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## 100 per cent quota for Kannadigas in pvt firms

The decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Monday.

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**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka cabinet has approved a bill mandating 100 per cent reservation for Kannadigas in private sector for Group C and D posts, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said. The decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting held on Monday.  
"The Cabinet meeting held yesterday (Monday) approved a bill to make recruitment of 100 per cent Kannadigas mandatory for 'C and D' grade posts in all private industries in the state," Siddaramaiah said in a post on X. "We are a pro-Kannada government. Our priority is to look after the welfare of the Kannadigas," he said.  
According to sources in the law department, the 'Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024'



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah speaks as his deputy D K Shivakumar looks on during the Assembly session.

will be tabled on Thursday in the Assembly.  
On the appointment of 'Local Candidates', the bill says, "Any industry, factory or other establishments shall appoint fifty per cent of local candidates in management categories and seventy per cent in non-management categories." If the candidates do not possess sec-

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CM K'taka  
ondary school certificate with Kannada as a language, they must pass a

Kannada proficiency test as specified by the 'Nodal Agency', it says.  
If the qualified local candidates are not available, the establishments within three years with active collaboration of government or its agencies should take steps to train them, it says. If sufficient number of local candidates are not

available, then an establishment may apply for relaxation from the provisions of this Act to the government.  
"Such orders passed by the Government shall be final: Provided that, the relaxation provided under this section shall not be less than 25 per cent for management category and 50 per cent for non-management categories," the proposed bill says. Every industry or factory or other establishment should inform the nodal agency about the compliance of the provisions of this Act in such form, within such period as may be prescribed, the copy of the bill read.

**HIGHLIGHT**  
• Any employer, who contravenes the provisions of this Act, should be liable for a penalty between Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000.

## Rs 24 lakh ornaments, cash stolen from jewellery shop

**BILASPUR:** Unidentified persons allegedly stole gold and silver ornaments valued at Rs 24 lakh and Rs 50,000 cash from a jewellery shop in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district, police said on Wednesday.  
The incident took place on the intervening night of Monday-Tuesday at the shop run by Damodar Gupta, located opposite his residence, in Sipat town, an official said. Gupta and his family members went to Bilaspur

city to attend his nephew's engagement function on Monday afternoon. When they returned, Gupta spotted near his shop some masked persons who pelted stones at his car and then fled from the spot, the official said. The shop owner later found that 150 gm of gold and 22 kg of silver ornaments as well as cash were stolen by the thieves, she said. A case was registered and efforts were on to nab the culprits, the police added.

## Navdeep gets bail

**AMBALA:** Farmer activist Navdeep Singh has walked out of Ambala Central Jail after the Punjab and Haryana High Court granted him bail in a case registered in connection with farmers' February 13 'Delhi Chalo' march. Navdeep Singh, who came out of jail late Tuesday evening, was honoured by various farmers' outfits on Shambhu border in Punjab on Wednesday.

## Malaria outbreak hits Ponnani

**MALAPPURAM:** An outbreak of malaria has been reported in the Ponnani area of Kerala's Malappuram district, health officials said on Wednesday. Following the confirmation of three malaria cases in the district, the health department has urged the public to exercise vigilance. After detecting a case of malaria in Ponnani, health workers conducted a house-to-house survey in the area collecting blood samples.

## NEWSLINE

### GADCHIROLI

#### 12 Naxals killed in encounter

At least 12 Naxalites were killed and two security personnel injured in an encounter with police and commandos in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra near the Chhattisgarh border on Wednesday, officials said. The heavy exchange of fire broke out in the afternoon between C60 commandos and Naxals in Wandoli village and continued for six hours, Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police Nilotpal said.

### LUCKNOW

#### Adityanath meets UP Governor

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday met Governor Anandiben Patel at the Raj Bhavan here. Adityanath reached Raj Bhavan in the evening for a courtesy meet, officials said. Sources said the CM discussed with the governor the state assembly monsoon session which is likely to start from July 29.

### NEW DELHI

#### Police personnel uniform to change

The Delhi Police is planning to change the uniform of its personnel from the ranks of inspector to constable, official sources said on Wednesday. The force currently has a strength of more than 90,000 personnel, which include DANIPS and AGMUT cadre IPS officers. According to a senior police officer, who did not wish to be named, the force is contemplating to change the uniform because of weather conditions in the national capital. "It is in the planning stage and nothing has been decided yet."



### Art & Culture

#### Did plague really wipe out Europe's early farmers?

A recent study unveils startling DNA evidence suggesting an ancestral strain of the Black Death may have triggered the collapse of Europe's early farmers 5,000 years ago. These farmers, known for their sophisticated practices and monumental structures like Stonehenge, thrived for millennia before mysteriously disappearing.

## Farmer rolls on floor at office to protest 'land grabbing'

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The farmer alleged that his land was taken away fraudulently by the land mafia in connivance with officials.



A farmer with folded hands rolls on the floor to reach the District Collector's office.

**MANDSAUR:** A farmer rolled on the floor of the collector's office in Madhya Pradesh's Mandasaur district alleging that the administration did not address his grievance of land-grabbing, a charge officials denied on Wednesday.  
In a video widely shared on social media, the elderly farmer, Shankarlal, can be seen rolling on the floor at Mandasaur collector's office claiming nobody listens to his complaint.  
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to his complaint during a public hearing on Tuesday, he decided to roll on the floor of the collector's office in protest, Shankarlal says in the video.  
Mandasaur Collector Dilip Yadav rejected the allegations on Wednesday.

In an official release, he said, "As per the findings at the spot, no person/land mafia has occupied the land in question."  
Acting on Shankarlal's complaint during the public hearing, Yadav said, a report was sought from the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) and tehsildar. It was found that Shankarlal and his family members jointly own 3.52 hectares of land.  
One of the joint owners, Sampat Bai, sold her part of the land to one Ashwin Deshmukh in 2010 but the buyer has not yet taken possession of it, the release said.  
On the contrary, the release said, Shankarlal was not only found to be possessing the land belonging to him but also occupying the part owned by Sampat Bai.

## Lakhs witness Lord Jagannath's 'golden attire' ritual

**Press Trust Of India**

Embellishment of the idols known as "Suna Beshha" (golden attire) is held two days after the sibling deities return to Shree Jagannath Temple



**PURI:** Around 15 lakh devotees on Wednesday witnessed Lord Jagannath's "Suna Beshha" ritual in which the idol, seated on a chariot in Puri, was adorned with gold ornaments embedded with precious stones, officials said.  
The idols of his siblings - Devi Subhadra and Lord Balabhadra - were also decorated by servitors with golden jewellery and attires atop their chariots in front of the 'Singha Dwar' (Lion's Gate) of the famous 12th-century temple.  
Sources said that the sibling deities wear gold jewellery, weighing nearly 208 kg on the occasion which, according to experts, began in

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• The ornaments used in the Suna Beshha are stored in the outer chamber of the Ratna Bhadar (treasury).

the 15th century. The embellishment of the idols known as "Suna Beshha" (golden attire) is held two days after the sibling deities return to Shree Jagannath Temple following their nine-day stay at the Gundicha Temple, considered their birthplace.  
"The devotees can have darshan of the deities till 11 pm on Wednesday night," Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) chief administrator Arabinda Padhee told reporters.  
Puri district Collector Siddharth Shankar Swain said: "We have made arrangements for the smooth darshan for 15 lakh devotees. The golden attires of the deities would be removed at about 11 pm. The people can have a glimpse of the trinity between 5 pm to 11 pm."

## Jamia prof suspended over 'sexual harassment'

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**NEW DELHI:** The Jamia Milla Islamia has suspended a professor and ordered inquiry into complaints of sexual harassment against him by four PhD scholars, one of whom had to cancel her admission.  
The officiating Vice Chancellor of the university, Mohammad Sha-

keel, ordered the suspension of the professor using his emergency powers and placed the inquiry before the Internal Complaints Committee of the university, an order said.  
The suspended professor has been barred from taking classes pending inquiry and is asked to mark his attendance at the chief pro-



cessor office until further order.  
The students have alleged the professor used "uncouth and uncivilised language" against them dur-

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• Four Ph.D scholars of Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI, have levelled allegations and made specific complaints of sexual harassment.  
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made sexual overtures. According to the suspension order dated July 16, "four Ph.D scholars of Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI, have levelled allegations and made specific complaints of sexual harassment, non-cooperation, disrespectful behaviour, undisciplined, uncouth and uncivilised language used by the professor."

## SC to hear pleas on NEET-UG 2024 today

**Press Trust Of India**

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Thursday a batch of petitions related to the controversy-ridden medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2024 which was held on May 5. According to the cause list of July 18 uploaded on the apex court's web-

site, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra would hear more than 40 pleas, including those filed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) seeking transfer of cases pending against it in various high courts on the NEET-UG row to the Supreme Court to avoid multiplicity of litigations.





State's revenue department is at a standstill position.

Sushil Anand Shukla,  
PCC Communication Head.

## 'Tazia' processions on 'Muharram'



'Tazia' processions were taken out to mark martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain on occasion of 'Muharram' here on Wednesday.

# 'Opposition politicising Diarrhea, cow slaughter'

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**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao has launched a scathing attack on the Congress party over the recent issues of diarrhea outbreaks and cow smuggling regulations.

Accusing Congress of exploiting deaths for political gain, Sao stated that the party is spreading confusion without understanding the facts and actual situations. He claimed that the people of Chhattisgarh have

repeatedly tested Congress, which has consistently acted against public interests.

Deputy CM Sao criticized the previous Congress government for engaging in appeasement politics and alleged that Congress members were complicit in cow smuggling, operating under government protection. He asserted that the current government is committed to taking stringent actions against cow smugglers, justifying the implementation of new

### HIGHLIGHT

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regulations to combat this issue.

Regarding the upcoming assembly session, Sao assured that the government is prepared to address all questions posed by the opposition. He emphasized that the BJP government is making decisions in the state's

interest and is open to discussing and responding to every issue raised by the members.

In a positive note, Deputy CM Sao expressed gratitude for the five national awards to be presented to the state's urban bodies by the Government of India.

These awards, recognizing efforts in self-employment, livelihood, and urban employment, will be given to four urban bodies along with SUDA, marking a proud moment for Chhattisgarh.

## NCERT officials attend training

**RAIPUR:** In line with the National Education Policy 2020, a 'School Readiness' program has been launched, aimed at providing game-based school preparation classes for grade 1 children over a period of three months. This initiative included a four-day virtual training session for teachers in government English medium schools for the current academic session. The training was guided by Rajendra Kumar Katara, Director of SCERT Chhattisgarh, Raipur, with the objective of facilitating children's learning through play and promoting their overall development.

The training highlighted three primary goals: ensuring the good health and happiness of children, fostering effective communication skills, and encouraging enthusiasm for learning and environmental connection. This pedagogical approach is designed for the holistic development of children, which is to be achieved within the three-month timeframe.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Sharad Sinha of NCERT discussed the Vidya Pravesh module. The session also saw the participation of program in-charges Dr. Deepa Das, Dr. Jessie Kurien, Mrs. Madhu Dani from SCERT, along with Dr. Jai Bharti Chandrakar and Dr. Bhaskar Dewangan.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ARRESTED

#### Five accused arrested in Cow Smuggling Mob Lynching case

**RAIPUR:** Police have arrested five individuals in connection with the alleged mob lynching case on June 7, involving suspected cow smuggling on the Mahanadi bridge near Arang. ASP Kiran Rathore, head of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), confirmed that a challan has been presented in court against all the accused, and the trial is set to begin.

The incident's investigation revealed that Tanay Lunia led a group of youths in a nighttime chase of a truck loaded with cattle.

This chase ended tragically with the discovery of two bodies, Chand Mian and Guddu Khan from Saharanpur (UP), under the bridge, and a third youth, Saddam, who was found seriously injured and later succumbed to his injuries.

Police investigations suggest that the chased truck stopped on the bridge, leading to an altercation.

### CURB CRIMES

#### Goons and miscreants should fear the Government and administration: Agarwal

**RAIPUR:** Amidst the ongoing allegations by Congress regarding the state's law and order, MP Brijmohan Agarwal has made a significant statement, asserting that goons and miscreants in the capital should fear the government and administration, and that ongoing crimes need to be curbed.

In a media discussion, MP Agarwal revealed that a meeting of the Home Department was held, involving discussions with the Home Minister and police officials.

He emphasized the necessity for the government and administration to instill fear among criminals and put an end to the prevailing crimes. Agarwal also highlighted Raipur's major issue, traffic congestion, and stressed the need for effective solutions.



### Plantation by Chhattisgarh Sonkar Samaj

#### Chhattisgarh Sonkar Samaj's State Women Cell plants trees in Sonkar Bari



**RAIPUR:** The State Women Cell of Chhattisgarh Sonkar Samaj, under Registration No. 3275, organized a tree plantation program on Sunday in Sonkar Bari, Ashwani Nagar, Raipur. The event commenced with the worship of Shri Ram Janaki, followed by the ceremonial planting of various trees. The women planted Banyan, Peepal, and Bel trees, along with fruit-bearing plants such as mango, jamun, and karonda. This initiative aimed to promote environmental sustainability and community participation. During the program, participants introduced themselves and shared their enthusiasm for contributing to socie-

tal development. They committed to ongoing efforts for the upliftment of the community and pledged to encourage women across the state to engage in social activities actively. Notable attendees included the first president of the Chhattisgarh Sonkar Samaj Mahila Cell, Keshar Sonkar, Vice Presidents Diksha Sonkar and Anita Shakar, Secretary Savitri Sonkar, Joint Secretary Vandana Sonkar, Media Incharge Bhuneshwari Sonkar, Executive Members Kunti Sonkar and Sevati Sonkar, along with society members Megha Sonkar, Anita Sonkar, Kalpana Sonkar, Ranu Sonkar, and Mr. Manoj Sonkar.

## Agrawal allocates 1 crore for devp

**RAIPUR:** In a significant move aimed at boosting development in the Raipur Rural Assembly, MP Brijmohan Agrawal announced a grant of 1 crore rupees from his MP fund. This announcement was made during a voter felicitation ceremony where Agrawal expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the people and party workers, leading to his maximum victory in the area.

Addressing the gathering, Agrawal emphasized that all promises made by the state government under Modi's guarantee were fulfilled within just 3 months, instead of the expected 5 years. He expressed special appreciation for the constituents of Raipur Rural Assembly and acknowledged the hard work of party workers. During the event, Agrawal honored voters from the four Mandals.

# FDP on 'Opportunities and Challenges in NEP' concludes

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Teachers and students are the two stakeholders in the implementation of NEP 2020: Prasanna R.

**RAIPUR:** Amity University, Chhattisgarh, hosted a seven-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Opportunities and Challenges in National Education Policy" as part of the mission for Viksit Bharat.

In his inaugural address, Prasanna R. emphasized the mission of developed Chhattisgarh by 2035 and highlighted the rapid pace of technological change. He stressed the need to adapt teaching and learning methods to equip students with skills for employment and identified teachers and stu-



Faculty Development Program held at Amity University, Raipur.

### FACTFILE

● Education is not for earning money, it is for living with dignity: Prof Mishra

dents as key stakeholders in the implementation of NEP 2020. He mentioned that the department has issued an advisory to all

universities and colleges to establish helpdesks in their admissions departments to address queries from students and parents regarding NEP 2020.

Guest of Honor, Prof. (Dr.) Colonel Umesh Mishra, Chairman of CGPURC, underscored the strategic importance of aligning academic

frameworks with the transformative NEP 2020. He emphasized the role of innovative pedagogical approaches and interdisciplinary learning in preparing students for future challenges. Professor Mishra also stated, "Education is not for earning money; it is for living with dignity."

NEW LAUNCH

## Sarafa Association web portal and QR Code launched

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**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao graced the oath-taking and blessing ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of the Chhattisgarh Sarafa Association at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, situated in the Science College campus of Raipur. The event saw the launch of the association's web portal and QR code, marking a significant step towards modernization.



Agarwal and MLA Amar Agarwal as special guests. Sunil Otvani, an advocate in the Bilaspur High Court and an executive member of the Bar Council of India, administered the oath to the newly elected President, General Secretary, and Treasurer of the association. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Deputy Chief Minister

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**New leadership to unite bullion traders across state.**

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Deputy CM, CG

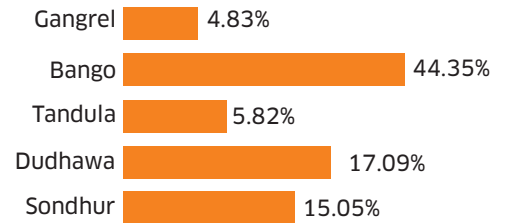
Arun Sao expressed his confidence in the new leadership, emphasizing their role in uniting bullion traders across the state. He stressed the importance of social service alongside protecting traders' interests, assuring the association of the government's unwavering sup-

port in uplifting the bullion business in Chhattisgarh. MP Brijmohan Agarwal, in his speech, highlighted the bullion business as a symbol of the state's progress, noting its remarkable growth over the last 24 years. MLA Amar Agarwal echoed this sentiment, pointing out the rapid establishment of new bullion shops as a sign of increasing purchasing power among the state's residents. He thanked the bullion traders for their substantial contribution to the state's economic development.

### The Day's NUMBERS

Water storage in percentage

### WATER STORAGE STATUS AS ON JULY 17 IN VARIOUS DAMS IN CHHATTISGARH



Source : Agencies

### BAIL DENIED

#### Bail denied for Woman Police Station in-charge in bribery case

**RAIPUR:** The special court has denied bail to Vedmati Dariyo, a woman police station in-charge who was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on charges of accepting a bribe of twenty thousand rupees. The court, after hearing arguments from both sides, determined that the case involved a serious economic crime and thus rejected the bail application.

The bail hearing took place on Tuesday in the court of Special Judge (Corruption Act) and First Additional Sessions Judge Nidhi Sharma Tiwari. In her bail application, Dariyo claimed that she had been falsely implicated and had no role in the alleged crime. She emphasized her status as a government employee and permanent resident of Chhattisgarh, asserting that she was unlikely to abscond and was willing to comply with any conditions imposed by the court.

However, the State Economic Offences Investigation Bureau, represented by Deputy Director Prosecution Mithlesh Verma, opposed the bail. Verma presented the case of Preeti Banjare, who had approached the women's police station with a dowry harassment complaint.

### ACCIDENT

#### 20 injured in horrific Truck-Bus collision on Raipur-Balodabazar road



**RAIPUR:** In a devastating accident on the Raipur-Balodabazar road, a truck and a city bus collided head-on, resulting in injuries to more than 20 people. Among the injured are both the drivers of the vehicles and several passengers, some of whom have sustained serious injuries.

The accident took place near Semriya village in the Vidhansabha police station area. The impact of the collision was so severe that the seats of the bus were torn off, and blood was visible throughout the bus. Witnesses described scenes of chaos as passersby rushed to help the injured passengers, many of whom were in shock and distress.



# CM Sai discusses new Rly projects with Rly Minister

Stresses on expanding rail network to boost social, economic development.



Sai paid a courtesy visit to Union Railway Minister in New Delhi.

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**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Wednesday met Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi and discussed several pivotal railway projects aimed at enhancing connectivity and fostering economic growth in the state.

In a crucial meeting held today at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, Chief Minister Sai emphasized on the significance of expanding Chhattisgarh's rail network for bolstering social and economic development across the

## FASTFACTS

- Four major railway projects to start in Chhattisgarh soon.
- Railway Minister assured speedy work on projects.

region. He urged the union minister to commence at the earliest four major railway projects of the state, Dharamjaigarh-Pathalgaon-Lohardaga New Line Project, Ambikapur-Barwadih New Line Project, Kharasia-Naya Raipur-Parimalaksa New Rail Line Project and Raoghat-

## New rail line in Chhattisgarh discussed

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai says "Along with our Deputy CM Vijay Sharma, I met with the Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and held discussions regarding new rail line in Chhattisgarh. Railways cover is less in the state but after PM Modi came to power for the third time, we have huge expectations...In the coming times, Chhattisgarh will get 4 new rail lines... Discussions were held regarding the upcoming developments in the state regarding the Railways sector."

Jagdulpur New Rail Line Project.

The length of the project is 240 Km. The project will enhance connectivity between north Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, linking towns like Pathalgaon, Kunkuri, Jas-

hpur Nagar, Gumla etc. He said work on the Korba-Dharmjaygarh project is in progress.

There is a plan to connect the industrial (Korba) region with Lohardaga through this project.

## Committee formed to collect Data

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Govt has constituted an eight-member committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary Manoj Pingua to collect Quantifiable Data over Reservation to Government servants from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in Promotion. Director Tribal Caste Research PS Elma would be the member-Secretary of the above committee. General Administration Department (GAD) Secretary Ambalgaon P, Secretary cum Commissioner Tribal Welfare Narendra Dugga, Special Secretary GAD Chandan Kumar and PS Elma would be the members of the committee.

## 'CBI probe on CGPSC scam will set example'

**RAIPUR:** This is a good action and a good decision by the Vishnu Deo gov't. Transparency is a must in exams, and taking action will set an example. In future, no one will dare to play with future of students," says BJP MLA Ajay Chandrakar on CBI taking over probe into allegations of favouritism in the selection of candidates for posts of Deputy Collectors, Dy SP and other senior state officers by CGPSC following exam conducted by it during 2020-22.

## Govt to bring Ordinance on electoral process in Civic Bodies

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## HIGHLIGHT

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Government would bring Ordinance to change the process of elections in Civic Bodies including the Municipal Corporations soon. However, the above exercise would be taken up once the process of Delimitation of the Municipal Wards is completed by month-end.

According to information received, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership has reached to a consensus to hold elections for the post of Mayor and Chairperson in various Municipal Corporation and other Civic bodies.

BJP sources stated that the Delimitation process would bring about dras-

● To initiate process after the Delimitation process is completed by month-end.

tic changes in the social equations in various Wards of Civic Bodies. Process of Delimitation would be completed by month-end which would be followed with exercise at govt. It is understood that Govt would bring about Ordinance to hold direct elections to the post of Mayor and Chairpersons next month.

Erstwhile Congress govt had changed electoral process in last year which enabled Municipal Corporations becoming Mayor on basis of strength in General Body.

## Kanya Vivah a boon for financially weaker families

**RAIPUR:** A total of 45 couples tied the knot under Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana in Raigarh district on Tuesday. The main objective of the scheme is to alleviate the financial difficulties faced by poor families, prevent wasteful expenditure on weddings, and improve social status by organizing mass marriages. An amount of Rs 35,000 was transferred to the bank account of each couple

in the name of the bride by the government. Bags, makeup items, clothes, and other gifts were given to the bride and groom, along with marriage certificates.

Among the beneficiaries, Smt. Devanti Sidar, a resident of Gopalpur, Boirdadar, and Smt. Bharti, a resident of Bhagwanpur, shared that they got married on July 16 under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana.

## Gas companies working against rules to face action

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License mandatory for keeping more than 100 kg of gas at a time.

**RAIPUR:** The work of gas companies will be reviewed under the guidance of Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh and action will be taken against gas companies working against the rules.

On the instructions of Collector Gaurav Singh the Additional District Magistrate Kirtiman Rathore held a meeting with the officials of Bharat Petroleum, Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Company and 42 gas agencies of the district including private gas agency owners.

During the meeting, all commercial gas consumers were instructed to have storage and explosive license in case

of keeping more than 100 kg gas at a time and industrial institutions were instructed to have storage and explosive license in case of keeping more than 300 kg liquefied gas.

Additional District Magistrate Kirtiman Rathore has directed all gas companies and agencies to provide SV vouchers and gas cards to those using commercial gas, besides following the rules made for making entries on delivery.

Apart from this, instructions were also given to keep weighing machines and explosion proof devices for the convenience of consumers in vehicles transporting domestic gas. The district administration will again hold a meeting of gas companies and dealers in the first week of August. In which the improvements made in a month will be reviewed.

## 'Farmers becoming economically empowered'

**RAIPUR:** Revenue Minister Tank Ram Verma has said that under the leadership of CM Vishnu Deo Sai, the state govt was empowering farmers economically. It is giving all possible help to strengthen farming, he said while addressing 'Matdata Abhinandan Samaroh' organized in Sarangarh. MP Radheshyam Rathia also joined him in the program. Revenue Minister Verma said that the state govt was running schemes for the upliftment of all sections. Expressing gratitude to the voters, he said that Chhattisgarh had an important role in the goal of making the country a developed nation by 2047 under the leadership of PM Modi. He said that Chhattisgarh was also moving rapidly towards becoming a developed state and in the years to come, India will again play the role of Vishwa Guru (world leader).

# CM discusses job creation with Union Sports Minister

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Chief Minister Sai urged Union Sports Minister to provide more assistance for employment generation, labour welfare and expansion of sports facilities in Chhattisgarh.

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Wednesday met Union Minister of Labour, Employment, Youth and Sports Affairs Mansukh Mandaviya and urged him to provide more assistance for employment generation, labour welfare and expansion of sports facilities in Chhattisgarh.

During the meeting at his residence in New Delhi, the Chief Minister informed him about the progress made in the fields of labour, employ-



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## FASTFACTS

- Sai informed about progress in fields of labour, employment and sports in state.
- The CM sought more cooperation from Centre to reduce rate of unemployment in state.

ment and sports in the state. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma was also present at the meeting.

CM Sai also informed at the meeting that the Chhattisgarh Government has taken several important steps to protect the interests of the workers. These include increase in minimum wage rate, implemen-

tation of labour welfare schemes and creation of new employment opportunities. The Chief Minister sought more cooperation from the Central Government to reduce the rate of unemployment in the state. In the field of youth and sports, the CM informed that sports facilities are being expanded in the state.

## WORKSHOP

# IT hub to be developed in Nava Raipur

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**RAIPUR:** Nava Raipur in Chhattisgarh is going to become the first IT hub of the state. A large number of youth will be provided employment in IT hub. A golden opportunity to get a job in multinational companies is going to be available soon.

Three big companies will soon start the recruitment process by interviewing the youth. Before this, registration is necessary in a website named



e-start. To this end, a workshop was organized in Shaheed Memorial Bhawan recently under the guidance of Collector Dr Gaurav Singh, to connect

the youth with multinational companies. Youth were told about the ways to join the IT hub through this workshop. They were also introduced to

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Vishwadeep District Panchayat CEO

the ways to boost their confidence before the interview. Addressing the workshop, District Panchayat CEO Vishwadeep said that this opportunity is going to give a big chance to the youth of the state. This will give the youth an opportunity to become founder members in the first company that has come to the state. Better job opportunities are going to be available in the state itself as compared to big cities, he said.

## District admn : Keep animals in a safe place

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**RAIPUR:** The district administration is appealing to keep animals roaming in capital and outer routes in a safe place. On instructions of Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh, animals, injured in accidents are getting immediate help and treatment facilities. Instructions have been given to ensure 24-hour ambulance facility in district. Instructions have also been given to create awareness about not

leaving animals in open. Joint Director of Veterinary Department, Shankar Lal Uikay said that 22 veterinary hospitals and one mobile medical unit are operating in district. All institution in-charges have been instructed that as soon as information of accident is received, they should immediately reach spot and provide treatment. Mobile medical units having ambulance facilities have been instructed to remain alert 24 hours a day.

## NEWSLINE

### COURTESY VISIT

Rajwade pays courtesy visit to Khatick



**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Minister for Women and Child Development, Lakshmi Rajwade on Wednesday paid a courtesy visit to Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar Khatick at his office in Delhi. On this occasion, Minister Rajwade presented Dr. Khatick with a famous Dhokra art piece made by the tribals of Bastar and invited him to visit Chhattisgarh. Dr. Khatick assured to visit Chhattisgarh soon and to fully support the central government's efforts towards the welfare of people with disabilities.

### EDUCATION

MLA Munat inspects Mahoba Bazar School

**RAIPUR:** Raipur West MLA Rajesh Munat on Wednesday inspected the ongoing construction work at Mahoba Bazar Higher Secondary School. He directed the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) to ensure construction of Boundary Wall, Paver Block and other essential goods after creating four-dimensional lay-out of the School building.

### MEETING

'Provide 100% benefit of welfare schemes'

**RAIPUR:** Forest and Climate Change Minister and Minister in-charge of Bijapur district Kedar Kashyap reviewed progress of state and centrally sponsored public welfare schemes in Bijapur by holding a meeting of district level officers. It is necessary to ensure that eligible beneficiaries get 100% benefit of schemes.

### CLEANLINESS

Chlorination and cleanliness campaign of water sources



**RAIPUR:** A special campaign for chlorination and cleanliness of all public and private water sources has commenced in the Kabirdham district. The Panchayat and Rural Development, Health, and PHE departments have initiated this effort to ensure the cleanliness of all water sources in the district. The objective of this campaign, initiated on the instructions of Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Sharma, is to ensure the supply of pure and clean drinking water in rural areas.





“Special train for Ramlala Darshan at Ayodhya Dham departs on July 23”

Richa Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector, Durg

# Civic bodies to remove stray animals from roads

Aadhaar updation camps to be organised in colleges.



Collector chaired a time limit review meeting at Collectorate.

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## FASTFACTS

- Civic bodies asked to prepare PPT on solid waste management
- Departments asked to maintain records of acquired land

**BHILAI:** In view of accidents caused by animals on the roads during the rainy season, Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary has directed the officials to run a campaign to remove stray animals from the roads in urban bodies and rural areas. She said that cattle owners should be advised to make arrangements for the animals. The Collector discussed the time limit cases, Jandarshan, public complaints as well as conducted detailed department-wise review of pending cases of Samadhan and Saarth-

portal. She informed that a public grievance redressal fortnight will be organised in all urban bodies from 27 July to 10 August. She directed the officials of urban bodies to prepare a ward-wise roster of the camp. Collector directed the e-district manager to organize Aadhaar updation camps in

## Focus on hostels / ashrams under Fight the Bite

She directed the officials to conduct Fight the Bite campaign at hostels and ashrams as well. This campaign should be run in commercial and industrial areas. Activities related to cleaning of hand pump soak pits, ponds, wells, borewell recharge and water harvesting system for water conservation should be conducted till 30 September. Organizing Jal Madai in urban and rural areas should be result oriented. Plantation should be done on a large scale by the Water Resources Department on the identified banks of Shvsnath and Tandularivers

all other colleges to solve the problems arising in admission of students. She directed the Assistant Commissioner of Excise to ban single use disposal around the liquor shops.

She inquired about the availability of fertilizers and Kharif seeds. She directed the officials to provide fertilizers and seeds to the farmers as per their requirement.

## 178.9 mm average rainfall recorded

**BHILAI:** An average rainfall of 178.9 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 17 July. Land Records Branch informed that the highest rainfall of 308.4 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 114.5 mm in Bori. Apart from this, 128.4 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 136.2 mm in Dhamdha, 160.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 225.8 mm in Ahiwara. On July 17, 16.4 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 8.9 mm in Dhamdha, 10.0 mm in Patan, 11.1 mm in Bori, 7.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 21.6 mm in Ahiwara.

## Neighbour beats astrologer

**BHILAI:** An astrologer was thrashed by his neighbour at Vijay Nagar in Durg on Tuesday. The victim Sanjay Moharkar is an astrologer and resides in Ward 12, Vijay Nagar in Durg. Around 19:30 hrs on Tuesday, his neighbour Shrishant Moharkar contacted him on mobile phone and asked him to come out of the house. Sanjay came out to meet Shrishant. Suddenly, Shrishant started using abusive words and threatened him.

## DMC: Bhoomi puja performed for devp work in Ward No 01

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**BHILAI:** Durg city MLA Gajendra Yadav and DMC Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal performed Bhoomi Puja for development work in ward number 01 in the presence of Speaker Rajesh Yadav, Councilors, officials and a large number of citizens. It needs a mention that the puja was performed for CC road work and Panchsheel Nagar, Dabrapara drain, culvert construction work. The duo instructed the concerned officials that the work of cement

## HIGHLIGHT

- Works to be completed at a cost of Rs 21 lakhs

road should be completed within the time period, so that the citizens of the ward can get good facilities in commuting. Development work will be done in the remaining wards as well, they added. Bhoomi Puja was done for the works to be completed at a cost of Rs 21 lakhs. The duo further said that this road work will help in commuting.

## Medical store operator fined for C&D waste

**BHILAI:** On instructions of DMC Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, the corporation administration is maintaining a strict vigil on cleanliness. In this sequel, on Wednesday, during inspection it was found that C&D waste material including sand and gravel was dumped in the approach area by Jainam Medicos in Ward No 28 Housing Board Complex. A fine of Rs 500 has been collected for sand and gravel. Also, during inspection, Lalji Sahu, a



resident of Bansh Para, was caught dumping the debris of the house in the street, he also had to immediately pay a fine of Rs 500. It should be known that the corporation administration is constantly appealing the city residents regarding cleanliness.

## NEWSLINE

### SMUGGLING

#### Goon nabbed with cannabis



**BHILAI:** Police arrested a notorious goon on charges of cannabis smuggling. CSP Satya Prakash Tiwari informed that acting on a tip off, they rounded up a notorious goon Maharana Pratap Bhawan. On searching, police found 5.4 kgs of cannabis worth Rs 55000 from his possession. The accused was identified as Sagar Kandra alias Magga (24) son of Sanmugam Kandra, a resident of Ruabandha Basti, Gandhi Chowk, Bhilai. He was booked under section 20-B of NDPS Act.

### ARREST

#### Man held for boozing in public

**BHILAI:** Police arrested a person on charges of consuming liquor at a public place. ASI Dinesh Verma of Anda Police Station informed that they received a tip off regarding some people consuming liquor near Thakur Dev Mandir in village Chirpoti. The police patrolling team reached the spot and found a person consuming liquor in an open public place. Police rounded up an accused Sunil Pardhi (38) son of Chova Ram Pardhi a resident of village Chirpoti with liquor bottles and other items.

### THEFT

#### Advocate's scooter stolen

**BHILAI:** Scooter of an advocate was stolen from the vehicle parking lot near Durg District Court. The victim Avadhesh Jha, a resident of Sector 6 had parked his scooter bearing registration number CG07-AU-8296 at the vehicle parking lot in the BSNL Office located near Durg District Court. The victim returned after completing his work at the district court and found that the vehicle was missing. He tried to search the scooter at possible places and thereafter lodged an FIR at Durg City Kotwali.

### CRIME

#### Man stabs wife to death

**BHILAI:** A man axed his wife to death in village Marra of Patan Block on the intervening night of Wednesday. The accused stayed with the dead body for the entire night at home. The incident was the outcome of some family dispute. Utai SHO Inspector Vipin Rangari informed that the deceased was Sakun Bai Yadav (55) wife of Gopi Ram Yadav a resident of village Marra. All the family members had their dinner after which Gopi Ram Yadav and his wife Sakun Bai went to their room. Gopi Ram axed his wife to death in the room and stayed there till morning. On information of the family members, Police arrested the accused and further investigations are on.

## World Population Day 2024 observed at JLN Hospital



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### A thought-provoking skit was staged by the Nursing students of PG College.

**BHILAI:** World Population Day 2024 was observed at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital & Research Centre (JLNHRC), Sector-9, BSP. With the world population at 8.019 billion and India leading at 1.44 billion, the event addressed global population growth concerns, and highlighted urgent action needs. The World Population Day celebration was aligned with the World Health Organi-

zation's theme "Raising Awareness about Global Population Issues," and featured a series of activities. The programme began with the lighting of ceremonial lamp. Dr Ravindranath Minaugurated a Poster Exhibition. Nursing students from PG College of Nursing, Shri Shankaracharya College of Nursing, and Apollo College of Nursing participated in poster competitions, showcasing their understanding of population-related issues. A thought-provoking skit was also staged by the Nursing students of PG College, which added a creative dimension to the awareness campaign.

## Bike stolen from Malviya Ngr

**BHILAI:** Vehicle of a devotee was stolen from the Hanuman Temple located at Malviya Nagar. The victim Harish Chandra Sahu had gone to have Prasad in Bhandara at the temple. He parked his scooter on the roadside near the temple and went inside. He returned after about an hour and found that the bike was missing.

## E-rickshaw turns turtle; two injured

**BHILAI:** Two vegetable vendors suffered injuries in a road accident. The victims Dharmendra Singh and his aunt Shanti Bai Patel are recuperating at a private hospital in Utai. They were travelling in an e-rickshaw to purchase vegetables from Gunderdehi. Near Purai Turning, the driver lost control after which the e-rickshaw turned turtle.

## Staff of CO & CCD honoured with Shiromani Awards

Central Chronicle News

### For exemplary work performance in the month of June 2024.

**BHILAI:** Employees of Coke Oven and Coal Chemical Department (CO & CCD) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with 'Karm Shiromani' Awards for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' by Bhilai Steel Plant. Tarun Kanrar, CGM (CO & CCD) was the Chief Guest Award Ceremony held recently.

Rajesh Kumar Ghanghorkar, Master Operator (Battery Operation), and Rameshwar Prasad, Master Operator (Coke Sorting Plant) were awarded the Karm Shiromani Awards for their commendable work performance in the month of June 2024.



Winners of Shiromani Award at the function.

## FASTFACTS

- Objective is to acknowledge and honour the sincere efforts and hard work of employees
- Letter of Appreciation was presented to the Spouses

Mementos and Certificates were presented to all the awardees, along with a Letter of Appreciation to their respective Spouses. Chief Guest felicitated the awardees appreciated them

for their achievements and contributions at the workplace and encouraged all the employees of CO & CCD to work in the future with the same spirit. Samir Roychowdhury, Section Officer & GM (CO & CCD), Birju Paswan, PVVS Murty, Jhagar Singh, Atul Goswami, AR Sahu, and BC Mandal, General Managers of CO & CCD were present along with Rupesh Kumar Yadav, AGM (CO&CCD), and other Senior Officials of the Department.

M Tanmmai, Personnel Officer compered the programme, while Pravin Sharma, ALWO proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The main objective behind awarding Plant's employees with Karm Shiromani and Pali Shiromani Awards is to acknowledge and honour the sincere efforts and hard work displayed by them at the workplace, by meeting the organizational objectives while adhering to the standard parameters of safety.

## REINSTALLING SCULPTURE |

## Das inspects renovation work of "Flight of Steel"

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** The "Flight of Steel" sculpture, created by acclaimed artist and Padma Bhushan awardee Jatin Das is being re-installed at the heart of Bhilai Township, near Jayanti Stadium, Indira Place. On Wednesday, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP) accompanied by Pawan Kumar, ED (HR) and artist Jatin Das inspected the progress of the re-installation work and gave necessary



instructions for completing the installation work impeccably. The installation work of the "Flight of Steel" sculpture is being carried out by the Town

Services Department of BSP, under the direction of Padma Bhushan awardee artist Jatin Das. Along with the re-installation of this sculpture, chain link fencing has

also been done around the area where the sculpture is installed. Inside the fencing, the area is

“Attractive lighting shall adorn the “Flight of Steel” sculpture to illuminate the area after sunset.”

Public Relations, SAIL-BSP

being covered with plantations, flowerbeds, decorative paver blocks, and granite. The remaining space has been covered with BSP-produced Green Tiles.

A systematic drainage system is also being put in place around the sculpture to prevent waterlogging during the rainy season. Attractive lighting shall adorn the "Flight of Steel" sculpture to illuminate the area after sunset.

## UPS Jamul celebrates Van Mahotsava

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** Uday Public School Jamul celebrated Van Mahotsava and organised a tree plantation drive. School Director Dr TR Sahu said that on the call of the Prime Minister, they planted saplings on the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam". Saplings of Karanj, Arjun, Neem and Gulmohar were planted. Members of the School Management Committee and the Parent Committee participated in the programme. At the out-

set, the teachers addressed the gathering and threw light on the objectives of the programme. Students raised slogans on tree plantation. Principal, teachers and BEd students of Uday Mahavidyalaya were present. The gathering pledged to plant more trees and protect them. I/c Principal Tasmin Fatima, teachers Purnima Sahu, Meena Yadav, Hemant Kumar Sahu, Latika Syanti, Nageshwari Sahu, Neha Chaudhary and Kavita Soni and students were present.



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“Take necessary action into the applications, complaints of people and solve them.”

Chandrakant Verma  
Collector -Khairagarh

# Chhattisgarh



MLA Vikram Mandavi addressing a press conference.

## ‘BJP govt wants to eliminate Bastar tribals’

Death of two girls in Potacabin has created an atmosphere of fear among the parents, who are taking their children back home from Potacabin.

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**BIJAPUR:** Addressing a press conference at the district headquarters in Bijapur on Tuesday, Bijapur MLA Vikram Mandavi said that the death of two female students studying in Potacabin is tragic. He further said that the deaths of students due to malaria in Tarlaguda and Sangampalli Potacabin could have been prevented. This incident has created an atmosphere of fear among the parents, who are taking their children back home from Potacabin. Looking at all these things, it seems that there has been negli-

gence from the lower level to the higher level of the administration, and the district administration is entirely responsible in this matter. MLA Vikram Mandavi charged that neither the government nor the health services have been supported by the BJP government.

MLA Vikram Mandavi further said that the Health Minister of the BJP government comes to Bijapur but does not go to meet the affected families, only comes to Bijapur to fulfill formalities and goes back, which is unfortunate. In the press conference, Bijapur MLA Vikram

### HIGHLIGHT

● **MLA Vikram Mandavi charged that the Health Minister of the BJP govt had come to Bijapur but did not go to meet the affected families.**

● **Students studying in Potacabin are suffering from malaria, and it's sad that students are not being treated for malaria under the BJP govt.**

Mandavi accused the BJP government, saying that the BJP government wants to kill the tribals of Bas-

tar in one way or another through conspiracy. Whether it's fake encounters of innocent villagers, killings by Naxalite bullets, or deaths from diseases, tribals are dying in every way. The BJP government has completely failed to provide security to the tribals, so the Congress party demands that the state's Health Minister should resign. Addressing the press conference, Neena Rawatiya Udde, coordinator of the investigation team, said that since the BJP government was formed in the state, there has been no governance in the tribal areas.

## Beneficiaries issued forest rights letter

**SUKMA:** Minister in charge and Minister of Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Parliamentary Affairs, Skill Development and Cooperation Kedar Kashyap and MP Bastar Lok Sabha constituency Mahesh Kashyap along with other public representatives distributed forest rights recognition letters to the beneficiaries of Kolaiguda village, dependent on Gram Panchayat Dabbakonta of development block Konta. The forest rights leases were provided to Madvi Bheeme, Madkam Mangi, Madvi Lasmu, Madvi Muka, Vedma Rama, Dimium Sukka, and Madvi Podiya.

## DMF committee meeting held

**KORBA:** Collector Ajit Vasant chaired a meeting of working committee of District Miner Institute Trust (DMF) at the meeting hall of Collectorate on Tuesday. In the meeting CEO District Panchayat Sambit Mishra through a presentation gave details about the receipts and expenditure made through DMF funds. On this occasion officers from other department were present.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

NEW BODY

### Pradeep Morashia elected President, Akshay Kumar as Gen. Secy.

**BACHELI :** In the new elections of the office bearers of Officers' Association (OA), Bachel, for the post of President- Pradeep Morashia, GM(Elect) was elected as the President; Dharmraj -DGM(Mines) & BD Mahant, DGM (Mines) for the post of Vice President; Akshay Darokar, AGM (Mines) for the post of General Secretary; Amit Kumar Gupta, Manager (IE) for the post of Joint Secretary and Salamat Ali, SM (Finance) for the post of Treasurer The President of 'OA' express sincere gratitude to our "Head of Project" for extending his support and all the coordinating team members' i.e Minhaj, Vikas Soni, SS Nag and Dr. Rajesh Shrivastava for conducting 'OA' election in organized way. The OA is also thankful to all executives for their enthusiasm & active participation in election. Thank you. It is notable that fresh election of office bearers of Officers' Association (OA), Bachel, was held on July 10, to elect its new Office Bearers.

NABBED

### Six accused arrested with 60 kg ganja, three bikes seized



**JAGDALPUR:** Dae police station of Bastar district got information from an informer that some people were carrying ganja in three bikes going to Darbha from Orissa.

On the information, action was taken under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Shalabh Kumar Sinha and Additional Superintendent of Police Maheshwar Nag, under the supervision of SDOP Keshalur Vishwa Deepak Tripathi. Under which separate teams were formed under the leadership of police station in-charge Darbha Inspector Kesharichand Sahu and police station in-charge Parpa Dilbagh Singh.

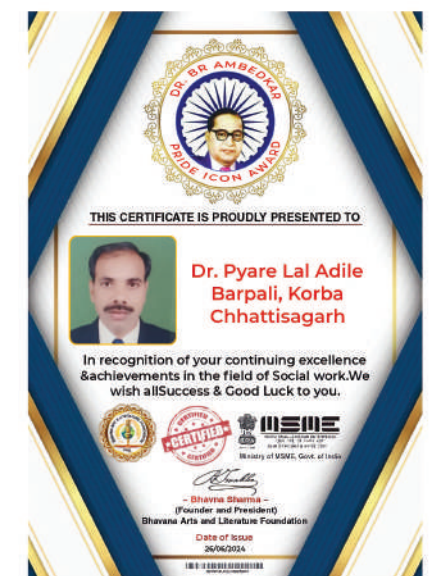
### BR Ambedkar Pride of Icon Award

### Prof. Adile honoured with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pride Icon Award by Sahitya Foundation

**KORBA:** Professor Pyarelal Adile was honoured with Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Pride Icon Award by Bhavana Kala and Sahitya Foundation of Jhotwara, Rajasthan.

It is noteworthy that Prof. Adile has been continuously active in the field of social service since his school teaching. By participating in literary activities, today you yourself are earning fame as a famous writer and creator. Presently you are working as Principal in J.B.D. Arts and Science College, Katghora. You are a learned professor with higher education research degree in Political Science. Born in a small village Budhiyapali in tribal dominated area, you are making your village famous at national and international level. Till now you have received many awards and honours at international, national and state level.

It is noteworthy that this honour has been given to you for spreading public awareness on the social impact of Ambedkar's thoughts and estab-



lishing international dialogue. You are an international level scholar and speaker of Ambedkar philosophy. The award giving foundation and many organizations have congratulated you.

## 'Shala Praves-hotsav' held

**DONGARGAON:** 'Shala Praves-hotsav' was observed in Kokapur HS School, and Middle School. During this the girl students were distributed bicycles under 'Sarswati Cycle Yojana'. The chief guest of the programme was Jagriti Churni Yadu, District Panchayat, 'Sabhpati' and Mukesh Sinha, of Shala Vikas Samiti, Middle School, Kokapur chaired the programme.

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Mobile police stations were organized in the region to help prevent crimes and maintain peace in the society through communication between public and police.

**JAGDALPUR:** To prevent crimes and maintain peace in the society, it is considered very important to have better communication between the public and the police. By exposing the human side of the police to the public, the complaints of the public are received by the police in an uninterrupted manner, which speeds up the resolution of complaints.

In order to create a peaceful environment in the society, to gain



Mobile police stations were organized at many places in region.

### FACTFILE

● **About the three new criminal laws in these mobile police stations, land related disputes, use of motor vehicles and others was given through this.**

invaluable support from the public in controlling crimes and investigating crimes, the police go out of the police stations and sit and talk

with the general public, which increases the trust between the public and the police. Moving ahead with these objectives, mobile police stations were organized simultaneously in Salemetta of Bhanpuri police station and Kudkanar of Bastar, Chhindgaon of Karpavand and Nalpvand of Bakavand on Monday.

About the three new criminal laws in these mobile police stations, land related disputes, use

of motor vehicles, use of mobile phones, missing person information, de-addiction movement, measures to avoid theft and fraud, installation of CCTV cameras. Discussions were held and suggestions were taken from the public present. Some complaints related to land disputes were also received regarding which explanations were given.

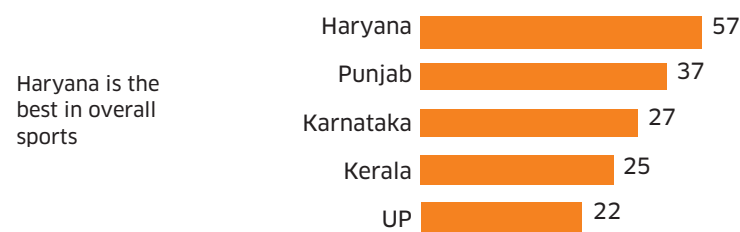
With these goals and messages, such events will continue to be organized in the district. The police department appeals to the respected general public and public representatives that more and more people will participate in this. In these events, police sub-divisional officer Bhanpuri Ghanshyam Kamde and public representatives got support in these events.

MOBILE POLICE

## Mobile police stations organized in sub-divisions

### The Day's NUMBERS

### SHARE OF ATHLETES FROM VARIOIUS STATES, OLYMPIC GAMES 2004-2016



Haryana is the best in overall sports

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WARM WELCOME

### Chairman M Venkatesan accorded rousing welcome by sanitation workers

**KORBA:** On the arrival of National Safai Karamchari Commission Chairman M Venkatesan in Korba, he was given a rousing welcome by local social workers and family members of sanitation workers in Nagar Palika Nigam Geetanjali Bhawan. It is a matter of pride that Chairman M Venkatesan along with him were warmly introduced to the families of sanitation workers under the leadership of Nagur resident of the same society Umesh Pimpri, National President Mahadalit Parisangh and Dongargarh resident Mayur Hathel, State President Mahadalit Parisangh Chhattisgarh Sikandar Usar Usarvarsha Korba. Not just this, during the direct discussion, the Safai Karmacharis put forth their demands that 13 employees on master roll since 1998 in Korba Municipal Corporation should be immediately regularized and caste certificate for Safai Karmacharis in CG state, constitution of Safai Karmachari Commission and others were demanded by the Safai Karmacharis.

SAWAN UTSAV

### Grand celebration of Sawan Utsav at HTPS, Korba West



**KORBA:** Monsoon Dhamaka program was organized on the theme of Happy Monsoon at Ravindra Sanskritik Bhawan (Senior Club), Hasdeo Thermal Power Station, Korba West under the chief hospitality and guidance of Executive Director (Production) Sanjay Sharma and Mrs. Niharika Sharma (President, Sankalp Mahila Mandal). In the programme, children presented an attractive dance on the theme of monsoon which was highly appreciated and the musical presentation of melodious songs by the members of Swaranjali Group won everyone's heart. Krishna Kumar Mishra and Mrs. Archana Mishra were selected as the lucky monsoon couple.

WORLD SNAKE DAY

## Recognizing the critical role of snakes in ecosystems

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**KORBA:** July 16th, marks World Snake Day, a global initiative aimed at increasing awareness about the conservation and significance of snakes in our ecosystems. This annual celebration serves to highlight the indispensable role that snakes play in maintaining the delicate balance of our environment.

NTPC Korba's initiative to conduct awareness programs on World



Snake Day at its township schools and plant premises signifies a dedicated effort towards educating the community about these often misunderstood creatures. By choosing this global observance, they high-

light the importance of coexistence with snakes, emphasizing their ecological role and safety measures.

Through interactive sessions and demonstrations, they not only dispel myths but also

“Snakes, with their diverse species, are pivotal in controlling the populations of rodents and other small animals.”

Snake Expert Korba

promote environmental stewardship among students, employees, and local residents. Such pro-

grams foster a culture of respect for wildlife and contribute to a safer and more informed community living alongside diverse ecosystems.

Snakes, with their diverse species, are pivotal in controlling the populations of rodents and other small animals. By doing so, they safeguard crops and mitigate the transmission of diseases that could affect both humans and animals alike.



# 'District doing good work in the field of education'

National Education Policy will bring about a vast change in education.

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**BIJAPUR:** "The district is touching new heights in the field of education and the schemes of Chhattisgarh Government, Vishnu-dev Sai Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are now reaching the last person and there is no dearth of talent in the children of Bijapur and the future of tribal children of entire Bastar is improving with the schemes of the Central and State Government". The above words are by the Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Skill Development, Cooperative Parliamentary Affairs and District In-charge Minister Kedar Kashyap who attended the district level school entrance festival organized at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Gyan Gudi Education City as the chief guest during his one-day visit to Bijapur.

The Minister, in his address, also praised the Collector and the team of the district administration and said that Bijapur district has now started touching new heights in the field of education and Navodaya Vidyalaya of Bijapur is in second place in the state, it is a matter of pride for the district and there are high level educational institutions in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ekla-



Minister Kedar Kashyap who attended the district level school entrance festival organized at JNV Gyan Gudi, in Bijapur.

## FASTFACTS

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vya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya and Gyan Gudi Education City, which is ensuring a better future for the children of the district. National Education Policy will bring about a vast change in education. Also addressing the district level school entrance festival, MP of Bastar parliamentary constituency Mahesh Kashyap said that with the efforts of Chief Minister Vishnu-dev Sai for the development of Bastar and basic facilities like education, health, road,

## 'Ghar-Ghar Pustak, Har-Ghar Library' launched

In the program, the innovative initiative of the district administration, Ghar-Ghar Pustak, Har-Ghar Library, was inaugurated by the chief guest, in which the administration is providing at least 10 books to all the houses in the district with the funds received from the NITI Aayog. These books will be given to the people on demand by their favorite authors, and as per the demand of the people, books of all types including language, subject, literary, philosophy, general knowledge will be given as per their wish.

drinking water, Bastar is now moving towards development as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

All basic facilities including education, health, agriculture, implementation of individual schemes are now being done at the ground level. MLA Vikram Shah Mandavi and former minister Mahesh Gagda also wished

all the children on Shala Praveshotsav. Collector Anurag Pandey, following the instructions of Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai to improve the level of education, reopened schools in remote and sensitive villages like Mutvendi Kanvada, Dumripalnar, in which thousands of children were connected to the mainstream of education.

## Plantation drive in Eklavya Vidyalaya

**BIJAPUR:** A Plantation drive was done in Eklavya School of Bhairamgarh and more than 50 saplings free of cost were distributed to the beneficiaries. Minister-in-charge of Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Skill Development Cooperative, Parliamentary Affairs and Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh Government, Kedar Kashyap Plantation was the chief guest and he was accompanied by former Minister Mahesh Gagda, Divisional Forest Officer General Mr. Ramakrishna, Deputy Director Indravati Tiger Sandeep Balga along with public representatives and officers and employees.

## Claims and objections invited

**KORBA:** Claims are invited for Forest rights certificate in the district. As per information, claims have been received for 487 forest rights certificates under the Forest Rights Act 2006 from the villages of development block Pali, whose forest rights certificate will be prepared. If any person/community/institution has objection to this, then they can appear in the office of Tribal Development Department Korba within 15 days and register their objection. After redressal, action will be taken to issue forest rights certificate.

## 50 master volunteers to be appointed for drug-free society

**KAWARDHA:** 'Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan' is being conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and under the scheme, 50 master volunteers are being appointed in the rural and urban areas of Kabirdham district to prevent the ill effects of drugs. The said master volunteers will try to bring public awareness in their area to prevent the ill effects of drugs and the action taken will be uploaded in the NMBA mobile app. Under the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan, a district level committee has been formed in the district under the chairmanship of Collector Janmejy Mahobe, which includes Superintendent of Police, representative

of Legal Services Authority, Chief Medical and Health Officer, District Education Officer, District

## HIGHLIGHT

● Fifty master volunteers are being appointed in the rural and urban areas of Kabirdham district to prevent the ill effects of drugs.

Program Officer, Women and Child Development, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, representative of voluntary organization working in the field of de-addiction, 02 retired government servants who have contributed in the field of de-addiction, representative of de-addiction centre.

## Body of an unknown woman found

**JAGDALPUR:** The body of an unidentified woman was found lying in pieces on the Kirandul-Vishakhapatnam railway track near village Karkapal under Bodhghat police station area of the district. However, it is not known whether it is suicide or a conspiracy to declare the murder a suicide. It is possible that someone may have dumped the body on the track, it is not clear yet. At present the police is busy identifying the woman.

According to the information received, the body of an unknown woman was found on the railway track near Karkapal on Wednesday. People had informed this to Bodhghat police. After which the police reached the spot and picked up the body and sent it to the hospital for post-mortem. After which the police have now started searching about the woman in the nearby villages as well as in the nearby police station areas.

## NEWSLINE

### MAYOR CHAUPAL

**Municipal govt is listening to the problems among the public: Deo**



**JAGDALPUR:** The Municipal Corporation has started a campaign to set up Mayor Chaupal at the ward level for quick redressal of public problems. On Wednesday, the second day of the campaign, Vijay Ward No. Mayor Chaupal was organized in Shri Krishna Temple premises in 2018. In which BJP state president and MLA Kiran Dev especially participated. BJP State President Kiran Dev discussed with the people who came to the camp, became aware of their problems and asked the Municipal Corporation officials to solve the public problems without delay through Mayor Chaupal.

### EXAML MATERIAL

**Distribution of confidential material of exam year 2024 on 20th**

**KORBA:** Secretary Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education Raipur, the confidential material of High School/Higher Secondary Second Main Opportunity Examination year 2024 will be distributed from Coordination Institute SEZES Kanya Sada Korba on Saturday, 20th July 2024 at 10 am. All the center heads have been directed by the District Education Officer to appear in the coordination institution on the date and time fixed by the board and get the confidential material and deposit it in the concerned police station/post.

### DISTRIBUTION

**Sapling distribution under the campaign starts**

**KAWARDHA:** As per the instructions of Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma saplings will be distributed by Kawardha Forest Division and under this, mobile number and QR code were issued for receiving the plant from Monday to Friday and the plant was to be supplied to the concerned on Saturday and Sunday. On 13th July under the said campaign, mixed fruit saplings of Amla, Mango, Guava, Jamun, Jackfruit and shady Gulmohar and Sissoo were delivered to the following beneficiaries at their homes by Ashish Arya, Deputy Forest Divisional Officer, Kawardha, Laxmi Narayan Soni, Range Officer, Kawardha and Narendra Rajput Forest Guard. 500 plants were delivered to Gurukul School, 50 plants to Bhanuram Jaiswal of village Motiyari, 200 plants to Prakash Jaiswal and others of Gram Panchayat Mirmitti and 50 plants were delivered to Jatashankar Dubey and others of village Baghamuda on their demand through mobile/QR scan.

## Take continuous action to prevent illegal drugs: Langeh

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**KOREA:** District Collector Vinay Kumar Langeh here chaired the district level meeting of the drug de-addiction campaign organized by the Narco Coordination Center (NCORD) and the Social Welfare Department in the Collectorate hall. In this meeting, strict instructions were given to various departments for the prevention of illegal drugs and de-addiction. In the meeting, the Collector directed the District Education Department to ban the sale of cigarettes and other narcotics within 100 meters of educational institutions and take strict action on it and along with this, instructions were given to make students and parents aware about the ill effects of drugs. The Divisional Forest Officer was instructed to keep continuous monitoring on the cultivation

## HIGHLIGHT

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of illegal ganja and other narcotics through forest guards / forest guards and inform immediately as soon as any such activity is reported. The District Industry and Trade Center Department was asked to inform on the registration of any unit related to drug production and was instructed to keep an eye on the production, storage and sale of synthetic drugs. The Collector directed the District Food and Drug Control Officer to regularly inspect medical stores where narcotic drugs are being sold without a doctor's prescription.

## Tree plantation drive in Anganwadi

**KHAIIRAGARRH:** On the instructions of Collector Chandrakant Verma, tree plantation work was done in all the centers in the name of Ek Ped Maa in all the Anganwadi centers under the Integrated Child Development Project Chhuikhadan under Jal Shakti Se Nari Shakti Abhiyan. In the program, an oath was taken on water conservation and awareness was created to take necessary water conservation measures so that clean water is available in future. Seeds of fruit trees and nutritious vegetables were planted in the nutrition garden built in Saksham Anganwadi centers. The program was organized under the guidance of Project Officer Chhuikhadan Sunil Banjare, in which all sector supervisors, Anganwadi workers, assistants, members of women self-help groups, beneficiaries of Mahtari Vandan Yojana and local public representatives participated.

## Plantation drive conducted by Bharat Scouts & Guide

| PLANTATION DRIVE |

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Saplings of jackfruit, gulmohar, Ashoka, guava saplings were planted and five girls, including the principal of the institution, who were born in the month of July, planted trees to mark their respective birthdays.

**BAGBAHARA:** A plantation drive was done by Bharat Scout Guide Association Bagbahara in Govt. Middle School, Ganjar under. Saplings of jackfruit, gulmohar, Ashoka, guava saplings were planted and five girls, including the principal of the institution, who were born in the month of July, planted trees to mark their respective birthdays. The program was completed in the presence of association president Pankaj Harpal,



A plantation drive was done by Bharat Scout Guide Association Bagbahara.

former secretary Bhimsen Chandrakar, Rupesh Tiwari, Lokeshwar Chandrakar. In his address retired teacher Rupesh Tiwari, said that of course planting trees is a noble deed, but by just planting a sapling is not enough proper care of the plant should also be done so that it can become a tree. Scout Guide Association President Pankaj Harpal highlighted the activities of the organization as

well as the objective of the event; awareness is a good message to save the environment. He also said that the lack of oxygen during the Corona period has especially explained the importance of trees and plants and it is a matter of regret that in the country, in the society where there is a tradition of worshipping trees and plants, now in the same country, in the same society, trees are decreasing.

## FASTFACTS

● In his address retired teacher Rupesh Tiwari, said that of course planting trees is a noble deed.

● Scout Guide Association President Pankaj Harpal highlighted the activities of the organization as well as the objective of the event; awareness is a good message to save the environment.

On this occasion, treasurer of the association Bhusan Sahu, principal of the institution Harak Ram Diwan, scout Digeswar Sahu, DK Sahu, BR Nirmalkar, DK Chandrakar, MK Chandrakar, DK Verma, GS Sonwani, Omnarayan, Goyal, Rajesh, Nomes, etc. were present.

## POOR INFRASTRUCTURE |

## Connecting road for bypass by NH in bad shape

Central Chronicle News

**PANDARIA:** The condition of National Highway 130 A passing through Pandaria-Nagar is in a bad condition, owing to the construction of 50 km road from Mungeli to Pongdi which is going on. In this same route a bypass will be built ahead of Renhuta, which will meet the main road at Manjholi turn.

Meanwhile, the main road of about three kilometers which passes



through Mainpura, Nagar and Rauha, in which no construction work has been done so far has made it inaccessible for commuters.

As per information in about two and a half

kilometer road, hundreds of big potholes have been formed and the city residents have started doubting that due to the bypass, the roads of the city will be constructed otherwise it

the place where the bypass is being made, there is no drain anywhere in Mainpura, Gandhi Chowk, Kawardha Road and Rauha and people were hoping for the construction of drains after the construction of the National Highway for a long time, but the construction of the bypass road has raised a question mark on the construction of drains on the approximately 3 km distance passing through the city.

will be left like this. Due to the bypass road, the road passing through the city is not being constructed and also from



'The construction of bypass road has raised a question mark on the construction of drains'

Affected people from localities





Internal subversion key support structure of terrorism in J-K.  
Ajay Chungoo  
Chairman of Panun Kashmir

## Muharram procession in streets of Nagpur



Muslims participate in a Muharram procession, in Nagpur, Wednesday.

# 'Voter sentiments turned against BJP post NCP pact'

The weekly publication, 'Vivek', affiliated with RSS, conducted an informal survey involving more than 200 individuals from Mumbai, Konkan to analyse the reasons.

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Public sentiments turned sharply against the BJP following its alliance with the Ajit Pawar-led NCP that subsequently led to bad performance of the saffron party in the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra, a report published by a Marathi weekly linked to the RSS said.

The weekly publication, 'Vivek', affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), conducted an informal survey involving more than 200 individuals from Mumbai, Konkan, and western Maharashtra to anal-

ysing the reasons behind the BJP's electoral setback in the crucial state, which sends the second highest number of MPs to the Lok Sabha at 48. The report said BJP members and other individuals expressed disapproval of the party's decision to join forces with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which became an ally in the Shiv Sena-BJP government in the state in July 2023.

Describing the unrest among party members as just the "tip of the iceberg," the report shed light on the underlying discontent within the BJP.

The BJP's seat count in Maharashtra dropped

### HIGHLIGHT

● **BJP members and other individuals expressed disapproval of the party's decision to join forces with the NCP.**

● **The weekly also underscored the limited acceptance of the Ram temple and the sacrifice of the RSS and BJP workers during the 1975-77 Emergency.**

drastically from 23 in 2019 to just nine in the recent Lok Sabha polls, with its ally Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde securing seven seats and the NCP, led by deputy

CM Ajit Pawar, managing to win in just one constituency. In contrast, the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), and the Congress, put up an impressive show and collectively won 30 out of the 48 seats. The report highlighted the disapproval among BJP members and sympathisers regarding the alliance with the NCP and pointed out the perceived departure from the party's core values. "Almost every person who is either in the BJP or affiliated to organisations (Sangh Parivar) cited that he does not approve of

the BJP allying with the NCP (led by Ajit Pawar). "Before writing this piece, we interacted with more than 200 industrialists, traders, doctors, professors and teachers. The unrest among the party cadre because the BJP allied with the NCP is the tip of the iceberg," it observed. The report also raised concerns about the national party's future strategies in light of the adverse political dynamics resulting from the alliance. The BJP's alliance with the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, long seen as a natural fit due to their shared Hindutva ideology, has faced challenges and criticism.

## Shia mourners take out Ashura procession

**SRINAGAR:** Thousands of Shia mourners on Wednesday took out Ashura procession in the city here to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Imam Hussain on Muharram. The procession started from Bota Kadal in Lal Bazar area of the city and culminated at Zadibal Imambara, officials said. The chest-beating and wailing mourners passed through the city roads, eulogising Hus-sain's sacrifice in the fight between good and evil. Authorities had made adequate arrangements for ensuring incident-free observance of Muharram procession, officials said. Security forces were deployed all along the route while police and volunteers had set up stalls to distribute water.

## No need for 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas': Adhikari

Press Trust Of India

Addressing the extended session of the BJP's state executive committee, Adhikari dismissed the need for a Minority Morcha of the party.

**KOLKATA:** Senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari on Tuesday attributed the party's poor performance in Lok Sabha polls in West Bengal to lack of support from the minority community, asserting that 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' was unnecessary and proposing instead 'Hum unke saath jo humare saath' (we are with those who are with us). Addressing the extended session of



Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar (C) receives a memento from Suvendu Adhikari (L).

### FACTFILE

● **Adhikari claimed that during the Lok Sabha polls, "Hindus were not allowed to vote by Jihadi goons of the TMC in many areas."**

the BJP's state executive committee, Adhikari dismissed the need for a Minority Morcha of the party.

Later, he clarified that his comments had been taken out of context and asserted that he embod-

ies in letter and spirit Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'.

While addressing the session, Adhikari said, "I have spoken for nationalist Muslims as well.

### NCF RECOMMENDATION

## CBSE in a dilemma over two board exams

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The CBSE is in a dilemma over scheduling the two rounds of board examinations as recommended in the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF) - its options being January-February, March-April and June.

Another option the Central Board of Second-

ary Education (CBSE) is exploring is a semester system involving biannual exams. Currently, the board exams for Classes 10 and 12 are conducted in February-March.

According to officials, consultations are on and no decision has been made yet about when and in which format the plan to conduct board

**Appearing for board exams twice a year won't be mandatory for students.**

Dharmendra Pradhan  
Union Education Minister

exams twice a year will be implemented.



"The three possible options that have been discussed is conducting the exams in a semester system, with the first board exam in January-February and the second one in March-April or conducting the second set of board exams in June with the supplementary or improvement exams," an official said.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### WELCOME STEP

**Govt to distribute assistive devices to nearly 800 disabled persons in UP**

**NEW DELHI:** Different categories of assistive devices will be distributed to nearly 800 persons with disabilities at an event in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun on Thursday, an official statement said.

The 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivir' will be inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment B L Verma, the statement issued on Wednesday said.

The camp is part of the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) scheme, under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment said.

The event, where assistive devices will be distributed to 791 pre-identified persons with disabilities, will witness the presence of local representatives and dignitaries. **PTI**

### SHOCKING

**Four bus staff of a private bus robbed after being drugged in Paradip**



**PARADIP:** In a shocking incident, four bus staff members of a private bus were allegedly drugged and robbed at the Paradip bus stand near the Model Police Station in the early morning on Tuesday.

According to reports, some people approached the bus staff members of Tridevi buses under the pretext of bus reservation. After gaining the staff's confidence, they offered them tea allegedly laced with drugs. **PTI**

### Awareness drive

**Green Paradip Trust organised mass cleaning & plantation drive near Mausai Maa Temple**



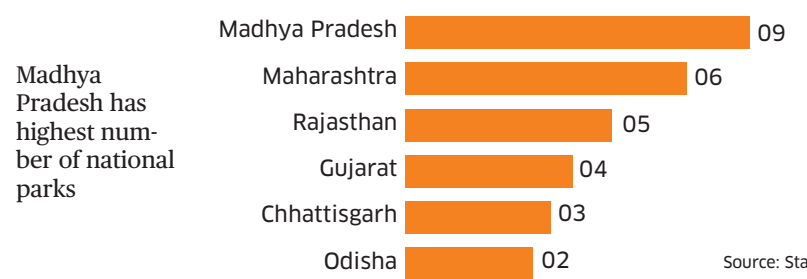
**PARADIP:** After conclusion of Bahuda Yatra on Monday at here in Paradip, the surrounding areas and grand road near Mausai Maa (Gundicha) temple has covered with huge amounts of garbage, used plastic materials etc, which created an unhealthy environment condition. In view of this, the Green Paradip Trust, an environmental organization founded by local working journalist, organized a mass cleaning and plantation drive program on Tuesday.

Joining as the chief guest Mr. Basant Biswal, Chairman, Paradip Municipality participated in the event with the members of the Trust. Garbage includ-

ing plastic materials were collected in about fifty sack bags. Besides, for the pro-environment atmosphere, Mr. Biswal and the members of the Trust planted trees in the grounds of the Gundicha temple.

Majority members and working journalists of the Trust led by Chief Advisor Shukdev Jena, Advisor Sasank Sekhar Acharya, Advocate Ravindra Kumar Jena, President of the Trust Rakesh Kumar Pattnaik, General Secretary Alekh Swain, Prabhakar Sahu, Sanjay Mishra, Sudshanshu Nayak, Pritiranjana Mohapatra, Deepak Das were actively participated in the cleanliness and plantation drive. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS



### SWIFT ACTION

**Four detained for questioning in connection with murder**



**PATNA:** Bihar Police have detained four persons for questioning in connection with its probe into the murder of Jitan Sahni, father of Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahni. A statement issued by Darbhanga Police said, "Analysis of the CCTV footage has revealed that these four persons entered the house of Jitan Sahni around 10.30 pm on July 15 and stayed there for half an hour." Former state minister Mukesh Sahni's 70-year-old father was found stabbed to death at his home in Darbhanga district on July 16. **PTI**

### ALLEGATION

**'Indigenous people will become minority if JMM returns to power in J'khand'**

**RANCHI:** Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Wednesday claimed the indigenous people of Jharkhand would become a minority if the JMM-led alliance returns to power. Addressing party workers at Hatia, Chouhan said the upcoming assembly elections are for saving Jharkhand and its traditions. **PTI**

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# Won't let terrorists escape: VDGs vows to track ultras

VDGs have vowed not to let the terrorists escape the area.

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**DODA:** Dozens of Village Defence Guards (VDGs), armed with .303 rifles, are helping security forces in the Desa forest of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district in their search for the terrorists who killed four soldiers on Monday night. The VDGs have vowed not to let the terrorists escape the area, but say their slower bolt-action weapons must be replaced by more sophisticated automatic rifles to counter the heavily armed ultras. "We have not slept for 14 hours," said Sudarshan Singh, a member of a VDG group patrolling the Gai and the Banda areas to hunt down the terrorists linked to the banned Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). "They escaped (from the scene of the gunfight in Desa forest on Monday night) but for how long will they keep running, they will die as we are not going to allow them to escape," he told PTI.

The groups, earlier known as Village Defence Committees (VDCs), comprising 10-15 members, were formed in the Jammu region in 1995 to offer self-defence capabilities to villagers in view of terror threats. Officials said between



Village Defence Guards keep vigil at a forest area.

10:45 pm Tuesday and 2 am Wednesday, security forces and terrorists engaged in gunfights at Kalaan Bhata and near Panchan Bhata, respectively, in the Desa forest area. VDGs also opened fire on observing suspicious movement, while two explosive shells were recovered from the Gandoh area, they said. Sudarshan Singh said they were getting inputs about the movement of terrorists for the past few days but could not ascertain their location.

## VDGs role vital in crushing terrorists, demand better weapons

On the Doda attack, Ramesh Gopia, a local resident, said the presence of terrorists in the area after a gap of more than 17 years has caused a fear among the local populace. "There was firing in the night as well but we feel secured because we have VDGs. In case of an attack, they can take on terrorists till the

### HIGHLIGHT

● In 2022, the policy for VDCs, which were headed by Special Police Officers (SPOs), was revamped by the Union home ministry and VDGs were introduced.

army and police come," he said, supporting the VDGs demand for better weapons. Gopia said the VDGs were neglected with the normalisation of the militancy situation in the Jammu region but now the groups are being revived and "we are sure that the terrorists will not be allowed to gain a foothold in the forest areas".

## 'Wagh nakh' used by Shivaji Maharaj arrives in Mumbai

Press Trust Of India

Wagh nakh will now be taken to Satara in western Maharashtra, where it will be displayed from July 19.

**MUMBAI:** The 'wagh nakh' or tiger claw-shaped weapon used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was brought to Mumbai from a London museum on Wednesday, state Culture Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said.

This wagh nakh will now be taken to Satara in western Maharashtra, where it will be displayed from July 19.

"The wagh nakh has landed," Mungantiwar told PTI in response to a question, but did not divulge any further details.

State Excise Minister Shambhuraj Desai on Tuesday said the wagh nakh will be accorded a grand welcome in Satara.

The weapon brought from London has a bulletproof cover and security has been beefed up, he told reporters. The weapon will be kept at a museum in Satara for seven months, he said.

Desai, who is also the guardian minister of Satara, reviewed the security arrangements at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Sangrahalay (museum) in the district on Tuesday.

"The wagh nakh is

being brought to Shahunagari (Satara) from a London museum on July 19," he said. Desai said the wagh nakh being brought to Maharashtra is an inspiring moment and it will be welcomed in Satara in a grand ceremony. Mungantiwar said in the legislative assembly last week that the wagh nakh being brought to the state from London was used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

### FASTFACTS

● The weapon brought from London has a bulletproof cover and security has been beefed up.

● The travel expenses to bring 'Wagh nakh' and signing of the agreement cost Rs 14.08 lakh.

He made the comments after a historian claimed the wagh nakh used by the Maratha empire founder to kill Bijapur Sultanate's general Afzal Khan in 1659 was in Satara itself.

Mungantiwar had also rejected the claim that the government spent several crore rupees to bring the weapon from Victoria and Albert Museum in London to Maharashtra, and said the travel expenses and signing of the agreement cost Rs 14.08 lakh.

### NEWSLINE

#### BHUBANESWAR

## Odisha planning board dissolved

The Odisha government on Wednesday dissolved the state planning board, an official release said. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has approved the proposal for dissolution of the planning body, it said. The move comes a month after the BJP assumed power in the state. The Odisha government is likely to constitute a new planning board soon, sources said.



#### CHANDIGARH

## 10 pc reservation for Agniveers

Months ahead of the assy polls, Haryana's BJP government announced on Wednesday 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in the recruitment of constables, forest guards and jail wardens, along with quotas in other posts. CM Saini also said that in the recruitment for civil posts in Group B and Group C, the govt has decided to grant Agniveers a relaxation of three years.

#### LUCKNOW

## 'Nobody can avoid destiny'

Self-styled godman Bhole Baba said Wednesday that he is very disturbed by the Hathras stampede but nobody can avoid what is destined and everyone has to die one day. "Honee ko kaun taal sakta hai (nobody can avoid what has to happen)," he told PTI Videos, a fortnight after 121 people died in a stampede at a 'satsang' held by him. "Jo aaya hai use ek din to jaana bhi hai, bhale hee koi aagee peechee ho," he added. Roughly translated, this means that everyone has to die one day, only the time is not certain. Bhole Baba, also known as Narayan Sakar Hari whose original name is Surajpal, also repeated the claim made earlier by him through his lawyer A P Singh that there was "conspiracy" behind the stampede.

### STATEMENT

# '26,000 Goans surrendered Indian passports in 10 yrs'

Press Trust Of India

Sawant provided the information in a written reply tabled in the state assembly on Tuesday.

**PANAJI:** Nearly 26,000 Goans surrendered their Indian passports in Goa in the last one decade and applied for a "new visa/exit permit", Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has said.

Sawant provided the information in a written reply tabled in the state assembly on Tuesday.

He was responding to a question from Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemo during the ongoing monsoon session.

"As per information provided by Foreign-



CM Pramod Sawant speaking in the assembly.

ers Regional Registration Office (FRRO), total 25,939 people surrendered their Indian passports in the state of Goa between January 1, 2014

and March 31, 2024," the CM said.

In 2014, 2,037 persons surrendered their Indian

passports and this number shot up to 4,121 in 2016, before reducing to 3,623 in 2017 and 2,958 in 2019, as per the data submitted in House.

In 2021, the number reduced further to 954, before increasing to 2,094 in 2023, the CM stated.

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## Ayurvedic Management for rainy season ailments

Agencies

The first step in Ayurvedic management is prevention.

**MUMBAI:** The rainy season is eagerly awaited for its soothing effects and respite from the summer heat. It rejuvenates the earth, bringing a lush green carpet of plants, dancing peacocks, and singing cuckoos. However, this season also brings health challenges such as colds, flu, coughs, fever, diarrhea, and malaria. Ayurvedic practices offer effective preventive measures and treatments to manage these ailments. In India, the rainy season is one of the six seasons identified

by Ayurveda, each requiring specific regimens for maintaining health. Ayurveda emphasizes the importance of transitioning between seasons ('Rutusanthi kal') and following seasonal routines ('Rutucharya') with dietary guidelines. During the rainy season, high humidity and contaminated water contribute to the prevalence of diseases. Avoid getting wet in the rain, and if you do, take a bath with clean, warm water and dry yourself thoroughly. Boil drinking water and maintain cleanliness in your surroundings. Avoid eating heavy foods, sleeping during the day, and sleeping in places exposed to cold air. If illness occurs due

to poor diet or contaminated water, Ayurveda suggests specific treatments. For cold, coughing, frequent sneezing, loss of appetite, and body aches, take Baidyanath Kasamrit-2 teaspoons, three times a day. For severe cough, mix half a teaspoon of Sitopaladi Churna with honey. If fever accompanies a cold, take Baidyanath Mahasudarshan Ghan Vati-1 tablet in the morning and evening, and consume light, digestible meals. Contaminated water can impair digestion, leading to thin stools.

## Shinde performs puja in Pandharpur

**MUMBAI:** Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday performed puja at a temple in Pandharpur town of Solapur district on the occasion of 'Ashadhi Ekadashi'.

He prayed to Lord Vitthal for abundant rain in the state that would help farmers, a statement from Shinde's office said.

The CM performed the puja along with his wife Lata Shinde.

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95/155910	s.r., m.o.w. and other deposit works for vip bungalow in OLD MANTRALAYA section under sub division -1, raipur (C.G.)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh
96/155911	S/R, MOW & DEPOSIT WORKS OF PANCHSHEEL NAGAR SECTION UNDER MAINTENANCE SUB- DIVISION, RAIPUR (C.G.)	Rs. 30.00 Lakh

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## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

[ Robert Frost ]

## Comment

## Education, family, society: What makes little minds disruptive

## OUR VIEW |

## Countering the rising tide of terror in Jammu

The relentless targeting of the Jammu region by terrorists and their handlers has escalated to an alarming degree, placing immense pressure on the Army and UT police. The tragic deaths of four Army personnel, including a Captain, in Doda district following a gunfight with terrorists, underscore the grave situation. This incident comes on the heels of a deadly ambush in the Machedi forest belt of Kathua district, which claimed the lives of five soldiers. The stark reality is that since January 1, over 20 security personnel and civilians have fallen victim to terror attacks or encounters in the region, outnumbering terrorist fatalities by a significant margin. The epicenter of militant activity has shifted from the Kashmir valley to Jammu, particularly in the past month. Despite this evident pattern, security forces are struggling to counter the infiltration of foreign terrorists from across the border. This scenario points to critical lapses in intelligence and potential gaps in coordination among various agencies, allowing militants to exploit these vulnerabilities and create havoc. Pakistan remains the usual suspect, continuing its strategy of destabilizing India amid its own internal turmoil. While New Delhi must intensify diplomatic pressure on Islamabad, an urgent and comprehensive review of the entire counter-terror mechanism is imperative. The security forces need to regain the element of surprise to effectively counter the terrorist threat. Concurrently, all stakeholders must exercise restraint to foster peace. The remarks by the J&K DGP, accusing mainstream regional parties of colluding with terror networks for political gain, add a troubling layer to the situation. Such accusations, if left unchecked, risk undermining the sacrifices of our soldiers and emboldening Pakistan to further its malicious agenda. A united front, devoid of blame games, is essential to honor our fallen heroes and safeguard the region's stability. It is crucial for the government to engage with local communities to build trust and cooperation. Empowering local populations can provide valuable intelligence and reduce the appeal of extremist ideologies.

## GUEST VIEW |

## No room for violence in democratic nations anymore

Violence has no place in the world's oldest and largest democratic countries, as highlighted by the recent attack on former President Trump during a public speech. The Republican contender was shot in his right ear, narrowly escaping a fatal injury. Trump's courageous response, raising his hand during the shooting, has garnered public sympathy and may significantly impact the upcoming U.S. presidential election. Similarly, India continues to face terrorism threats. Just days ago, five jawans lost their lives in Jammu when militants attacked their vehicle. Additionally, five defense personnel were injured in Doda, where a gun battle is still ongoing. Both India and the USA are victims of terrorism, emphasizing



Yash Pal Ralhan

the need for global solidarity against such threats. The pervasive gun culture in America often results in frequent gun battles, as seen in this attack where a 20-year-old was involved and subsequently killed by security forces. Polls had already projected an advantage for Trump due to Biden's increasing number of gaffes, especially on the world stage. The attack on Trump raises serious security concerns and may influence American electoral politics.

A good friend of mine, with extensive teaching experience in one of India's remotest areas, recently shared a troubling anecdote. He observed that the young generation has become increasingly arrogant, vengeful, and hostile, leading to societal disruption.

While his experiences were personal, they reflect a broader issue that demands attention.

As children enter their teenage years, they face immense pressure from parents and society. Aspirational parents and competitive exam centers often impose unrealistic standards of excellence, causing children to shrink intellectually and deviate from their dreams.

This crisis has been exacerbated by the commercialization of education and the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), which have transformed the landscape of learning.

Traditionally, education was viewed as a lifelong process, not merely a means to

earn a living. However, this ethical framework has been dismantled, and the influx of AI has made the world more accessible but also more complex. Radical human interventions have curtailed the living space that people once cherished, contributing to the intellectual and emotional decline of young minds.

To address this issue, we must revive the basic aspects of social relationships, which have been neglected. The lack of genuine connections has created distress, stretching from families to broader society.

Parents, driven by aspirational thoughts, often deviate from fostering a congenial family atmosphere, resulting in a mechanical and disconnected environment.

Alarming statistics reveal the gravity of the situation. Between 2014 and 2018, 1,294 students under 18 years died by suicide in India's national capital alone. This number underscores a nationwide crisis.



M.R.Lalu

Freelance Journalist

The Supreme Court has urged the central government to implement a Public Health Programme to prevent suicides, highlighting the urgent need for action.

India, as the world's most populous democracy, bears a significant responsibility to address this issue. The gap between parents and children is widening, and society often disregards the voices of the young.

Honest conversations are missing in families, where parents' forceful monologues dominate. Children, with no space to express themselves, conclude that the world is a harsh and unwelcoming place, leading to the troubling statistics mentioned earlier.

What drives children astray? Should we blame parents, familial conditions, society, or the influence of technology? Multiple factors contribute, but the self-defeating family atmosphere plays a significant role.

Parents often fail to understand the fragile emotional and intellectual states

of their children, leading to confrontation and discrimination within families.

Families, where ideal social behavior should flourish, have become dry living spaces. Parents' aspirational intuitions often cause distress, and children struggle to keep up. Families, meant to teach discipline, become arenas of confrontation, leading to domestic violence.

The generational gap between parents and children creates further tension, with parents' dreams clashing with children's self-designed aspirations.

My friend's observations highlight that we all bear responsibility for shaping the future. Education must be coherent and supportive, emerging as a tributary of life.

It should equip children with the inner strength to navigate life's challenges rather than surrender to them. Only through a compassionate and understanding approach can we prevent the intellectual and emotional decline of the young generation.

## Celebrating Indian Art: The World Will Know Peace

Indian art took center stage in New York with the "The World Will Know Peace" exhibition, celebrating cultural heritage and fostering global appreciation. *by Sweta Sinha*



Gallerist Amrita Kochhar with Mr Binay Pradhan Indian consul general at the opening of the art show 'world will know peace'.

In a remarkable confluence of art and culture, the Nayan Naveli Gallery from New Delhi and Art Revolution from Pune joined forces to present a grand exhibition titled "The World Will Know Peace" at the prestigious Dacia Gallery in New York. This ambitious showcase of Indian art, curated by the talented Amrita Kochhar, received an enthusiastic response from art aficionados and critics alike, marking a significant milestone in the global recognition of India's rich artistic heritage.

The opening ceremony was a resplendent affair, highlighted by a lively wine and cheese evening. Esteemed guests graced the event, including Mr. Binay Pradhan, the Indian Consul General, and Narender Nandoe from the United Nations in New York. Their presence underscored the cultural and diplomatic significance of the exhibition, which aimed to spotlight Indian artists on an international stage. The event was a testament to the gallery's dedication to promoting India's cultural legacy through art, with a special focus on traditional painting techniques and contemporary interpretations.

Curator Amrita Kochhar meticulously selected a

diverse array of artists from across India, each bringing their unique perspectives and styles to the exhibition. Shyamal Mukherjee from Kolkata showcased his original Bibi Baba series on acrylic sheets, captivating the audience with his whimsical and thought-provoking characters. Ramesh Gorjala from Tirupati presented his Divine God series, rendered in the traditional Kalamkari painting style, which mesmerized viewers with its intricate detailing and spiritual themes.

The exhibition also featured works by a host of other notable Indian art-

ists. Vimmi Indra's vibrant canvases, Dinkar Jadhav's expressive strokes, and Laxman Aelay's poignant portrayals added depth and diversity to the showcase. Nagesh Goud's rich palette and Asit Kumar's meticulous compositions further enriched the visual experience. Nayana Kanodia, known for her colorful and narrative style, contributed pieces that blended tradition with modernity, capturing the essence of contemporary Indian life.

Reflecting on the exhibition's success, Amrita Kochhar shared, "It was an enriching and holistic experience, and representing our

Indian artists on an international platform was the most beautiful feeling." Her words encapsulated the pride and joy of bringing Indian art to a global audience. The vibrant colors, intricate forms, and thematic richness of the artworks captivated the audience, evoking admiration and curiosity.

The positive response was not just limited to praise and appreciation; the exhibition also generated significant interest in terms of inquiries and sales. Collectors and art enthusiasts expressed keen interest in acquiring the displayed pieces, signaling a

promising future for Indian art in the international market. The success of this event marked a promising beginning for Nayan Naveli Gallery's international endeavors. With plans to host more exhibitions abroad, the gallery aims to continue promoting Indian art globally, fostering cultural exchange and appreciation through their efforts.

The collaboration between Nayan Naveli Gallery and Art Revolution was a testament to their shared commitment to cultural exchange. By bringing Indian art to the forefront of the New York art scene, they left a lasting impression that extended beyond the exhibition's duration. The event highlighted the universal appeal of Indian art and its capacity to transcend geographical boundaries, resonating with diverse audiences around the world.

In conclusion, "The World Will Know Peace" exhibition not only celebrated the rich cultural heritage of India but also demonstrated the power of art to foster understanding and unity. As Nayan Naveli Gallery and Art Revolution continue their journey, the world can look forward to more such endeavors that bridge cultures and celebrate the timeless beauty of art.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Biden urged to withdraw

Several congressional Democrats are urging President Joe Biden to step aside and support a stronger candidate for the upcoming November elections. Major Democratic donors are also pressuring Biden to abandon his re-election bid, citing concerns over his mental acuity. Recently, Biden mistakenly referred to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as "President Putin." At 81, Biden has acknowledged that Vice-President Kamala Harris is qualified to lead the country. Given these concerns, many believe it is time for Biden to step aside.

Rajkumar Kailasam, Kannur

## Unity against terror threats

Recent terror incidents have sparked panic among locals and tourists in Jammu. The Narendra Modi-led Central Government must urgently review the security situation and take swift action to restore peace. It's crucial for political parties to stand united against terrorism and support security forces. Restoring normalcy in the region is essential to ensure safety and maintain Jammu's reputation as a tourist destination. The collective effort of the government and political entities is vital in countering the terror threat effectively.

Krishna Kumar Menon, Kollam

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Tata Power to invest Rs 20,000 crore towards capex in FY25

N Chandrasekaran  
Chairman, Tata Sons.

## Patel meets delegation from Japan's Shizuoka Prefecture



Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel during a meeting with an 18-member delegation from Japan's Shizuoka Prefecture, in Gandhinagar.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### Q1 RESULT

#### Asian Paints profit declines 24.6 pc to Rs 1,186.79 cr in Q1

**NEW DELHI:** Asian Paints Ltd on Wednesday reported a 24.64 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,186.79 crore in the June quarter, hit by demand slowdown due to severe heatwave and general elections. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,574.84 crore in the same period last fiscal year, Asian Paints said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the first quarter of the current fiscal was down at Rs 8,969.73 crore as compared to Rs 9,182.31 crore in the year-ago period, it added. Total expenses were higher at Rs 7,559.04 crore, up from 7,305.09 crore in the corresponding period of the last fiscal. "Demand conditions for the paint industry were tough, impacted by the severe heatwave and general elections in the quarter," Asian Paints Ltd Managing Director & CEO Amit Syngle said. **PTI**

### INVESTMENT

#### Piyush Goyal asks Swiss companies to invest in India's growing market

**NEW DELHI:** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked Swiss companies to invest in India as several sectors hold huge potential, an official statement said. The minister was on an official visit to Switzerland at the invitation of his Swiss counterpart Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin. "The two ministers had engaging and fruitful discussions with prominent Swiss and Indian captains of industry over the breakfast meeting on July 15," the commerce ministry said. He encouraged Swiss companies to become part of India's growth story and invest in its growing and dynamic market. A 12-member Indian business delegation also had networking opportunities with Swiss entrepreneurs. **PTI**



# ADB retains India's growth forecast at 7 pc for FY'25

India's GDP growth forecast at 7 pc for the current financial year, citing that a rebound in agriculture is expected given above-normal monsoon projections

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday maintained India's GDP growth forecast at 7 per cent for the current financial year, citing that a rebound in agriculture is expected given above-normal monsoon projections. The ADB forecast comes a day after the International Monetary Fund revised upward its GDP growth projections for India to 7 per

cent compared to 6.8 per cent projected in April. Last month, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised upward its growth forecast to 7.2 per cent, from 7 per cent estimated earlier. The Indian economy is on track to grow by 7 per cent in FY2024 (ending 31 March 2025) and 7.2 per cent in FY2025 (next financial year), as projected in ADO April 2024, said the July edition of the Asian Development Outlook (ADO). The Indian economy

### NUMBER

## 6.8%

• The Indian economy is on track to grow by 7 per cent in FY2024.

• Services continued to expand robustly in Q4 of FY24.

logged a growth rate of 8.2 per cent for the financial year ended March 2024,

as against 7 per cent in the previous fiscal year. Services continued to expand robustly in Q4 of FY24, and the forward-looking services PMI is well above its long-term average, it said, adding, industry is also expected to grow robustly, driven by manufacturing and strong demand for construction led by housing, it said. "After muted growth in FY2023 (previous fiscal), a rebound in agriculture is expected given the

above-normal monsoon projections. This is notwithstanding the slower advance of monsoon in June. A rebound in agriculture will be important to sustain growth momentum in rural areas," it said. Investment demand continues to be strong, led by public investments and bank credit is fueling robust housing demand and improving private investment demand, it said.

## Insurance companies exposure in stock market

### Exposure to India's infra sector helps LIC, SBI outshine peers



**MUMBAI:** Shares of state-owned behemoth Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) have outperformed rivals like HDFC Life and ICICI Prudential Life as it placed bets on India's growth sectors, including infrastructure, while the private sector concentrated bet on tech, consumer and consumer-related BFSI companies. LIC's stock has gained nearly 79 per cent from Rs 620 on July 18, 2023, to Rs 1,109.15 at the closing on Tuesday, according to stock exchange data. In contrast, HDFC Life gave a negative return, if Tues-

day's closing price of Rs 646.55 on the BSE is compared to Rs 666.55 a year back. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co delivered a return of 12 per cent, considering its stock price rise from Rs 582 on July 18, 2023, to Rs 654.10 on July 16, 2024. Over the past one year, SBI Life Insurance shares have risen from Rs 1,314 to Rs 1,621.20, delivering a return of 23 per cent. Capital market analysts said insurance companies make money in two ways - charging premiums for policies and then investing the premiums into assets. **PTI**

## L&T Finance Q1 profit up 29 pc

**NEW DELHI:** NBFC firm L&T Finance on Tuesday reported a 29 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 686 crore for the first quarter ended June 2024 on the back of healthy interest income. The non-banking financial company had posted a net profit of Rs 531 crore in the same quarter in the previous fiscal. Total income during the April-June period increased to Rs 3,785 crore against Rs 3,377 crore in the year-ago quarter, L&T Finance said in a regulatory filing. Net Interest Income (NII) rose 23 per cent to Rs 2,020 crore in the quarter compared to Rs 1,644 crore in the year-ago period. However, expenses of the financial services firm declined slightly to Rs 1,351 crore as against Rs 1,364 crore in the same period a year ago. LTF provides digitally driven products and services, including farmer finance, rural business finance, two-wheeler finance, personal loans, home loans, and SME loans.

# Ease My Trip opens its first franchise store in Ahmedabad

**Agencies**  
EaseMyTrip is on an expansion spree, aiming to tap customers through its strong network of offline retail stores

**NEW DELHI:** EaseMyTrip.com, one of India's leading online travel tech platforms, announces the opening of its first franchise store in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This is the 17th store the company has unveiled under its flagship program, EaseMyTrip Franchise. The new outlet launch marks a milestone in the brand's expansion journey as it aims to tap offline customers through its strong network of retail stores. The new store is situated in the prime location of Titanium City Center Mall, 100 Feet Road. It offers a plethora of services, from flight and



Citroen and CAB-EEZ sign MoU for 2000 Citroen e-C3 EVs.

### FACTFILE

• This is the 17th store to be unveiled by the company under its flagship program, EaseMyTrip Franchise.

• EaseMyTrip first franchise store in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

hotel reservations to bus and railway tickets. It also provides tailored packages for luxurious vacations,

cruises, and group travel, along with visa-related assistance. With its inviting atmosphere and vibrant interiors, the store's ambience resonates with the brand identity and color palette. The new outlet effectively displays EaseMyTrip's core ethos of customer centricity and provides them with high-end services catering to their evolving needs.

Mr Rikant Pittie, Co-Founder, EaseMyTrip said,

"We aim to solidify our position and reputation in the Indian market with our flagship program, EaseMyTrip Franchise. The latest outlet launch in Ahmedabad is part of our larger vision to expand our footprint nationwide and provide our invaluable customers with exceptional offerings.

After establishing a strong foothold in the online space, we are committed to bridging the market gaps with our offline stores and are putting our best foot forward to ensure our customers' demands and needs are effectively catered to."

EaseMyTrip Franchise was launched last year with the vision of establishing a strong network of retail stores pan-India. Aiming to reach the 100-store mark by FY25, the brand has already launched 16 stores, the most recent one being in Bhopal.

## WORLD PR DAY

# NMDC hosts an interactive session on World PR Day

Agencies

**HYDERABAD:** NMDC hosted an interactive session, celebrating World PR Day at its head office in the presence of Amitava Mukherjee CMD (Addl. Charge) and B Vishwanath CVO. Samir Kapur, Guest Professor at IIMC, New Delhi and Sudhakar Reddy, Editor (Investigation), at The

Times Of India delivered a session on importance of PR and Communication in this digitally advanced era. The event kick-started with the welcome speech by Mrs. G Priyadarshini, CGM (P&A) followed by an opening remark by P Jaya Prakash, GM (CC). During the event prominent speaker from the field of Public Relations



- Samir Kapur and Sudhakar Reddy shared their experiences and expertise with the employees of NMDC on the theme-

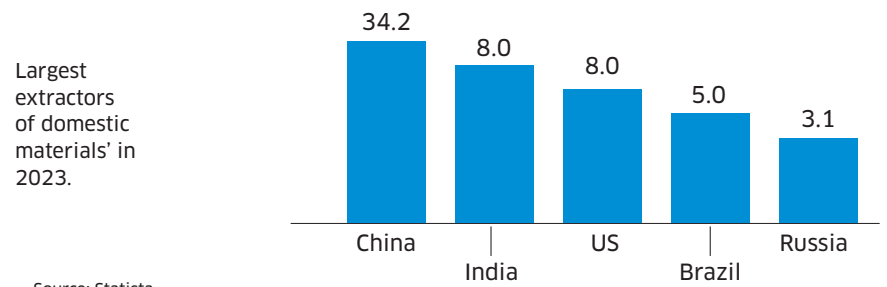
"The Future of Public Relations in a Changing World".

The interactive session started with Samir Kapur,

who highlighted how the world and PR industry has changed post covid, current trends in the field and new tools & techniques used in digital media. Samir Kapur said, "PR and storytelling is crucial, everyone needs PR. There's learning from a storytelling perspective, PR is about having a good relationship with the public.

## The Day's NUMBERS

### WORLD'S BIGGEST MINERS



### 'HALWA' CEREMONY

#### FM Nirmala Sitharaman participates in customary 'halwa' ceremony

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in a traditional 'halwa' ceremony, marking the final stage for preparation of Union Budget 2024-25 to be unveiled on July 23 in Lok Sabha. The ceremony is a ritual in which traditional dessert 'halwa' is prepared and served to officials and staff members of the finance ministry who are involved in the preparation of the budget. It is organised in the basement of North Block, which houses the ministry in the national capital and is attended by the finance minister and other high-ranking officials. "The final stage of the Budget preparation process for Union Budget 2024-25 commenced with the customary Halwa ceremony in the presence of Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. @nsitharaman, in New Delhi, today," the finance ministry said in a post on X. As part of the ceremony, the finance minister also took a round of the Budget Press and reviewed the preparations besides extending her best wishes to the officials concerned. **PTI**

### FINANCE OPTIONS

#### Mercedes Benz comes up with customised finance options for buyers



**NEW DELHI:** Mercedes-Benz India on Wednesday said it has introduced financial solutions for customers to own its model range. The luxury car market leader has come up with initiatives like 'Step-up EMI', 'Lower EMI with higher annual payout' and 'EMI Holiday', offering customised financial solution for aspiring customers based on their financial requirements. "This year we are introducing the popular financial solution 'Wishbox', offering personalised financial solutions suited for every customer's requirement," Mercedes-Benz Financial Services MD & CEO Brendon Sissing said in a statement. **PTI**



"I have never thought of my trajectory; even a film that doesn't do well, as a mistake. You have to just learn from them and course-correct it."

Emraan Hashmi  
Actor



# & Glitters

## OIT Watch



**Laughter Chefs: Orry makes it a hilarious riot**

Upcoming episodes of Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment will feature Orry and Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 contestants, adding new twists. Orry's cooking blunders bring laughs, ensuring endless fun and excitement for viewers.



**Asim Riaz faces height challenge**

Asim Riaz faces his fear of heights in Khatron Ke Khiladi 14's latest promo. In a dramatic stunt overseen by host Rohit Shetty, Asim's near-slip leaves everyone gasping, showing his resilience and bravery in the show.



**Waack Girls: Will they rise to dance stardom?**

Set in a serene Goa housing estate, '36 Days' navigates lies, deceit, romance, and intrigue. A mysterious woman disrupts the neighborhood, unraveling secrets. Stream the thrilling series on Sony LIV.



**Power Ballad: Unlikely musical duo unite**

John Carney's 'Power Ballad', starring Paul Rudd as a wedding singer and Nick Jonas as a rockstar, lands at Lionsgate. The musical comedy promises an uplifting story and is set for release in multiple countries.



**"All's Fair" loses leading lady: Halle Berry exits**

Halle Berry exits Hulu's "All's Fair" legal drama alongside Kim Kardashian due to scheduling conflicts. The Ryan Murphy-produced series spotlights an all-female law firm in LA, set to debut in early 2025.

CLOSE UP

## Get ready to laugh! Triptii Dimri goes comic in 'Bad Newz'

Actress Triptii Dimri, who is better known for her roles in various drama movies has now turned onto a new leaf as she ventures into the world of comedy with 'Bad Newz'.

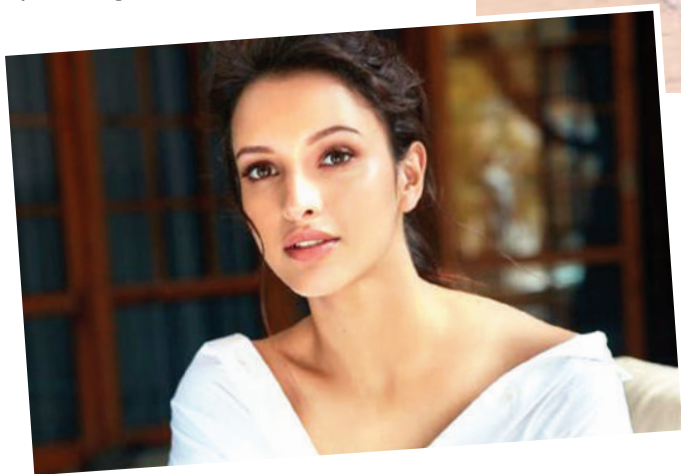
Central Chronicle News

Triptii Dimri is all set for the release of her upcoming comedy movie *Bad Newz* with Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk. She shared her experience of working in a comic caper for the first time.



Triptii Dimri had been recognized for her portrayal of roles in films such as 'Qala', 'Bulbul' and 'Animal'.

Triptii Dimri, renowned for her compelling performances in dramas like "Bulbul" and "Qala," is embarking on a new challenge with her upcoming comedy film "Bad Newz." Admitting comedy to be her toughest genre yet, Dimri sees it as a crucial learning curve in her career. Reflecting on her transition from intense dramas to comedy, she emphasized the importance of versatility for actors. "Bad Newz," slated for 2024 release, stars Dimri alongside Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk, promising laughter and entertainment. Having captured hearts in "Animal" opposite Ranbir Kapoor, Dimri aims to diversify her roles further, expressing eagerness to explore action, drama, and everything in between. As she embraces new horizons, Dimri's journey underscores her commitment to pushing boundaries and continually evolving as an actor.



Triptii Dimri grateful for learning experience on *Bad Newz* set

In the same chat, the Laila Majnu actress thanked director Anand Tiwari for trusting her with the film because no one has seen her do comedy at that level. "It was difficult for me, especially with Vicky Kaushal and Ammy Virk, as they are very talented and their comic timing is very

good," she divulged. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress has several other movies in her kitty. After *Bad Newz*, she will be seen in *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3* with Kartik Aaryan and Vidya Balan. Dimri also has Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video and Shazia Iqbal's *Dhadak 2* with Siddhant Chaturvedi in the pipeline.

| FAMILY DRAMA |

## Barkha Bisht's dramatic entry as mysterious godwoman shakes things up

Central Chronicle News

HIGHLIGHT

COLORS' gripping family drama 'Mera Balam Thanedar' is set for an exciting twist with the introduction of a miraculous character.

After receiving immense love for its captivating storyline, the show, which chronicles the marital journey of opposites IPS Officer Veer (Shagun Pandey) and the spirited Bulbul (Shruti Choudhary), welcomes Barkha Bisht as Meethi Maai.

Known for her catchphrase 'meetha meetha bolo', Meethi Maai is a graceful godwoman devoted to Lord Krishna,

● Barkha Bisht joins 'Mera Balam Thanedar' as Meethi Maai, a mystical godwoman devoted to Lord Krishna.

carrying a bansuri (flute) and a pouch of toffees.

Having returned from a year of intense tapasya (penance), Meethi Maai arrives at her Ajmer ashram, followed by devotees who believe in her miracle-working prayers. Blessed by Lord Krishna, her mystical powers leave everyone awestruck. Her arrival raises ques-



Jack Quaid doesn't shy away from being called a "nepo baby."

tions: Will her mystical ways disrupt Veer and Bulbul's lives? Is she a miracle worker or a mischief-maker? Only time will tell. Barkha Bisht is thrilled to return to television, portraying a unique and dynamic character. She shares Meethi Maai's life mantra, 'meetha meetha bolo', and eagerly anticipates the sweet surprises and mysteries her character will bring to the show.

Additionally, Bisht hopes that Meethi Maai's presence will resonate with the audience, bringing a fresh and engaging element to the narrative.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

**Sagar Pictures promises visual feast with "Srimad Bhagavatam"**

Sagar Pictures Entertainment, known for iconic works like "Ramayana" and "1971: Beyond Borders," is embarking on a grand venture exploring Hindu mythology with mega-films and a web series based on "Srimad Bhagavatam." This ambitious project promises a pan-Indian star cast and cutting-edge VFX, aiming to captivate global audiences. With a legacy of excellence in mythological storytelling, their adaptations have set high standards. Anticipation is high for details on cast, crew, and release dates, sparking excitement in the industry and among mythology enthusiasts.

Mishap on Eras Tour

**Taylor Swift's piano goes rouge in Milan**



Pop icon Taylor Swift encountered a minor hiccup during her recent Eras Tour show in Milan when her piano malfunctioned. According to 'People' magazine, Swift delighted fans with surprise mashups, including 'Mr. Perfectly Fine' and 'Red', before moving to the piano. Attempting a mashup of 'Getaway Car' and 'Out of the Woods', the Grammy winner faced technical issues with her flower-painted piano. "We have finally broken this thing," Swift joked as crew members worked to fix it. The resilient singer later resumed her set, thrilling the audience with memorable performances, including her favourite tracks like 'Right Where You Left Me' and 'All You Had To Do Was Stay'.



Fashion

**All black everything: Bhumi Pednekar rocks Gaurav Gupta's ruffle saree**

Bhumi Pednekar stunned in an all-black ruffled saree by Gaurav Gupta, a departure from traditional drapes. Paired with a bralette blouse, slicked-back hair, and smoky eye makeup, her chic ensemble turned heads. Accentuated by a long gold and diamond necklace, matching earrings from Raj Mahtani Couture Jewels, and a statement golden handcuff by Abhilasha Jewelry Collection, Bhumi's look exuded elegance. A chic golden clutch completed her attire. Known for her bold fashion choices, Bhumi previously made waves in a 3D Anamika Khanna gown at NMACC's opening ceremony, showcasing her unique style that garners both praise and critique.

## Trending on Insta

@shahid Kapoor

**Glimpses of Love: Shahid Kapoor's heartfelt moments with his kids**

Shahid Kapoor shared adorable moments with his kids, Misha and Zain, on Instagram. The actor lifted them joyfully in the air with a serene backdrop, captioning, "Just looking at them fly" and playing Breno Miranda's another day in paradise.







# Art & Culture

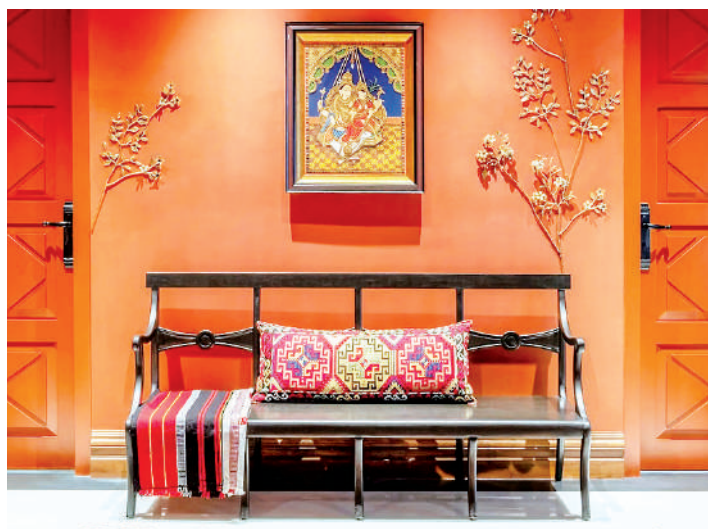
FUSION ART FOR HOMES

## Travel the world from home: Decorating with cultural flair

If you want to give your homes a global vibe, then consider mixing western and Indian art styles in various rooms to give an ethereal feel.



Step into the enchanting world of Indian art forms, where every brushstroke tells a tale and every colour whispers ancient wisdom. Imagine your home adorned with the vibrant hues of Madhubani paintings, each stroke depicting tales of love, mythology, and the harmony of nature. Originating from Bihar, these intricate artworks bring not just beauty but a profound narrative that resonates through generations. Or perhaps you prefer the rustic charm of Warli art from Maharashtra, where simple geometric patterns on mud walls transport you to the heart of rural India. These monochromatic marvels, depicting scenes of everyday life and festivals, evoke a sense of community and tradition that is both timeless and comforting. For those with a penchant for royalty and elegance, Rajasthan's



Art of fusion: Merging Indian heritage with contemporary decor for stylish home makeover.

### HIGHLIGHT

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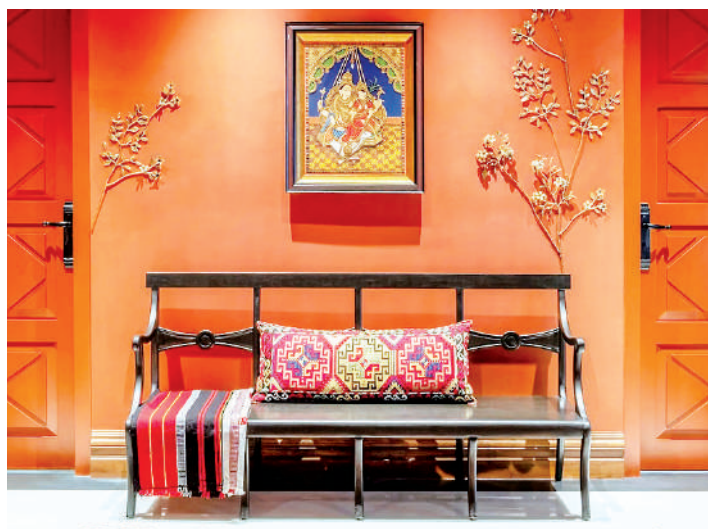
FUSION ART FOR HOMES

## Travel the world from home: Decorating with cultural flair

If you want to give your homes a global vibe, then consider mixing western and Indian art styles in various rooms to give an ethereal feel.



Step into the enchanting world of Indian art forms, where every brushstroke tells a tale and every colour whispers ancient wisdom. Imagine your home adorned with the vibrant hues of Madhubani paintings, each stroke depicting tales of love, mythology, and the harmony of nature. Originating from Bihar, these intricate artworks bring not just beauty but a profound narrative that resonates through generations. Or perhaps you prefer the rustic charm of Warli art from Maharashtra, where simple geometric patterns on mud walls transport you to the heart of rural India. These monochromatic marvels, depicting scenes of everyday life and festivals, evoke a sense of community and tradition that is both timeless and comforting. For those with a penchant for royalty and elegance, Rajasthan's



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Discover France's debut cheese haven: Paris welcomes the Musée du Fromage, its first cheese museum. Renowned for artisanal cheeses, France hosts numerous cheese festivals annually and boasts a rich selection at open-air markets. Yet, until now, no museum has celebrated this culinary art. Pierre Brisson, the museum's founder, envisioned a space to delve into cheese-making's intricacies, inspired by childhood visits to local cheesemongers with his father. Visitors can indulge in cheese tastings, explore regional histories, and participate in hands-on workshops. Brisson hopes the museum will inspire future cheesemakers, preserving ancestral traditions and sharing centuries-old know-how.



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# Sports



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**Abha Khatua**  
Shot putter

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### PARIS OLYMPICS

#### IOA releases list of 117 athletes, 140 support staff for Olympics

**NEW DELHI:** India will be represented by 117 athletes at this month's Paris Olympics after the sports ministry cleared the final contingent that also features 140 support staff and officials, of which 72 have been approved at "cost to the government" to meet the "requirements" of the travelling sportspersons. The only qualified athlete missing from the list is shot-putter Abha Khatua. The Games will run from July 26 to August 11. Khatua, who made the cut through world rankings quota, has been dropped without any explanation after her name was found missing from the World Athletics' list of Olympic participants a few days ago. There is no word yet on whether her name has been knocked off owing to injury, a doping violation or any other technical issue. **PTI**

### CRICKET

#### England brings in pacer Mark Wood in its only change for 2nd test



**NOTTINGHAM:** England has made one change for the second test against the West Indies by bringing in pacer Mark Wood for the retired James Anderson. The second match of the three-test series starts Thursday at Trent Bridge. The 41-year-old Anderson is staying with the team this summer as a fast bowling mentor. The most prolific fast bowler in test history, with 704 wickets, bowed out of international cricket by helping England complete a win by an innings and 114 runs over the West Indies at Lord's on Friday.

### Nordea Open in Bastad

#### Rafael Nadal beats Leo Borg in Bastad as he continues to prepare for Olympic tournament



**BASTAD:** Rafael Nadal returned to singles action with a 6-3, 6-4 victory on clay over Leo Borg, the 21-year-old son of Swedish great Bjorn Borg, in the first round of the Nordea Open in Bastad. "For me it has been a huge honor to play against the son of one of the biggest legends in the history of our sport," Nadal said about his 21-year-old opponent. "I think he played quite well, he has a future in front so I wish him all the very best." Nadal won the singles title in southern Sweden as a 19-year-old in 2005 and this week is his first time back since

then as he prepares for the Olympic tournament on clay at Roland Garros in Paris. Nadal was playing his first singles match since he lost in the first round of the French Open to Alexander Zverev. He teamed up with Casper Ruud on Monday to win a first-round doubles match. The 38-year-old Nadal skipped Wimbledon as he didn't want to switch surface to grass and then back to clay and risk injury. He has been dealing with hip and abdominal injuries over the past 1 1/2 years. Nadal will next face British No. 2 Cameron Norrie. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### MOST CATCHES IN T20 INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

Player	Catches
David Miller	90
SMartin Guptill	90
Shoaib Malik	85
Ross Taylor	69
Rohit Sharma	66

Source: ICC

### SOCCER

#### Lionel Messi is likely to miss at least next two games for Inter Miami

**FORT LAUDERDALE (US):** Lionel Messi is likely to miss at least the next two matches for Inter Miami, his Major League Soccer team, after injuring his right ankle during the Copa America final, Miami coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino said. The team said Tuesday that Messi suffered a ligament injury in his right ankle, and his availability will be assessed periodically as rehab progresses. Inter Miami will host Toronto FC on Wednesday night and Chicago on Saturday night. The 37-year-old Messi tearfully exited Argentina's 1-0 win over Colombia in Sunday's Copa America final after going down in the 64th minute. He immediately looked to the Argentina bench and was down for a couple of minutes before taking off his right boot and walking slowly off the field. He was then shown covering his face, sobbing in his seat. Cameras later showed him on the bench with a badly swollen right ankle. **PTI**

### SQUASH

#### India's Shaurya Bawa Bawa signs off with bronze at World Junior squash



**MANCHESTER:** New Delhi: India's Shaurya Bawa Bawa signed off with a bronze medal after going down 0-3 to Egyptian top seed Mohamed Zakaria in the boys' singles semifinal of the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston. Bawa lost 5-11 5-11 9-11 to last year's runner-up Zakaria in a thrilling 41-minute semifinal contest. Bawa is only the second Indian male after Kush Kumar (in 2014) to reach the World Junior semifinals. **PTI**

# Suryakumar, Jaiswal rise in ICC T20I rankings

Suryakumar Yadav retains his second spot in the ICC T20I batting rankings, while Yashasvi Jaiswal climbs to sixth following India's recent series victory over Zimbabwe.

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**DUBAI:** The big-hitting Suryakumar Yadav is the highest placed Indian at second spot, while young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal occupies the sixth position in the ICC T20I batting rankings issued on Wednesday.

Ruturaj Gaikwad has dropped a place to the eighth position in the T20 batters' list, which was updated following India's recent 4-1 series triumph over Zimbabwe.

Jaiswal was the big winner following his 141 runs in the series as he rose four places, behind No.1 ranked batter Travis Head of Australia and Suryakumar.

Shubman Gill, who led India against Zimbabwe in the absence of senior players and was the leading run-scorer of the series with 170 runs from five innings, moved up a whopping 36 places to 37th. No Indian features in the top 10 of the T20I bowlers rankings. Axar Patel, who was rested for the Zimbabwe series, dropped four places to 13th spot.

Fast bowler Mukesh Kumar and spinner Washington Sundar also made upward movements.

Mukesh, who scalped eight wickets from three games, has gained 36 places to rise to 46th spot. Washington, who picked



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Washington (41st) and Shivam Dube (43rd) have risen by eight and 35

places to 41st and 43rd spots respectively.

Sri Lanka's Hasaranga continues to top the all-rounders' list ahead of Australia's Marcus Stoinis and Zimbabwe skipper Sikandar Raza.

### PARIS OLYMPICS

# Kapil Dev's advice to athletes: Express yourself in Paris

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Kapil Dev encourages Indian Olympians to express themselves fearlessly and aim for more medals.

**NEW DELHI:** Former India skipper Kapil Dev, on Wednesday, advised Olympic-bound Indian athletes to express themselves fearlessly at the mega-event starting July 26 and hoped that the country would hit double digit mark on the medals tally.

India will be represented by a strong 117-member athlete contingent in Paris and the country hopes to better seven-medal count it logged in Tokyo.

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of second edition of the Trinity Golf Champions League (TGCL).

"My advise to all (Indian athletes) would be to go and express yourself. I cross my finger and why not if we believe it (double digit medal haul) will happen."

Kapil, however, refrained from commenting on Indian cricket and newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir.

"If Gautam Gambhir is taking that position (of head coach of Indian cricket team), I wish good luck to him and the team. I hope they do better than what we have done previously. I want to wish the Indian players all the best."

staff, including personal coaches, mental trainers, and physiotherapists. A specialized 13-member Sports Science team will also accompany the athletes.

Usha highlighted efforts to improve the athlete-to-support staff ratio from 3:1 to better than 1:1, with 68 coaches and 50 support staff accompanying the 117 athletes. Despite these

efforts, some reports remain critical. Wrestler Antim Panghal awaits visas for her support staff, hindering her training. Usha assured no further visa delays and blamed the disbanded ad-hoc committee for the oversight. She promised expedited visa processing and acknowledged Antim's gratitude on social media for IOA's support.

### CHAMPIONING ATHLETE SUPPORT

# IOA Chief Usha defends support for Indian athletes

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140 support staff for the Paris Olympics, nearly tripling the support



## Sports News

# Can Indian wrestlers deliver in Paris?

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Amanpreet Singh

**NEW DELHI:** Indian wrestlers have consistently delivered Olympic medals since the 2008 Beijing edition, establishing wrestling as a prime Olympic sport in the country. This success has continued through four consecutive editions, enhancing the status and popularity of the sport in India. The achievements at the junior level have also been noteworthy, with the sport producing U23 world champions, raising hopes for significant success in the upcoming Paris Olympics. Sushil Kumar was the trailblazer who changed the perception of wrestling in India by winning

a bronze medal in 2008. He further elevated his status by winning a silver medal four years later at the London Games. During the same London Olympics, Yogeshwar Dutt added to the country's medal tally by securing a bronze. Sakshi Malik continued this trend by winning a bronze in Rio in 2016, and in the delayed Tokyo Games in 2021, Ravi Dahiya and Bajrang Punia brought home medals, making it a double delight for India. However, the sport that was soaring high faced a significant setback due to prolonged protests against the then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief by the country's elite wrestlers.

## AMAN SEHRAWAT (Men's freestyle 50kg):

With his steady progress, Aman did what was unthinkable: replacing Olympic silver medallist Ravi Dahiya, the most formidable Indian wrestler, in the men's 57kg weight division. Aman's biggest strength is his stamina and endurance. If the bout lasts six minutes, it will be difficult to beat him. However, what is lacking in his game is limited strategy and technique. It was evident when he was pitted against Rei Higuchi in the Ranking Series event in Hungary. He did not seem to have a plan B. At this stage, planning against each rival is key. His biggest threats are Higuchi and Uzbekistan's Gulomjon Abdullaev.



## VINESH PHOGAT (Women's 50kg):

Without doubt, Vinesh Phogat is one of the best women wrestlers that India has produced. A solid defence and equally impressive attack are her strengths. However, what could trouble her is lack of quality mat time against top wrestlers in the last year or so. Lowering the weight class to 50kg means more stress on her body. Cutting the weight cut ahead of the bout is a painful process, it sucks the energy out of the body and hers is an aging body. She is almost 30. Her natural body weight is about 55-56kg. Much would depend on how Vinesh copes with it. In the recent Grand Prix of Spain, the weight relaxation was 2kg but that won't be the case in Paris.



These protests brought national camps and domestic competitions to a standstill, leading to confusion and uncertainty about the future of wrestling in India. Allegations and counter-arguments flew thick and fast, adding to the chaos. The situation worsened when WFI elections were held, leading to the suspension of the national body. It was only when the United World Wrestling (UWW) lifted its suspension that things began to move forward again. Despite the turmoil, the sport's resilience shone through. Only one male and five female wrestlers have qualified for the upcoming Paris Olympics, signaling a glimmer of hope amid the prevail-

ing doubts. The journey to qualification has not been easy, given the disruptions in training and competitions. Yet, the determination and spirit of these wrestlers keep the nation's hopes alive. The upcoming Paris Olympics present a crucial opportunity for Indian wrestlers to showcase their talent on the global stage once again. The legacy of past champions like Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, Sakshi Malik, Ravi Dahiya, and Bajrang Punia serves as an inspiration for the current crop of athletes. Their success stories highlight the potential of Indian wrestling and the importance of overcoming challenges to achieve greatness.

## ANTIM PANGHAL (Women's 53kg):

The firebrand wrestler from Hisar was first to lock a Paris Olympics quota. She also challenged Vinesh for a trial with her when the protest controversy was at its peak. Her biggest strength is flexibility that allows her to wriggle out of her rivals' grip pretty easily. It's difficult to trap her. She has the spark and fire. However, she has not competed since the Asian Games. A back injury forced her to miss the Asian Championship this year. The lack of mat time and competitive action could prove to be her bane.



## ANSHU MALIK (Women's 57kg):

Anshu's career graph has not really taken off the way it was expected after her exploits on the junior circuit and the smooth transition to senior events. Injuries have troubled her and she is one of the best bets in Paris for India. Quick movement on the mat to go with an aggressive game style is Anshu's biggest strength. She also has the experience of competing at the Olympics. She was not ready for the big stage in Tokyo as a teenager but now has a fair idea what is required in such a highly competitive field.



## NISHA DAHIYA (Women's 68kg):

Away from the limelight, Nisha Dahiya has quietly made her way into Paris Games. She had shown promise early but injuries have halted her ascent. Reported dead wrongly in 2021, Nisha has managed to surprise quality rivals with her aggressive game style. She is seasoned and her fearless approach is her biggest strength. Not having the exposure of competing at big events consistently is her weakness apart from losing steam in the fifth-sixth minute of the bout.



## REETIKA HOODA (Women's 76kg):

Reetika has the capability to surprise her rivals. She is not exactly unknown in the circuit but can prove to be a tough nut to crack even for experienced wrestlers due to her explosive strength. She has power and technique but has the habit to concede points in the last 30 seconds of the bout. Even if she builds a lead, she can end up losing those points. Probably losing focus in the fag end of bouts is her weakness.



| OLYMPIC CHALLENGE |

## Race walker Suraj Panwar gears up for olympic debut

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Suraj Panwar prepares for his Olympic debut in the new marathon race walk mixed relay.



**NEW DELHI:** Plucked out of his comfort zone and training without a partner for a mixed event in what is to be his debut Olympics, race walker Suraj Panwar is gearing up for quite a roller-coaster ride in Paris this month.

But he is quite used to upheaval. He was born into it.

The 23-year-old was an infant when his forest guard father Udai Singh Panwar was killed in the line of duty while trying to prevent illegal logging of trees. He was raised single-handedly by his mother Poonam,

who worked at the forest department's nursery in a village near Dehradun and supported his sporting ambitions.

"I have never competed in marathon race walk mixed relay in my career, this is going to be my first time. So, I don't even have a target timing in my mind. But, it's a matter of

representing my country and I will give my 100 per cent," Panwar told PTI in an interview.

The event was first introduced in a major championship at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in Antalya, Turkey in April. It will make its Olympics debut in Paris.

## Hardik Bhatt returns to Mumbai City FC

**MUMBAI:** India defender Hardik Bhatt will make a return to Mumbai City FC for the upcoming season after the Indian Super League side signed him on a one-year contract on Wednesday. Hardik, 27, had previously played for the two-time ISL Cup winners during the 2022-23 season on loan, during which the team won the league shield.

He had started his career with ARA Football Club in Ahmedabad, before making his senior debut with the side in 2018. Since then, Bhatt has played for Bengaluru United (2019-20), Hyderabad Sports FC (2021-22) and Rajasthan United (2022).

After his stint with the Islanders, he returned to Rajasthan, where he came up with two assists and helped his team survive relegation.

| CHAMPIONING PARA-SPORTS |

## Deepa Malik appointed South Asia APC representative

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Deepa Malik appointed as South Asia representative to promote regional para-sports development.

**NEW DELHI:** India's first woman Paralympic medallist Deepa Malik has been named sub-regional representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC).

This appointment, which was confirmed during the 34th Executive Board meeting of the APC, signifies a significant step forward for gender diversity and athlete-centric leadership in para-sports. She will take up her post immediately. The former Paralympic



Committee of India chief's appointment brings the number of female representatives on the APC Executive Board to five, making it the highest female representation on the board in the history of the organization, according to a

media release.

"Having more women during our Executive Board meetings is a very positive step forward, especially when one voice is of someone with the experience, skills and wisdom of Dr. Deepa Malik," APC President

HIGHLIGHT

Malik's role will involve representing South Asian nations and advocating for the development and promotion of para-sports across the region.

Majid Rashed said. "The APC acknowledges Dr. Deepa's extensive experience and is confident that our members from the South Asia Sub Region will be excellently represented by you on the APC Executive Board," he added.

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| PARIS GAMES |

## Yarraji's Olympic journey: Overcoming life's hurdles

Philem Dipak Singh

**NEW DELHI:** When Jyothi Yarraji leaps past each hurdle in her bid to reach the finish line, it feels like she is trying to put behind all the struggles that her mother Kumari underwent while working in double shifts as a domestic help and a cleaner at a local hospital in Visakhapatnam.

It is her gutsy mother's positive mindset while struggling for sustenance that Yarraji would like to

carry when she gets on the starting blocks of her 100m hurdles heats during the Paris Olympics.

Yarraji will become the first Indian to compete in the Olympics 100m hurdle as she made it to the Paris Games through world ranking quota.

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olympic bound athletes

ance Foundation. "My situation is really bad sometimes. My mom always told me to just keep going forward because we can't stop the present, past and the future."

"She told me 'You work for yourself, whatever the result it will come we will take it'. My mom will never tell me before a competition to win a medal, to win a gold. She will tell me to go and be healthy and be self-satisfied with what-

ever I am doing. That is why I always go forward with a positive mindset."

She also said that having people with positive mindset also has helped her as she tried to "improve my present, without thinking too much of the past and future".

"In the past, there was no great team around me. Now I have lots of positive people, a team of great mentality around me. That is helping me a lot."

## Six nations get ICC development Awards

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**DUBAI:** Six emerging cricket-playing nations - Mexico, Oman, Netherlands, UAE, Nepal and Scotland - were on Wednesday announced as winners of the ICC Development Awards for their path-breaking initiatives for the growth of the sport globally.

Launched in 2002, the awards are in recognition of the initiatives being taken by the ICC Associate Members to promote the game globally through innovative

development programmes or inspiring efforts on the field of play.

The six nations were chosen from a list of 21 emerging cricket-playing nations. The Mexico Cricket Association has been awarded the 'ICC Development Initiative of the Year' prize for pioneering projects, including sending a team to the Street Child Cricket World Cup in India, and the "Cricket in Prisons" programme, in which they deliver cricket sessions in prisons across Mexico City.



# World



'India is a "strategic partner" of the US and Washington is keen to continue developing that partnership.'

**Pat Ryder**  
Pentagon Press Secretary

## Shiite Muslims re-enact the seventh century battle of Karbala



Shiite Muslims re-enact the seventh century battle of Karbala during activities marking the holy day of Ashura, in the Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday. | Photo: PTI

# Dhaka University closed indefinitely amid violence

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**DHAKA:** Authorities at the premier Dhaka University on Wednesday announced an indefinite closure of the institution after ongoing protests demanding reforms in the quota system in government jobs turned violent and left at least six people, including three students, dead across the country. The students have been asked to vacate their dormitories

by 6 pm on Wednesday. This decision was taken at an emergency syndicate meeting at the office of Vice Chancellor ASM Maksud Kamal, Pro-VC (Academic) Prof Sitesh C Bachar was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune.

"Considering the security of the students, we have decided to close the university indefinitely and evacuate the halls," Bachar told The Daily Star. However, students

### HIGHLIGHT

- UGC directed all universities to suspend academic activities until further notice and instructed students to leave residential halls.

- The protesters blockaded highways and railway routes in four major cities

of the university are protesting the decision, and they have thronged

the VC's residence, the report added. At least six people, including three students, were killed and more than 100 others injured on Tuesday after protesters demanded quota reforms in public service and clashed with police in major cities across Bangladesh, forcing the closure of schools and colleges. The High Court on June 5 declared illegal a 2018 government circular that abolished quotas in government

jobs, and on July 10, the Supreme Court issued a status quo on the High Court judgement.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) directed all universities to suspend academic activities until further notice and instructed students to leave residential halls. In response, an urgent meeting of Dhaka University's highest policy making body, the syndicate, was convened on Wednesday.

## Priti Patel likely to contest to replace Sunak

**LONDON:** Britain's former home secretary, Priti Patel, is expected to contest the Conservative Party leadership race to replace Rishi Sunak as Opposition Leader in the House of Commons.

According to UK media reports, the 52-year-old British Indian member of Parliament is considering throwing her hat in the ring after she won her Witham, Essex, seat with a comfortable margin even as her party suffered its worst defeat in the general election earlier this month. Sunak, 44, had announced his resignation on July 5 as the Labour Party landslide win unfolded and will attend the State Opening of Parliament on Wednesday as interim Opposition Leader until the election process for his successor has been finalised by the powerful 1922 Committee of backbench Tory MPs.

### | MAURITIUS MEETINGS |

# EAM S. Jaishankar meets Mauritius top political leaders

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**External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday met Mauritius' top political leaders, including Opposition leader Arvin Boolell.**

**PORT LOUIS:** Jaishankar and discussed with Mauritius' top political leaders ways to deepen India's special and enduring partnership with the island nation. Jaishankar arrived here on Tuesday on a two-day visit, one of the first countries he was visiting in his current term as External Affairs Minister. "It underscores the strength and depth of our bilateral ties. It is also an opportunity to underline India's unwavering commitment to its special



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Mauritius's Leader of the Opposition Arvin Boolell.

### FASTFACTS

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Jaishankar discussed with Boolell the Mauritius-India relationship and its significance for the prosperity and well-being of the Indian Ocean region. "Welcome his support for the continuous strengthening of our ties," Jaishankar posted on X.

Boolell, who was born in an Arya Samajist

Indo-Mauritian family in Port Louis, is the son of former leader of the Labour Party and former Deputy Prime Minister Satcam Boolell.

He also met Xavier Luc Duval, the leader of the Parti Mauricien Social Democrat.

"Good exchange of views on deepening India-Mauritius partnership," Jaishankar said on X. He also met former prime ministers Paul Berenger and Navin Ramgoolam.

"Good to meet former Prime Minister Paul Berenger. A lively conversation on contemporary global issues. Value his support for India-Mauritius relations," Jaishankar said. Berenger served as Prime Minister of Mauritius from 2003 to 2005.

### | MIDEAST TENSIONS |

# Attacks by Houthi rebels strike ships in Red Sea

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**DUBAI:** Two attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted ships in the Red Sea on Monday as a new US aircraft carrier approached the region to provide security for the key international trade route that has been under assault since the Israel-Hamas war erupted nine months ago.

Three small Houthi vessels, two of which were crewed and another uncrewed, attacked the Panama-flagged and Israeli-owned MT Bently I off the coast of Al Hudaydah, Yemen, according to British and American authorities.

The "reported unmanned small craft collided with the vessel twice and the 2 manned



small craft fired at the vessel," the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre reported. "The vessel conducted self-protection measures, after 15 minutes the small craft aborted the attack."

The captain later reported three separate waves of missile attacks that exploded in close proximity to the vessel.

## North Korean landmines

**SEOUL:** North Korean landmines could be swept into South Korea by flooding, South Korea's military warned Wednesday, after the North has recently placed tens of thousands of additional deadly explosives along the rivals' heavily fortified border.

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## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### US HALEY

## Nikki Haley offers her 'strong endorsement' of Trump in convention speech

**MILWAUKEE:** Indian-American Republican leader Nikki Haley has endorsed her former boss Donald Trump as the party's candidate for the presidential election, delivering the message of unity after their bitter rivalry during the primaries.

Haley, 52, unsuccessfully challenged Trump for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination and spent months sparring with the former president. But last week, she instructed her 97 delegates to vote for Trump at the convention as she called for unity in the party. "I'll start by making one thing perfectly clear: Donald Trump has my strong endorsement, period," Haley said Tuesday as she addressed the Republican National Convention here during which the party will nominate Trump as its presidential candidate. **PTI**

### FLOOR TEST

## Nepal PM Oli to seek vote of confidence on Sunday: Report

**KATHMANDU:** Nepal's newly appointed Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli will take a vote of confidence in Parliament on July 21, as required by the Constitution, a media report quoted the chief whip of his party as saying on Wednesday.

The 72-year-old veteran leader was sworn in on Monday as the Himalayan nation's prime minister for the fourth time. Prime Minister Oli decided to take a vote of confidence on Sunday, MyRepublica news portal reported, quoting Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) Chief Whip Mahesh Bertaula. **PTI**



### THAI DEATHS

## Traces of cyanide found in the blood of the 6 Bangkok hotel guests who were found dead



**BANGKOK:** Doctors who performed autopsies on the six Bangkok hotel guests who died mysteriously confirmed Wednesday that they had traces of cyanide in their blood.

Dr. Kornkiat Vongpaisarnsin, head of the forensic medicine department at Chulalongkorn University's medical school, said at a news conference that a CAT scan showed no signs of blunt force trauma on the dead, reinforcing the hypothesis that they had been poisoned.

Police found traces of cyanide in the cups of six Vietnamese and American guests at a central Bang-

kok luxury hotel and one of them is believed to have poisoned the others over a bad investment, Thai authorities said Wednesday.

The bodies were found Tuesday in the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok, a landmark at a central intersection in the capital busy with malls, government buildings and public transit.

The six had last been seen alive when food was delivered to the room Monday afternoon. The staff saw one woman receive the food, and security footage showed the rest arriving one by one shortly after. **PTI**

## Former CIA official charged with being secret agent for South Korean intelligence

**WASHINGTON:** A former CIA employee and senior official at the National Security Council has been charged with serving as a secret agent for South Korea's intelligence service, the US Justice Department said. Sue Mi Terry accepted luxury goods, including fancy handbags, and expensive dinners at sushi restaurants in exchange for advocating South Korean government positions during media appearances, sharing nonpublic information with intelligence officers

and facilitating access for South Korean officials to US government officials, according to an indictment filed in federal court in Manhattan.

She also admitted to the FBI that she served as a source of information for South Korean intelligence. **PTI**

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