, highlighting

the high academic standards and dedication at BALCO Medical Centre. Dr. Mou Roy, the entire surgical team, and Dr. Subhash Agrawal guided

BALCO Medical Centre's efforts to strengthen clinical education and training.

Dr. Mou Roy
Cancer Surgeon
Balco Medical Center

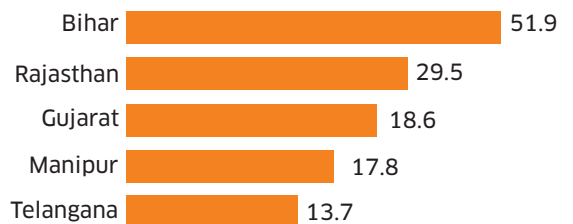
participants through the advanced skill set enhancement course, reinforcing BALCO Medical Centre's efforts to strengthen clinical education and training in Central India.

The workshop included cancer surgeons from BALCO Medical Centre: Dr. Mou Roy, Dr. Ajit Agrawal, Dr. Rashmi Rai, Dr. Deepanjan Biswas, Dr. Nupur Priya, Dr. Shrawan Nadkarni, and Dr. Deepmalya Chatterjee.

The Day's NUMBERS

Bihar had the highest share of 'multidimensionally poor' people

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WHO ARE MULTIDimensionally POOR IN EACH STATE/UT.



Source : Agency

NEGLIGENCE

Major negligence in Raipur Central Jail: prisoner serving life sentence released

RAIPUR: A major lapse has occurred in Raipur Central Jail, where a prisoner serving a life sentence was mistakenly released without government permission. The prisoner, Mahavir Satnam, who was convicted of murder, was released and remained free for eight days before being recaptured and returned to jail. This incident has caused a significant stir within the jail.

Mahavir Satnam, a resident of Madwa village in Balodabazar district, had been imprisoned for 14 years. The error came to light when jail employees realized the paperwork was incomplete, leading to his re-arrest. In response to this serious oversight, action has been taken against three jail employees. Notices have been issued to Assistant Jail Superintendent Khushboo Mishra, Deputy Jail Superintendent Mokhnath Pradhan, and Head Guard Lekhrum Dhruv by Jail Superintendent Amit Shandilya. The incident underscores the critical need for stringent procedures and oversight within the prison system to prevent such negligent occurrences in the future.

'SAMJHAUTA DAY'

Bank of India organizes 'Samjhauta Day' for NPA Loan Settlement on July 11



RAIPUR: Bank of India is set to host 'Samjhauta Day' on July 11, 2024, aimed at settling Non-Performing Asset (NPA) loan accounts under the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme. The event will take place at all branches, zones, and FGOs nationwide. 'Samjhauta Day' is tailored for borrowers who have been unable to repay their loans on time due to business distress, medical conditions, or other genuine reasons. The bank is offering special OTS schemes to settle small and mid-sized NPA accounts, providing significant discounts to affected borrowers. Bank of India appeals to all NPA borrowers to take advantage of this golden opportunity to settle their accounts on 'Samjhauta Day'.

'Rate contracts of CSIDC will be cancelled this month end'

Under MAY (Rural), Cabinet has approved provision of housing for 47,090 homeless families.

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RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai chaired the Cabinet Meeting today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhavan) and following key decisions were taken at the meeting.

To enhance the quality of the education system in Chhattisgarh, the Cabinet has decided to extensively implement the National Education Policy-2020. A separate "Good Governance and Convergence Department" has been established for the effective implementation of state government welfare policies, good governance, and addressing public issues. NRANDA has been authorized to prepare a detailed project report for the establishment of Chhattisgarh State Capital Region (CSCR) and the related authority. In the cabinet meeting held at State Secretariat, the Cabinet has decided to approve the procedural format for the transfer of occupied forest land to the heirs in the revenue or forest records upon the death of individual forest right holders under the Forest Rights Act. This will include geo-referencing of the map and



CM Vishnu Deo Sai chaired the cabinet meeting in state secretariat here on Tuesday.

FASTFACTS

● Under NEP-2020 existing 10+2 academic structure will be replaced with the 5+3+3+4 structure.

● Amendment to the Ch'garh Govt Store Purchase Rules, 2002 (as revised in 2022), was approved.

the integration of the plot's Aadhaar number, which will be used for transfer, demarcation, and division. To enhance the quality of the education system in Chhattisgarh, the Cabinet has decided to extensively implement the National Education Policy-2020, issued by the Ministry of Education, GoI. Under this policy, children will be imparted education in the local language or dialect up to the 5th standard. Additionally,

Amendments made in Govt's Store Purchase Rules

The amendment to the Chhattisgarh Government Store Purchase Rules, 2002 (as revised in 2022), was approved. All the state government departments are to procure materials, goods, and services available on the Government of India's GeM website, following the prescribed procedures. Any additional requirements will need the consent of the Finance Department. The existing rate contracts of CSIDC will be cancelled at the end of this month to prevent corruption.

it recommends ensuring education for all from pre-primary to 12th standard. The existing 10+2 academic structure will be replaced with the 5+3+3+4 structure to provide equitable and inclusive education.

A separate "Good Governance and Convergence Department" has been established for the effective implementation of state government welfare policies, good governance, and addressing public issues. This department will include e-Review, e-Public Ser-

vice Guarantee, and Digital Secretariat. The Cabinet has approved the amendment of "Chhattisgarh Government Work (Allocation) Rules" for this purpose, while shifting these branches from the General Administration Department. Naya Raipur Atal Nagar Development Authority (NRANDA) has been authorized to prepare a detailed project report for the establishment of Chhattisgarh State Capital Region and the related authority, akin to the National Capital

Region. The Housing and Environment Department has been designated as the administrative department for this purpose. A provision of Rs 5 crore has been made for this project in the budget of current financial year.

The registration date for providing housing to homeless, economically weaker, and lower-class families in Naya Raipur has been extended by three years. Under Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana, affordable housing facilities are being developed in Naya Raipur, and the registration date to avail this scheme has been extended from March 31, 2024, to March 31, 2027. This decision is expected to increase the registration possibilities for vacant houses.

In the recruitment process for various nursing and technical positions under the Chhattisgarh Armed Auxiliary Platoon Commander (Nursing), the maximum age limit will be relaxed by 5 years for the year 2023. This relaxation will be applicable once, providing an additional 5 years to the unreserved category and a further 5 years to the already relaxed age limit for the reserved categories

Inspection of projects of School Jatan Scheme

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RAIPUR: In compliance to the instructions of Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, inspection of the works approved under School Jatan Yojana, such as the renovation of repairable schools and the construction of additional rooms for the year 2022-23, has been commenced. Secretary of School Education Department Shri Siddharth Komal Singh Pardeshi has directed all the District Collectors to conduct an expert committee review of the justification, requirement, completion, and status of the under-construction works approved under School Jatan Yojana, and to provide the information to the Directorate of Public Instruction within 15 days in the prescribed format. In a letter dispatched

HIGHLIGHT

● All the District Collectors have been asked to review works approved under School Jatan Yojana.

to the Collectors, Secretary Shri Siddharth Komal Singh Pardeshi stated that the department had previously released the funds for the works approved under the scheme. The government has received complaints regarding the quality of construction works. He directed the Collectors to inspect the current status of the ongoing works and to take strict action against those found involved in any discrepancies. He also requested the Collectors to submit reports in the prescribed format, detailing the name of the school, approved work etc.

Over 50 dumpers of water hyacinth removed

RAIPUR: Abinash Mishra, Commissioner of Raipur Municipal Corporation, inspected the progress of the campaign to free Raja Talab from water hyacinth. The campaign is being run by Zone 3 of the Municipal Corporation. The Commissioner inspected the progress of the campaign in the presence of Zone 3 Commissioner Ms. Priti Singh, Assistant Engineer Shri Naresh

Sahu and Zone Health Officer Umesh Nandev. The campaign is being run for the past three days with the help of fishermen and JCB machines. So far, more than 50 dumpers of water hyacinth have been removed from the lake and transported outside. The campaign is ongoing with the help of 15 fishermen, sanitation workers and JCB machines.

Students' ideas to be documented for 'Amritkaal: Vision'

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Suggestions invited from youth through essay competition on the topic 'Developed Chhattisgarh, Prosperous Chhattisgarh of My Dreams'.

RAIPUR: Aiming to encourage student participation in the state's development, the State Planning Commission, along with the Higher Education and School Education Departments, is organizing an essay competition. The State Planning Commission is currently drafting a document titled 'Amritkaal: Chhattisgarh Vision @ 2047', aimed at ensuring rapid development across all sectors and achieving the goal of transforming Chhattisgarh into a developed state by 2047. Students in Class 11th and 12th from both govern-

ment and private higher secondary schools and colleges are invited to participate in the competition by presenting their ideas on the topic 'Viksit Chhattisgarh, Mere Sapne ka Khushhaal Chhattisgarh' (Developed Chhattisgarh, Prosperous Chhattisgarh of My Dreams). Essays will be evaluated based on criteria that include relevance, assessment of the current situation, innovation, feasibility, clarity, and presentation. Outstanding essays will receive certificates from the Commission. State Planning Commission Member K. Subramaniam and Member Secretary Anup Shrivastava stated that students must submit essays of 1500-2500 words in either Hindi or English. They are expected to assess the current status of Chhattisgarh and identify its strengths and weaknesses.

Scout Guide Fellowship new body formed

RAIPUR: A meeting of the General Assembly of Chhattisgarh Scout Guide Fellowship was held at Bal Ashram Daga College. Previous executive committee was expanded, and information about the previous year's activities was presented by the President. The meeting was attended by Satyanarayan Sharma, Patron of Scout Guide Fellowship, and Mac Mc Ji, National Executive President, from the National Headquarters. The new executive committee headed by President Dr. Suresh Shukla comprises Principal Advisor: Dr. Somnath Yadav, Executive President: Prem Prakash Sharma, Vice President (Coordination): Sunil Tiwari, Vice President (Administration): Ajay Tiwari, Secretary: Swami and State Secretary: Smt. Gayatri Singh.

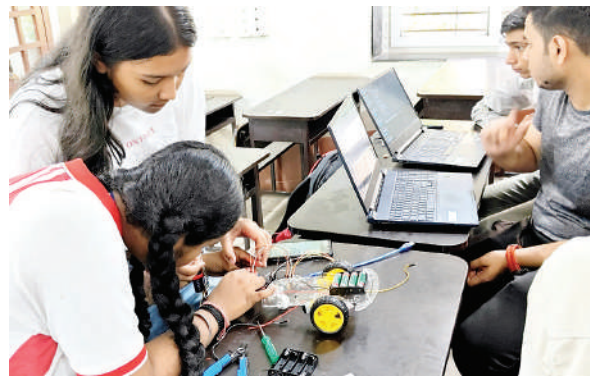
NIT conducts bootcamp on "Coding and Robotics"

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A bootcamp on "Coding and Robotics" was organised in National Institute of Technology Raipur.

RAIPUR: The four-day event was coordinated by Dr. Pradeep Singh, Hod, Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), and Dr. Deepak Singh, Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Engineering (CSE). Students were provided with kits to conduct various experiments during the event.

Day 1 of the bootcamp started with a session on "Introduction to Arduino and Robotics." Participants were given an overview of robotics and its applications, introduced to the features of Arduino microcontrol-



Students carrying out experiments at bootcamp.

lers, and provided with explanations of basic electronic components.

Day 2 was focused on "Introduction to Programming with Arduino." Participants learned about variables, loops, conditional statements, and the basics of functions. The session also covered modular programming.

Day 3 involved "Building Obstacle Avoidance Robots, Bluetooth Controlled Robots, and Line

| BOOTCAMP |

Following Robots." The session included a step-by-step assembly of the robot chassis, motors, sensors, and Arduino board. Participants also wrote code to interface Arduino with different modules.

On Day 4, participants continued building Bluetooth Controlled Robots and Line Following Robots. The day included troubleshooting common issues, learning debugging tech-

FASTFACTS

● The bootcamp aimed to enhance students' practical knowledge and skills in coding and robotics

● Certificates were given to all the participants on the last day of the boot camp

niques, and showcasing their projects. Certificates were given to the participants. A discussion session followed the project showcase, allowing participants to share their experiences and insights.

The bootcamp aimed to enhance students' practical knowledge and skills in coding and robotics, providing them with hands-on experience and fostering innovation in these cutting-edge fields.

| FELICITATION |

Brijmohan felicitates talented students

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RAIPUR: Medal received for outstanding performance in student life encourages the winners besides motivating the weak students to do better, Raipur MP Brijmohan Agrawal said at 'Pratibha Samman Yojana' program organized by the National Examination Board, New Delhi in the Red Cross Auditorium located in the Collector Complex of the capital Raipur.

According to him it not only recognizes personal



success, but also motivates all students to make maximum use of their abilities and work hard. Agrawal felicitated 189 students of entire Chhattisgarh who performed excellently in

the examinations from 5th to 12th under the scheme by giving them medals and certificates.

Students who won medals should tell others how much hard work they had

to do to get this honour so that other students can also work with motivation, Agrawal said. According to him life is not just an exam and to move ahead in life, it is necessary to keep work-

ing hard. Agrawal praised the National Examination Board for honouring talents and said that such events will benefit the students a lot in the future.

Apart from the students, teachers and District Education Officer were also honoured. PSY State Coordinator Shubhra Shukla Mishra, Raipur Collector Gaurav Kumar Singh, Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Mishra and education department officials were present in the program.

Inspection in Shankar Nagar Choupati

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RAIPUR: Commissioner of Raipur Municipal Corporation, Abinash Mishra, inspected the cleanliness arrangement in the Shankar Nagar Choupati area under Zone 3. The inspection was conducted in the presence of Zone 3 Commissioner Ms. Priti Singh and Assistant Engineer Nareesh Sahu. The Commissioner directed to pay special attention to the cleanliness arrangement in the Shankar Nagar Choupati area. He instructed all

shopkeepers to keep their shops clean, mandatorily keep dustbins and hand over the waste to the municipal corporation's sanitation workers daily. The Commissioner also directed to take legal action against those who litter and spread garbage in the Choupati area. The Commissioner appealed to the citizens and shopkeepers to not throw garbage on the streets and maintain cleanliness. He instructed to educate the public about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation.

NEWSLINE

TEST

B.Sc. Nursing entrance test on July 14

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Vyavsayik Priksha Mandal (VYAPAM) will organize the B.Sc. (Nursing) Entrance Exam on July 14. The officials of VYAPAM informed the candidates will not be sent hard copy of the admit card.

In fact they would have to download the same from the site of VYAPAM. Besides a link would also be sent to the candidates on their registered mobile phone number. The candidate can get their admit card, by clicking this link and the admit card would be saved in their registered mobile number.

Moreover the aspirants will also have to carry hard copy of any documents, showing their identity including the voter's Identity card, driving license, Adhar card, pan card passport, or any mark sheet, carrying their photograph. This will be cross-checked when the candidates would enter the examination centre to examine their identity. The officials further said.

RAINFALL

Average rainfall of 207.2 mm recorded so far

RAIPUR: According to information compiled by the State Level Control Room established by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department of the State Government, the state has received an average rainfall of 207.2 mm since June 1 this year. As of the morning of July 9, 2024, the highest average rainfall, 342.8 mm, has been recorded in Sukma district, while Surguja district recorded the lowest average rainfall at 94.6 mm. Surajpur district received an average rainfall of 145.1 mm, Balmampur 231.1 mm, Jashpur 190.7 mm, Koriya 175.8 mm, and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur district 140.4 mm. Similarly, Raipur district recorded an average rainfall of 176.2 mm, Baloda Bazar 247.1 mm, Gariaband 177.9 mm, Mahasamund 179.7 mm, Dhamtari 184.7 mm, Bilaspur 284.2 mm, Mungeli 240.6 mm etc.

INSPECTION

Inspection of cleanliness in Atmanand School

RAIPUR: Abinash Mishra, Commissioner of Raipur Municipal Corporation, inspected the cleanliness arrangement of the toilets in the Swami Atmanand Excellence English Medium School, Shaheed Smarak School premises, under the Swachhta Sarvekshan. The inspection was conducted in the presence of Executive Engineer Shekhar Singh, Assistant Engineer PD Gritlahre and Zone Health Officer Ravi Lavaniya. The Commissioner, Abinash Mishra, paid special attention to the cleanliness arrangement of the toilets and instructed to maintain it well. He also directed to carry out repair and improvement works in the toilet premises as per the requirements and priorities.



Mentors will stay in touch with parents and students to prevent RTE dropout

Richa Prakash Chaudhary
(Collector, Durg)

E-treasury introduced, bills to be paid online

Collector chairs time – limit review meeting.



Collector giving instructions to officials during time limit meeting.

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FASTFACTS

- Fight the Bite activities to continue in urban bodies
- Civic bodies and departments to conduct tree plantation as per target

BHILAI: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary instructed the officials to provide UC/CC related to the completion of DMF sponsored works. She asked the departments to review works and issue UC/CC of the completed works. All the pending works should be completed soon. Over the pending pension cases, she directed the officers to resolve issues on priority. The E-treasury system has been implemented since July 01. Now all the

bills will be deposited online. The Treasury Officer was instructed to organize training for the concerned officials.

Collector took information about tree plantation by urban bodies,

Activities for water conservation

The Collector said that rainwater harvesting system is necessary for all government offices. The officers were asked to construct the same wherever not available. She asked the officers to focus on cleaning of ponds and wells, check dams and stop dams, canals and drains etc. along with hand pumps and recharge pits under 'Catch the Rain' campaign.

rural areas and departments. She directed to conduct plantation as per the target on the roadside and marked places.

She asked the DMC Commissioner to encourage the women of the

Mahila Mandal and Self-Help Group to plant saplings.

The Horticulture and Agriculture Department was asked to promote Krishak Vriksha Mitra Yojana.

Number of flights increase, but passengers decrease

BHILAI: Mana airport is becoming one of the prominent airports in the country, with the number of flights, is continuously increasing. However the number of passengers has come down during the first week of July

During the last week of June there were 161 flights, which went up to 165 in the first week of July. The number of passengers coming from different destinations to Raipur was 23702, while 22650 passengers flew to their destinations from Raipur.

Aadhar Camps at schools

BHILAI: Aadhar camps are being organized in the schools of the district on the scheduled dates. The education department officials have been instructed to inform the parents of the children in advance through the concerned teachers about the necessary certificates for making Aadhar cards of school children. Under PM Shri Yojana and Chief Minister School Jatan Yojana, the repair works of schools are being conducted on priority.

Mahaprabhu appears in new attire

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BHILAI: On Tuesday, Mahaprabhu Jagannath Swami gave darshan in Mayuri Chandrika bhesha in the Gundicha Mandap at Sector-10. Jagannath Samiti, Sector-4 is organising various programmes under the Rath Yatra Festival.

Odissi dance was performed by the artists of "Nrityangan" in Shri Gundicha Mandap, Sector 10. Under the direction of Dr Madhusmita Das, the artists gave an excellent performance of Odissi dance. The audience applauded each

and every gesture. Chief Guest Narendra Kumar Banchhor (SEFI Chairman and Officers Association President) praised

HIGHLIGHT

- Odissi dance performance gets huge applause

the artists for their performance.

Samiti General Secretary Satyawan Nayak congratulated the artists and wished them a bright future.

The Chief Guest honoured the artists with certificates and mementos.

BMC foils illegal plotting bid behind Shanti Nagar

BHILAI: Bhilai Municipal Corporation took action against illegal plotting behind Shanti Nagar Indu IT School. BMC had received a complaint regarding road construction and dumping of gravel in open land. Any permission was not issued by BMC and Town and Country Planning for this land. The team of the BMC Building Permission Department and the Enforcement Squad reached the spot and stopped the road construction work.

BMC Commissioner urged the people to verify the legality of plots and other properties from the BMC's Building Permission Branch before buying the properties. People buy plots under the influence of brokers and later face problems when they do not get permission to build a house or shop. Sub Engineer Daulat Chandrakar, Shahbaz Khan from Building Permit Department, Revenue Officer JP Tiwari and other officials were present.

NEWSLINE

TRAFFIC

Action against auto-rickshaws



BHILAI: Traffic Police took action against public transport auto-rickshaws for violation of traffic rules at railway station and bus stand. Action was taken against 25 auto drivers found without uniform, over seating, no parking violation, without documents, etc. Fine was imposed under various sections of the Motor Vehicle Act. The auto-rickshaws were seized and the drivers asked to strictly follow the traffic rules. On the other hand, online challan was issued for heavy vehicles parked in no parking areas causing obstruction on the road. Haphazardly parked two-wheelers were lifted by crane and brought to the traffic headquarters.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Ruffian stabs cow; arrested

BHILAI: Police arrested a ruffian on charges of stabbing a cow. Cattle owner Durgesh Yadav of Ruabandha complained that one Ramshankar of his locality had stabbed his pet cow with a sharp knife around 01:00 hrs on Tuesday.

As the knife was stuck in the cow's abdomen, police immediately arranged for a veterinary doctor.

The knife was removed and medical treatment was provided. Bhilai Nagar Police booked the accused under section 325 BNS and section 10 of Chhattisgarh Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act 2004.

The accused was arrested and produced before the court.

MONSOON

129.4 mm rainfall recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 129.4 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 09 July. The highest rainfall of 245.5 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 74.4 mm in Dhamdha. 92.6 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 77.4 mm in Bori, 106.0 mm in Bhilai 3 and 180.2 mm in Ahiwara. On 09 July, 6.0 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 1.0 mm in Dhamdha, 1.4 mm in Patan, 6.0 mm in Bori, 2.0 mm in Bhilai 3 and 0.0 mm in Ahiwara.

HIT & RUN

Monetary aid provided to bereaved family

BHILAI: District Collector has approved monetary aid of Rs 25000 to the family of a person killed in an accident. Village Borigarka resident Chandan Kumar was injured in a hit and run accident and later succumbed to his injuries during treatment. As per rules, Rs 25000 compensation was provided to the father of the deceased.

'Prayog' an innovative exhibition organised



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BHILAI: An exhibition on Social, Science, Mathematics, English, Hindi and Sanskrit subjects was organised at the Krishna Public School, Durg for Classes VI to XII. The exhibition offered opportunity to the students to showcase their creativity, innovation and scientific temperament. The students showcased their talents by preparing brilliant, innovative working as well as static models in all these subjects. The students explained the models very well.

The Director Mayank Sharma and Principal Iti Sharma appreciated the students for their

efforts, zeal and passion for knowledge. The main aim was to encourage the budding talents of our students and give them an opportunity to present their innovative scientific ideas.

The exhibits included still models and working models. Students participated whole heartedly and displayed working models that fringed upon the wide-ranging concepts in Language, Science, Social, Mathematics and the latest advances in technology. The exhibition also featured Podcast, Amazing facts, Tongue Twisters, Stories and quizzes in English language which left the audience spell bound.

Telecom cases approved

BHILAI: Nine applications of telecom companies for mobile towers and optical fibre have been approved by the District Level Committee under the Right of Way Policy 2021 for development of telecommunication infrastructure. A total of 20 applications including 17 for towers and three for fibre were received from the urban bodies. Notice was issued on 04 cases and 07 remained pending in lack of opinion from concerned authorities.

Redressal camp on 11th

BHILAI: A district level public grievance redressal camp will be organized on July 11 from 11 am to 3 pm in village Darbar Mokhali of Patan block. District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Devangan has been appointed as the nodal officer.

53rd Regional Sports Meet of KV inaugurated

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Meet at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Rajnandgaon to continue for three days

BHILAI: The 53rd Regional Sports Meet at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Rajnandgaon commenced on Tuesday with great enthusiasm and fervour. Col Vivek Kumar, Adm Officer 38 NCC BN Rajnandgaon, a distinguished figure, inaugurated the event, with the guest of honour Assistant Commissioner Vivek Chauhan Raipur Region, marking the beginning of three days filled with sportsmanship and competition.

Col Vivek Kumar stressed on the importance of sports in education, fostering values of discipline, teamwork, and



Guest being welcomed at the commencement of the sports event.

FASTFACTS

- 104 students from 18 various schools in the region are participating
- Meet providing platform for young athletes to demonstrate their prowess in sports

resilience among students. His presence symbolized the event's significance

in promoting sports as an integral part of student life, enriching both mind and body through the pursuit of excellence in sports.

Vivek Chauhan Ast Comm spoke on the importance of sports in education, fostering values of discipline, teamwork, and resilience among students. The venue principal Manoj

Kumar promised Regional Sports Meet to be a memorable celebration of athleticism and camaraderie, embodying the spirit of healthy competition and sportsmanship.

104 Students from 18 various schools in the region are participating in the event showcasing their athletic talents and competitive spirit.

EDUCATION |

Sri Sankara Vidyalaya celebrates 38th Foundation Day

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BHILAI: Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector-X, celebrated its 38th Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and zeal on Tuesday. The ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest Ram Gopal Garg IPS, (Inspector General of Police, Durg Range). The Chief Guest inaugurated the Basketball Court and students were invited for the test run. The function commenced with the State Anthem fol-



Chief Guest Ram Gopal Garg IPS, (Inspector General of Police, Durg Range) followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp and garlanding the portraits of Goddess Saraswati and the holy patron of the school, the Paramacharyas of Kanchi Kamakotti Peetham.

Inculcate values in children to become good human-beings

Ram Gopal Garg
(IGP, Durg Range)

Bipin Deshmukh, Principal, SSV in his welcome address threw light on the school annual report. He congratulated all the students and their parents for their success.

He also hailed the sheer effort of teachers for working hard to achieve such glorious result.

S Swaminathan, Secretary, SSES, applauded the efforts put in by the Sankara fraternity towards developing global citizens imbued with values. All the meritorious students of session 2023-24 were awarded for their achievements. The school honoured the devoted teaching staff who have successfully completed 25 years of service.

Dr Rajarshi Mishra to be honored in Dubai

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BHILAI: The World Homeopathy Summit is being organised in Dubai on July 14. In this event, doctors from different countries of the world who have done commendable work in their respective fields of homeopathy medicine will be honoured. In this felicitation ceremony, Dr Rajarshi Mishra from Chhattisgarh will be honoured for his special contribution in Rheumatology. This

event is being organized by Burnett Homeopathy Private Limited. Great cricketers like Brett Lee, Chris Gayle, film personalities Anupam Kher, Ravi Kishan and Kumar Vishwas will be specially present.

Felicitation of Dr Mishra in Dubai is a matter of pride for Bhilai and Chhattisgarh. It needs to be mentioned here that Dr Rajarshi Mishra will be the youngest doctor in this felicitation ceremony.

N-E-W-S



“Centre has supported Sanskrit handsomely as a classical language. But what about the other languages, which are not just regional, but national languages as well?”

Jairam Ramesh
Congress leader

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy in ‘Nari Bheri’ meet



Union Minister G Kishan Reddy poses for photos with women during a 'Nari Bheri' meet held by BJP Women Morcha, at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on Tuesday. | Photo: PTI

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BEST OF THE REST

VERDICT

Delhi HC refuses to reject plea against election of AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has refused to reject a petition challenging the election of AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak in the 2022 assembly by-polls. The petition has challenged Pathak's election as a lawmaker from the Rajinder Nagar Assembly constituency here in the June 2022 by-polls on the grounds of indulging in corrupt practices. Pathak was declared as a winner from Rajinder Nagar constituency by defeating his nearest rival by a margin of 11,468 votes.

Justice Yashwant Varma, in a 103-page order passed on Monday, dismissed the application of Pathak seeking rejection of the election petition filed against him, saying there was no justification to do so at this stage. The high court listed the election petition before roster bench on July 22 for further proceedings. **PTI**

DISCUSSION

Fadnavis meets Maharashtra Governor to discuss river-linking project



MUMBAI: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday met Governor Ramesh Bais and discussed with him the Vainganga and Nalganga river-linking project. Fadnavis met the governor at the Raj Bhavan in south Mumbai. The senior BJP leader posted the photos of his meeting with the governor on his social media account X. They had a detailed discussion on the earliest possible approval for the Vainganga-Nalganga river-linking project in the Vidarbha region, the post said. **PTI**

Odisha Govt urged to reopen Puri temple's 'Ratna Bhandar' on July 14

The high-level committee, set up to supervise the making of valuable items stored in 'Ratna Bhandar' of Puri's temple, has urged the Odisha Govt. to reopen inner chamber of the treasury on July 14.

Press Trust Of India

BHUBANESWAR: The high-level committee, set up to supervise the making of an inventory of valuable items stored in 'Ratna Bhandar' of Puri Jagannath temple, has decided to recommend the Odisha government to reopen the inner chamber of the treasury on July 14, a panel member said on Tuesday. The decision was taken during a meeting of committee members

in Puri. "We have unanimously decided that the committee would request the government to reopen the inner chamber of the 'Ratna Bhandar' on July 14," said Justice Biswanath Rath, who is the chairman of the panel.

The treasury was last opened 46 years ago in 1978. The chief administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA), who is the member convenor of the

HIGHLIGHT

● "We have decided, the committee would request Govt to reopen inner chamber of 'Ratna Bhandar' on July 14," said Justice Biswanath Rath, who is the chairman of the panel.

panel, was asked to produce the duplicate key of the 'Ratna Bhandar' before the committee during this meeting, Rath said. "However, the SJTA

administration could not produce the duplicate key as the temple authority was busy conducting Rath Yatra. The chief administrator is now asked to submit the key before the panel on July 14," Rath said.

It was also decided that the treasury would be opened by breaking the lock if the duplicate key would not function, he said. A detailed discussion was held on several standard operating procedures (SOPs) needed

for making an inventory of ornaments and repairing the 'Ratna Bhandar'.

"As per the rules, the minutes of the meeting will be sent to the temple managing committee, which will send it to the government for approval. After that, the 'Ratna Bhandar' can be opened," Rath said.

The reopening of the temple treasury was a major political issue in the state during the recently concluded elections.

Viral Video Leads To Action

Six nurses suspended in UP's Bahraich for playing with monkey while on duty



BAHRAICH (UP): Six nurses have been suspended after a video of them playing with a monkey while on duty at a government women's hospital here went viral on social media, officials said on Tuesday.

In the viral video, some nurses are seen playing with a baby monkey while sitting on hospital chairs wearing aprons. Dr M M Tripathi, Chief Medical Superintendent of Maharishi Balark Hospital, run under Maharaja Suheldev Autonomous State Medical College, on Tuesday said the staff nurses were posted in the hospital's gynaecology and obstetrics

department. Taking cognisance of the viral video, Sanjay Khatri, Principal of the medical college, suspended all six of them -- Anjali, Kiran Singh, Aanchal Shukla, Priya Richard, Poonam Pandey and Sandhya Singh -- on July 5, Tripathi said.

A five-member committee of doctors is investigating the matter, the doctor added. "The image of the medical college is being tarnished due to the video that went viral on social media due to these nurses making reels with a monkey during duty hours and being negligent in their work," the principal said in his order. **PTI**

Three accused held for harassing people over loan recovery in Thane

THANE: Three persons have been arrested for allegedly harassing people on the pretext of debt collection in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Tuesday. Earlier this month, the police received a complaint about abusive and obscene phone calls from debt collectors, an official said. Following a probe, the Anti-Extortion Cell of the Thane crime branch arrested Rahul Kumar Tilakdhari Dubey (33), a representative of a telecom company, who allegedly issued SIM cards under customers' names without their knowledge, provided information to a loan recovery call centre, deputy commissioner of police crime, Shivraj Patil said. The police also raided a call centre in Bhayandar and arrested Shubham Kalicharan Ojha (29) and Amit Mangala Pathak (33), he said.

RAIN PUTS TRAFFIC IN CHAOS

Delhi commuters face traffic scowl due to water-logging

Press Trust Of India

Heavy rain in parts of the national capital led to water-logging at in key areas and set traffic out of gear as commuters struggled to reach their destinations.

NEW DELHI: Heavy rain in parts of the national capital on Tuesday led to water-logging at in key areas and set traffic out of gear as commuters struggled to reach their destinations. The Public Works Department (PWD) said until afternoon, it received 22 calls regarding water-logging and around three to four complaints of uprooted trees.

The Spicejet airline



Delhi commuters facing water-logging on roads. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● The weather office predicted rainfall in areas such as Bawana, Alipur, Punjabi Bagh, Najafgarh, Dwarka, Akshardham, Vasant Vihar and Mehrauli among others, in the next 24 hours.

Traffic Police said on X.

In another post, the police said the traffic movement was affected on the Windsor Palace roundabout in front of Ashoka road from C-Hexagon due to damage of sewerage pipeline.

"Traffic is affected on Rohtak Road in both the carriageways from Rajdhani Park towards Mundka and vice-versa due to waterlogging. Kindly plan your journey accordingly," the police said on their X handle.

The rain also hit traffic movement on MB Road in both the carriageways from Khanpur T-point towards Hamdard T-point and vice-versa, according to the police. Commuters also took to X to share their ordeal.

ATTACK ON ARMY

DGP Swain asks to track down terrorists

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A massive search operation was underway on Tuesday to track down the terrorists behind the deadly attack on an Army patrol party in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, as Director General of Police R R Swain flew to the area to oversee the operation on the ground. The scope of the

The bodies of the five soldiers killed in the attack have been handed over to the Army after postmortem and were airlifted to their homes for last rites, officials said.

Accompanied by ADGP Anand Jain, DGP Swain conducted an aerial survey of the area and reviewed the ongoing operations, they said.

● "Special forces of the Indian Army's 'Para' unit have been deployed to conduct surgical operations against terrorists in specific areas".

RR Swain
DGP, Jammu-Kashmir



search operation has been expanded to encompass large areas in the adjoining districts of Udhampur and Kathua, including Basantgarh, Seoj (a high-alti-

tude area in Udhampur), and the upper reaches of Bani, Daggar, and Kindli in Kathua district. Special forces of the Indian Army's 'Para' unit have been deployed to conduct surgical operations against the terrorists in specific areas, the officials said. Ground search teams are being supported by helicopter and UAV surveillance.

The Day's NUMBERS

FIVE STATES WITH LOWEST NUMBER OF LAKES IN INDIA

Odisha	01
Manipur	01
Chandigarh	01
Madhya Pradesh	02
Sikkim	03

(source- Agency)

PANIC

Man threatens to jump from 5th floor of Mantralaya building; held

MUMBAI: A dramatic scene unfolded at the Mantralaya here on Tuesday as a 55-year-old man threatened to jump off a fifth floor window, triggering panic for about half-an-hour before he was detained by police. At around 3 pm, Arvind Patil, resident of Satara in Maharashtra, entered the secretariat's annex building in south Mumbai, went to its fifth floor, climbed a window ledge and sat there, demanding an inquiry into potholes and tree felling on the Karad-Chiplun national highway, an official said. Officials requested him to get inside the building, fearing he may fall. The man, however, threatened to jump off the building, following which police and fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot, the official said. Fire brigade personnel tried to convince him not to take such a step and also put a net on the ground to catch him in case he jumped. They also brought a vehicle to rescue him safely from the building, the official said. **PTI**

APPOINTMENT

MLA Mohan Lal Badoli appointed as Haryana BJP state president

NEW DELHI: Haryana MLA Mohan Lal Badoli was on Tuesday appointed the party's state president.

Badoli replaces Chief Minister Nayab Saini, who continued to hold the charge following his elevation as head of the state government.

Assembly polls are slated to be held in the state in a few months.

The BJP has been in power in Haryana since 2014 but the Congress displayed strong signs of revival in the recent Lok Sabha elections, winning five of the 10 constituencies in the state. A sitting MLA, Badoli lost the Lok Sabha election from the Sonapat seat to his Congress rival in a close contest. **PTI**



Ensure supply of drinking water in each house ensuring quality work.

Ajit Vasant
Collector Korba

Chhattisgarh



Students of Govt Schools of Dantewada region presented their models.

Three student models compete in INSPIRE

SLEPC was organized by Department of Science and Technology, GoI and National Innovation Foundation

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GEEDAM/DANTEWADA: In the 2022-23 state-level exhibition and project competition (SLEPC) was organized by Department of Science and Technology, GoI and National Innovation Foundation - India (NIF) in collaboration with the School Education Department, Govt of Chhattisgarh from July 1 to 2 and Mentorship Program from July 3-4 at Digvijay Stadium Rajnandgaon. Under the guidance of

District Administration and School Education Department Dantewada, Raju Midiyami student of Government Middle School Jawanga Geedam block presented the working model of Special Multipurpose Cutter. Durgeshwari Dhruv student of Government Girls Middle School Barsoor presented Bag with Sanitary Pouch Indicator Model and Pramila Kartami student of Government High School Bhusaras Katekalyan block presented Leg

HIGHLIGHT

● A total of 62 students participated in the District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC) which was organized online on May 5 and 6 for the year 2022-23 and 4 students were selected for the state level exhibition.

Mouse for Handicap Model in the State Level Exhibition and Project Competition.

The children's pre-

sentation was appreciated by the guests and officials, Collector & DM, IGP, CEO ZP, SP, DFO of Rajnandgaon district administration. INSPIRE Awards District Nodal Officer Dantewada Principal Devendra Soni said that a total of 62 students participated in the District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC) which was organized online on May 5 and 6 for the year 2022-23 and 4 students were selected for the state level exhibition.

National Lok Adalat on July 10

KOREA: National Lok Adalat will be organised by National Legal Service Authority (NLSA) New Delhi on July 13 at District Court premises, Baikunthpur. In this the pending civil, revenue court cases worth reaching a consensus will be disposed off apart from sorting out the criminal cases, cheque bounce cases; family disputes, motor accidental cases and Behavioural conduct cases.

Devotees pay obeisance at temple

RAJIM: The festival of 'Mata Pahuchani' in ward No. 14 of city was celebrated with lot of enthusiasm and fervour on Tuesday. On this occasion there was huge rush in Sheetala Darbar. The devotees offered 'haldi-pani', 'chana-dal', 'nariyal', 'agar-batti', flowers and others as 'bhog' to the Goddess in Devi Sheetala Mata's mandir. Pujari Baiga Ramu Dhruv informed that every year on occasion of 'Mata Pahuchani' in the 'darbar of mata', devotees in large number come and seek blessings for peace and prosperity of all in the village. On this occasion the 'Gayan Mandalis' sung 'mata sewa geet' in the temple.

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BEST OF THE REST

INSPECTION

Collector inspects Dugaiguda Boys' residential school

BIJAPUR: Collector Anurag Pandey conducted a surprise inspection of the Boys' Residential School in Dugaiguda of Usur block on Saturday. During the visit, expressing displeasure over the school's mismanagement, he instructed the concerned officials to transfer the superintendent posted there back to his original school and to withhold one salary increment of the said superintendent. It should be noted that Collector Anurag Pandey has given strict instructions to maintain the quality of midday meals, cleanliness of premises, and security arrangements in all schools, ashrams, hostels, and POTA cabins in the district as a priority. The Collector himself and designated officers of the district are continuously inspecting educational institutions.

ADMISSION FAIR

Mohranga hosts cluster admission mela to boost school enrollment



KHARORA: Cluster level school admission festival was celebrated with great pomp in the premises of primary and secondary school of Gram Panchayat Mohranga on 05th July under the guidance of nodal principal AK Kerketa and cluster coordinator Nemchand Dhiwar. The program started with the worship of Maa Saraswati followed by dance by the little children on the theme of colorful songs, patriotism, Chhattisgarhi cultural songs, Panthi and School Chale. Then the guests welcomed the newly admitted children by applying traditional tika, feeding them sweets and distributed text books and uniforms.

Investiture ceremony

Mother's Pride World School celebrates investiture ceremony with dignity



BILASPUR: The Investiture ceremony for the academic session 2024-25 was held with great pomp and dignity at Mother's Pride World School, Chakarbhata Bilaspur. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Bharti Sahu, (Chief Municipal Officer, Bodri as a Chief guest. The cultural cantonment of the school presented a cultural first adding colours to the event. The ceremony was held with the zeal and enthusiasm. In this context, the school coordinator Mahima Heeradhar admin-

istered the oath of responsibility and complete loyalty to the selected candidates. The elected head boy Renado D'Souza, head girl Kavya Sharma, Vice head boy Shivansh Sharma, Vice head girl Amrita Dinani, sports captain Divyansh Yadav, cultural head Navya Baktani and discipline captain Akshat Yadav. They introduced themselves and they were conferred with badges and sashes by the Chief guest Bharti Sahu, school Chairman Sabino D'Souza and Principal Vandana D'Souza.

School safety revamped alongside literacy boost

KHAIKAGARH: In a significant development aimed at enhancing educational infrastructure and literacy levels, District Education Officer (DEO) Lalji Dwivedi has taken decisive steps during a recent meeting held in Chhuikhadan, Khairagarh. DEO Lalji Dwivedi, leading the meeting with cluster coordinators from Khairagarh and Chhuikhadan, emphasized the importance of ensuring that schools are not housed in dilapidated buildings. He issued strict instructions for immediate repairs to such structures, directing contractors to expedite the maintenance work. Dwivedi underscored that schools should instead utilize government or Anganwadi buildings within villages to provide safer environments for students. Moreover, the DEO briefed attendees on the Ullas Navbharat Literacy Program, a pivotal initiative to eradicate illiteracy in the region.

Police announce increased enforcement to solve traffic

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After the suggestions and discussion on traffic control, assurance was given to convert it into action immediately.

BAGBAHARA: In an event held at the police station a few days ago, local police administration is in the mood to take action on the issues raised by citizens regarding the deteriorating and life threatening traffic system of the city. In this connection, on Monday, a meeting of businessmen, public representatives, political parties, truck owners, bankers and citizens was called and after the suggestions and discussion on traffic control, assurance was given to convert it into action immediately. This includes removal of goods boards kept in front



A meeting of businessmen, public reps, political parties, truck owners held.

FACTFILE

● The police assured to take strict action against dozens of tractors and pick-up vehicles which create life-threatening situations for pedestrians, school students and two-wheelers driven at high-speed.

of shops, strict action on vehicles parked unnecessarily on roadside during night and day, vehicles

parked in front of banks, especially on high speed tractors, strict control on bikers and other small and big vehicles, traffic control in front of schools, special action on modified bikers, firecracker bikers etc. In the presence of police station in-charge Praveen Kumar Chauhan, the people present expressed deep concern over the increasing problem of traffic and stressed the need for its control and improvement. After discussion and sugges-

tions in the meeting, the things that came to the fore were to be implemented to control and make the traffic smooth in public interest. In the meeting, Vyapari Sangh President Rajkumar Jain, BJP City Mandal President Prem Sahu, Lakhbir Singh Chhabra, Danveer Sharma, Satish Pujara, media people and citizens were present. Apart from police station in-charge Praveen Kumar Chauhan, ASI Harish Sona, ASI Nagendra Kumar from Mahasamund Traffic Department were present in the meeting. Parked cars creating headaches for bank customers and residents Hundreds of motorcycles parked in front of banks situated on NH every day create problems for the movement of vehicles and affect the traffic to a great extent.

| MAHA-ARTI |

Devotees gather for grand Aarti ceremony by the

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BIJAPUR: On the auspicious occasion of Rathayatra, a large crowd of nature enthusiasts gathered along the banks of the Indravati River in Bhopalpatnam, Bijapur district. The event, known as Indravati Maha Aarti, was organized to express gratitude towards the river, often referred to as the life-line of Bastar, and to pray for its bountiful flow dur-



ing the monsoon season. The district administration, led by Collector Anurag Pandey, actively supported the event. When organizers approached Mr. Pandey, he praised the initiative and promised full cooperation from the administration, encouraging all Bijapur citizens to participate. Drawing parallels to the famous Ganga Aarti in

Varanasi and Narmada Aarti in Jabalpur, this grand ceremony aimed to honor Mother Indra-

vati and raise awareness about environmental conservation. Organizers emphasized the importance of preserving rivers, mountains, and forests, highlighting the Indravati's significance to Bastar and Chhattisgarh's heritage. The Indravati River known for forming the majestic Chitrakoot Falls (often called India's Niagara), attracts visitors nationwide with its beautiful estuaries.

The Day's NUMBERS

Tamil Nadu tops the list as No. 1 state (in terms of Score

Source - SPMRM

RANKING OF STATE ON PERFORMANCE BASED INDICATORS AS ON 09/07/2024

Tamil Nadu	95.47
Mizoram	93.96
Telangana	91.86
UP	91.00
Karnataka	88.47

CONFISCATION

Expired medicines found in stock, confiscated by authorities

DONGARGAON: The Dongargaon Agriculture Department has taken preventive action on the consignment of expired medicines found in Chhatrapati Beej Bhandar located near Chandi Mandir at Hriday Sthal and has banned the sale of such medicines for a week. Along with this, the expired medicines were confiscated and the sale of such medicines was strictly prohibited. As per information, after the complaint to the Tehsildar late on Saturday evening, a demand for insecticide/weedicide named Sumi Max was made in Chhatrapati Beej Bhandar, in which expired medicine was given by the shopkeeper's employees. The complaint was made to Tehsildar P.L. Nag, on which he took immediate action and sent Senior Agriculture Extension Officer and Fertilizer Inspector Sandeep Vaishnav to the spot. After the inspection a large quantity of weedicide, insecticide, fungicide medicines were found expired and expired medicines were stored for sale and were being sold to farmers, whereas according to the rules, these medicines are not to be kept in the shop.

COURTESY MEETING

AICEI delegation holds meeting with Union Minister in Bilaspur



KORBA: A delegation of AICEI led by AICPA Convenor PK Singh Rathore, Bilaspur Branch President Dr AM Mohan, SC Sinha and PK Sharan met Tokhan Sahu, Union Minister of State for Urban Development at Bilaspur on 6th July and handed over a memorandum to him to take up the issue of pension of coal sector retirees with the Union Coal Minister. After handing over the memorandum, Shri Rathore apprised the Minister about the pitiable condition of coal sector pensioners who have retired long back. He was told that despite working for many years in dirty environment to meet the energy needs of the country, many pensioners are getting pension of less than Rs. 1000 per month. Even the highest Board level and below Board level officers who retired before 2007 are getting meager pension which is insufficient to lead a hassle free life.

One-day workshop on NEP-2020 held

One-day workshop was organized in Govt College regarding National Education Policy 2020.

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BAGBAHARA: A one-day workshop was organized in Government College regarding National Education Policy 2020. Assistant Professor Dr. E P Chelak and Ajay Kumar Raja of Government Mahaprabhu Vallahacharya Postgraduate College (GMVPGC), Mahasamund were present as master trainers.

On this occasion, Principal of the college, Birendra Singh Thakur said that the National Education Policy is a revolutionary step in the field of education, it will bring awareness towards education in the society as well as the student. Coordinator of National Education Policy (NEP) Cell Shiv Gopal Ratre, in his address, while studying both the old education policy and the National Education Policy comparatively, said that the new education policy has been adopted to remove the shortcomings in the old education policy, which will play an important role in the all-round development of the students.

Master Trainer Dr. E P Chelak gave information about the objective of the National Education Pol-



One-day workshop was organized in Government College, Mahasamund on Monday.

FASTFACTS

● **National Education Policy is a revolutionary step in the field of education, it will bring awareness towards education in the society as well as the student.**

icy, giving the example of the growth of trees and plants, and explained the similarity between the Indian knowledge system and the National Education Policy, and how it will be beneficial for students and the society. Master Trainer Ajay Kumar Raja gave complete and detailed information about the framework and curriculum of the National Education Policy to be implemented through a presentation. He informed that the

'Graduation will be of 3 or 4 years'

The evaluation of the internal examination will be done at the college level, in which there will be two internal assessment examinations and one assignment.

In this policy, graduation will be of 3 or 4 years, in which it is mandatory for the student to complete it in maximum 7 years on the basis of multi entry and multi exit. The student will be awarded a certificate after one year, diploma after two years, degree after three years and honours/honours with degree after four years.

National Education Policy will be implemented at the undergraduate level, in which information related to admission and Academic Bank of Credit and semester value added course will be given.

Along with this, important information was provided about evaluation, skills of students, quality and sustainable develop-

ment. In this semester system, it is mandatory for the student to take one subject of another faculty along with his main subject in the first semester.

To pass, it will be mandatory for the candidate to score at least 40 marks out of 70 marks in the main examination and 30 marks in the internal examination.

12 Govt. FPS cancelled

KOREA: Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Baikunthpur has cancelled the government fair price shops of Gram Panchayat Sardi, Urumduga, Modipara, Sarbhuka, Temri, Urumduga, Badesalhi, Kanharbahara, Bade Kalua, Mugum, Bharda, Gram Panchayat Girjapur and Patrapali due to irregularities by previously allotted agencies.

EARSSs Class 6 results declared

SUKMA: In the academic session 2024-25, online application forms were invited for admission in class-6th of Eklayva Adarsh Residential Schools, and pre-examination examination was conducted in various district headquarters. Declaring the entrance examination result, the district-wise list is available for viewing at ijcheru/masanal.bah.dpb.pad. Regarding the exam result, if there is any discrepancy, the candidate can send the roll number, name of the student, then he can give full details and mobile number in his representation and attach it with the admit card as proof and send it to the email ID www.iilamkand.mute.nku/humps.bvu till 14th July 2024 at 12.00 pm. Representation made after this date will not be considered valid.

Accuse of Deoribhath murder case still at large even after a month

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The police have not been able to solve the murder case of a youth in village Dewaribhat so far.

KHAIRAGARH: Angered after the accuse of a murder case still walking free, the villagers of Village Dewaribhat have submitted a memorandum to the SP office demanding justice to the deceased youth and his family.

As per information, the police have not been able to solve the murder case of a youth in village Dewaribhat, which is just 3 km away from the district headquarters, even after a month and 20 days. The worried family members of the deceased, who are counting the days in the

hope of justice after the accused escaped from the police custody, reached the SP office along with the villagers on Monday and submitted a memorandum.

In the absence of the SP, the family members and villagers have given a five-day ultimatum to the police to catch the unknown murderer.

As per information, Rajeshwar alias Umesh Verma, a resident of village Dewaribhat, went to his farm Mathankhar on 18th May at around 4:00 pm on his motorcycle to close the bore well.

He did not return home at night and the next day at 5:30 am, his family went to the farm to look for him where Rajeshwar was found dead on his stomach near the embankment.

Lord Jagannath Yatra starts amidst enthusiasm

FINGESHWAR: Lord Jagannath Yatra a great festival for the devotees of Lord Shri Jagannath was celebrated with great devotion in the region. In Fingeswar, amidst huge crowd and enthusiasm of devotees, the Rath Yatra of Krishna-Balram and sister Subhadra started from Balaji temple, with devotees moving forward slowly, blessing themselves by pulling the chariot tied with ropes one by one.

The devotees believe that whoever gets the opportunity to pull this chariot is considered virtuous and according to mythological belief, the one who pulls this chariot gets salvation.

The procession in the region passing through Purana Hatri Bazaar, Mahal Road, Bus Stand, Satnami Para, the Rath Yatra reached Rani Shyamkumari Devi Chowk, from where it returned via Shivaji Chowk.

NEWSLINE

CONSEQUENCES

Six of family fall ill after eating mushrooms



KHAIRAGARH: Six members of the same family have fallen seriously ill after eating poisonous mushrooms, a three year old boy is also among the sick members. After their health deteriorated, all of them have been admitted to the Civil Hospital of Khairagarh for treatment.

According to the information, Ajay Sahu S/o Devlal Sahu 37 years, Santoshi Sahu wife Hoomlal Sahu and others ate mushroom (phutu) vegetable at home on Monday afternoon, after which everyone's health started deteriorating gradually.

PROTEST

BCC Dhamdha hold demo against power cuts



DHAMDA: On the instructions of the State and District Congress, Dhamdha Block Congress Committee organized a one-day protest against the continuous power cuts and huge increase in electricity rates and submitted a memorandum to the Electricity Department. Hundreds of Congress men under the leadership of Block Congress President Shivkumar Verma and District Congress General Secretary Demonstration Incharge Rajiv Gupta protested at the protest site and Shivkumar Verma informed the people about the problems faced by farmers due to continuous power cuts and General Secretary Rajiv Gupta, along with power cuts, raised the issue of huge electricity bills and fertilizers and seeds for farmers.

HONOUR

Collector honours SVEEP team

ARANG: Collector and District Election Officer Raipur Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh honored the SVEEP Team Arang by presenting a certificate for its remarkable contribution in voter awareness in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. It is known that under the direction of Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Pushpendra Sharma and Chief Executive Officer Janpad Panchayat Arang, teachers Mahendra Kumar Patel, Pre-Secondary School Charoda, Arvind Kumar Vaishnav Government Boys Primary School Sadar Road Arang and teacher Seema Bhandekar Government Primary School Rasni from the SVEEP Team made voters aware through various interesting activities like voter awareness songs, street plays, SVEEP Deep, Sweep Cricket, SVEEP Jawara, SVEEP Rangoli Mehndi, SVEEP Awareness Rally, Voting Khichdi, Torch Rally etc., which increased the percentage of voting in the assembly constituency.

Tree plantation drive and entrance festival celebrated



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BAGBAHARA: Entrance festival and tree plantation under the theme 'One tree in the name of mother' was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Government High School Khopali of the region.

The program was concluded in the presence of the chief guest SDM Bagbahara Srishti Chandrakar, special guest Kaushal Verma Block Education Officer, Ramta Mannade Assistant Block Education Officer, Sarpanch Raman Verma, SMDC member Jayanti Chandrakar.

Chief guest Srishti Chandrakar SDM in her address told the children that if they study with determination then one day they can become the acclaimed

in their future and for this, education needs to be made their weapon, with self-confidence, hard work, determination, by setting goals, one can achieve all the goals through education. Same way in his address Verma, Block Education Officer, Bagbahara, said that along with studies, values are also important, and they should be inculcated as part and parcel of life. The chief guest welcomed the newly admitted children in class IX by applying traditional tilak, giving sweets and distributing text books, meanwhile Vidyarani Sahu, a student who passed the 10th board examination in the year 2024 with 94% marks, was honored with cash prize and a memento.

Problem resolution camp from 10

KOREA: Public problem resolution camp is being organized for quick resolution of the problems of the common people in the district. As per the instructions of General Administration and Public Grievance Redressal, Department, Ministry Nava Raipur, Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat has been appointed as Nodal Officer.

Class 9th results of PRSSs declared

SUKMA: Class 9th results of the academic session 2024-25, for admission in class 9th of Prayas Residential Schools, and pre-examination examination which was conducted in various district headquarters has been declared. Declaring the entrance examination results, the district wise list is available for viewing at ijcheru/masanal.bah.dpb.pad.

Lack of resources in city's Atmanand School

| LACK OF RESOURCES |

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Parents concerned about their children's education have united and submitted a signed application in writing to the MLA of region.

RAJIM: Swami Atmanand Utkrisht English Medium School of the city has been struggling with the shortage of teachers ever since it opened, which has not been fulfilled till date. However, on February 3 last year, during the annual function of the school, Ex-chool Education Minister Brijmohan Agarwal had assured on the demand of shortage of teachers and building a separate school building for English medium, that it would be fulfilled by the next academic session, but after many days have passed since



SAGEMS has been struggling with the shortage of teachers for long.

the new academic session started, but neither teachers have been found nor the building has been constructed.

Parents concerned about their children's education have united and submitted a signed application in writing to the Assembly MLA Rohit Sahu, SDM Rajim, Block Education Officer Fingeswar, Principal of the school, demanding that the demand be considered seriously and ful-

filled and warned that in case action is not taken on the said demand within 15 days, the parents will be forced to lock the main gate of the school and protest, the entire responsibility of which will be of the government administration.

It has to be told that the parents have put forth their point through four clauses in their application, in which they have said that this is the third year since

FASTFACTS

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Swami Atmanand Utkrisht English Medium School started in Rajim and the parent committee has been submitting applications from the very beginning to public representatives.

As per information, at present school is being run in two shifts, in which there is lack of time for the studies and extra activities of children of both mediums, therefore, a separate building should be given to the English medium school.

DILAPIDATED SCHOOL BUILDING |

Repair under MSFY is still incomplete

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MUNGELI: Though the government has spent crores of rupees on Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana for repair and construction of dilapidated and breakable schools but due to scams the schools remained dilapidated and children have started studying in the same dilapidated schools risking their lives to build their future in the new current academic session.

As per sources 541 gov-



ernment schools in the district are dilapidated and under Mukhyamantri School Jatan Yojana in the district, additional building and repair works were to be done in 541 schools, on which the education

department had paid 15 crore 41 lakh 75 thousand rupees to the construction agency of the scheme, RES department, even after this the government agencies are so careless that even after months have passed,

Primary school Sonpuri is in such a dilapidated condition that children are taking education by putting their lives at stake.

Parents of Children

they could not get the repair done. In its report to the education department, the

work of 499 schools was reported to be complete, 16 in progress and 27 schools not started. The primary school Sonpuri, whose cluster center is Banki, is in such a dilapidated condition that children are taking education by putting their lives at stake. This 2-room school, in which one room is in a very dilapidated condition, 103 children study in one room, and in this room, the school office is being run with school uniforms, copy books, dress and other necessary items.

Refund of investors fund in SPILI in progress

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KORBA: Under the Chhattisgarh Depositors' Interests Protection Act 2005, the process of refund of investors of irregular financial company/chit fund company Sarvamangala Properties India Limited in Korba is in process. Some investors of the district have not submitted the original bond paper related to investment in the concerned chit fund company and for refund, it is necessary for investors to provide other documents

including original bond paper related to investment. In case the original bond paper is not available, investors can submit photocopy of bond paper, affidavit and other relevant documents, so that further action can be taken for payment of their invested amount. These investors include amount 64 thousand invested by Tulshesh Kumar Shrivastava father Atmaram, resident of Kashinagar, Korba, amount 95 thousand invested by Gopi Kishan Ratre S/o late Sahetar and others.



BJP MLA Jaykumar Gore involved in coronavirus-era 'scam'.
Jayant Patil
NCP (SP) MLA



J&K Police and SOG personnel during a counter-terror operation.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mizoram seeks Centre's assistance to upgrade Zoram Medical College

AIZAWL: The Mizoram government has sought financial assistance from the Centre to upgrade Zoram Medical College (ZMC), the lone medical college in the state, an official statement said on Tuesday.

During a meeting with Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Monday evening, Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, who is now in the national capital, pointed out the importance of ZMC and requested the Centre to provide financial assistance to upgrade the lone medical college located at Falkawn about 15 km from Aizawl, the statement said.

The two leaders also discussed setting up a critical care block at the medical college and certain issues to boost the health sector in Mizoram, it said.

Nadda assured Lalduhoma of financial help at the earliest. **PTI**

REVIEW MEET

'Work with Centre for building collaborative education system'



NEW DELHI: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday called upon states to work with the Centre as a team to strengthen the education ecosystem and replicate and amplify the best practices across all states and Union Territories (UTs). The minister made the comments at a review meeting of the Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy with states and (UTs). **PTI**

Healing Touch

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi visits Raebareli, meets Kirti Chakra awardee's family



RAEBARELI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday met here the family members of Kirti Chakra recipient Captain Anshuman Singh, whose mother later spoke out against the Agniveer scheme.

Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, also visited AIIMS-Raebareli and met party workers and local residents of his constituency during his short visit before leaving for Lucknow. "I request the government not to divide the Army into two categories," the late captain's mother Manju Singh told reporters after Gandhi met her at a guest house here.

Speaking further about the about

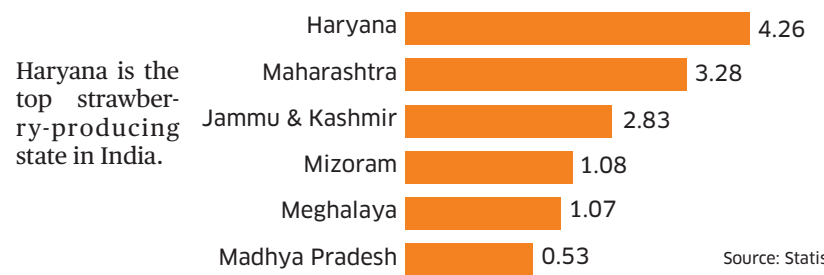
the Army scheme launched in 2022 for short-term recruitment of jawans, Singh said the four-year job role is not appropriate as Agniveers who are let go would struggle to find another suitable career.

"They (Agniveers) will be mentally and physically weak after four years after which they would be unable to pursue their studies... this is not good," she added.

Her son was posthumously conferred the Kirti Chakra, India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award, by President Droupadi Murmu on July 5 during an investiture ceremony. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE WISE STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION (IN THOUSAND TONNES)



COURT PROCEEDINGS

PIL alleging non-functional statutory panels closed in J&K

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday closed the proceedings on a PIL, which claimed non-functional statutory panels exist in Jammu and Kashmir, after being told by the union Territory administration that these are now functional and the powers of some like the State Human Rights Commission are being exercised by the NHRC.

The top court had earlier issued notices to the Centre on the 2020 PIL, filed by Pune-based lawyer Asim Suhas Sarode, and sought the assistance of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta in deciding it. It was alleged that statutory panels like the state human rights commission were non-functional in the union territory after the abrogation of Article 370 which accorded special status to the erstwhile state. The PIL alleged seven panels, are non functional. **PTI**

INCONVENIENCE

E-bikes providing last-mile connectivity from bus stops taken off Mumbai roads

MUMBAI: The private operator which provided VOGO e-bikes in Mumbai for last-mile connectivity from BEST bus stops has withdrawn the scooters, the civic-run transport body said on Tuesday. The operator withdrew the e-bikes, which many commuters found convenient for short-distance rides. **PTI**

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Kathua attack: DGP reviews ongoing search operation

The bodies of the five soldiers killed in the attack have been handed over to the Army after postmortem and were airlifted to their homes for last rites.

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JAMMU: A massive search operation was underway on Tuesday to track down the terrorists behind the deadly attack on an Army patrol party in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, as Director General of Police R R Swain flew to the area to oversee the operation on the ground.

The bodies of the five soldiers killed in the attack have been handed over to the Army after postmortem and were airlifted to their homes for last rites, officials said.

Accompanied by ADGP Anand Jain, DGP Swain conducted an

aerial survey of the area and reviewed the ongoing operations, they said. The scope of the search operation has been expanded to encompass large areas in the adjoining districts of Udhampur and Kathua, including Basantgarh, Seoj (a high-altitude area in Udhampur), and the upper reaches of Bani, Daggar, and Kindli in Kathua district.

Special forces of the Indian Army's 'Para' unit have been deployed to conduct surgical operations against the terrorists in specific areas, the officials said.

Ground search teams are being supported by

HIGHLIGHT

● Ground search teams are being supported by helicopter and UAV surveillance.

● Three to four terrorists, mostly foreigners, are believed to have executed the ambush.

helicopter and UAV surveillance. Additionally, sniffer dogs and metal detectors are being utilized, with a particular focus on dense forest areas in the region.

The officials said that a joint cordon and search operation, involving the

Army, police and CRPF, was launched in Machedi, Badnote, Kindli, and Lohai Malhar areas, with a significant area placed under cordon.

The bodies of the five soldiers were airlifted following postmortem examinations conducted at the Sub District Hospital in Billawar, Jammu and Kashmir.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Billawar, Vinay Khosla said that the bodies were handed over to the Army and subsequently airlifted.

He further said that out of eight injured soldiers brought to the Billawar hospital, six

were shifted to the Pathankot military hospital by the Army.

The officials indicated that currently three to four groups of terrorists, mostly foreign militants, are active in the region, adding they have observed an increase in the presence of foreign militants in the Kathua-Udhampur-Doda belt and the Poonch-Rajouri-Reasi belt in recent times.

Five Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer, were killed, and an equal number were injured in the ambush by heavily armed terrorists in the remote Machedi area on Monday.

Former IAS officer joins JD(U)

PATNA: Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Manish Kumar Verma, a close aide of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on Tuesday joined the JD(U).

The induction of Verma, a 2000 batch IAS officer who took voluntary retirement three years ago, took place with much fanfare at the JD(U) headquarters here, in presence of senior leaders including the party's working president and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Jha. Welcoming the ex-bureaucrat into the party, Jha said, "Our party is seriously thinking in terms of expanding its base beyond Bihar.

We are sure that Verma's rich administrative experience will be of great use to the JD(U)." Speaking on the occasion, Verma, lavished praise on his benefactor.

Dharavi redevelopment project a 'big scam': Chavan

Press Trust Of India

Chavan said the entire project will be scrapped once there is a change in government after the state assembly polls due in October.

MUMBAI: Senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan on Tuesday claimed the Dharavi slum redevelopment project in Mumbai was a "big scam" and demanded a white paper on it from the Maharashtra government.

Speaking in the Maharashtra assembly on budgetary demands of the revenue department, Chavan said the entire project will be scrapped once there is a change in government after the



An employee during survey being conducted to collect data from lakhs of tenants and residents.

FACTFILE

● Chavan claimed that government land was being given to industrialists at very low prices.

state assembly polls due in October. The Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT), both part of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi, have been opposing the multi-billion dollar Dharavi redevelopment project being executed by the Adani

group. "The Dharavi redevelopment project is a big scam and the state government should come out with a white paper, or else when the next government comes to power in October the entire project will be scrapped," Chavan said.

FIRST RESPONDER

'PCR shifted over 40,000 injured people to hosp'

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NEW DELHI: More than 40,000 injured people were shifted to city hospitals by the PCR (police control room) unit in the past 15 months, according to the data shared by Delhi Police.

"PCR unit is the first responder to any emergency situation. Since April 1, 2023, to July 7,

our PCRs shifted 40,371 people to different hospitals in the city.

A total of 4,293 people were shifted to hospitals in outer north district, followed by 4,121 in the north east district," Deputy Commissioner of Police (PCR) Anand Kumar Mishra told PTI.

The officer said the staff of the PCR is fully

Staff of the PCR is fully trained and always ready to help people in emergency situations.

Anand Kumar Mishra
DCP (PCR)



trained and always ready to help people in emergency situations.

"Our staffs are fully trained to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), they are loaded with different equipments to provide first-aid initially and they even go under training to deal with emergency situation time to time," the DCP said.

Sudden downpour leaves Delhi waterlogged

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NEW DELHI: A sudden downpour in Delhi caught citizens off guard and caused heavy waterlogging and traffic jams on Tuesday while Mumbai breathed

a sigh of relief as showers stopped a day after heavy rain brought the metropolis to its knees. The public works department in the national capital received 22 calls regarding waterlogging and around three

to four complaints of trees getting uprooted till the afternoon. Spicetjet said all departures and arrivals and their consequential flights might be affected due to the bad weather and

asked passengers to keep a check on their flight status. "Movement of traffic has been restricted at Azad Market underpass in the carriageway from Azad Market towards Shastrri Nagar due to waterlogging," the Delhi Traffic Police said on X.

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नाम परिवर्तन मैं श्री प्रदीप कुमार तिवारी पिता श्री सिपाही लाल तिवारी निवासी- मकान नंबर 187-188 आनंद मूषि पिरदा रोड लामांडी रायपुर, तहसील व जिला रायपुर (छ.ग.) मेरे पुत्र गौरव तिवारी का जन्म प्रमाण पत्र में पिता का नाम प्रदीप तिवारी उल्लेखित हो गया था जबकी सही नाम गौरव तिवारी पिता प्रदीप कुमार तिवारी हैं मैं ने अपने पुत्र के जन्म प्रमाण पत्र में नाम संशोधित करवा दिया है जिसमें पिता का नाम प्रदीप कुमार तिवारी उल्लेखित है। मेरे पुत्र का सही नाम गौरव तिवारी पिता प्रदीप कुमार तिवारी है मन्विष्य में यही लिखा एवं पढ़ा जावेगा। नाम - प्रदीप कुमार तिवारी पिता - श्री सिपाही लाल तिवारी पता - पिरदा रोड, लामांडी रायपुर (छ.ग.)

GENERAL INFORMATION SALE DEED (REGISTRY PAPER) LOST This is to inform that my client Mr. Sekh Hasibul s/o Mr. Sekh Abujaheer r/o Heart Residency, Kailashpuri Chowk Raipur, Chhattisgarh has been lost original copy of ownership and sale deeds which were registered at sub registrar office Raipur Chhattisgarh and also registered missing information in Purani Basti Police Station on dated 05/07/2024. Details of property and sale deeds are Flat Number No-503, Khasra Number 1902/21 & 1902/22 (Part of Khasra Number 1902/3) Super Built-up Area 743 Square feet, Village Raipur Khas (Kailashpuri) in multistoried Residential Building "KAILASH VIHAR", sale deed executed by M/s Friends Construction through Proprietor Mr. Nilesh Agrawal in favour of Mrs. Jignasha Patel, registered Vide book number is Ad-1, Volume number 61484, Pages from 80 to 92, Document Serial Number is 6842 (KH) dated 21/01/2014. Rajiv Lochan Tiwari Advocate Mo. No. 7000628794, 9009388375

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Office of The Superintending Engineer P.W.D Circle No.-1 Raipur Notice Inviting Request for Proposal NIT No.03/2024-25 Dated : 03-07-2024 1- The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Circle No.-1, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites RFP for procurement of services of qualified event consultants for 83 rd IRC Annual Session 2024 to be held at Raipur (Chhattisgarh) between 8 to 12th November 2024.

It is informed to the general public that I, Rishabh Gupta S/o Ravindra Gupta, R/o. Mudluyar Colony, Ward No.-07, Opposite of Balaji Mandir, Rajnandgaon, Tehsil & Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.) have changed my Father's old name Ravindra Gupta, So in future I should be recognised by my Father's new name that is Ravindra Prakash Gupta in my all Government and other documents. Rishabh Gupta S/o Ravindra Prakash Gupta Mudluyar Colony, Ward No.-07, Opposite of Balaji Mandir, Rajnandgaon, Tehsil & Distt. Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Mahadev Ghat Road, Sunder Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) 492013 Ph:0771-2244245; Website: www.rbi.org.in; Email: hrmdraipur@rbi.org.in Empanelment of Car Hiring/Taxi Operator Agencies/Companies to provide Vehicles On Call Basis To Reserve Bank Of India, Raipur Reserve Bank of India, Raipur invites e-tender from reputed Firms / Companies / Agencies for providing Vehicles On Call Basis at RBI, Sunder Nagar, Raipur including at the site of office premises (presently under construction) at Nava Raipur (Atal Nagar). The interested vendors must register themselves on the MSTC portal (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eproc) for participating through e-tendering. Details of the Tender document will be available from July 10, 2024 on RBI website (https://www.rbi.org.in/ →Tenders) and MSTC portal. Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any, will be displayed only on RBI Website and MSTC portal. The Tender (Part-I & Part-II) shall be submitted on or before 01:00 PM of August 19, 2024 through MSTC portal only. Sd/- Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Raipur "Don't get cheated by E-mails/SMSs/Calls promising you money"

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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson]

OUR VIEW |

NEET-UG 2024 scandal: Ensuring exam integrity

The recent leak of the NEET-UG 2024 question paper has raised significant concerns about the integrity of one of India's most critical entrance examinations. The Supreme Court's involvement underscores the gravity of the situation. If the sanctity of the NEET exam is compromised, it is imperative to consider a re-test to maintain the credibility of the selection process. Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's emphasis on understanding the extent of the breach and identifying the beneficiaries is crucial. The National Testing Agency (NTA) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) must provide a comprehensive report on the leak's timing and scope, as well as the methodologies employed by the wrongdoers. The identification of the culprits and the geographical spread of the beneficiaries are essential steps toward restoring faith in the examination system. The significant number of perfect scores this year, particularly the unprecedented 67 students scoring 720 out of 720, raises red flags. Historical data shows that such a high concentration of perfect scores is anomalous, suggesting potential manipulation. This anomaly further necessitates a thorough investigation and possibly a re-test to ensure fairness. Moreover, the NTA must transparently disclose the steps taken to address these irregularities. The Supreme Court's suggestion of a multi-disciplinary team of experts to prevent future breaches is commendable. Such a team could develop robust mechanisms to safeguard the examination process against digital leaks and impersonation. While the Centre and NTA argue that canceling the exam could jeopardize the future of many honest candidates, the long-term damage to the credibility of NEET is a more significant concern. The integrity of the exam process is paramount, and any breach, if left unaddressed, undermines public trust. The NEET-UG scandal serves as a wake-up call for systemic reform. Ensuring the integrity of entrance examinations is not just about immediate corrective measures but also about building a resilient system that can withstand future challenges. It is essential to balance the interests of all candidates while upholding the principles of fairness and transparency.

GUEST VIEW |

Air pollution: A growing global health crisis for children

The State of Global Air (SoGA) 2024 report, released by the Health Effects Institute (HEI) and UNICEF, highlights air pollution as a major global health threat. It is now the second leading cause of child deaths worldwide, surpassing poor sanitation and inadequate clean water. In 2021, air pollution caused 8.1 million deaths, including nearly 464 daily deaths of children under five in India. Noncommunicable diseases like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, lung cancer, and COPD are linked to this pollution. The climate crisis exacerbates air quality issues through severe droughts, wildfires, and dust storms. Children, particularly vulnerable, suffer from premature birth, low birth weight, asthma, and lifelong respiratory diseases due to pollutants like ozone and PM2.5. The report stresses the urgent need for global action to mitigate air pollution's harmful effects, emphasizing the importance of reducing emissions, improving air quality standards, and protecting public health to save lives and combat climate change.



Dr. Krishna Kumar vepakomma

Karnataka, under Congress governance headed by Siddaramaiah, is following Nehruvian secular principles, but it is damaging its own government, which just completed a year in office. Nehru believed that religious divide is dangerous, whereas caste division is acceptable. Following that dictum, the Karnataka Congress won the May 2023 election, accusing the BJP of propagating Hindu vs. Muslim politics. The corrupt image of the BJP government under Basavaraj Bommai also helped Congress secure 135 out of 224 assembly seats. After winning, Congress unleashed its caste agenda, playing one caste against the other to settle internal leadership tussles. This caste politics, coupled with corruption, including a minister resigning over a cooperative scam, restricted the party to 9 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Post-Lok Sabha election, a storm started brewing among CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), and Mallikarjuna Kharge, pulling the party in different directions.

Congress leaders in the state are unsure of coming back to power in the 2028 elections, leading to a scramble for positions in the next four years. Hence, the cold war between CM Siddaramaiah and his deputy DKS. Though publicly cordial, they engage in a high-intensity cold war through political maneuvers.

Before Mallikarjuna Kharge expressed his intention to return to state politics, DKS, the chief strategist and financier for Congress, was a contender for the CM post. The high command reportedly brokered a deal to share the CM post, with Siddaramaiah serving the first half and DKS the second. However, Siddaramaiah, not ready to vacate the CM seat, denied such a deal. Confident of Congress' victory in Lok Sabha elections, he aimed for a national role. To checkmate DKS, Siddaramaiah worked against DKS's political interests, planning his brother's defeat in the Lok Sabha election and reducing DKS's influence in Vokkaliga strongholds. Many seats in the Vokkaliga-dominant Old Mysore area



Dr. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

went to D.K. Kumaraswamy, now a cabinet minister in the Modi government, thus diminishing DKS's stature.

Siddaramaiah's supporters demanded three more deputy CMs to dilute DKS's significance. In response, Vokkaliga Swamiji Chandrasekhara urged Siddaramaiah to step down for DKS. To counter, other Congress factions rallied Lingayat leaders to push for a Lingayat CM.

This caste-based power struggle escalated, with Siddaramaiah's supporters warning of severe consequences, including the party's downfall in Karnataka if he was replaced. They also invoked the party's "one man, one post" policy to challenge DKS's dual roles as Deputy CM and state party president.

This internal discord has left the administration rudderless. Karnataka faces financial challenges, with a large portion of the budget allocated to six populist guarantees. Public dissatisfaction is rising due to increased prices for milk and fuel, and impending hikes in taxes on water and liquor to

fund these schemes. The middle class is particularly discontented, doubting the effectiveness of freebies, especially after Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan's defeat despite similar policies. As Siddaramaiah approaches the midpoint of his term, the leadership struggle is expected to intensify, further destabilizing the Congress government.

Siddaramaiah's AHINDA coalition (Muslims, backward castes, and Dalits) remains a significant force, but even this support base is showing signs of strain. The coalition is becoming increasingly restless with the ongoing power struggles and lack of clear direction in the government's policies. If the Congress high command does not address these issues soon, it could face severe electoral setbacks.

The upcoming state budget will be a critical test for Siddaramaiah's leadership, as he needs to balance populist promises with fiscal responsibility. The ongoing leadership tussle and financial mismanagement may erode public trust, making it difficult for Congress to retain power in the next election.

Focus on present for better governance

Effective governance demands focus on the present, learning from past mistakes without dwelling on them, and addressing current issues to safeguard democracy. by *Sujit De*



Balance between learning from the past and addressing present issues for effective governance.

The present is the only area where a person has an option to work. Bhagavad Gita says, "You are only entitled to the action, never to its fruits." But we are entitled to the action only in the present. Therefore, the present is all that matters. It will become past and can take care of the future. This is a simple truth. Lord Buddha famously said, "Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."

However, to study the past is not dwelling in the past. It is for taking appropriate actions in the present and not to repeat a mistake of the past. It is not for living in the past but for making the present actions more prudent. For example, the study on the Holocaust is done all over the world not to abuse the Germans but to tell the world leaders not to repeat the dangerous act of demonising the members of a religion.

Germans have learned their lessons from the Holocaust and have thrown any trace of Nazism into a dustbin. Recently, Germany has withdrawn jerseys with number 44 immediately after it was pointed out that there was a resemblance between that number and the stylized SS used by Nazi Party's

Schutzstaffel group.

The Holocaust should be discussed to prevent any kind of totalitarian inclination of a government and any attempt to demonise a minority community that happened during the Nazi regime. But to invoke the Holocaust to criticise the Germans, who themselves are ashamed of it, is totally unacceptable.

Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi publicly apologised for all the mistakes and excesses committed during the Emergency and declared that she was taking "the entire responsibility for the same". To criticise the

Congress now for the Emergency that happened nearly fifty years ago and for which its leader had sought public apology long ago, could only be compared with flogging a dead horse.

Given the people in power are to take action, they should not dwell in the past and remain in the present. They need to concentrate on how to safeguard our constitution now in 2024 rather than dwelling in the distant past period of the 1975 Emergency.

A government in a democratic country gets the mandate from the people to

govern. Similarly, the opposition MPs get the mandate from the people to make the government answerable to the people and to critically review every government action.

In a parliamentary democracy, opposition parties are there to have checks and balances on the government to prevent it from becoming a totalitarian one. It is said, "dissent is the highest form of patriotism". It means dissent is necessary to protect democracy, and democracy is necessary to protect the nation. The people in power need to concen-

trate on how to safeguard our constitution now in 2024 by not gagging the voice of dissent by misusing technology and the UAPA.

India is ranked 159 out of the 180 countries in the 2024 World Press Freedom Index. A few months ago, several journalists from across the country had written to the Chief Justice of India. They observed, "Journalism cannot be prosecuted as terrorism" and the invocation of the UAPA was "especially chilling".

Also, the people in power must focus on the pressing problems of the present, like rising inequality, unemployment, inflation, train accidents, question paper leaks, airport roof and bridge collapse, highway cave-in, corruption, and pollution. It would be equally damaging for all of us if they start dreaming about the future as distant as 2047.

In conclusion, focusing on the present is crucial for effective governance and safeguarding democracy. While learning from the past is essential, dwelling on it or dreaming excessively about the future can distract from addressing pressing current issues like inequality, unemployment, and corruption, ensuring a better, more just society.

YOUR LETTERS

India's manufacturing surge

India's manufacturing sector is experiencing a significant rebound, with the HSBC India Manufacturing PMI reaching 58.3 in June. This growth is fueled by strong domestic demand and increased government infrastructure spending, showcasing the sector's resilience and potential. India's position as the fastest-growing major economy is reinforced by this impressive performance. Job creation has seen a record surge for the fourth consecutive month, marking a major achievement. Despite inflationary pressures, manufacturers have successfully maintained profit margins.

Dr Shankar Prasad, New Delhi

Biden's age not impediment

Despite criticism of his debate performance, President Joe Biden's age shouldn't overshadow his administration's achievements. Last Thursday, Biden struggled on stage, leading to calls for a younger candidate. However, voters must remember his accomplishments and not be distracted. Unlike Biden, Donald Trump prioritizes his interests over the public's, making him unfit for office. As the election approaches, the focus should remain on policies and results, not age. The American's should consider the broader impact of their vote this November.

Kevin Chatterjee, Kolkata

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Business



Maruti plans to dispatch 35 pc vehicle production via railways

Hisashi Takeuchi
MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki.

France's highest civilian award, to Roshni Nadar Malhotra



Ambassador of France to India Thierry Mathou confers the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest civilian award, to Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson, HCLTech.

BizBriefs

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SAFETY RING

PNB introduces Safety Ring mechanism to enhance security

NEW DELHI: State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Tuesday introduced a new security feature 'Safety Ring' within its internet banking system and mobile banking system in response to the increasing number of cyber frauds. This mechanism provides an additional safety layer to minimise potential losses in case of unauthorised access by fraudsters, PNB said in a statement. Safety Ring is an optional feature that allows customers to set a daily transaction limit with respect to term deposits (TDs) on online closure or availing overdraft facility on TDs up to the set limit amount, it said. The limit set by the customer should be the consolidated digital channels limit up to which the customer can close the TD or avail overdraft facility on TD, it said. Once set, it said, the safety feature 'Safety Ring' ensures that TD cannot be closed, withdrawn, or used for loans (overdraft) beyond the customer-defined limit through any digital channels.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	80,351	+0.49
Nifty	24,433	+0.46
Nifty, MidCap	57,077	+0.33
Nifty SmallCap	18,956	+0.26
Nifty Bank	52,568	+0.27

Closing rates as on July 09, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.47 (+)
Euro	90.28 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.47 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.73 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On July 09, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,184	-0.41%
FTSE 100 Index	8,146.	-0.57%
Nikkei 225 (JPN) 225:	41,580	+1.96%
CSI 300 (CHN) 300:	3,439.	+1.12%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, July 09, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Sensex, Nifty hit new all-time closing high levels; Maruti top gainer

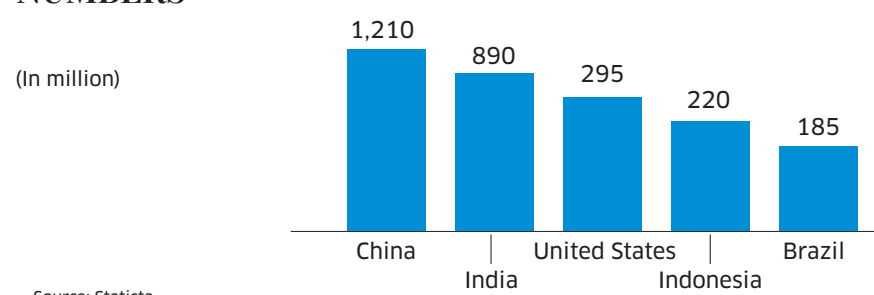


MUMBAI: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded on Tuesday, hitting their fresh record closing levels on the back of gains in auto and FMCG shares and foreign fund inflows. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 391.26 points or 0.49 per cent to settle at a new closing peak of 80,351.64. During the day, it jumped 436.79 points or 0.54 per cent to hit a new lifetime high of 80,397.17. The NSE Nifty went up by 112.65 points or 0.46 per cent to 24,433.20 – its record closing high. During the day, it surged 123.05 points or 0.50 per cent to hit a new record peak

of 24,443.60. Among Sensex shares, Maruti Suzuki India jumped over 6 per cent amid reports that the UP government waived registration taxes on hybrid cars as part of its initiative to promote environmentally friendly vehicles in the state. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Shanghai settled higher while Hong Kong ended lower. **MAJOR GAINERS:** Maruti Suzuki, M&M, Titan, Sun Pharma, ITC, Nestle and Tata Motors. **MAJOR LOSERS:** Reliance Industries, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance and JSW Steel.

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TOP COUNTRIES BY SMARTPHONE USERS IN 2023-2024



INDIAN MARKET

VLF forays Indian market in partnership with KAW Veloce Motors

MUMBAI: Italian electric two-wheeler brand VLF announced its entry in the fast-growing Indian electric vehicle market in collaboration with KAW Veloce Motors and said it plans to launch its e-scooter Tennis by festive season this year. VLF, founded by designer Alessandro Tartarini in 1993, also said a manufacturing facility will be set up at Kolhapur, leveraging the KAW Group's extensive six-decade manufacturing experience in the region, for the production of its two-wheelers. The company said it is looking to establish a robust dealer network across India, targeting major tier 1 and tier 2 cities and plans to have 15 dealerships operational by the end of 2024. These dealerships will be scaled up to 50 by March next year, it said. KAW Veloce Motors besides handling manufacturing will also be the distribution partner for the company, VLF said. "In a market that is extremely competitive and constantly evolving, we need to create products that are stylish and have a strong personality," said Tartarini.

BULLION MARKET

Gold falls by Rs 100 to Rs 73,310 per 10 gram; silver rises Rs 180



NEW DELHI: Gold prices fell by Rs 100 to Rs 73,310 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid weak global cues, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had settled at Rs 73,410 per 10 grams on Monday. However, silver prices jumped by Rs 180 to Rs 94,450 per kg from Rs 94,270 per kg in the previous session. "Gold prices traded lower ahead of the Fed member speech and US inflation data. The silver prices at domestic as well as global front traded higher tracking strong base metal and risk-on moods," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said.

PM to meet economists ahead of Union Budget today

Besides economists and sectoral experts, the prime minister's meeting will also be attended by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery and other members

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday meet eminent economists to elicit their views and suggestions for the upcoming Budget, a senior government official said. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Budget for 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha on July 23. Besides economists and sectoral

experts, the prime minister's meeting will also be attended by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery and other members. This will be the first major economic document of the Modi 3.0 government, which, among other things, is expected to lay the road map for making India a developed nation by 2047. President Droupadi Murmu, in her address to the joint sitting of Parliament last month,

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had indicated that the government would come out with historic steps to accelerate the pace of reforms. She also said the Budget will be an effective document of the government's far-reaching policies and futuristic vision. Sitharaman has already held discussions with various stakeholders, including economists and captains of Indian industry, on the forthcoming Budget. Several

experts have urged the government to provide tax relief to the common man to boost consumption and come out with steps to check inflation and accelerate economic growth.

The economy has recorded a growth rate of 8.2 per cent in 2023-24. Earlier in February, Sitharaman came out with an interim budget for 2024-25 in view of the Lok Sabha elections.

| DEVICE SHIPMENTS |

'Xiaomi plans to double product shipments to 700 mn in India'

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NEW DELHI: Mumbai: The rupee inched up one paisa at 83.49 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as gains from strong domestic equities and sliding global crude prices were negated by a surging greenback overseas. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee started slightly up at 83.49 and hit an intra-day high of 83.47 and a low of 83.51 against the American currency during the session. It finally settled at 83.49 against the dollar, registering a gain of one paisa over the previous close. On Monday, the rupee settled at 83.50 against the US dollar. "Indian rupee gained today on optimism as Nifty touched fresh all-time highs and fresh FII inflows. A decline in crude oil prices also supported the rupee. However, a positive US dollar capped sharp gains.

Company has shipped 250 million smartphones in the last 10 years

BENGALURU: Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi expects to double its device shipments in India to 700 million over the next 10 years, a senior company official said on Monday.

Speaking on the 10th anniversary of Xiaomi operations in India, company President Muralikrishnan B said the company has shipped 250 million smartphones in the last 10 years, and a total of 350 million units across all product categories. "I'm very happy to report that in the past 10 years of Xiaomi's existence in India, we have shipped 25 crore smartphones, 250 million



Xiaomi India, President, Muralikrishnan B.

FACTFILE

• Company is mulling to start manufacturing AI-based IoT devices in India.

smartphones and 35 crore devices overall across categories. This is between 2014 to 2024. Now that we're talking about the 10 years of tomorrow, we want to double our

products that are made in India. We are also exploring opportunities to localise various other AI IoT products. We are also committed to broadening and deepening competence localisation in India.

"We have discussed this in the past simpler products or just battery charger cables are already sourced in India," Muralikrishnan said.

Xiaomi has partnered with Dixon Technologies, Foxconn, Optiemus, BYD etc to make devices in India.

"In terms of component localisation, we will go broader and deeper. In our total bill of material (BOM), the local non-semiconductor accounts for 35 per cent share, which is sourced locally.

We expect that number to go up to 55 per cent in the next two years," Muralikrishnan said.

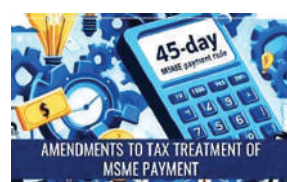
| PAYMENT RULE |

Govt may relax payment rule for MSMEs in Budget

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NEW DELHI: The government may relax the requirement of making payments to MSMEs within 45 days of buying goods and services to check large corporate from looking at other sourcing avenues, sources said. The announcement to this effect could be made in the Budget likely

to be presented on July 23. The government is considering suggestions regarding changes to Section 43B(h) of the Income Tax Act made by MSMEs during pre-Budget consultations, sources said. The government in last year's Budget added a new clause under Section 43B of the Income Tax Act to address the challenge of delayed payments faced



by MSMEs in the country. According to Section 43B(h) of the Income Tax Act, introduced through the Finance Act 2023, if a larger company does not pay an MSME on time

-- within 45 days in case of written agreements -- it cannot deduct that expense from its taxable income, leading to potentially higher taxes.

MSMEs fear that due to this provision, large buyers could cold-shoulder MSME suppliers and start buying either from those MSMEs that are not registered with Udyam or from non-MSMEs. The

amendment was brought in for MSMEs to get timely payment, but there are a lot of fear were raised by them, sources said, adding that they feared that large corporate, in bid to safeguard their interest, can shift their sourcing requirement to bigger firms or ask their vendors to give up their MSME registration to do business with them.

"The scars are mine; I embrace them with love because they're the first sign of the Progress I deserve."

Hina Khan
Actress



& Glitters

OTT Watch



Brad Pitt floors it in F1 racing film "Driven"

Brad Pitt stars in Joe Kosinski's high-octane F1 drama, backed by Apple TV+ and Warner Bros. The film follows veteran driver Sonny Hayes mentoring a young prodigy amid the adrenaline of Formula One racing.



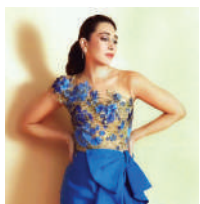
Gyaarah Gyaarah: Past meets Present

Kritika Kamra, Raghav Juyal, and Dhairya Karwa were spotted filming 'Gyaarah Gyaarah' at Mehboob Studios, Mumbai. Produced by Karan Johar and Guneet Monga, the series adapts the Korean drama 'Signal' across three decades, blending mystery and science.



Vicky-Ammy join Anil Kapoor for Bigg Boss fun

Bigg Boss OTT 3 promo teases Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk joining for 'Tauba Tauba' Weekend Ka Vaar episode, promising an exciting twist with the 'Bad Newz' stars on Anil Kapoor's hosted reality show.



Karisma Kapoor: The Bollywood star who redefined dance

Geeta Kapur shares how Karisma Kapoor danced bare-kneed in 'Husn Hai Suhana' on India's Best Dancer 4, premiering soon with teasers highlighting iconic film performances on Sony TV's official handles.



Detective Cross is back! "Cross" starring Aldis Hodge premieres soon

James Patterson's Cross series premiere date revealed! Dive into the action-thriller based on Alex Cross books, streaming soon on Prime Video with details on cast and more.

CLOSE UP

Riteish Deshmukh warns: Exorbitant actor fees can cripple a film's success

Riteish Deshmukh has talked about the rising costs of actors and how a single actor's heavy fees can seriously damage the film's making and other costs.

Central Chronicle News

Bollywood actor Riteish Deshmukh spoke about how a film when with a star fee can decide its survival. Scroll down to read more details about this heated ongoing topic.



Riteish says a movie shouldn't be burdened with actor's fee: 'The film needs to survive.'

Actor-producer Riteish Deshmukh advocates for a pragmatic approach to film production, emphasizing the impact of star fees on a project's sustainability. Known for not charging a fee when cast in his own productions, Deshmukh believes this strategy alleviates financial strain, allowing the film itself to thrive and benefit everyone involved. His journey into production began with the Marathi film "Balak-Palak" in 2013, marking the inception of Mumbai Film Company. Subsequently, he starred in and produced Marathi hits like "Lai Bhaari" (2014) and "Ved" (2022), underscoring his commitment to regional cinema and responsible budgeting. Regarding the broader industry discussion on escalating costs, Deshmukh stresses the need for financial prudence without compromising on quality.



Riteish Deshmukh on balancing cast fees and film survival

Also being a producer, Riteish Deshmukh revealed that when he as a producer casts himself, he doesn't charge anything. "I just feel that it's important that you do not burden any film with

an actor's fee because the film needs to survive. And if the film survives, everyone will survive," the 45-year-old opined. Pill's director Rajkumar Gupta and producer Ronnie Screwvala who were also there with Riteish shared their thoughts on the same.



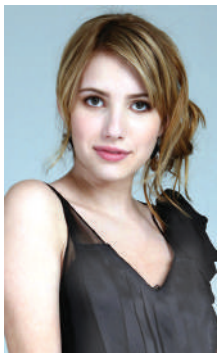
| HOLLYWOOD |

Emma Roberts speaks out on child safety concerns in television

Central Chronicle News

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

Emma Roberts recently shared her emotional response to "Quiet on Set: The Dark Side of Kids TV," a documentary series exposing allegations of child abuse involving former Nickelodeon stars. The actress, known for her role in "Unfabulous," clarified she did not face harass-



Emma Roberts spoke out after 'Quiet on Set' aired earlier this year.

HIGHLIGHT

Emma Roberts expressed that the Quiet on Set docuseries, exposing the abuse of former child stars, kept her up at night and made her really sad.

ment from network officials during her time on the show but was deeply saddened by the accounts of others. In an interview with Variety, Roberts reflected on her early TV career, praising "Unfabulous" for its female showrunner, Sue Rose, and highlighting her mother's proactive role in ensuring her safety on set. The docuseries shed light on a troubling culture within children's television, particularly in shows associated with Dan Schneider. It revealed

allegations of sexual assault involving figures like Drake Bell and claims of sexism by former employees. Nickelodeon responded by affirming their commitment to investigating complaints and maintaining a safe workplace.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

Kubera: Rashmika Mandanna's enigmatic role revealed in new teaser

The buzz around 'Kubera' intensifies with the unveiling of Rashmika Mandanna's character teaser. In the sneak peek, Rashmika, adorned in a pink churidar set, portrays a mysterious persona digging up a suitcase of money in a jungle setting. Directed by Sekhar Kammula, the film stars Dhanush and Nagarjuna in pivotal roles, adding to the excitement. Jim Sarbh also joins the cast, promising an engaging narrative. Produced by Suniel Narang, Puskur Ram, and Mohan Rao, 'Kubera' is anticipated as a mythological pan-Indian venture set for release in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, heightening expectations among fans awaiting its debut.

Web Series

Sheena Chohan goes bold for dramatic transformation into Lilith

Sheena Chohan prepares intensely for 'Bhayaavah' role as Lilith, delving into ancient texts and acrobatic training. From portraying a saint's wife to embodying a biblical she-demon, her journey reflects a diverse acting range, enhanced by intricate prosthetics and high-wire stunts. Her commitment to character research and challenging roles like this highlights her versatility from Malayalam cinema to Hollywood projects like 'Nomad'. With credits in acclaimed films and web series, Sheena continues to push boundaries in the industry, showcasing her dedication to immersive storytelling and embracing multifaceted roles across different genres and platforms.

The Bollywood hot pair

Saira Banu remembers Dilip Kumar with fond memories



On the 3rd death anniversary of legendary actor Dilip Kumar, his devoted wife Saira Banu shared touching memories on Instagram. Alongside heart-warming pictures, she penned a poignant note reaffirming their eternal bond. She expressed, "Dearest Yousuf Jaan, we will walk together hand in hand, one in our thoughts

until the end of time." Saira Banu reflected on their profound love and shared insights into Dilip Kumar's life, including his battle with insomnia. She concluded with a heartfelt promise: "Insha Allah, I shall belong to you and you alone forever." Their enduring love continues to inspire fans and admirers alike.

Fashion

Dazzling design! Alaya F rocks Rs. 1.98 lakh paisley lehenga

Alaya F turned heads at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's grand sangeet in a stunning blue paisley lehenga worth Rs. 1.98 lakh. The young actress, known for her impeccable style, chose a creation by designer Seema Gujral, featuring intricate tonal threadwork, sequins, and bead embellishments on navy blue net fabric.



Trending on Insta

@iamhumaq

Huma Qureshi living her best island life in the Seychelles

Huma Qureshi finds bliss in Seychelles, immersing herself in the serene 'island life' and making a charming new friend a tortoise as she enjoys the picturesque surroundings.



@aslisona

Mom's happy tears: Sonakshi shares emotional wedding memory

Sonakshi Sinha shared touching wedding moments on Instagram, recalling how her mother teared up realizing she would move out after marrying Zaheer Iqbal, reassuring her, "Maa, Juhu to Bandra is only 25 minutes away."



"And while not every decision always works out as expected, I view each experience as a valuable lesson that contributes to my journey in this industry. However, there are also times when I rely on my intuition."

Avika Gor
Actress



Bella



Women's trips leave women feeling refreshed, closer to their friends and inspired.

WOMEN IN TRAVEL

Escape the Ordinary: Your guide to an epic girlfriends' adventure

Have a blast with your best friends, sisters, or cousins as you share the joys of travelling together and getting the best out of your girls' trip.



In the hustle and bustle of daily life, carving out time for ourselves and our friendships can be a challenge. Yet, there's something truly rejuvenating about a Women's Day Out—an opportunity to reconnect, laughs, and rediscovers the bonds that make us stronger. For many women, these outings are more than just a break from routine; they're a celebration of sisterhood and shared experiences. Whether it's a spontaneous shopping spree, a leisurely brunch, or an adventurous hike, the activities we choose with our friends often reflect our collective desire for fun, connection, and mutual support. Imagine the laughter echoing through bustling city streets as old friends catch up over coffee, or the exhilaration of conquering a hiking trail together, encouraging each other every step of the way. These moments aren't just about the destination—they're about the journey we take together, weaving memories that strengthen the fabric of our friendships. From heartfelt conversations to belly-aching laughter, every Women's Day Out is a tapestry of emotions and experiences. It's a chance to leave behind the stresses of work and responsibilities, if only for a few hours, and to embrace the joy of being in the company of those who understand us



HIGHLIGHT

Embark on a journey of bonding and adventure with our guide to Women's Day Out a celebration of friendship, laughter, and unforgettable moments spent exploring life's joys together.

best. So, whether you're planning your next outing or reminiscing about past adventures, remember that these moments of fun and freedom are not just leisure activities—they're essential for nurturing our souls and celebrating the remarkable bonds of sisterhood.

Can beetroot juice help your heart during menopause?



Ladies, here's a juicy secret for post-menopausal heart health: sip on beetroot juice daily! Experts rave about its superpowers—like lowering blood pressure and boosting blood vessel function—key for reducing heart risks. Packed with nitrates, it amps up nitric oxide production, vital for improved circulation and heart function. Plus, its antioxidants fight off heart-damaging oxidative stress. So, why not add this vibrant elixir to your routine? It's a deliciously simple way to support your heart health journey. Cheers to a healthier heart, one refreshing sip at a time! Embrace the beet and toast to your heart's wellbeing!

Myth or Truth: Chia Seeds: Constipation cure or Colon clog?

There's a misconception that chia seeds cause constipation due to their high fiber content. However, chia seeds are beneficial for digestion. Their soluble fiber absorbs water, softening stools and promoting regular bowel movements. To avoid discomfort, it's crucial to consume chia seeds with plenty of fluids. Starting with small servings and gradually

increasing intake helps gauge personal tolerance. Overall, chia seeds provide essential nutrients and support digestive health when incorporated into a balanced diet, effectively debunking concerns about constipation. Embrace chia seeds as a versatile addition to your meals for their fiber-rich benefits and overall wellness support.

FASHION |

Beach Bum to City-Chic: The unexpected versatility of Bermuda shorts

Central Chronicle News

This season, Bermuda shorts are taking the fashion world by storm. These knee-length beauties, once a staple of beachwear, have evolved into a versatile wardrobe essential. Designers are reimagining Bermuda shorts with a modern twist, blending comfort with sophistication. Defined by their just-above-the-knee length, they offer a perfect balance between casual and chic. This season, they come in various fabrics, from lightweight linens to structured cottons and luxurious silks. The tailored fit is key, providing a



Bermuda shorts, effortlessly chic and versatile, they transform any outfit into a statement of timeless style.

polished look that can be dressed up or down. Fashion icons and influencers are embracing Bermuda shorts, pairing them with everything from over-

sized blazers to crop tops. The high-waisted styles are particularly popular, accentuating the waist and elongating the legs. Bold prints, such as florals

and geometric patterns, add a playful touch, while neutral tones maintain a classic appeal. The versatility of Bermuda shorts is their real charm. For a

HIGHLIGHT

Long, often baggy, and a bit contentions, Bermuda shorts are everywhere lately. Can they truly be a staple in a cute wardrobe? The answer is a resounding yes!

casual daytime look, pair them with a simple tee and sandals. To transition into the evening, swap the tee for a silk blouse and add heeled mules.

Accessorize with a statement belt to cinch the waist and elevate the outfit. Don't forget to experiment with textures and layers to create a dynamic ensemble.

Divas Dazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

Isha Ambani wows in first-ever Schiaparelli couture saree

Isha Ambani radiated pure elegance at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's sangeet, stealing the spotlight in a Schiaparelli saree gown that redefined fusion fashion. The stunning ensemble, a brilliant blend of Indian tradition and haute couture, featured a vibrant blue hue that complemented her complexion, adorned with a silver brooch at the waist. The structured silver blouse, embellished with sequins and crystals, added a modern twist with its sultry neckline. Completing her look with shimmering pumps and dazzling diamond accessories, Isha's makeup highlighted her natural beauty while her sleek bun added a touch of modern flair. Undoubtedly, her ensemble was the highlight of the night, setting a new standard in sangeet fashion.

Achiever

Jyothi Yarraji: Hurdles conqueror sets sights on Paris

Jyothi Yarraji, India's pioneering 100m hurdler, is poised for peak performance at the Paris Games, buoyed by overcoming a recent hip flexor setback. Coach James Hillier commends her speed and agility strides, emphasizing her record-breaking journey and Olympic qualification milestone. Despite a near-miss at the Motonet GP, Jyothi's resilience shines through, driven by Hillier's optimism for her capabilities. With a rigorous training regimen and strategic focus on technique, Jyothi aims for a personal best and eyes a spot in the finals. As her Olympic debut approaches, expectations soar for her enhanced strength and readiness, promising a thrilling pursuit in Paris.

The Inspirors

Priyanka Chopra pulls off daring stunts on "The Bluff" set, inspiring fans



Priyanka Chopra consistently dazzles fans with her social media updates, especially during her time filming "The Bluff" in Australia. Known for performing her own stunts, she recently shared a BTS mirror selfie revealing her in action attire—a beige warmer top, leggings, knee pads, and elbow pads. Her caption humorously

references "stunt pads and warmers," shedding light on the behind-the-scenes glamour of action filmmaking. Priyanka's dedication to authenticity and her stylish yet resilient demeanor on set serve as a source of inspiration, showcasing her commitment to pushing boundaries in both fashion and film.

Wellness

Managing basal cell carcinoma: A guide for patients

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC), the most common skin cancer, often sneaks up unnoticed after years of sun exposure. It appears as a subtle bump or pinkish growth on sun-exposed areas like your face and ears. Although slow-growing and usually confined to the skin, catching it early is key. Shielding yourself with sunscreen (SPF 30+), covering up with hats and clothes, and avoiding the scorching midday sun are your best defenses. Regularly checking your skin for any changes or new spots is crucial—early detection saves lives. Treatment options range from creams and gels for surface BCCs to surgical procedures like Mohs surgery for deeper growths.



Divas on Insta

@kareenakapoorkhan

Kareena Kapoor Khan

Kareena Kapoor Khan delights fans with Instagram snapshots: Taimur and Jeh enjoying beach views, while Saif smiles warmly, capturing the essence of their family vacation."



@mallikasherawat

Mallika Sherawat

Actress Mallika Sherawat flaunted her svelte figure in a bikini and said that her body is now summer-ready. Mallika flaunted her hourglass figure in an itty-bitsy, teeny-weeny bright yellow bikini.



Sports



It's an honor to represent the girls of my homeland once again in Olympics.

Kimia Yousofi
Afghan sprinter

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BEST OF THE REST

EURO 2024

Eng plays the Netherlands aiming for back-to-back European finals

DORTMUND: England can reach back-to-back European Championship finals when it meets the Netherlands in Dortmund in the second semi-final. The winner plays Spain or France in Sunday's final.

Both teams conceded the opening goal in their quarterfinals before coming back to win, with England beating Switzerland in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw and the Netherlands winning 2-1 against Turkey. After a win on penalties in his 100th game in charge of England, manager Gareth Southgate defended his often-cautious tactics as the kind of "streetwise" style successful teams use. The backlash from England fans, including some who threw plastic cups at him after a group-stage game, is "quite difficult" to deal with, he added. **PTI**

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Punjab FC signs Ninthoinganba Meetei ahead of new season



MOHALI: Punjab FC has roped in two new players -- Ninthoinganba Meetei and Nihal Sudeesh -- ahead of the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season, the club announced on Tuesday. Ninthoinganba, an Indian winger who last played for Chennaiyin FC, has signed a three-year contract with Punjab until 2027. The 22-year-old began his youth career with the AIFF Elite Academy before making his senior professional debut with Indian Arrows in 2017. **PTI**

Chapter closed but not fully

Retired Warner says he is open to play Champions Trophy next year



SYDNEY: David Warner has declared his international career a "closed chapter" but at the same time, the Australian batting great won't mind padding up in the Champions Trophy next year should he be selected, something that has been described as an "emergency option" by his ODI captain Pat Cummins.

Warner retired from ODIs after Australia's World Cup-winning run in November last year, while his last Test was against Pakistan in January. His final T20I came against India on June 24 at the shortest format's recently-concluded global showpiece

. "Chapter closed!! It's been an unbelievable experience to play at the highest level for such a long period. Australia was my team.

The majority of my career was at the international level. It's been an honour to be able to do this. 100+ games in all formats is my highlight," Warner wrote in an Instagram post on Monday. "I will continue to play franchise cricket for a while, and I am also open to playing for Australia in the Champions trophy if selected," he added. This is not the first time that Warner has shown interest in playing the 50-over tournament. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

MOST WICKETS IN TEST CRICKET

Muralidaran	800
Shane Warne	708
James Anderson	700
Anil Kumble	619
Stuart Broad	604

Source: ICC

EUROPEAN COMPETITION

Champions League runner-up Dortmund signs Waldemar

PARIS: Dortmund (Germany), Jul 9 (AP) Champions League runner-up Borussia Dortmund made Germany defender Waldemar Anton its first signing of the offseason, leaving Stuttgart needing a new captain for its return to top-level European competition next season.

Anton played all but one Bundesliga game for Stuttgart last season as the team defied expectations to finish second in the league, behind only champion Bayer Leverkusen. That helped earn him a call-up to Germany's squad for Euro 2024, where he played two games off the bench in the host nation's run to the quarterfinals.

"I wasn't originally planning to change clubs, but then came Borussia Dortmund," Anton said in a Dortmund statement. "A top club that had just been in the Champions League final. That shows the potential in this club." **PTI**

COACH LIONEL SCALONI SAYS

Lionel Messi will start vs. Canada in Copa America semifinal



NEW YORK: Lionel Messi won't be stopped by a leg injury and will play in Argentina's Copa America semifinal against Canada on Tuesday night.

Messi has been dealing with a right leg problem since the group stage win over Chile on June 25. He missed the first-round finale four days later but played the entire match in the quarterfinal victory over Ecuador last Thursday. "Leo is good. He will be playing tomorrow," Albiceleste coach Lionel Scaloni said Monday at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. **PTI**

England great Anderson keen to finish on a high

The series opener will be Anderson's 188th and last test and he will transition into England's fast-bowling mentor.



James Anderson to play his last Test match. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

• He was pensioned off by England managing director Rob Key, coach Brendon McCullum and captain Ben Stokes.

• They met him at a Manchester hotel in April to say he wasn't in their plans for the 2025-26 Ashes in Australia.

ers in the 15-man squad. Louis replaced an injured Kemar Roach.

In Roach's absence, Alzarri Joseph will lead the pace attack with Jayden Seales and Shamar Joseph, whose 7-68 scuttled the Australians in Brisbane in the second innings. That earned Shamar Joseph in his second test the player of the match and short series.

Shamar Joseph called England retiree Anderson "perfect" as a test player to the Jamaica Gleaner newspaper but "I want to rain on his parade."

Anderson said he was trying hard not to think of his pending forced retirement.

"The big thing for me this week is wanting to play well, bowl well and get a win," he said. "I'm sure the emotions during the week will change, but right now that's what I'm trying to focus on to stop myself crying."

As one era ends, another could start. Surrey seamer Gus Atkinson and wicketkeeper Jamie Smith have been handed test debuts.

LONDON: It doesn't matter if James Anderson takes a bunch of West Indies wickets for England in the first test at Lord's from Wednesday.

This was a month after Anderson returned from India, where he took 10 wickets at an average of 33.50. That series was lost 4-1 but on the last morning of the last test in Dharamsala, Anderson became the first seamer in history to take 700 wickets.

He spoke then of being in the best shape, liking where his game was at, and being really excited for this summer, when he will turn 42 at the end of this month.

This week, he said he was surprised at how calmly he took the news from Key, McCullum and Stokes. He understood their decision, adding, "I've sort of made peace with that."

Anderson warmed up for his last test by showing his class last week in his first English County appearance for Lancashire. He took 7-35, the best figures in the champi-

onship. His 21-year test career comes full circle at Lord's, where he made his test debut in 2003 against Zimbabwe. Lord's witnessed Anderson's career-best figures of 7-42 against the West Indies in 2017.

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| PCB SOURCES |

Kirsten given free hand to turn fortunes of Pak cricket

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Kirsten had warned senior pros in the side following the team's loss to the USA and India to adapt to new skill-sets and improve their game awareness, or get left behind.

LAHORE: In the wake of Pakistan's dismal showing in the T20 World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board chairman, Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday gave head coaches Gary Kirsten and Jason Gillespie a free hand to turn the fortunes of the team, according to sources.

Naqvi met both the white-ball and red-ball coaches, where Kirsten and Gillespie shared their plans for the national team.

According to the PCB,



FACTFILE

• Pakistan lost to newcomers USA and arch-rivals India in the Group stages of the World Cup to be eliminated from the competition held in the USA and the Caribbean.

Naqvi told both the coaches that he had full confidence in them and they would

get full backing from the cricket board.

"Kirsten was blunt in laying down his concerns about the white-ball team based on the World Cup," said a PCB source.

Both the head coaches told the PCB chairman that they wanted to set clear guidelines about the fitness levels required to be considered for Pakistan team selection. "Naqvi

told them they should do whatever is necessary to change the fortunes of the team and no one would ask them to make any compromises on selection or the fitness of players," the source added. Kirsten had warned senior pros in the side following the team's loss to the USA and India to adapt to new skill-sets and improve their game awareness, or get left behind. Senior team manager, Wahab Riaz, in his report submitted to Naqvi, had outlined personality clashes in the side during the World Cup.

"The PCB chief said both the coaches had a free hand to take whatever decisions they wanted to improve the performances of the team in red-ball and white-ball formats."

If France is boring you, go watch something else

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MUNICH: A boring France team? Coach Didier Deschamps doesn't care. Tuesday's European Championship semifinal between Spain and France is a matchup of very different styles. One team is playing some of the most exciting soccer at Euro 2024, and the other is playing arguably the dullest.

A team that has won all five of its matches, against a team that has won just two (excluding Friday's penalty



shootout victory over Portugal). A team that has scored a tournament high 11 goals, against a team whose players have yet to score from open play -- having notched two own goals and a penalty.

"If we're boring you, you can watch something else, it doesn't matter," Deschamps said on Monday when asked about criticism of his team's form. "It's a very particular

European Championship, with less goals than normal. We have the chance to make France happy, in a delicate situation for the country. If (others) are bored, I don't really care."

France has underwhelmed and captain Kylian Mbappé is frustrated as he tries to adapt to wearing a vision-limiting face mask after breaking his nose in the opening match.

Sports News



Jasprit Bumrah won ICC Men's Player of the Month. | Photo: PTI



Mandhana won her first ICC Women's Player of the Month. | Photo: PTI

Bumrah, Mandhana named Player of the Month

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DUBAI: Hero of India's victorious T20 World Cup campaign, Jasprit Bumrah added another feather to his hat when he was on Tuesday named the 'ICC Men's Player of the Month for June'.

It was double delight for India as women's team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana was also named the 'Women's Player of the Month' by the global body. Mandhana won

her first ICC Women's Player of the Month after playing a starring role in India's sweep over South Africa in the ODI series last month.

Bumrah came out on top in the men's vote from compatriot Rohit Sharma and Rahmanullah Gurbaz of Afghanistan, while Mandhana won the women's award by overcoming England's Maia Bouchier and Sri Lanka's Vishmi Gunaratne.

Bumrah, who bagged 15 wickets to be adjudged the Player-of-the-Tournament in the T20 global showpiece last month, also claimed the Men's Player of the Month accolade for June, the ICC announced. "I am delighted to be named the ICC Men's Player

HIGHLIGHT

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of the Month for June," Bumrah said in the ICC statement. "It's a special honour for me following a memorable few weeks spent in the USA and West Indies. We have had a lot to celebrate as well as we did at the tournament and lift the trophy at the end is incred-

list." The 30-year-old was at his dependable best in the USA and Caribbean and bowled at an average of 8.26, at an astonishing economy rate of 4.17.

He joined Virat Kohli (a two-time winner in his own right) as India players to claim the Men's T20 World Cup Player of the Tournament award.

India were the first team to win the men's T20 World Cup without losing a game all tournament.

Barring a washout against Canada in the first round, the Rohit Sharma-led India went on to win all eight matches they played in the tournament. "To perform as well as we did at the tournament and lift the trophy at the end is incred-

ably special, and I will carry those memories with me forever," Bumrah said.

"I wish to congratulate my captain Rohit Sharma and Rahmanullah Gurbaz for their excellent performances in the same period, and I am humbled to have been chosen as the winner."

In the women's game, Mandhana set the tone with a commanding 117 in the first outing in Bengaluru. Despite an early stutter by the hosts in which they fell to 99 for five, Mandhana remained resolute, and benefitted from some lower order resistance to guide India to a formidable score of 265 from their 50 overs, which proved far beyond the Proteas.

Rohit's thank you note to Dravid

NEW DELHI: India's T20 World Cup-winning skipper Rohit Sharma has penned an emotional farewell note to the team's former head coach Rahul Dravid, expressing "gratitude" for his man-management skills and for leaving his baggage of stardom outside the dressing room.

"My wife (Ritika Sajdeh) refers to you as my work wife and I am lucky to get to call you that too," the current skipper wrote about his first international captain on his Instagram page.

Rohit's tribute was also an indicator of how the player-coach equation works in the Indian dressing room.



"I have been trying to find the right words to properly express my feelings on this but I'm not sure I ever will," the Indian skipper, not known to be overtly emotional, wrote.

"You are an absolute stalwart of this game but you left all of your acco-

lades and achievements at the door and walked in as our coach and came on a level where we all felt comfortable enough to say just about anything to you. "That is your gift, your humility and your love for this game even after all this time," Rohit wrote.

| GRAND CHESS TOUR |

Test of time for challenger Gukesh to excel in faster version

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Gujrathi will be the other Indian in the fray in the USD 175000 prize money tournament that will have nine rounds under rapid and 18 under blitz chess rules.



American Fabiano Caruana just did a few days back in Bucharest when he won the tiebreaker by a mile winning his games against Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa and Alireza Firouzja of France.

Gujrathi, who has got a wildcard, will be the other Indian in the fray in the USD 175000 prize money tournament that will have nine rounds under rapid and 18 under blitz chess rules.

With each win worth two points in rapid and one under the blitz rules, it remains to be seen who will be the master of Zagreb but the odds are in favour of top seed Caruana who will look forward to notching back-to-back wins on the tour.

superior ability in the Classical format. But when it comes to faster version, the Indian is yet to find his place amongst the world elite.

The fact remains that in case of a tied result in the World Championship, there will be games under faster time control of rapid and blitz chess to determine the winner and Gukesh would like to set the record straight like

Set to meet Chinese Ding Liren in Singapore from November 20th to decide the next world champion, Gukesh has repeatedly proved his

Rohit, Kohli & Bumrah might skip Lanka ODIs

NEW DELHI: India skipper Rohit Sharma and premier batter Virat Kohli are likely to be rested for the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka in August and either Hardik Pandya or KL Rahul will be asked to lead the side.

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah too is likely to be given a break from the ODI series.

It is understood that Indian cricket's biggest contemporary stars have sought a longish break from the BCCI, considering the grueling last three months since the start of IPL.

For 37-year-old Rohit, it has been close to six months that he took a break.

| ATP CHALLENGER |

Nagal moves to second round of ATP Challenger

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The world number 73 will take on Argentina's Pedro Cachin in the round of 16.

BRAUNSCHWEIG: India's top ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal moved to the second round with a facile win over Brazil's Felipe Meligeni Alves in the Braunschweig ATP challenger here on Tuesday.

The Olympic-bound Nagal, seeded second, cruised to a 6-1 6-4 win over Alves in the clay event.

The world number 73 will take on Argentina's Pedro Cachin in the round of 16 on Wednesday. The tournament will



Tennis player Sumit Nagal in action. | Photo: PTI

serve as preparation for the Paris Olympics, which begins later this month at the Roland Garros Stadium.

Last week, Nagal had made a first round exit from Wimbledon, losing to higher-ranked Miomir

Kecmanovic of Serbia.

Nagal is enjoying a dream season as he had also qualified for the main draw of the Australian Open earlier this year. He had stunned 31st-seeded Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan in the open-

ing round to become the first Indian male tennis player to beat a seeded player in 35 years in a Slam. He had also qualified for the main draw of the Indian Wells Masters and Monte-Carlo Masters, the ATP 1000 events.

| CRICKET |

It will be tough to fill Kohli's shoes: Gaikwad

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HARARE: India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad knows well that it will be "tough" and "hard" to replace retired Virat Kohli at number three spot in T20Is and said he is just focusing on making valuable contributions with the bat in whatever position the team leadership deems fit.

"This is a big topic and I think it's not the right point to think about it. To

even compare with him (Kohli) or try to fill in his shoes is relatively very tough and very hard," Gaikwad said on the eve of the third T20I against Zimbabwe.

"As I had said in the IPL as well, it is difficult to fill my best shoes as well. Definitely, you want to start your career, you want to start the way you want, you want to play your own game. So that's the priority right now.

"Focus on one game,



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Ruturaj Gaikwad
India batter

focus on how you can contribute towards the team in whichever position you play and make sure you are on the winning side more often than not."

Gaikwad has batted at No. 3 position for India in the first two T20Is against Zimbabwe but the Pune-born cricketer said he has no preference and will bat wherever the team requires him.

"No, wherever the team wants, I will bat there. There is no problem. There is not much difference between the opening and the number 3 because you have to play the new ball. So there is not much difference," he said.

India lose 1-2 to Myanmar in women's football friendly

YANGON: India conceded a late goal to suffer a 1-2 defeat at the hands of Myanmar and continued their winless run against the neighbours in a women's football friendly match here on Tuesday.

Facing Myanmar for the first time after five years, the hosts scored both goals from set pieces with Win Theingi Tun, who plays for Odisha FC, giving them a 14th minute lead. Although her club teammate Pyari Xaxa

equalised for India with an opportunistic tap-in in the 58th minute, San Thaw Thaw converted May The Mon Myint's free-kick in the 74th minute to win the game for Myanmar.

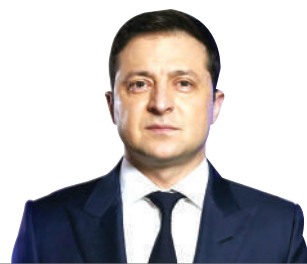
This was India's fifth defeat to Myanmar in six matches. In their last meeting, India held Myanmar to 3-3 draw in the AFC Women's Olympic Qualifiers in Mandalay in 2019. India will play a second friendly on Friday. Five minutes later, Phyu Phyu

Win's long-ranger was saved with ease by Elangbam Panthoi Chanu.

However, soon after, the Indian custodian came out of her goal but failed to get a touch on the Myanmar defender's curling corner as Win Theingi Tun arrived unmarked and headed it into the empty net to put the hosts ahead.

Anju Tamang's outswinging delivery was headed wide of the near post by Soumya Guguloth.

World



Rescue operations stretched into a second day at a major Kyiv children's hospital struck by a Russian missile.
Volodymyr Zelenskyy
Ukraine President



Elected parliament members of La France Insoumise party clench their first inside National Assembly in Paris. | Photo: PTI

Newly elected lawmakers' talk to see who can form next govt

Sunday's election left no faction even close to majority needed to form a government, raising risk of paralysis for EU's second-largest economy.

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PARIS: Newly elected lawmakers arrived Tuesday at the National Assembly, France's lower house of parliament, for talks seeking to cobble together a government majority after a chaotic election result left the legislature split among left, center and far-right parties. President Emmanuel Macron on Monday asked his Prime Minister Gabriel Attal to

continue handling day-to-day affairs, less than three weeks before the start of the Paris Olympics. Macron leaves Wednesday for a NATO summit in Washington. Sunday's election left no faction even close to the majority needed to form a government, raising the risk of paralysis for the European Union's second-largest economy. While a fractured parliament is not uncommon in Europe, the situation

HIGHLIGHT

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is unprecedented in France's modern history. Leaders of the leftist coalition, the New Popular Front, which won the most seats, say they should form a new government. The three main parties in the coalition – the hard-left France Unbowed, the Socialists and the Greens – began negotiations to find a candidate for prime minister. Their talks are complicated by internal divisions. Some are pushing

for a hard-left figure while others, closer to the center-left, prefer a more consensual personality. France's prime minister is accountable to parliament and can be ousted through a no-confidence vote. Members of France Unbowed and the Greens arrived Tuesday morning at the National Assembly. The Socialist lawmakers, who include former President Francois Hollande, were to gather in the afternoon.

3 paramilitary personnel abducted by militants

PESHAWAR: Three personnel of the paramilitary Frontier Corps were abducted by unknown militants in the Tank district of Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Tuesday, police said. The soldiers were travelling in a car from Sor Qamar FC post to Tank Bazar when they were intercepted by the terrorists at a blockade they established between Kot Azam and Kot Qila area. The terrorists at the checkpoint took the three troops along with them and handed over their ATM cards and identity cards to the civilian driver whose car they had hired. The abducted soldiers were going home on vacation when abducted, the driver said while handing over their belongings to the FC authorities at Kor Qila.

Pope expresses pain over attacks in Ukraine, Gaza

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Pope Francis appealed for concrete new measures to end the wars in Ukraine and Gaza Tuesday after attacks targeted a children's hospital in Kyiv and a school in Gaza.

VATICAN CITY: The Vatican press office issued a statement Tuesday expressing Francis' pain over the new attacks and his "profound upset" at the spiralling of violence. "While he expresses closeness to the innocent victims and injured, he hopes and prays that concrete paths can be identified to put an end to these ongoing conflicts," the statement said. Francis has frequently asked for prayers for the



Pope Francis attends a meeting with participants of 50th Social Week of Catholics in Italy, in Trieste, Italy.

"martyred" people of Ukraine but tends to keep his appeals generic. He has also tended to take a balanced line toward the war in Gaza, frequently mentioning Israel and the hostages still held by Hamas alongside the suffering of Palestinians.

A Russian missile struck the Okhmatdyt children's hospital Monday, drawing international outcry. Russia denied responsibility, insisting it doesn't attack civilian targets in Ukraine despite abundant evidence to the contrary, including Associated

FASTFACTS

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Press reporting. In Gaza, an Israeli strike last week on a school sheltering displaced Palestinians killed more than 30 people, according to local health officials. The Israeli military said that Hamas militants were operating from within the school.

SHADOW CABINET

Interim UK Oppn Leader Sunak names shadow Cabinet

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LONDON: Rishi Sunak, the interim UK Opposition Leader until his Conservative Party finalises the process to choose his successor, has named a shadow Cabinet who will take their place in the House of Commons as the new members of Parliament begin being sworn in on Tuesday.



The 44-year-old British Indian leader had to contend with some high-profile resignations and missing Tory MPs who lost their seats in the party's worst electoral defeat in last week's general election, which the Labour Party won with a landslide. David Cameron, a former prime minister who was parachuted into the House of Lords by Sunak

to become his foreign secretary last year, has resigned and the portfolio will now be shadowed by his former deputy Andrew Mitchell. "It's been a huge honour to serve as foreign secretary, but clearly the Conservative Party in Opposition will need to shadow the new foreign secretary from the Commons," said Cameron in a social media post.

Modi's tribute at 'Tomb of Unknown Soldier'

MOSCOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a two-day visit to Russia, paid tribute at the 'Tomb of the Unknown Soldier' in Moscow on Tuesday. Modi, who is here to hold the 22nd India-Russia annual summit with President Vladimir Putin.

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UN TALIBAN

Taliban's morality police contributing to a climate of fear: UN

NEW YORK: The Taliban's morality police are contributing to a climate of fear and intimidation among Afghans, according to a UN report published Tuesday. Edicts and some of the methods used to enforce them constituted a violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the report said. The Taliban set up a ministry for the "propagation of virtue and the prevention of vice" after seizing power in 2021. Since then, the ministry has enforced decrees issued by the Taliban leadership that have a disproportionate impact on women and girls, like dress codes, segregated education and employment, and having a male guardian when they travel. "The punishments attached to non-compliance with instructions and decrees are often arbitrary, severe and disproportionate," said the report from the UN Mission in Afghanistan. **PTI**

INDONESIA LANDSLIDE

Rescuers search for dozens buried in an Indonesian landslide

JAKARTA: Rescue workers searched for dozens of missing people Tuesday, digging through tons of mud and the rubble left by a landslide that hit an unauthorized traditional gold mining area on Indonesia's Sulawesi island and killed at least 11 people. More than 100 villagers were digging for grains of gold Sunday in the remote and hilly village of Bone Bolango when tons of mud plunged down the surrounding hills and buried their makeshift camps, said Heriyanto, head of the provincial Search and Rescue Office. **PTI**

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A suspected attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels targets a ship in the Gulf of Aden

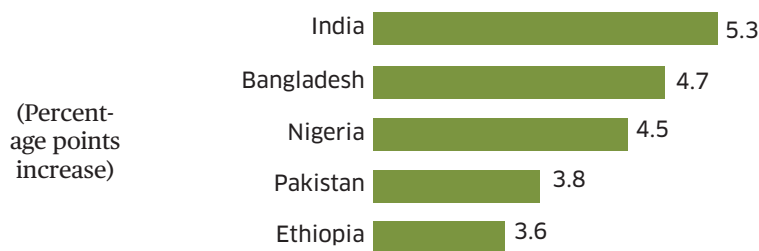


DUBAI: A suspected attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a ship in the Gulf of Aden on Tuesday, the latest assault blamed on the group on the crucial maritime trade route. The captain of the ship reported an explosion in close proximity to the vessel off the coast of Nishtun, Yemen, close to the country's border with Oman, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said. The ship, whose name and flag were not released, and all crew are safe, the UKMT said in a warning to mariners. The explosion took place in the far-

these reaches of the waterway earlier targeted by the rebels, the centre said. It did not elaborate on what caused the explosion, though the Houthis have been known to use drones and missiles as well as bomb-carrying drone boats. The Houthis did not immediately comment. It can take hours or even days before they acknowledge carrying out an attack. The last reported Houthi attack in the region took place June 28. The rebels have targeted more than 60 vessels by firing missiles and drones in their campaign that has killed a total of four sailors. **PTI**

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PAK ISI

Pak govt authorises ISI to intercept and trace calls for national security

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government on Tuesday formally authorised the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the country's premier spy agency, to intercept and trace calls for national security. The Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunica-

tion issued a notification under the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act, 1996 to this effect. The government will prioritise and have precedence in telecommunications system over any licensee to safeguard national defence against foreign threats.

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