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## Captain among 4 soldiers killed in Doda encounter

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**JAMMU:** Four army personnel, including a captain, died after being injured in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday while reinforcements were rushed in to track and neutralize the militants.

Those killed in the encounter have been identified as Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay, they said. This was the third major encounter between security forces and terrorists in the forests of Doda district in the past three weeks. The latest incident comes a week after a terrorist ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest belt in Kathua district claimed the lives of five soldiers and injured as many. Troops of the Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group of Jammu and



Security forces personnel during an encounter with terrorists in a forest area. | Photo : PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● Five soldiers were critically injured in the encounter. Four of them, including the captain, later succumbed to injuries.

Kashmir Police launched a joint cordon and search operation at Dhari Gote Urarbagi in the Desa for-

**Tributes to the bravehearts who laid down their lives**

General Upendra Dwivedi  
Army Chief

est belt, some 55 km from Doda town, late on Monday evening when the encounter took place, the

officials said. After a brief exchange of fire, the terrorists tried to escape but were chased by the troops led by the captain despite the challenging terrain and thick foliage, they said, adding this led to another firefight around 9 pm on Monday. Five soldiers were critically injured in the encounter. Four of them, including the captain, later succumbed to

injuries, the officials said. Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi and all ranks of the Army paid tributes to the bravehearts who laid down their lives while undertaking the counter-terror operation. "Indian Army stands firm with the bereaved families in this hour of grief," Additional Directorate General of Public Information of the Indian Army posted on 'X'.

The Army's 16 Corps, also known as White Knight Corps, in a post on 'X' late on Monday night, said, "Based on specific intelligence inputs, a joint operation by Indian Army and JKP was in progress in the general area North of Doda. Contact with terrorists was established tonight at about 2100 hrs in which heavy firefight ensued."

"Initial reports suggest injuries to our bravehearts. Additional troops have been moved into the area. Operations are continuing," it said.

## Byju's faces insolvency proceedings

**NEW DELHI:** Edtech company Byju's, which was once India's most valuable start-up worth an estimated USD 22 billion, will face insolvency proceedings for failure to pay Rs 158.9 crore to cricket board BCCI. The Bengaluru bench of the NCLT on Tuesday allowed bankruptcy proceedings against the firm and appointed an interim resolution professional.

## 'Puja Khedkar's training put on hold'

**MUMBAI:** The government on Tuesday put on hold the 'district training program' of controversial IAS officer Puja Khedkar as she was summoned back to the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration for "necessary action".

While Khedkar, whose disability as well as OBC certificates are under the scanner, maintained that she was a victim of misinformation and "fake news", Pune Police said they would check the authenticity of the dis-



Amul is the regional sponsor of Argentina national team

### NEWSLINE

#### KOTA Man gets lifer for wife's murder

A court here on Tuesday sentenced a 35-year-old man to life term in jail for the murder of his wife three years ago in Dadabari police station area of the city. The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge also imposed a penalty of Rs 1.25 lakh on the convict.



#### MUMBAI 'Politics not Shankaracharya's domain'

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Nirupam on Tuesday said politics was not the arena of Swami Avimuktেশ्वरानंद Saraswati, the Shankaracharya of the Jyotish Peeth in Uttarakhand, and he should desist from commenting on it.

#### NEW DELHI PM CARES for Children fail to cater needs

Only half of the applications received under the PM CARES for Children scheme for COVID orphans were approved in the three years of its launch, according to data.



#### BELLA Unveiling the poses for healthier hair

Traditional yoga practices offer a captivating pathway to enhancing hair health through a blend of mindful movement and deep-rooted wellness principles. Asanas like Sirsasana (Headstand), celebrated as the "king of poses," stimulate scalp circulation, invigorating hair follicles with vital nutrients.

## Engineer stole NEET paper from NTA trunk, arrested

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**Pankaj Kumar alias Aditya, a 2017-batch civil engineer from the NIT Jamshedpur was arrested.**

**NEW DELHI:** The CBI has arrested two persons including a key accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case who allegedly stole the paper from a National Testing Agency's trunk in Hazaribagh in Jharkhand, officials said Tuesday.

With the two arrests, the total number of persons arrested in connection with cases pertaining to leakage, impersonation and other irregularities in the medical entrance exam has now reached 14, they said. The agency has arrested Pankaj Kumar



Protesters hold placards as they stage a demonstration over NEET paper leak, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.

### FACTFILE

● CBI which is probing the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam, has registered six FIRs.

alias Aditya, a 2017-batch civil engineer from the National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur,

who allegedly stole the NEET-UG paper from the NTA trunk in Hazaribagh, the officials said. Kumar, a resident of Bokaro, was arrested from Patna, they said. The CBI has also arrested one Raju Singh who allegedly helped Kumar in stealing the paper, they said, adding that Singh was arrested

from Hazaribagh. The agency, which is probing the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam, has registered six FIRs. The FIR from Bihar pertains to leakage of paper while the remaining from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are linked to impersonation of candidates and cheating.

## SC quashes Bihar 2015 order revising EBC list

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**The Scheduled Castes list specified under the notification under Clause-1 can be amended or altered only by a law made by the Parliament.**

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court has quashed a 2015 notification of the Bihar government by which it had deleted 'Tanti-Tantwa' caste from the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) and merged it with 'Pan/Sawasi' caste in the Scheduled Castes list.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Prashant Kumar Mishra said the state government had no competence or authority to tinker with the lists of Scheduled Castes published under



### FASTFACTS

● As per Article 341 neither the central govt, nor the President can make any amendments or changes in the notification issued under Clause-1.

● Patna HC fell in serious error in upholding the 2015 notification on a completely wrong premise without referring to Article 341 of the Constitution.

Article 341 of the Constitution. The Scheduled Castes list specified under

the notification under Clause-1 can be amended or altered only by a law made by the Parliament, the bench said.

It said as per Article 341 neither the central government, nor the President can make any amendments or changes in the notification issued under Clause-1 without a law made by the Parliament, specifying the castes in relation to the states or Union territory, as the case may be.

"We have no hesitation in holding that the resolution dated July 1, 2015 was patently illegal, erroneous as the state government had no competence/ authority/ power to tinker with the lists of Scheduled Castes published under Article 341 of the Constitution," the bench said in its verdict pronounced on Monday.

## 4 Maoists with Rs 20 lakh bounty surrender

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**SUKMA:** Four Naxalites collectively carrying a reward of Rs 20 lakh on their heads surrendered in Sukma district on Tuesday, police said. Two women are among the surrendered Maoists. They turned themselves in before senior police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officials here stating that

they were disappointed by the atrocities committed by the Maoists on tribals, and disapproved of the "inhuman" and "hollow" Maoist ideology, district superintendent of police Kiran Chavan said. Among the four, Kailash alias Kavasi Deva (35), a 'deputy commander' of company no 10 of the Maoists, carried a reward of Rs 8 lakh on his head, SP said.

## Immunize unvaccinated children: WHO

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**NEW DELHI:** The World Health Organization on Tuesday called on countries in the South-East Asia Region to further strengthen efforts at all levels to identify and immunize unvaccinated and under-vaccinated children.

As per the latest global data, in 2023, nearly 3.4

million children in the region did not get all the vaccines offered under the childhood immunization programme. Around 2.7 million among them did not get any vaccines, leaving them vulnerable to life-threatening diseases, WHO said in a statement.

"The increasing numbers of unvaccinated and under-vaccinated chil-



dren calls for urgent and accelerated action. We need to identify where and why these children

### NUMBER

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● As per the latest global data, in 2023, nearly 3.4 million children did not get all the vaccines under the childhood immunization prog.

are missed and priori-

tize reaching them at the earliest. No child should fall sick or die of any vaccine-preventable disease when safe and effective vaccines exist to protect them against these deadly diseases," said Saima Wazed, Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia.

The region is off track to achieve the 2030 immunization agenda.

# Raipur



Govt increased electricity rates to benefit Adani's power company.

Dhananjay Singh Thakur,  
PCC Spokesperson.



Discussion with representatives of CII regarding New Industrial Policy 2024-29.

## Mayor instructs submission of applications

**RAIPUR:** Mayor Ejaz Dhebar emphasized the urgent need to process and submit applications for caste certificates during a special meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Municipal Corporation Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department. The meeting was held at the Municipal Corporation Headquarters Building, Mahatma Gandhi Sadan, on the third floor. The meeting, chaired by in-charge member Sundarlal Jogi, was attended by committee member councilor Dhanesh Banjare Raja, MIC member representative Radheshyam Vibhar, Deputy Commissioner and Committee Secretary Krishna Khatik, Revenue Officer Vivekanand Dubey, and all Assistant Revenue Officers.

Discussions centered on the issuance of caste certificates in compliance with government directives.

Mayor Dhebar directed the officers to ensure that all proposals from eligible applicants across all zones are promptly sent to the officer-in-charge of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department at the Municipal Corporation Headquarters.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ORDER ISSUED

#### Order issued to present Gangster Aman Sahu in Raipur Court on July 22

**RAIPUR:** Despite a court order to present Jharkhand gangster Aman Sahu in Raipur court on July 22, Raipur police are facing significant challenges in bringing him to the city. Sahu, who is involved in extortion activities targeting coal traders and road contractors in Raipur, remains out of their custody.

Raipur police have made two unsuccessful attempts to bring Sahu, who is currently incarcerated in Garhwa and subsequently Giridih jail in Jharkhand. Both attempts were thwarted by local police and jail authorities, who cited the numerous ongoing cases against Sahu in Jharkhand as the reason for denying his transfer. The latest attempt to secure Sahu's presence in Raipur follows a recent shooting incident outside the office of road contractor Prahlad Rai Agarwal on July 13. This attack, attributed to Sahu's associates, has heightened the urgency for Raipur police to bring the gangster to the city.

### FLAG HOISTING

#### Tricolor hoisted at 26,200 feet on Mount Everest: CM congratulates Nishu Singh



**RAIPUR:** In an extraordinary achievement, Nishu Singh from Bilaspur district has hoisted the tricolor at 26,200 feet on Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. The feat, accomplished on May 21, 2024, was celebrated with a courtesy call to Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, who congratulated and wished Nishu for her outstanding accomplishment. Nishu Singh, an experienced mountaineer with a passion for scaling peaks, shared her journey with the Chief Minister. Despite facing severe challenges such as bad weather, heavy snowfall, low oxygen levels, and cold winds, her indomitable spirit and determination led her to achieve this remarkable milestone.

# 'Government to provide support for industries'

CII's suggestions for the new Industrial Policy 2024-29.

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**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has pledged the state government's full support for the establishment of new industries in Chhattisgarh. He emphasized the government's intention to foster value addition within the state and provide employment opportunities for local youth. The Chief Minister made these remarks while discussing the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) suggestions for the new Industrial Policy 2024-29 at

his residence office.

During the discussion, Chief Minister's Secretary P. Dayanand, CII Chhattisgarh State Council Chairman Ashish Saraf, Vice Chairman Sanjay Jain, Narendra Goyal, Anand Singhania, Ramesh Aggarwal, Pankaj Sarada, and other CII Chhattisgarh State Council members were present. The CII members praised the single window system and the Chief Minister's efforts to promote industry for job creation.

Chief Minister Sai highlighted the state's

### HIGHLIGHT

● Govt is committed to establish industries to create employment.

rich reserves of natural resources and minerals, as well as the abundant availability of minor forest produce. He stressed the importance of adding value to these resources within Chhattisgarh to maximize the state's benefits. Mr. Sai noted that although hundreds of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

have been signed over the past five years, many have not been implemented. The state government is committed to establishing new industries to create employment for local youth.

The Chief Minister acknowledged the valuable suggestions provided by the CII regarding the new industrial policy, stating that they would be forwarded to the state's Industry Minister and the policy-making committee. He assured that the best suggestions would be incorporated into the new policy.

## Special strategy for Women's Empowerment

**RAIPUR:** In a dialogue program organized by NITI Aayog, women participants underscored the necessity for a targeted strategy focusing on education, health, and nutrition to empower women in Chhattisgarh. Discussing the vision of a Developed India-Developed Chhattisgarh, women highlighted the importance of preparing women for economic activities through cooperative efforts. Participants emphasized the urgency of launching public awareness campaigns against social issues such as gender discrimination, drug addiction, and child marriage. They called for new initiatives aimed at enhancing women's self-reliance, developing their skills, and fostering new startups. Shatabdi Pandey emphasized the role of cooperatives in economically empowering women, advocating for the promotion of state-level, interstate, and national cooperative institutions.

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Goal of the NEP is to establish India as a global superpower

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh has emerged as a leading state in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, as highlighted during a state-level orientation program organized by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in Raipur.

Educationist Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan, the keynote speaker, emphasized that the goal of the NEP is to establish India as a global superpower in knowledge, while remaining rooted in Indian culture and values.

Dr. Mohan lauded Chhattisgarh's SCERT for

### | NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY |

# Orientation program organised on NEP 2020



SCERT organised state-level orientation program on NEP 2020.

### FACTFILE

● 30% of the NEP work has been completed in the last six months.

its exemplary progress in implementing the NEP. Addressing officials and academic members of the School Education Department,

she highlighted the importance of developing a comprehensive understanding of the policy.

School Education Department Secretary Siddharth Komal Pardeshi noted the significance of the coming year, mentioning that 30% of the NEP work has been completed in the last six

months, with the remaining 70% underway. He stressed the adaptation of Chhattisgarh's books to the local context and the necessity of teacher training in line with the NEP, emphasizing the need for innovation in training. Efforts are being made to bring school dropouts back to education.

### | DIGITAL LITERACY |

# MATS University conducted outreach program

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**RAIPUR:** As part of the Vikshit Bharat Digital Literacy initiative, MATS University conducted an outreach program at Akoli Kala village on 10 July 2024. The event aimed to enhance digital literacy and promote the benefits of technology among the villagers. The event was graced by several distinguished guests and faculty members, including Sarpanch of Akoli Kala Village, Headmaster of Akoli



Kala School. The event was Co-ordinated and managed by Faculties of MSIT dept Mr. Amit Sahu, Ms. Hemlata Patel and Mr. Digvijay Singh. Faculty mem-

bers from MATS School of IT along with students conducted interactive sessions on basic computer skills, internet usage, and the importance of digital

Informed villagers about the basics of using computers and smartphones.

Amit Sahu,  
Faculty, MSIT Dept.

literacy.

Mr. Amit Sahu introduced the villagers to the basics of using computers and smartphones, Hemlata Patel demonstrated the use of various digital tools and applications ben-

eficial for daily life and Digvijay Singh discussed the potential of digital literacy in improving education, employment opportunities, and overall quality of life. A total of 100 students participated in this event, comprising 75 students from the local school and 25 students from MATS School of IT.

MATS University distributed educational materials, including stationery, to help the villagers continue their learning journey post-event.

### Felicitated at World Homeopathy Summit

#### Chhattisgarh's pride soars as Homeopathic Doctor Trivedi honored in Dubai



**RAIPUR:** Dr. Utkarsh Trivedi, a prominent homeopathic doctor from Raipur, Chhattisgarh, was honored at the World Homeopathy Summit on July 14 at the prestigious Burj Al Arab Hotel in Dubai. Dr. Trivedi received the Best Homeopathic Gastroenterologist and Dermatologist Award, presented by the renowned West Indies all-rounder Chris Gayle. The event, attended by about 150 homeopathic doctors from 25 countries, recognized Dr. Trivedi's dedication and service in the field of homeopathy.

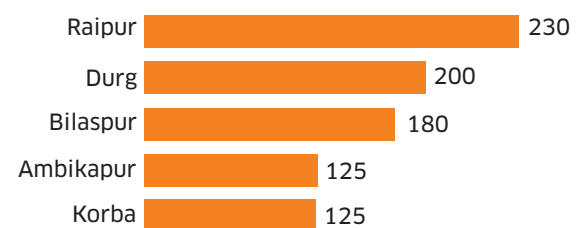
Dr. Trivedi has been practicing homeopathy for over a decade, gaining recognition for his effective treatments.

His contributions during the COVID-19 crisis were particularly noteworthy, as he treated positive patients using homeopathic medicines without wearing a mask, gloves, or sanitizer. Additionally, he distributed nearly 40,000 preventive homeopathic medicines for free, earning the respect and admiration of the entire Chhattisgarh region.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### NUMBER OF MBBS SEATS IN MAJOR CITIES

In Chhattisgarh for current academic session



Source : Agency

### PLANTATION

#### Plant as many trees as possible for environmental protection: Kedar Kashyap

**RAIPUR:** Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap emphasized the importance of environmental protection by planting trees at Aakar Residential Institute in Sukma district headquarters under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan'. Addressing the public, he urged everyone to plant as many trees as possible during this monsoon season and to inspire others to green their homes, surroundings, villages, fields, barns, and cities.

Minister Kashyap highlighted that the state government aims to plant about four crore trees through this significant campaign. He encouraged widespread participation from the public to support this environmental protection initiative. Joining Minister Kashyap in this campaign were Bastar Lok Sabha constituency MP Mahesh Kashyap and other local public representatives, who also planted trees under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. Dhaniram Barse, Hungaram Markam, and other dignitaries and public representatives participated in the tree planting event, demonstrating their commitment to the cause.

### ROAD BLOCKADE

#### Protest erupts over illegal Dewar Dera Colony in Raipur, stages road blockade



**RAIPUR:** Residents of Lalpur and Kamal Vihar blocked the road demanding the removal of the illegal Dewar Dera colony and a nearby liquor shop in Raipur. Locals claim that residents of the illegal colony frequently harass and assault passersby, causing significant distress in the community.

The protest was sparked by an incident last night where two youths were injured and had to be hospitalized following an attack by individuals from the Dewar Dera colony. In response to the escalating situation, police arrived at the scene and relocated 40 to 50 families from the camp to Boria Khurd. CSP Rajesh Devangan commented on the situation, stating that the police had received multiple complaints about the camp residents' violent behavior towards locals and passersby.

# Consultative Program by State NITI Aayog held

Youth, farmers, women, and intellectuals sharing their visions for developed India and developed Chhattisgarh.



Finance Minister OP Choudhary speaking at the consultative programme.

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## FASTFACTS

**RAIPUR:** Finance Minister OP Choudhary, on behalf of Chhattisgarh NITI Aayog, inaugurated the consultative programme organized today at local Circuit House for compilation of the "Chhattisgarh Vision Document 2047". Finance Minister Choudhary commenced the programme by offering flowers to the portrait of Chhattisgarh Mahtari and lighting a ceremonial lamp. Youth, farmers, women, and intellectuals from different parts of the state are participating in this consulta-

● **Choudhary extensively discusses export-oriented industries, green energy, solar energy, ethanol-based technology.**

● **Chhattisgarh NITI Aayog has initiated consultations with all departments and sector experts to prepare the Vision Document.**

tive programme to share their aspirations and visions for a 'Developed

## Ch'garh will develop with youth's participation

Expressing their views on the Chhattisgarh Vision Document being prepared for developed India and developed Chhattisgarh, the youth said that to keep the economy of Chhattisgarh dynamic, work will have to be done according to the local conditions. Apart from strengthening the agriculture based economy of the state it is necessary to work for women's empowerment to ensure progress of the state.

India' and a 'Developed Chhattisgarh'. The concluding session of the programme will be held at 3 PM, where Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will engage in dialogue with the youth, farmers, women, and intellectuals. Welcoming the

attendees, Finance Minister O.P. Choudhary stated that all participants are esteemed individuals in their respective fields. He emphasized that their ideas could significantly contribute to the progress of the nation as well as of the state.

## 9.57 lakh MT fertilizers distributed to farmers

**RAIPUR:** Distribution of various types of chemical fertilizers to the farmers is currently underway in the current Kharif season in the state. As of 15 July 2024, more than 9 lakh 57 thousand metric tonnes of fertilizers have been distributed to the farmers, which is 70 percent of the target. The fertilizers distributed include distribution of 4 lakh 56 thousand 319 metric tonnes of urea, 2 lakh 23 thousand 600 metric tonnes of DAP, one lakh 13 thousand 544 metric tonnes of NPK, 33 thousand 372 metric tonnes of potash and one lakh 15 thousand 590 metric tonnes of super phosphate.

## Special health camp for senior citizens

**RAIPUR:** Special health camp for senior citizens will be organized till 15 September in all 400 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs under National Ayush Mission. Objective of camp is to check health of senior citizens and motivate them for an active lifestyle. Health checkup will be done by experts in camp. Blood pressure, body weight and appearance checkup, awareness session on importance of diet and exercise, special discussion will be held on benefits of a healthy lifestyle for senior citizens.

## Attempt to cheat youth in the name of jobs in power company

**RAIPUR:** Taking serious note about the complaints about some individuals trying to cheat people in the name of recruitment in Chhattisgarh State Power Company, through social media the company management has warned not to pay attention to such fake advertisements.

Ashok Kumar Verma, Executive Director (Human Resources) of Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company, said that some people were trying to cheat students by providing fake information. He made it clear that power company did not issue any such advertisement and did not have any such posts. The scammers are

## HIGHLIGHT

● **All recruitments in the power company are done through a formal process, for which authorized advertisements are published in newspapers.**

misusing the authorized logo (emblem) of Chhattisgarh Government and CSPDCL, he said.

Fake information is being shared on social media in the name of Chhattisgarh Electricity Department Recruitment 2024, which is completely misleading, he said. Verma has warned the general public not to fall prey to such fake and misleading advertisements.

## CGBSE's online orientation programme

**RAIPUR:** The second main examination of High School and Higher Secondary School will be conducted by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) Raipur from 23 July 2024 to 12 August 2024. For the successful conduct of the examination, an online training orientation programme was organized at the state level.

The said training was conducted on 15th and

16th July under the guidance of CGBSE Chairperson Renu G. Pillai, and Secretary Pushpa Sahu. Center heads from all the 227 examination centers of the state participated in the programme. Detailed information was given about the preparation before the examination, action to be taken on the day of examination and process to be conducted after examination.

## High-end workshop on semiconductor devices in NIT

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NIT Raipur organized a workshop on "Exploring Semiconductor Devices: A Practical Approach to VLSI" with sponsorship by SERB.

**RAIPUR:** The valedictory session began with a motivating speech by Dr. Toshlanal Meenpal, who congratulated everyone on the successful execution of the event. He emphasized that the conclusion of the workshop marks the beginning of real work, encouraging participants to apply the theoretical and practical knowledge they acquired to their research and professional projects. Dr. Meenpal's words resonated with the audience, highlighting the workshop's impact on their future endeavors.

Thereafter Dr. Shubhojit Ghosh took the stage to provide an insightful overview of the workshop's significance. He highlighted the competitive nature of the SERB sponsorship, mentioning that out of 500 applications received nationwide, only 52 were selected through a rigorous review process. Notably, 4 of these selected workshops were from NIT Raipur, showcasing the institute's exceptional capability and commitment to advancing semiconductor and VLSI technologies. Dr. Ghosh's speech underscored the workshop's prestige and the dedication of the organizing team. Dr. Prabhat Diwan then addressed audience, expressing his heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for participants and organizers. He acknowledged hard work and dedication that went into making workshop a success.

## Written exam for Asst Gr-3 on July 28

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (CGVYAPAM) will conduct the first level written examination for the post of Assistant Grade 03 for Chhattisgarh High Court on July 28. Centers have been set up in Surguja, Bilaspur, Jagdalpur, Durg and Raipur for the examination. Online applications for Assistant Grade-3 were submitted by the applicants on the website of Chhattisgarh High Court. All the candidates will be required to register on website of CGVYAPAM for the admit cards for the first level written examination and it will be mandatory to select the examination district. The initial date for registration and district selection for the examination on the website of VYAPAM has been fixed as 2nd July and the last date is 16th July. The admit cards for the written exam will be issued to candidates on 22nd July on basis of VYAPAM registration number.

## Municipal Commissioner inspects ITMS center

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Municipal Commissioner directed Health Officer Dr Tripti Panigrahi and all zonal health officers to take immediate action on complaints of stray cattle on roads.

**RAIPUR:** Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra visited the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) command center located on the third floor of the old bus stand multi-level parking.

The Municipal Commissioner monitored stray cattle on various city roads through CCTV cameras installed there. For public convenience, the Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has issued helpline numbers 6269066630 or 6269066612 for the cap-



Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra visited ITMS which monitors stray cattle on roads.

## EASTFACTS

● **Drive against stray cattle menace being run by cow catcher teams of all zones in RMC area.**

● **Zone 10's team removed 15 stray cattle from Devpuri Main Road and 4 from the Dronacharya School Road to Lalpur Road.**

ture of stray cattle. Complaints regarding stray cattle are being registered by citizens on these numbers. According to the Commissioner's instructions, these complaints, along with the location and mobile number of the complainant, are being sent to the Municipal Corporation's Health WhatsApp group. The health department team of the concerned

area, with the help of the cow catcher vehicle and special team members, promptly removes the stray cattle from the roads. Commissioner Abinash Mishra has directed Health Officer Dr Tripti Panigrahi and all zonal health officers to immediately respond to the mobile numbers and locations of citizens' complaints received on stray cattle helpline.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME |

## CBSE students get to know fire fighting techniques

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**RAIPUR:** In line with CBSE's emphasis on safety education, a programme on comprehensive fire safety which focused on enhancing fire safety awareness and preparedness was conducted on July 12 at the premises of Shri Gujrati English Medium Higher Secondary School, Devendra Nagar, Raipur, for higher class students and staff of both Shri Gujrati English and Hindi



Medium Higher Secondary Schools. The resource person provided in-depth knowledge about different types of fires, the importance of fire

alarms, and essential evacuation procedures. He provided comprehensive instruction on fire safety, encompassing various fire types and the

**The programme equipped students and staff with essential fire safety knowledge and skills.**

Dr. Shailesh Sharma  
Principal

critical importance of public awareness regarding fire alarms. The program received over-

whelming response from students, faculty, and school administration. Dr. Shailesh Sharma, Principal, expressed gratitude for the informative session. By equipping students and staff with essential fire safety knowledge and skills, the program aims to create a safer school environment. Practical demonstrations on fire extinguishment using two types of water nozzle and a fire extinguisher were conducted.

## 'Cow smuggling no longer possible in state'

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**RAIPUR:** On the initiative of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, the Home Department has issued an order regarding prevention of incidents of unauthorized transportation (smuggling), slaughter and sale of meat etc. of cow and milch cattle.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma said that the state government was dealing strictly with the illegal transportation of cows. A provision

has been made for punishment and penalty to ensure that no one can violate this law, he said, adding that culprits will be given the harshest punishment.

According to him cow smuggling is no longer possible in Chhattisgarh. He said that illegal cattle transportation would lead to seven years imprisonment and a fine of Rs 50,000.

The crime has been made cognizable and non-bailable.

## NEWSLINE

### SEIZUR

**500 bags of organic manure confiscated**



**RAIPUR:** During a raid by the fertilizer monitoring team in Gaurela Pendra Marwahi district, 500 bags of organic manure were seized for illegal storage in village panchayat Sarkhor of Pendra development block. As per the instructions of Collector Leena Kamlesh Mandavi, a team has been formed to stop the black marketing of fertilizers and seeds and to investigate and take action on illegal storage. The investigation team conducted a raid in village Sarkhor on the information received from the villagers. As many as 500 bags of organic manure were illegally stored by M/s Santosh Rathore Pendra at one Sahasram's house. On the spot, the Agriculture Department team made necessary inquiries and asked for documents.

### CAMP

**5747 applications resolved in Balodabazar dist.**

**RAIPUR:** Around six thousand of pending issues were resolved on the spot during the Revenue Fortnight programme in Balodabazar district. Collector Deepak Soni has asked all the officers to ensure that maximum number of applications should be entertained.

A sum of 88 gram panchayat camps were organized during the last 11 days under the Revenue Fortnight programme. As many as six thousand 269 applications had been received in these camps. Out of which 5747 applications were resolved on the spot, informed the officials. The remaining 522 applications were registered for settlement within the time limit.

### DECISION

**Krida Protsahan Yojna to replace 'Chhattisgarhiya Olympic'**



**RAIPUR:** The Chhattisgarh Olympic Scheme of the erstwhile Congress government will now be re-incarnated as 'Krida Protsahan Yojana'. Giving the details of the new scheme the Sports Minister Tank Ram Verma said, the new scheme would be implemented, in the line of 'Khelo India' event of the Central Government. The State Government is now introducing 'Chhattisgarh Krida Protsahan Yojana to promote sports especially in the rural areas along with nurturing the talent in the urban areas also, the Sports minister disclosed.



Public grievance redressal camps in Civic Bodies from July 27 to Aug 10

**Richa Prakash Chaudhary,**  
Collector Durg

## Teachers honoured for educational activities

They prepared and uploaded supportive teaching material



Teachers and Players at the felicitation programme.

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### FASTFACTS

● 15 teachers felicitated with certificates and award

● Cheques distributed to 44 winners of national school games

**BHILAI:** District administration honoured the teachers who provided innovative educational activities under the Acharya Vinoba Bhav Shiksha Sahayak program run in the district for improving the quality of education. The students who won medals in the National School Games in the year 2023-24 were also honoured with certificates.

Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, District Education Officer Arvind Mishra and

other senior officers were present. The Collector congratulated all the teachers and students. She said that victory and defeat are two aspects of every competition, but demonstrating talent is the biggest achievement

### National School Games winners feted

44 students who won medals in National School Games (in Fencing, Net Ball, Judo, Kabaddi) were given cheques of a total amount of Rs 5,46,000. This amount was provided by Directorate of Public Instruction, Chhattisgarh Raipur. 04 girl students of Sandipani Girls Hostel selected in the 'Shreshtha' examination conducted by NTA (CG) for admission in the best residential schools for SC students were also honored.

of the player. Encouraging all the players and teachers, she asked them to fully concentrate on their work. These teachers inspired other teach-

ers of the district by sharing their innovative educational activities in the Vinoba app and by actively participating in the App.

## 166.4 mm average rainfall recorded

**BHILAI:** An average rainfall of 166.4 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 16 July. Land Records Branch informed that the highest rainfall of 298.4 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 103.4 mm in Bori. Apart from this, 112.0 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 127.3 mm in Dhamdha, 153.0 mm in Bhilai 3 and 204.2 mm in Ahiwara. On July 16, 1.0 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 1.0 mm in Dhamdha, 12.2 mm in Patan, 10.0 mm in Bori, 2.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 6.3 mm in Ahiwara.

## Workshop for govt accountants on July 18

**BHILAI:** As per the GST provisions, tax is to be deducted at source on payments made to suppliers and contractors by government departments. The govt has implemented e-bills and e-accounts in all the treasuries from the month of July. In this regard, a workshop / training has been organized in the PWD Office auditorium at 11.30 am on July 18 for all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers.

## 56th GBM of BSP Ex-OA on July 20

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**BHILAI:** The 56th General Body Meeting of the BSP Ex-Officers' Association will be held on July 20, 2024 in Pragati Bhavan (OA Bldg.), Civic Centre, to discuss on all the important issues such as failure of the new Mediclaim Renewal Process, EPS 95 Pension, 11 months' Perks arrears, enhanced Gratuity etc.

However, the focus will be on the newly introduced and highly complicated process of Mediclaim Renewal for the year 2024-25 which has caused unrest, anxiety & worry to most of us, the retired employees of BSP.

OA President & SEFI Chairman Narendra

Banchhor, General Secretary Parvinder Singh and Treasurer Ankur Mishra have been invited to speak on the important topics focussing on the Ex-OA's appeal for reverting back to the old process of SB Collect for Mediclaim payment which will benefit & bring great relief to all the

### HIGHLIGHT

● Focus on difficulties of the New Mediclaim Renewal Process

retired employees of SAIL/BSP. Sri Hussain, the in-charge of the Bhilai Unit of MD India Ltd has also been requested to attend the meeting and answer the queries of the members.

### NEWSLINE

#### FLAGGED OFF

### SP flags off Interceptor vehicle



**BHILAI:** Durg Police is now equipped with an Interceptor Vehicle to take strict action against drunken drivers and over speeding. This vehicle will be used on the highways as well as other main roads of the city. The vehicle is fitted with a sound amplifier and a 360-degree surveillance camera which will detect the speed of the vehicle from a distance of 160 metres. Police will also take action against vehicles fitted with dangerously bright headlights, making loud sound and dark black film on the windows.

#### SUSPENDED

### Tehsildar Neelkanth Janbandhu suspended

**BHILAI:** Durg Divisional Commissioner Satya Narayan Rathore has issued suspension orders to Neelkanth Janbandhu, Tehsildar of Marri Bangla (Deori) of Balod district for serious negligence and irregularity in work. It needs to be mentioned here that Deputy CM Vijay Sharma had recently visited Balod District. Considering the complaints of corruption against Janbandhu, the Deputy Chief Minister had ordered the suspension of the Tehsildar. The negligence and irregularities committed by Neelkanth Janbandhu are contrary to Rule 3 of Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965. Accordingly, under Rule 9 (1) (a) of Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1966, Tehsildar Neelkanth Janbandhu has been suspended with immediate effect.

#### ACCIDENT

### BSP employee killed in accident

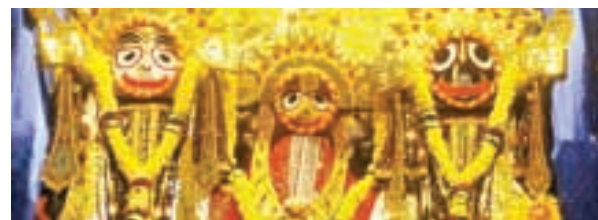
**BHILAI:** A BSP employee was killed in a car accident which occurred on Chandkhuri - Hanoda Road late evening on Monday. The deceased was identified as Prashant Singh Rajput, a resident of Borsi. He had gone to his friend's farm house to attend a birthday party. Around 22:00 hrs, he left the farm house to reach his workplace for the night shift.

#### DRY DAY

### Dry day declared on Muharram

**BHILAI:** As per the order of Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, July 17 has been declared as a dry day on the occasion of Muharram. The Collector has ordered to keep all the retail shops of country and foreign liquor, restaurants, bars, hotel-bars, clubs etc in the district of all the categories as well as all the shops of bhang and bhang ghotla and storage warehouses in Bhilai closed for the entire day.

## Mahaprabhu gives darshan in golden attire



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### Mahaprabhu to remain on the chariot for three days

**BHILAI:** Under the 55th Rath Yatra Mahotsav of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath Swami Ji, Mahaprabhu Jagannath Swami gave darshan in golden attire at Sri Jagannath Temple, Sector 4 on Tuesday. The ritual "Niladri Vijay" will happen on July 19, 2024, where Mahaprabhu will enter the temple. Currently Mahaprabhu Jagannath Swami will remain on the chariot till 18:00 hrs on July 19. Then at 19:00 hrs on the same

day Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath Swami will enter the temple which is known as Niladri Vijay. Jagannath Samiti's President Virendra Satpathy and General Secretary Satyawani Nayak along with committee officials Trinath Sahu, Bhim Swain, BC Biswal, Anam Nahak, D Trinath, Brindavan Swain, Kailash Patro, Prakash Das, Kalu Behera, Niranjan Maharana, Ranjan Mohapatra, Basant Pradhan, Prakash Swain, Ravi Swain, Bis Keshan Sahu, Kavi Biswal, Seemanchal Behera, VK Hota, S Dalai, Lakhan Biswal made significant contribution in making this festival successful.

## Biker rams into truck; dies

**BHILAI:** A biker rammed into the rear end of a stationary truck at Hathkhaj on Sunday. The biker suffered fatal injuries and was declared brought dead at the hospital. The deceased was identified as Hori Lal Sagar (55) a resident of Lal Awas Colony, Old Bhilai.

## Old lady injured in accident

**BHILAI:** An old woman was seriously injured in a road accident which occurred on National Highway at Khursipar. The victim Prabhavati Devi was hit by a rashly moving goods carrier bearing registration number CG07-BZ-7794 while crossing the road. The victim was rushed to the Khursipar Hospital and thereafter shifted to District Hospital. Police have lodged a case against the driver under section 125(b), 281 of BNS.

## One-day Prog on 'Awareness on Industry 4.0' held

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28 employees chosen from various departments of the Plant took part in the one-day programme

**BHILAI:** The first programme in the series on "Awareness on Industry 4.0" for cross-section of Non-Executives of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant was organised at Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), on July 15. A total of 28 employees chosen from various departments of the Plant took part in the one-day programme organized by HR-L&D Department. TK Krishna Kumar, CGM (Electrical), and Chairman (Steering Committee for Digital Transformation) was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session. Kumar appre-



Employees from various departments in the one-day programme.

### FASTFACTS

● Programme consisted of various informative and interesting sessions

● The winners of the Industry 4.0 Quiz held during session were felicitated

ciated this initiative by the HR-L&D Department

and exhorted all the participants to reap maximum benefits out of this special program.

At the outset, Amulya Priyadarshi, GM (HR-L&D) welcomed the participants, while Neeraja Sharma, DGM (A&D) briefed them about the program Structure. The inaugural session was compered by S Fazly, JO (HR-L&D).

The Awareness on Industry 4.0 programme consisted of various informative and interesting sessions including a Quiz on Industry 4.0, an Introduction to Industry 4.0, Technologies of Industry 4.0, a Visioning Exercise, Implementation of Digital Transformation Initiatives, and Exploring possibilities at BSP.

| STUDENT COUNCIL |

## Investiture Ceremony held at Maitri Vidya Niketan

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**BHILAI:** Investiture Ceremony was held at Maitri Vidya Niketan school campus. The Student Council for the session 2024-25 was formed. The Ceremony successfully inducted the newly elected and selected members of the School's Prefectorial board.

Among the dignitaries present were Director MECA S Sajeev, Director MECA S Sajjan, Director MECA and Principal MVN



The newly constituted student council for academic session 2024-25

Dr Sajitha Thambi, Vice Principal Dr Beena Sajeev and Headmistress Nishi Sajjan.

The oath was administered by Principal to the Head boy Ritesh Kumar Sahu (XII A), Head girl Ankita Paul (XII A), Vice

Head boy Harsh Sahu (XII C) and Vice Head Girl Durgesh Thakur (XI B). House Flags for all the four houses - Gandhi House, Nehru House, Tagore House and Tilak House were posted by the house captains and Oath

was administered by Dr Beena Sajeev. This was followed by Nishi Sajjan administering Oath to

Dr Sajitha Thambi Director MECA and Principal MVN

**"Work as team, respect, support & help each other for their betterment and progress of the school"**

the Discipline Captains of the school. Principal Dr Sajitha Thambi honoured and congratulated the appointees. She stressed students have to work as a team, respect each other, support and help each other for their betterment and progress of the school.

Director S Sajeev congratulated the appointees said 'Leadership is not only a position, it's about responsibility to set an example for the followers'.

## National winners of SGFI honoured

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**BHILAI:** Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector - X, Bhilai, students K Santosh of Class-XII and Jigyasa Gupta of Class-XI have been honoured with cash awards of Rs 15000 and Rs 10000 respectively for their outstanding performances in Karate. Sushant Yadav and Shashank Rajput of class XII, have also won cash awards of Rs 15000 each for their impressive performance in Softball competition



in the National School Krida Competition organised by School Games Federation of India in the session 2023-24. Bipin Deshmukh (Principal, SSV) congratulated the students for bringing laurels to the school. He also congratulated and appreciated the sincere efforts of Sports department in guiding them.

# N-E-W-S



"In Karnataka, the Congress snatched reservation for backward classes and gave it to Muslims. The same will happen here if they come to power in Haryana."

**Amit Shah**  
Union Home Minister

## Flood in Periyar River inundates Kochi township



People make their way through a flooded area near the Temple which got submerged due to rising water levels of the Periyar river following heavy rains, in Kochi district, Tuesday. | Photo: PTI

## UP CM allays demolition fears for Kukrail river project in Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath has allayed the fears of residents of Pantnagar and other areas, who were worried due to misleading reports about demolition of their houses for the project.

Press Trust Of India

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday allayed the fears of residents of Pantnagar, Indraprasthanagar, Rahimnagar, and other areas here, who have been troubled for the past month by misleading reports about the demolition of their houses for the Kukrail river project.

Properties or land parcels on the riverbed area will be acquired

only after giving proper compensation to the owners as per the rules, the government said in a statement.

The chief minister's statement comes after rumours about the demolition of properties for the river project had been circulating for the past month.

He said that during flood plain zone marking, related signs were put on some buildings without offering explanation to the residents there,

### HIGHLIGHT

● Properties or land parcels on the riverbed area will be acquired only after giving proper compensation to the owners as per the rules, the government said in a statement.

● The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the officials concerned to meet the people and clear the confusion.

which created fear and confusion among them.

The chief minister said accountability will be fixed in this matter and directed the officials concerned to immediately visit the area, meet the people and clear the confusion. Allaying the fear and confusion among the families affected by the Kukrail river revival project, who reached the chief minister's residence on Tuesday, Adityanath asserted that the state government is committed

to the safety and peaceful life of the people living near the project area such as in Pantnagar, Indraprasthanagar, and Rahimnagar, the release said. "In the related case, the flood plain zone of the river has been marked as per the orders of NGT and this zone also includes private land, but there is neither any need nor any proposal to vacate the private land at present," the statement quoted Adityanath as saying.

## Three youths booked for killing two year old baby in Meerut

**MEERUT (UP):** The body of a two-year-old girl was found on Tuesday morning near a cremation ground in a village here, police said. Three youths were detained in connection with the case, police said. According to Bhavnagar police, Anil Kumar, a resident of Modinagar, had come with his daughter Bhavika (2) and son, Yug, to attend the wedding ceremony of his brother-in-law Chaman in Meerut. On Monday night, during the wedding rituals, Kumar put Bhavika to sleep on a cot and left. Upon returning, he found her missing and informed the police, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vipin Tada said. Police, along with the locals, began searching for the girl. Villagers told the officials that they found a girl's body lying near the cremation ground.

## Delhi police files charge sheet against Kejriwal aide Bibhav

| SWATI MALI WAL ASSAULT CASE |

Press Trust Of India

The charge sheet was filed before Metropolitan Magistrate Gaurav Goyal who also extended the judicial custody of Kumar till July 30.

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Police on Tuesday filed its 500-odd page charge sheet against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar in the alleged assault of AAP MP Swati Maliwal.

The charge sheet was filed before Metropolitan Magistrate Gaurav Goyal who also extended the judicial custody of Kumar till July 30.

Kumar is accused of assaulting Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Maliwal on May 13



Bibhav Kumar in court during the proceeding. | File photo.

### FACTFILE

● Bibhav Kumar is accused of assaulting Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on May 13 in Delhi at the chief minister's official residence.

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341 (wrongful restraint), 354 (assault or criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354 B (assault or use of criminal force against a woman with the intent to disrobe her), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 509 (insult caused to the modesty of a woman by the use of any words, gestures or object intending to do the same).

After the FIR was registered on May 16 at the Civil Lines Police Station, Kumar was arrested on May 18. He was sent to police custody for five days the same day by a magisterial court, which observed that his anticipatory bail plea had become infructuous because of his arrest.

proceedings, the prosecution told the court that the charge sheet runs into around 500 pages and it also has the statements of about 50 witnesses.

The final report has been filed under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including sections 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence), 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide),

| ASSLY PRAISES GOA POLICE |

## Police detected 98 pc crimes, lauds CM

Press Trust Of India

Legislators from the opposition benches demanded that CCTV cameras be installed in public places and at private establishments to connect to local police stations.

**PANAJI:** The Goa police have achieved a 98 per cent detection rate in

crimes against women and children this year, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant informed the state legislative assembly on Tuesday.

Sawant was responding to a Calling Attention motion moved by BJP MLA Michael Lobo, citing the murder of a senior citizen in his constituency, Calangute. A senior citizen was

“The Goa police have achieved a 98 per cent detection rate in crimes against women and children this year.”

**Pramod Sawant**  
Chief Minister, Goa

killed by an assailant in his house in Cando-



lim village on Sunday. The accused has been arrested from neighbouring Karnataka, the chief minister said. During the discussion, he said police

verification of all tenants has been made mandatory. "There is 98 per cent detection of crime against women and children this year. There is awareness amongst victims to come forward to lodge complaints," he said. The average detection has been 84 per cent for crimes against women and children since 2019, Sawant said.

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BEST OF THE REST

### CRIME

#### National SC Commission member visits Armstrong's family

**CHENNAI:** National Commission for Scheduled Castes member Vaddepalli Ramachander on Tuesday visited the family of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Tamil Nadu chief K Armstrong, who was murdered by an armed gang here on July 5. Ramachander interacted with the family members of Armstrong, who was also an advocate, at his residence here. Following the grisly incident in which the bike-borne gang inflicted several cut injuries on Armstrong near his under-construction house and fled, the police arrested 11 suspects in connection with the murder. Among the arrested, Thiruvengadam, said to be a prime suspect in the killing of the BSP leader, was gunned down by the police on July 14 after he attacked the police escorting him to recover the weapons at a spot here, and attempted to flee. **PTI**

### PROBE

#### Row over probe against KCR: SC castigates head of investigation panel

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday castigates Justice (retired) L Narasimha Reddy, the chairperson of the one-man Commission of Inquiry set up to probe alleged irregularities in the power sector during the tenure of ex-Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao, for making observations about the merits of the matter at a press conference.

Under fire from the Supreme Court, Reddy, a former chief justice of the Patna High Court, withdrew from the panel, and the bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud asked the Telangana government to name his replacement. **PTI**



Objections to be accepted by Aug 21

#### Registration of eligible voters for elections of SGPC board members extended till July 31

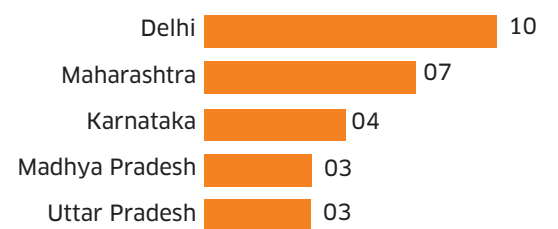


**UNA (HP):** The registration of eligible voters for preparing the electoral roll for the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) elections will be completed by July 31, officials said on Tuesday. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal said the eligible voters can get themselves registered for the election of members of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Board by July 31. He said that as per the schedule received from the Director Panchayati Raj and Commissioner Gurdwara Elections Himachal Pradesh, preliminary publication of handwritten manuals will be done from August 1 to 20. Lal said the

claims and objections related to the name, post and address published in the preliminary publication list can be made by submitting it before the concerned revision authority by August 21. The last date for receiving the claims and objections will be September 11, he added. The district election officer has appealed to the eligible voters of the district to get themselves registered for the SGPC elections by July 31. The SGPC is responsible for the management of gurdwaras in the states of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, and the union territory of Chandigarh. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### STATES WITH MAXIMUM NO. OF DEEMED UNIVERSITIES



(source- Agency)

### CELEBRATION

#### 'Mudiya Purnima' fair, procession in Mathura to be telecast live

**MATHURA (UP):** On the occasion of Ashadha Purnima here, the 'Mudiya Purnima' fair and procession will be held in Govardhan town and telecast live. Mahant Gopal Das of Shripad Raghunath Das Gaddi of the Gaudiya sect said that this decision has been taken keeping in mind the sentiments of the devotees. The melā started on Monday and will continue till Guru Purnima on July 12. Das said that "on Guru Purnima festival, when the Mudiya procession will start from Radhakund-Shyamkund at 5 pm, the procession and the activities of the fair will be telecast live from that time till the completion of the parikrama." He said, "During the fair, religious events will be held in Mahapurabhu temple. A day before the full moon, the Mudiya saints will shave their heads, and on the Full Moon day, they will go around the main markets of the city with the picture of Sant Sanatan and perform parikrama of Mansi Ganga." **PTI**

### MURDER

#### Former Bihar minister's father stabbed to death, two persons detained

**DARBHANGA/PATNA:** In a ghastly incident that has sent shock waves across Bihar, former state minister Mukesh Sahni's 70-year-old father was found stabbed to death at his native home in Darbhanga district, a top police officer said.

According to Jitendra Singh Gangwar, ADG (Headquarters), two persons have been taken into custody for questioning, on the basis of CCTV footage obtained from cameras installed in the vicinity of the site of the crime.

"They were found moving in a suspicious manner. However, the case is being investigated from all possible angles", said Gangwar, who did not divulge the identity of the detainees.

He added, "An STF team has been sent to Darbhanga to assist the local police in the probe. **PTI**



The new set-up for the District Hospital in Bijapur will be granted sanction soon.

**Shyam Bihari Jaiswal**  
Health Minister (C.G.)



# Chhattisgarh

## SHG empowered with Rs 6.3 lakh fund

**SUKMA:** Revolving fund was distributed under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (Bihar) in a district level program on Monday. In the program, Minister in charge and Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Parliamentary Affairs, Skill Development and Cooperation Minister Kedar Kashyap and MP Bastar Lok Sabha constituency Mahesh Kashyap, Dhaniram Barse, Hungaram Markam, Soyam Mukka and other public representatives distributed cheques of revolving fund amount of Rs 15,000 each to Mongra Self Help Group.

## Applications open for Govt fair price shops

**SUKMA:** Under section Konta, it is proposed to open government fair price shops of public distribution system in Pariya (Gram Panchayat Bagdeguda Panchayat), Poorvarti (Chimlipenta Panchayat) and Salatong (Potakpalli Gram Panchayat) to provide basic facilities to the villagers under the Niyad Nilla Nar scheme.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### PROBLEM

#### Amidst indifference of monsoon power cuts plague villagers in Kharora

**KHARORA:** Power cuts should be stopped amidst the indifference of monsoon. Farmers are worried due to the indifference of monsoon and intermittent rainfall. Under the Atal Jyoti Yojana, power cuts are done for motor pumps from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, due to which the farmers are upset. Raju Sharma said that power cuts should be stopped immediately under the Atal Jyoti Yojana and water should be arranged for farmers 24 hours a day through electric pumps. Sharma said that due to the indifference of the weather, the BJP should take a big decision in the interest of the farmers and the legitimate demands of the farmers should be met immediately. District Panchayat Chairman Raju Sharma has given a letter to the Collector and the higher officer of the Electricity Department.

### NABBED

#### High-profile Maoist leaders captured in Bijapur

**BIJAPUR:** In a significant breakthrough in the ongoing anti-Maoist campaign, a joint force of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Bhairamgarh Police Station has apprehended two high-ranking Maoist leaders in Bijapur district. The operation, conducted in the areas of Ghusawad, Tindodi, Daler, and Adwada, resulted in the arrest of two active Maoists from Adwada. The captured individuals have been identified as Mangu Kudiya, 45, from Gadamli Patelpara, and Ramsay Madvi, 41, from Dongripara Daler.



Health Minister is on a tour of Bijapur district to intensify efforts towards malaria eradication.

# Only half the Malaria cases remain in Bastar

Due to activeness of the Health Dept in these districts and the work done under the direction of CM, the cases of malaria have reduced significantly.

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**JAGDALPUR:** Prevention of diseases like malaria has always been a tough challenge in Bastar division with dense forests and inaccessible areas, but despite this the situation has changed rapidly. In view of the rainy season, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has instructed the state health department to take active steps to prevent diseases like malaria. With these instructions, there has been

a significant reduction in malaria cases in the entire state including Bastar, which is a major achievement. Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal is on a tour of Bijapur district on the instructions of the Chief Minister to intensify efforts towards malaria eradication during this rainy season. Of the total malaria cases in Chhattisgarh, 61.99 percent come from Dantewada, Bijapur, and Narayanpur. Due to the activeness of the Health Department in these dis-

### HIGHLIGHT

- As per the annual parasite index rate of malaria in Bastar, the rate has decreased from 16.49% in 2018 to 7.78% in 2023.
- Under the Malaria Eradication Campaign, during 2020 to 2023, the malaria positivity rate from phase one to nine has reduced from 4.60% to 0.51%.

tricts and the work done under the direction of the Chief Minister, the cases of malaria have reduced significantly. There has been a 50 percent reduction in malaria cases in Bastar division. According to the annual parasite index rate of malaria, the rate of malaria in Chhattisgarh was 2.63 percent in 2018, which has come down to 0.99 percent in 2023. Similarly, in Bastar this rate has decreased from 16.49 percent to 7.78 percent.

## Paper Bag Day celebrated

**KHAIKARAGARH:** On Friday, in Bright Academy located in Civil Lines, on the occasion of World Paper Bag Day, children from Play Group to PP2 were given paper bag activity, while a competition to make bags from paper was organized among the children of class 1 to 5. World Paper Bag Day is celebrated every year on 12th July all over the world. On this day, people are encouraged to use paper bags by reducing the use of plastic and to prevent environmental damage. The history of paper bags begins from the 19th century when in 1852 Francis Woley invented the paper bag machine. Paper bag is recyclable and it is environmentally friendly. By using paper bags, we can not only save our environment from getting polluted but can also reuse and recycle it very easily. School director Harpreet Kaur Suri, headmistress Ankita Shrivastava and all the teachers and HOD of primary school along with Ekta Yadav played an active role in encouraging the children during the competitions and activities.

# Jaiswal inspects facilities at Pota Cabin Bijapur

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**Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, conducted an inspection of the facilities at Potacabin in Bijapur on Monday.**

**BIJAPUR:** Chhattisgarh's Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, conducted an inspection of the facilities at Potacabin in Bijapur. During his visit, he toured various classrooms, engaging with children about their studies, midday meals, and measures to prevent seasonal illnesses. He emphasized the daily use of mosquito nets and promised to provide new ones. To tackle water stagnation on the premises, Minister Jaiswal



Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal conducting inspection of Pota cabin.

### FACTFILE

- The minister stressed the importance of always serving hot meals to students and strictly adhering to the menu chart set by the district administration, with a special focus on hygiene. instructed all institutions to construct

drainage systems, fill potholes with gravel and murrum, maintain cleanliness, trim bushes, and prioritize overall sanitation. The minister stressed the importance of always serving hot meals to students and strictly adhering to the menu chart set by the district administration,

with a special focus on hygiene. Addressing the children, Jaiswal encouraged them to set goals, pursue their studies with consistent effort and dedication, and participate in various activities to bring honor to the district and state. He personally distributed fruits to the children, offering his best wishes.

The event was attended by former minister Mahesh Gagda, Additional Chief Secretary of Health Manoj Pingua, Health Director Rituraj Raghuvanshi, Mission Director of National Health Mission Jagdish Sonkar, Collector Anurag Pandey, CEO of District Panchayat Hemant Ramesh Nandanwar, and other public representatives.

## Inspection District Hospital Bijapur District Hospital set for major upgrade: Jaiswal

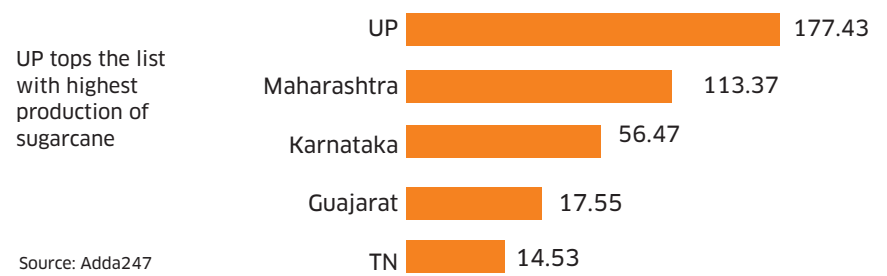


**BIJAPUR:** Chhattisgarh's Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, conducted a thorough inspection of Bijapur District Hospital during his one-day visit to the area. The minister interacted with patients and their families across various wards to assess the quality of healthcare services. Minister Jaiswal's visit was prompted by the recent tragic deaths of two female students from malaria at the Kanya Residential Schools in Tarlaguda and Sangampalli. Acting on

Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai's directives, the Health Minister arrived in Bijapur to evaluate the healthcare infrastructure and investigate the circumstances surrounding the fatalities. During his visit, Jaiswal issued crucial instructions to prevent similar incidents in the future. He mandated compulsory malaria testing for all patients visiting the district hospital and extended this requirement to include the parents of malaria-positive children.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### TOP-5 SUGARCANE PRODUCING STATES IN INDIA- 2024 (IN MILLIONS TONNES)



Source: Adda247

### OWNERSHIP

#### Minister, MP handover keys to 20 people of their own house under PMAY



**SUKMA:** In the district level program organized at Shabri Auditorium Sukma on Monday, under the "Nava Loan Nava Abhiyan" Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) (Rural), in-charge Minister and Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Parliamentary Affairs, Skill Development and Cooperation Minister Kedar Kashyap and MP Bastar Lok Sabha constituency Mahesh Kashyap along with other public representatives, today collectively organized different programs and got 20 beneficiaries of the district to enter the house.

Under this, in the program organized today, the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana were also honoured by garlanding them with flowers and presenting the keys of the house and gifts.

### ACTION

#### Sukma Police and DRG team demolished the Naxal memorial



**SUKMA:** Under the Naxal eradication campaign being run in Sukma district under the leadership and guidance of Superintendent of Police Sukma Kiran Gangaram Chavan, on one hand, effective campaign action is going on against Naxalites. On the other hand, by removing the huge memorials built as a symbol of Naxal fear and violence in the interior rural areas, full efforts are being made to create awareness against Naxalites among the local villagers and to make the environment of the area fear-free.

The huge Naxal memorial established for the last several years in the Kasaram forests of village Palodi was demolished in front of the villagers by the team of District Police Force and DRG of Thana Kishtaram of Konta Block.

### WORLD RECORD

# Gariaband's themed tree drive earns world record

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**MAINPUR:** The district administration took an innovative initiative to organize a nutrition investment program to free the women and children of the district from malnutrition. Under this program organized as a result of the far-sighted thinking and innovative initiative of Collector Deepak Agarwal, pregnant, lactating and newly



married women of the district planted fruit trees. In this massive campaign, more than 17 thousand women of the district planted more than 85 thousand plants. Fruit plants prepared in various nurseries of the district through MNREGA

The objective of this program is to save women and children from malnutrition and to give the message of environmental protection. **Deepak Agarwal**  
Collector Mainpur

were made available to women by distributing them free of cost. Under the program, the plants were planted in the gardens of the beneficiaries and not in open spaces so that they can be taken care of and protected. Under the Poshan Nivesh program, women planted fruit plants of mango, guava, lemon, jackfruit and munga in their gardens.

# Objection to delimitation raised in SDM office

Ward residents including Congress leaders have registered their objections in writing before SDM.

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**KHAIKARAGARH:** There was a hustle and bustle in Khairagarh SDM office on Monday, after people and public representatives raised their objection against delimitation of 20 wards of the city. Ward residents including Congress leaders have registered their objections in writing before SDM to save and change the wards which have come under the grip of delimitation.

It is known that Congress leader Manrakhan Devangan, Congress councillor Deepak Devangan, Youth Congress leader Ankit Chopra, MLA Yashoda Neelambar Verma, city Congress president Bhikmachand Chhajer, ward residents Sanjeev Agarwal, Pradeep Agarwal, Vishnukant Mahobe, Vipin Patel, Chetan Prajapati, Bharat Chandrakar, Pramod Agarwal, Kishore Soni, Haridarshan Dhimar, Gopilal, Raman Tiwari and a large number of citizens have lodged objections regarding the delimitation of their respective wards.

The citizens in particular have lodged objections in writing to the amendments made after



People and public representatives raised their objection against delimitation of 20 wards of the city.

## FASTFACTS

● The citizens in particular have lodged objections in writing to the amendments made after delimitation in ward number 9 and 12.

● In the new delimitation, work has been done completely against the rules and laws, residents charged.

delimitation in ward number 09 Itwari Bazar and ward number 12 Amlipara. It has been said in the objection that

## 'Delimitation of wards done ignoring rules'

In their objection, the residents of the ward including Congress leaders have said that the delimitation of wards has been done by completely ignoring the rules, regarding which it has been said that in the delimitation of ward number 09 Itwari Bazar, there is a clear order that the ward should not be added to the delimitation area by crossing the National Highway or main road in any way, but at present the voters or population have been added by crossing the highway going from Khairagarh to Rajnandgaon, which is wrong.

the ward residents had convenience regarding the area after the earlier delimitation in ward number 09 and no objec-

tion was raised, but in the new delimitation, work has been done completely against the rules and laws.

## Financial help of Rs 4 lakh approved

**BIJAPUR:** Collector Anurag Pandey has approved to provide financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family affected by natural disaster under Revenue Book Circular 6-4. Under which, in a case of death due to snakebite, Rs 4 lakh has been approved to the nearest heir of the deceased Soma Oyam, his wife Mrs. Oyam Hungi. Instructions have been given to the concerned Tehsildar to make payment of the approved amount to the bank account of the concerned beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer.

## Wards of NPP Baikunthpur to be delimited

**KOREA:** Regarding the information of publication of proposals regarding the concept of boundaries of the wards of the Nagar Palika area, Tehsildar, Baikunthpur has informed that before the urban body elections, dividing the Baikunthpur Nagar Palika Parishad area into 20 wards, proposals have been prepared for determining the boundaries of each ward, which are available for inspection in the Baikunthpur Nagar Palika office during office hours. Objection or suggestion regarding the said proposal or delimitation, can be submitted in writing in the Nagar Palika.

## Deputy CM Arun Sao inaugurates development projects

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Dy. CM Sao said that there is no shortage of funds for any development work and developing the Nagar Panchayats.

**RAJIM:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao inaugurated developmental projects on the formation of the steering committee of the newly formed Nagar Panchayat Kopra. Sao was here present as Chief Guest; and in his felicitation ceremony, he said that now a government of good governance has been formed in the state and there is no shortage of funds for any development work and developing the Nagar Panchayats are our priority. He also said that but for this, local public representatives and

officials should prepare a master plan in advance and worry about systematic development, so that the development work of the city can be done in a systematic manner.

The program was presided over by Rajim Assembly MLA Rohit Sahu. Former MP Chandulal Sahu, BJP District President Rajesh Sahu, District Panchayat Member Chandrashekhar Sahu, BJP District General Secretary Anil Chandrakar, and Rajim BJP Mandal President Kamal Sinha. MLA Rohit Sahu, while addressing, made the people aware of the serious and year's old problems of Rajim town and the needs, demanded funds for the development works of the newly formed Nagar Panchayat Kopra.

## Plantation drive held at SAGEMS

**KASDOL:** Plantation drive was done in Swami Atmanand Utkrish English/Hindi Medium Government Higher Secondary School, on the call of the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, on the theme 'One tree in the name of mother'. 2000 fruit-bearing, shady and oxygen-emitting plants are being planted in the huge campus of the school by

Principal Jitendra Prasad Dewangan, by all the staff and students with the help of departmental employees of Sonakhan forest range.

It is notable here that under guidance of DFO Mayank Agrawal, plantation work is being carried out in the offices and premises of the Schools and other institutions at departmental level on large scale.

## NEWSLINE

### TRIVENI SANGAM

**Kuleshwarnath temple surrounded by water**



**RAJIM:** Due to the intermittent rains for the last three days, in the confluence of three rivers in Rajim, Sondur, Pairi and Mahanadi the water level has increased, owing to which Kuleshwarnath Mahadev temple is surrounded by water from all sides. The water level is still continuously increasing, and due to the increase in water, water is flowing over the Sangam Anicut. On Monday, a large number of Shiva devotees had come to reach the temple, however due to the construction of Laxman Jhula, now devotees are able to have darshan easily despite the flood in the river and to see the rising water level, a large number of people from both Rajim and Navapara cities gathered on the VIP road in the evening.

### WELCOME

**Dy CM Arun Sao given grand welcome**



**RAJIM:** Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration Minister Arun Sao was given a grand welcome at the city's bus stand under the leadership of MLA Rohit Sahu. Rajim Nagar Panchayat President Mrs. Rekha Sonkar submitted a memorandum to the minister demanding a grand bus stand in the city, on which the Urban Administration Minister assured to fulfil the construction of the bus stand. Rajim MLA Rohit Sahu, Nagar Panchayat Rajim President Smt. Rekha Jitendra Sonkar, Municipal Council Gariaband President Gaffu Memon, Councillor Mahesh Yadav, Purnima Chandrakar Chhaya Rahi, Pushpa Goswami Tanku Sonkar, and employees were present.

### ISSUED

**Beneficiaries issued forest rights recognition 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 Dabakonta of development block Kanta. The forest rights leases were provided to Madvi Bheeme, Madkam Mangi, Madvi Lasmu, Madvi Muka, Vedma Rama, Dimium Sukka, Onde Muya, Madvi Ramesh, Madvi Arjun and Madvi Podiya.

## Voter felicitation ceremony held in Kurud



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**KURUD:** A voter felicitation ceremony cum gratitude program of elected MP of Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituency Rupkumari Chaudhary was organized in BJP district office.

In the program, cluster in-charge of Lok Sabha, former minister and senior MLA Ajay Chandrakar while performing havan with 10 voters said that due to the participation of youth, the biggest victory in the history of elections was registered in the name of Kurud assembly with 27177, breaking this record, Dhamtari assembly registered its name in

Lok Sabha. He further said that with the participation of youth, the whole world is seeing India as a young country and along with the Lok Sabha House, MPs should participate in various committees and work for 200 days in 365 days and BJP workers need to understand that from Panch Sarpanch to MLA Parliament, the role is different.

Former MP Chunnal Sahu while addressing the new voters and workers said that BJP was continuously losing in Khallari assembly for 40 years but this time due to the workers, Roopkumari Chaudhary has hoisted the flag of victory.

## SWC hearing on July 26

**KORBA:** The hearing of State Woman Commission (SWC) will be held in the District Panchayat hall on 26th July 2024 from 11 am. A total of 25 cases received from the district related to harassment of women in Chhattisgarh State Women Commission in the district will be heard by the bench constituted by the Commission headed by Dr. Kiran Mayi Nayak and other members.

## Dry day declared on July 17

**KORBA:** District Collector Ajit Vasant has declared dry day on Wednesday, 17th July 2024 on the occasion of Moharram festival in the district. Using the powers conferred in sub-section (1) of section 24 of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act 1915, he has ordered to keep all the country/foreign/premium/composite liquor shops/FL3/FF3a of the district completely closed on July 17.

## Workers protest against non-payment of funds

| PROTEST |

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The workers of the organization informed that the rice mill owner is not paying about Rs 5 lakh to the local contractor Narendra Sahu.

**ARANG:** In objection against not paying lakhs of rupees to the contractor after construction of the rice mill, workers of Johar Chhattisgarh Party and Chhattisgarh Kranti Sena surrounded Salasar Balaji Agrotech located in village Chapreed in Arang police station area and staged protest. The workers of the organization informed that the rice mill owner is not paying about Rs 5 lakh to the local contractor Narendra Sahu, and is not allowing him to take his mixer machine and other goods from the construction site.

As per information,



Workers of JCP and CKS surrounded Salasar Balaji Agrotech.

Narendra Sahu, a resident of Kurud village of Arang, has been doing building construction contracting for the last 10 years, but last year, Rakesh Tatia, the director of Salasar Bala Agrotech of Chapreed, gave him the contract of civil construction in a large part of the mill and at the beginning of the work, the operator was making regular payments in between, but after November 2023, he stopped making pay-

ments. Victim Narendra Sahu said that work worth about Rs 14 lakh has been completed in the mill premises, but the mill owner has paid only about Rs 8.5 lakh and on repeatedly asking for the remaining payment, the owner started to hesitate. Apart from this, his goods worth lakhs of rupees are lying in the mill premises, which the management is not returning.

The workers of Chhat-

| AWARD |

## Dinanath Sahu gets Europe Excellence Award

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**ARANG:** International astrologer Dinanath Sahu has bagged the Europe Excellence Award, the biggest award in the field of astrology of the continent of Europe. It is known that Dinanath Sahu, originally a resident of Fingeshwar (Gariaband), is currently working as a headmaster in a school in Raipur, who is also an international researcher astrologer and from time to time new researches

and their research papers keep coming on different branches of astrology such as numerology, Nadi astrology, Vedic astrology, Lal Kitab.

In this series, International Astrology Seminar was organized from 24th June to 3rd July in six countries of European continent, namely, France (Paris), Brussels (Belgium), Germany (Frankfurt), Netherlands (Amsterdam), Switzerland (Zurich), Italy (Milan) in which Sahu was invited as



guest. Sahu presented his latest research on the origin of numbers in numerology, scientific research VIBGYOR from Mooladhar to Sahasrara Chakra in occult science and research on planet based,

**Being M.Sc. in Physics helps me a lot in my astrology research works.**

Dinanath Sahu

International Astrologer

planet control power in his medical astrology in the seminars of these six countries. For this special research, Mr. Sahu was awarded the Europe Astrological Excellence

Award, the biggest award in the field of astrology in the continent of Europe. It is known that Mr. Dinanath Sahu has already received many national and international awards for his astrology research. This achievement of his was published in the local newspaper of Brussels Belgium and on his return to Raipur, he was given a grand welcome with pomp and show and garlands at Swami Vivekanand Airport Raipur.

## Lalji Sinha organises invitation meal in GPS

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**RAJIM:** Senior teacher of Government Primary School (GPS) Bhendiri, Lalji Sinha on the occasion of his birthday along with hot mid day meal under Prime Minister's Nutrition Scheme, fed sweet dishes to the students. Before this, in the presence of cluster coordinator Duleshwar Sinha and all the teachers, children, the birthday was celebrated by cutting the cake and wishing him a long life and honouring him with flowers

and gifts. On this occasion, cluster coordinator Duleshwar Sinha, Vice President of School Management Committee Vedlata Goswami, guardian Indrani Sahu, Bhagwati Sahu, Godavari Sahu, Panch Bai Sahu, primary school teachers Bhagchand Chaturvedi, Rekhram Nishad, Tikuram Dhruv, Pradeep Kumar Sahu, Lalji Sinha, Prime Minister Sanat Kumar Sahu from Bal Cabinet, Sub-School Nayak Sagar Sahu, Education Minister L, Luptanjali Goswami, and all the children were present.



Govt failed to control terrorism.  
**Asaduddin Owaisi**  
AIMIM chief

## Final tributes to J-K Doda encounter martyrs



The mortal remains of four Army personnel who were killed in an encounter with terrorists in J&K's Doda district, in Doda.

# Government convenes all-party meet on July 21

This will be Leader of Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's first time at the customary session-eve meeting of floor leaders from all parties if he attends it.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government has convened an all-party meeting on July 21 ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament which will start next Monday, the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry said. The meeting, which will be held at 11 am on Sunday, has been called by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, the ministry said in a statement. This will be Leader of Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's first time at the customary session-eve meeting of floor leaders from all parties if he attends it.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) said no representatives from the party will attend the meeting as July 21 is observed by the party as Martyrs' Day. TMC's parliamentary party leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien wrote to Rijju and informed him that his party will not be able to attend the meet. "For 30 years now, 21st July has been observed as 'Martyrs' Day' in Bengal in honour of our 13 colleagues who were unlawfully killed in a police firing on the day in 1993. "In this context, all MPs of the All India Trinamool Congress including myself will be in our

### HIGHLIGHT

● TMC said no representatives from the party will attend the meeting as July 21 is observed by the party as Martyrs' Day.

● The Monsoon Session of Parliament is scheduled to begin on July 22 and will conclude on August 12.

home state to mark the day along with other party colleagues. Therefore, no MP will be able to attend the meeting," he said. The July 21 Martyrs' Day is observed in memory of 13 Congress supporters who were

shot dead in firing by the Kolkata Police in 1993 during a march to the state secretariat -- Writers Buildings -- when the CPI(M)-led Left Front was in power in West Bengal. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was the state Youth Congress chief at that time and she continued to mark the day by holding a rally every year even after forming the TMC on January 1, 1998. The Monsoon Session of Parliament is scheduled to begin on July 22 and will conclude on August 12. The Union Budget will be presented on July 23. The first Parliament

session after the formation of the 18th Lok Sabha witnessed the opposition INDIA bloc raising issues like the recent NEET controversy, Manipur situation, and price rise among others, resulting in uproars and adjournments. Protests were also witnessed in both Houses during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address. In the Lok Sabha, opposition MPs raised slogans demanding a statement on Manipur during the prime minister's reply, while in the Rajya Sabha, the opposition had staged a walkout.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

**HORROR REVISITED**  
**Man wrote 'farewell' note while stuck for 42 hours in lift of a govt hospital**

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The 59-year-old man who was stuck for 42 hours in the lift of a major government hospital here over the weekend said that while being trapped there he had written a note akin to a farewell message to his family, and kept it in his bag. Ravindran Nair, 59, who was headed for the outpatient department of the hospital when the lift stopped working midway on Saturday, said his arms and legs began losing mobility after he was in the confined space without water for a long time. "I made every effort to escape from the lift," he said. "I tried to open its doors. When I opened it, I could see only walls. I hit the wall of the lift in frustration," Nair told a news channel. The victim said that he used his mobile phone's torch to write the note saying, "I was unable to move; my hands and legs were losing mobility." **PTI**

**COURT RULING**  
**BMW hit-and-run case: Main accused Mihir Shah gets 14-day judicial custody**



**MUMBAI:** A court here on Tuesday remanded Mihir Shah, the prime accused in the BMW hit-and-run case, in 14-day judicial custody. Shah, 24, was arrested on July 9, two days after he allegedly rammed his BMW car into a two-wheeler, killing a woman, identified as Kaveri Nakhwa (45), and leaving her husband, Pradeep, injured in Mumbai's Worli area. The main accused in the case was produced before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Sewri court) S P Bhosale at the end of his remand on Tuesday. **PTI**

### Authenticity under scanner

**Puja Khedkar obtained locomotor disability certificate from Pimpri hospital in 2022: doctor**



**PUNE:** Probationary IAS officer Dr Puja Khedkar had obtained a partial "locomotor disability" certificate from a hospital at Pimpri in Pune district in August 2022, a senior official said on Tuesday. Khedkar, transferred to Washim from Pune amid allegations of manipulation of disability and OBC certificates for getting into the civil services, claimed that she was being defamed. The authenticity of various certificates submitted by her to the UPSC, one of them indicating visual impairment, will be probed as instructed by the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, police said earlier in the day. "She applied for

disability certification about her left limb knee joint back in 2022. She visited here for medical examinations and was assessed by multiple departments," said Dr Rajendra Wable, dean of the government-run Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital, Pimpri. "It was found that she has a seven per cent locomotor disability," he added. The certificate, issued on August 24, 2022, stated that she had seven per cent disability in the knee. Khedkar had earlier submitted two certificates, provided by the Ahmednagar District Civil Hospital in 2018 and 2021, to the UPSC under the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) category. **PTI**

## NTK functionary hacked to death

**MADURAI:** A senior functionary of Naam Tamilar Katchi was hacked to death by an unidentified gang in Tamil Nadu's Madurai on Tuesday, police said. The functionary - Balasubramanian - was on a morning walk when he was chased and done to death by the gang, a police official said. The killing of Balasubramanian, who is Madurai district deputy secretary of the Tamil nationalist party - Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) -, comes days after the murder of Bahujan Samaj Party state chief K Armstrong in Chennai. Police, however, ruled out any political motive in Balasubramanian's killing. The party's chief coordinator Seeman condemned the killing and urged the police to arrest the culprits immediately.

## IRs boosts innovation with "Startups for Railways"

Press Trust Of India

A total of 23 innovation projects have been awarded for 15 problem statements so far.

**NEW DELHI:** To improve Railway operations & services through innovations, in a significant move towards innovation, Ministry of Railways has launched the "Startups for Railways" initiative on 13 June 2022. This program aims to leverage the expertise of Indian startups, MSMEs, Individual Innovators, R&D Organizations / Institutions, NGOs and entrepreneurs to enhance operational efficiency and safety across the railway network.



Indian Railways receives 297 proposals from startups.

### FACTFILE

● As on July 2024, a total number of 1942 entities engaged in innovations have registered on Innovation Portal of IR.

As part of this initiative, Indian Railways Innovation portal has also made live at <https://innovation.indianrailways.gov.in/>. As on July 2024, a total number of 1942 entities engaged in innovations have registered

on Innovation Portal of Indian Railways. These include startups, individual innovators, MSMEs, R&D organizations, and more. MR has also carried out meticulously planned workshops / meetings to spread awareness.

### BRAVE HEART

## Proud of my son: Martyred Army officer's father

Press Trust Of India

**KOLKATA:** Father of martyred Army captain Brijesh Thapa on Tuesday said he was proud of his son who was killed in action while fighting terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda. Colonel Bhuwanesh K Thapa (Retd) recalled that his son was inspired by him and from his

childhood wanted to join the Indian Army. "I feel proud of my son," the retired Army officer said. "This is an Army operation and there is always risk in such ops," he told PTI over phone from Jing Tea Estate in Darjeeling's Lebong. Col Thapa maintained that whatever the risk is, the Army personnel have to work sincerely.

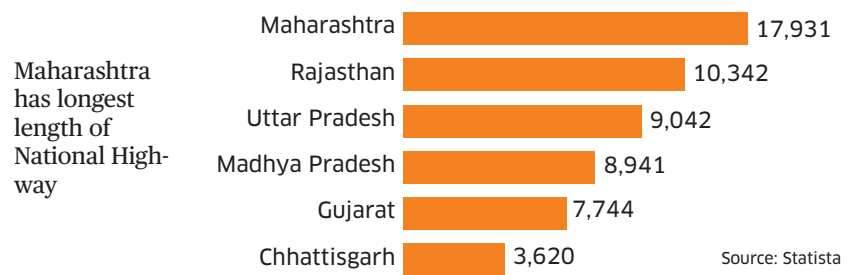
**This is an Army operation and there is always risk in such ops.**  
**Col Bhuwanesh K Thapa**  
Father of Brijesh Thapa

"My son has done well in such a risky operation and did it sincerely," he



said. Col Thapa said that Brijesh was a qualified engineer, but opted to join the Army. "He was 27 years old and joined the Army five years back," he said. He said that Brijesh last spoke to him over the phone on July 14. The retired Army officer said that he was informed of the incident by the authorities on Monday night.

### The Day's NUMBERS



**MEETING**  
**Rotary Club of Galaxy celebrates Third Charter Day**



**BHUBANESWAR:** The Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Galaxy celebrated its third Charter Day and conducted its first weekly meeting of the new Rotary Year. The event was presided over by the Club's Charter President, Rotarian Mohes Kumar Behera, who addressed the members with inspiring remarks on Rotary's Four-Way Test principles. The meeting saw enthusiastic participation from several club members and guests, including Rotarians Rajesh Ratan, Sri Chitta Swain (Treasurer), Sri M. Loknath, Sri Rasmi Ranjan Nanda, and Sri Arun Jena. **PTI**

**NEW APPOINTMENT**  
**SC attain full strength of 34 judges with elevation of two Justices**

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court is all set to attain its full strength with the elevation of Justices N Kotiswar Singh and R Mahadevan. The apex court has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges, including the chief justice, and was functioning with 32 judges. **PTI**

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Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.

[Marilyn Monroe]

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## Telecom cybersecurity: Ensuring network safety globally

## OUR VIEW |

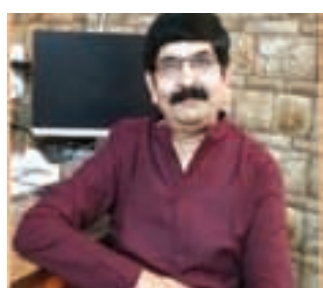
## INDIA bloc's resurgence: A turning point in power politics

A month after its impressive performance in the Lok Sabha polls, the INDIA bloc has made significant strides, winning 10 out of 13 seats in the Assembly by-elections across seven states. This is a noteworthy achievement for the Congress, which secured four seats—two each in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) swept all four seats in West Bengal, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) clinched the Jalandhar West seat in Punjab. The DMK emerged victorious in the Vikravandi constituency in Tamil Nadu. In contrast, the BJP managed to win just one seat each in Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, with an independent candidate securing a seat in Bihar. The victories in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh are particularly encouraging for the Congress, as it had previously faced a significant defeat in these states during the Lok Sabha elections. Similarly, AAP's win in Punjab comes as a relief, following its modest performance in the parliamentary elections. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann can now breathe a sigh of relief. The TMC and DMK, ruling parties in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu respectively, have further solidified their positions with these wins. For the BJP, these losses represent another setback after failing to secure a majority in the Lower House. The defeats in Uttarakhand, where the party currently holds power, are particularly striking given their previous dominance in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. These by-election results signal a promising future for the resurgent Opposition, which has recently asserted its presence in Parliament. The INDIA bloc is poised to challenge the BJP in upcoming Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra. However, the Opposition must remain vigilant and avoid complacency, as the BJP has a history of overcoming electoral challenges. The BJP now faces the task of conducting an honest introspection to understand the reasons behind their setbacks and to strategize effective course corrections. The changing political landscape suggests a dynamic and unpredictable path ahead, emphasizing the need for both sides to adapt and evolve in response to the electorate's shifting preferences.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Indian Banks move towards five-day work week

The Indian Banks Association (IBA) and bank officers unions have recently discussed and agreed upon a proposal for a five-day work week. The 9th Joint Note, signed on March 8, 2024, includes this proposal, designating all Saturdays as holidays pending government approval. Last December, the IBA formally requested the Department of Financial Supervision, Ministry of Finance, to declare all Saturdays as public holidays, citing increased automation and the 24x7 availability of banking services. Previously, only the second and fourth Saturdays were bank holidays. Bank unions have highlighted the growing stress among bank employees and the practicality of online banking, reducing the need for branch visits. A five-day work week is expected to enhance efficiency, reduce absenteeism, and improve work-life balance. This change also promises financial savings on operational costs and boosts to the economy through increased travel and spending during extended weekends. The government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) play crucial roles in this transition, with the banking sector awaiting final approval to implement these changes.



Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Telecommunications is the backbone of global connectivity in the digital age, allowing data interchange and smooth communication over long distances. But as our dependence on telecommunications grows, so does the necessity of protecting these networks from cyberattacks. The telecommunications industry faces a wide range of cybersecurity concerns, from internet infrastructure to mobile networks, which call for ongoing innovation and vigilance to address.

The global telecommunications infrastructure is seriously at risk from the spread of cyber attacks. Malicious actors attack telecom networks for a range of nefarious goals, including espionage, data theft, and service interruption. These actors can be state-sponsored hackers or cybercriminal organizations. The threat of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks is one of the most urgent issues because they have the potential to overload network resources and interfere with millions of users and

connections.

The intricate web of hardware, software, and protocols that make up telecommunications networks presents a unique set of vulnerabilities. Particularly, legacy systems provide a serious danger since they might not have the most recent security features and receive little maintenance and support. Furthermore, new attack vectors are introduced by the emergence of Software-Defined Networking (SDN) and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV), as these technologies centralize network control and provide possible points of failure.

While the growing use of mobile devices has transformed communication, it has also brought up new security risks. Threats to mobile networks include malware that targets cellphones, intercepting private messages, and gaining unauthorized access to user data. In addition, the introduction of 5G technology results in lower latency and higher bandwidth, but it also raises new security issues with regard to network slicing and

the Internet of Things (IoT).

## Privacy and Regulatory Compliance Issues

Numerous regulations aimed at protecting customer privacy and guaranteeing communication security apply to telecommunications companies. However, adhering to these rules can be difficult and resource-intensive, especially for international companies that have operations in several different countries. Furthermore, the gathering and preservation of enormous volumes of customer data raises concerns about how this data is managed and protected. Ensuring compliance with regulations such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority standards is crucial but complex.

## The Significance of Cooperation and Originality

The telecommunications sector's cybersecurity concerns call for a cooperative strategy combining government, business, and academic partners. Initiatives for exchanging information, such

as sharing threat intelligence and best practices, can be useful in spotting new threats and creating efficient defenses. Moreover, continuous investment in research and development is necessary to maintain the resilience of the telecommunications infrastructure and stay ahead of evolving cyber threats.

The significance of cybersecurity cannot be emphasized as society grows more dependent on telecommunications for everything from critical infrastructure management to corporate communication. Through proactive resolution of the intricate issues confronting the sector and the promotion of cooperation and ingenuity, we can guarantee that our communication systems continue to be safe, dependable, and robust when confronted with new challenges.

Ensuring that telecommunications networks are protected from cyber threats is not just a technical necessity but a fundamental requirement for maintaining global connectivity and security.



Er. Kumar Abhinav

The author is a cybersecurity analyst.

## Managing India's population for progress

Effective population management in India is crucial to transform challenges of overcrowding, poverty, and pollution into opportunities for education, employment, and devp. by Dr. Manmohan Prakash Shrivastava



Balancing population growth: From overcrowding to managed urban development in India

India's population is continuously increasing, a fact no one can deny. The exact increase since the 2011 census will only be confirmed by the upcoming census data. Generally, if a country's land area is large and resources are abundant, a growing population can support development and help realize the vision of an advanced nation, provided that the population is productive. However, if the population exceeds available resources, numerous problems can arise.

In such a scenario, population growth directly correlates with a decrease in natural and artificial resources, leading to issues such as poverty, hunger, unemployment, inflation, theft, robbery, pollution, and adverse effects on health and education. Moreover, it can cause an increase in crime and social issues. Proper management of a growing population is crucial. If the population is provided with practical and theoretical knowledge, skills, innovation, and research-oriented education, taught self-reliance, and instilled with patriotism, the growing population can become a medium for job creation and earning foreign exchange. It can contribute significantly to the country's development and progress.

This transformation is possible only if the country's

policies are youth-centric, addressing their problems, providing employment to all classes, and ensuring necessary facilities for a comfortable life. Conversely, if the policies are not youth-friendly, fail to fulfill their hopes and aspirations, or do not provide sufficient employment opportunities, the country may face increased lawlessness, crime, robbery, theft, a widening gap between the rich and poor, scarcity of food, clothing, and shelter, affected medical and health services, more complex pollution problems, difficulties in water and food supply, and an imbalance in

natural resources.

Today, India is grappling with several problems. Daily news reports highlight issues such as broad daylight robberies, murders, rapes, molestations, atrocities against the poor and tribal people, rising alcoholism, drug addiction, prostitution, gambling, unemployment, and inflation. These issues point to a lack of proper population management in India. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the government, administration, politicians, industrialists, and social workers to focus on managing the growing population effectively. The nation's

future depends on how well we manage our population.

If we qualitatively analyze India's population, our concern increases as the dependent population is higher than the working population, placing constant pressure on the productive population. However, the positive aspect is that India will have the largest youth population in the world by 2030. From the perspective of the country's development, this can be a positive aspect if we formulate policies that turn this achievement into an opportunity and utilize the full potential of the youth for nation-building and development. The decreasing fertility

rate in most Indian states is also a good sign. However, the governments of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh need to focus especially on population control.

Along with promoting population control, it is essential for the government to ensure that the decrease in fertility rate does not lead to an imbalance in the population of different castes, religions, and communities. The birth of infants with genetic and incurable diseases in India is also a concern, and it must be ensured that this issue does not worsen with population growth. Today, a segment of the youth is showing a lack of enthusiasm towards marriage due to the desire to live a modern or quality life. This trend of staying unmarried, marrying late, or not having children after marriage is increasing, which is concerning from the perspective of qualitative population because this segment is highly educated, economically well-off, and belongs to the double-income group, capable of providing good upbringing and excellent resources to children. They also possess good genes in terms of mental and physical health. The branch of science, eugenics, also advises carrying good genes into the next generation.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Trump survives assassination attempt

The political situation in India (1975-1977) that led to the Emergency can be debated, but it was not unconstitutional. Article 352 of the Constitution provides for such measures. Labeling June 25 as "Constitution Murder Day" is politically biased, aiming to distract from governance failures and to undermine Rahul Gandhi's influence. The proclamation of Emergency was a constitutional exercise, even if its necessity remains controversial. Criticizing this historical decision is often a tactic to divert attention from current issues.

MK Nair, Raipur

## Trump narrowly escapes gunfire

Recent by-election results in seven states show India's matured democracy. BJP lost significant seats in Ayodhya and Badrinath, while Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal also reflected this trend. Voters are discerning between assembly and parliamentary elections, as seen in Punjab where Congress dropped to third place. Historical examples from UP and Sharad Yadav's victory underscore the impact of these results. The electorate is frustrated with inflation and unemployment, indicating that religious slogans and family politics do not guarantee votes.

Shivkumar Mishra, Raipur

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# Business



Bata India to prioritise 'top 6 brands'.

Gunjan Shah  
MD & CEO, Bata India

## Piyush Goyal meets Todd McClay in Italy



Union Minister Piyush Goyal meets New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay, on the sidelines of the G7 Trade Ministers' meeting, in Villa San Giovanni, Italy.

# Budget should focus on welfare of citizens: Basu

Modi Government should earmark more funds for the manufacturing sector to boost small businesses and create more job.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Modi government needs to focus on welfare of ordinary citizens in the upcoming Budget and earmark more funds for the manufacturing sector to boost small businesses and create more jobs, former World Bank chief economist Kaushik Basu said on Tuesday. In an interview with PTI, Basu further said it is critically important for the

government to shift some of its attention to ground-level economic welfare. "I hope that, starting with the Union Budget this month, the government will turn its attention to the welfare of ordinary citizens and not just to climbing up the chart of aggregate GDP," he said. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Budget for 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha on July 23. "I

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● India's overall GDP growth over the last two years has been good.

● Inflation faced by poor families is much greater than the national average.

believe that the rich can afford to pay higher taxes and using this money to incentivize the manufacturing sector can go a long way in boosting demand for labour, helping small businesses and raising the income of ordinary people," the eminent economist suggested. Basu, who was also Chief Economic Adviser, said India's overall GDP growth over the last two years has been good. "But by focusing

so much attention on this aggregate statistic, we are missing out on two major ground-level challenges India is facing: steeply rising inequality and high unemployment, especially youth unemployment, which is among the highest in the world," he said. Basu said the inflation faced by poor families is much greater than the national average of 5.08 per cent and the inflation that rich households face.

## India's gems, jewellery exports dip 13.44 pc

**MUMBAI:** India's overall gems and jewellery exports witnessed an on-year decline of 13.44 per cent in June at Rs 15,939.77 crore (USD 1,909.57 million) amid muted demand in overseas markets, according to data by Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). The total gems and jewellery exports stood at Rs 18,413.88 crore (USD 2,240.77 million) during June 2023, the GJEPC data added. "This decline in gems and jewellery exports is owing to the prolonged geopolitical tensions leading to economic uncertainty in the global markets, which has pushed the demand southwards in the overseas markets," former GJEPC chairman and Kama Jewellery Managing Director Colin Shah said. The overall exports of cut and polished diamonds dipped by 25.17 per cent in June to Rs 8,496.87 crore (USD 1,017.87 million), compared to Rs 11,354.67 crore (USD 1,382.13 million) for the same period of the previous year.

## 'Two-wheeler sales in India are expected to grow 6-8 pc'

Press Trust Of India

The market sentiment is quite positive in both rural and urban areas.

**NEW DELHI:** Two-wheeler sales in India are expected to grow around 6-8 per cent this fiscal and could reach the peak level of 2018-19 either in the fourth quarter or the beginning of next financial year, a top official of Bajaj Auto said on Tuesday.

The rising commodity prices, specially natural rubber, have forced the company to increase prices in beginning of this month. "The market sentiment is quite positive in both rural and urban areas. Our expectation is that the two-wheeler market should grow around 6-8 per cent this year," Bajaj



Bajaj Auto Executive Director Rakesh Sharma.

FACTFILE

● Domestic two-wheeler sales were at 2.12 crore units. In FY24

Auto Executive Director Rakesh Sharma told

domestic two-wheeler sales were at 2.12 crore units. In FY24, domestic two-wheeler sales were at 1.8 crore units, according to Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers data. One of the key factors driving growth of two-wheeler sales is the bounce back of retail financing, he said.

"Things have been on an upswing in retail finance with 75 per cent of two-wheeler purchases are getting financed today as compared to 65 per cent around the same time last year," he added. When asked about impact of rising commodity prices, Sharma said, "We have taken price hikes on July 1 in both domestic and internal markets. The impact of this is around 2-3 per cent." Currently it is at a manageable level, he added.

reporters in an earnings conference. When asked by when the industry could touch the peak sales achieved in 2018-19, he said, "If not Q4 of this year, by Q1 of next year we should be able to breach the watermark of FY19." In 2018-19,

Sarbananda Sonowal, said, "Waterways is the most economical, sustainable and efficient mode of transportation. Our most popular PM Narendra Modi ji has always given top priority of the inland waterways in the country as the viable alternative to develop an efficient and effective mode of transportation in the country."

STAKEHOLDER'S CONFERENCE |

## 'Tizu Zunki river to enable cargo & passenger transport'

Press Trust Of India

**DIMAPUR:** The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal announced major initiatives aimed at enabling the waterways potential of Nagaland during the Stakeholder's Conference held here. The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio joined Sar-



bananda Sonowal to announce development of Tizu Zunki (National Waterways 101) as both the Inland Waterways

Authority of India (IWAI) and the Transport Department of Govt of Nagaland to work together to study for nav-

igation feasibility. Rio & Sonowal also announced to take initiatives to develop the immense tourism potential of Doyang River lake with community jetties as well as study feasibility of Ro Pax ferries. This will boost the tourism potential of the state. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q1 RESULTS

### Jio Financial Services Q1 profit dips 6 per cent to Rs 313 crore

**NEW DELHI:** Jio Financial Services Ltd, the financial services arm of RIL, on Monday reported a 6 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 313 crore in the first quarter ended June 2024. The company had earned a net profit of Rs 332 crore in the same quarter a year ago. The company's total income rose marginally to Rs 418 crore as against Rs 414 crore in the June quarter of the previous year. Total expenses increased to Rs 79 crore from Rs 54 crore in the same quarter of last year. Recently, the company has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Core Investment Company (CIC). Jio Financial Services, carved out from Reliance Industries Ltd, is engaged in the business of investing and financing, insurance broking, payment bank and payment aggregator and payment gateway services. **PTI**

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	80,716	+0.06
Nifty	24,613	+0.11
Nifty, MidCap	57,664	+0.00
Nifty SmallCap	19,062	+0.08
Nifty Bank	52,396	-0.11

Closing rates as on July 16, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

FOREX RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.56 (-)
Euro	90.92 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.49 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.75 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.29 (-)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (+)

On July 16, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	40,718	+1.26%
FTSE 100 Index	8,140	-0.52%
Nikkei 225 (JPN) 225:	41,275	+0.20%
CSI 300 (CHN) 300:	3,498	+0.63%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, July 16, 2024)

How the markets behave today

### Sensex, Nifty close at fresh record highs in 3rd straight day of gains



**MUMBAI:** Continuing the record-breaking run for the third straight day, benchmark Sensex and Nifty closed at record high levels on Tuesday following buying in FMCG, telecom and select IT shares and FII inflows. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 51.69 points or 0.06 per cent to settle at a new lifetime high of 80,716.55. During the day, it advanced 233.44 points or 0.28 per cent to hit a fresh record high of 80,898.30. The NSE Nifty rose by 26.30 points or 0.11 per cent to settle at an all-time clos-

ing high of 24,613, extending the gaining streak to the third day. Intra-day, it rallied 74.55 points or 0.30 to hit a new record peak of 24,661.25. Stock markets opened on a firm note and benchmark indices hit intra-day record high levels in the first half.

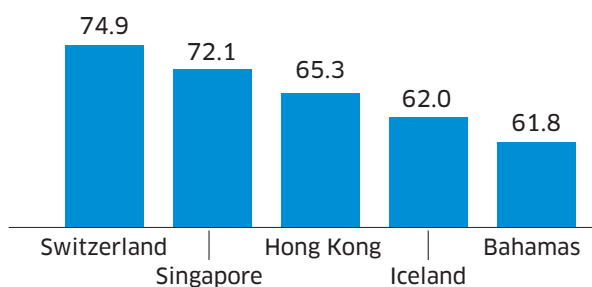
**MAJOR GAINERS:** Hindustan Unilever, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, Mahindra & Mahindra, ICICI Bank, ITC and Asian Paints.

**MAJOR LOSERS:** Kotal Bank, Reliance Industries, NTPC, UltraTech Cement and Power Grid. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

Countries with the highest cost of Living Plus Rent Index in 2024

### WHERE LIVING IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE



Source: Statista

NEW LAUNCH

### CMF introduces range of products offering unique experience

**NEW DELHI:** CMF, a sub-brand of London-based technology company Nothing, announced the sale commencement of the highly anticipated CMF Phone 1, CMF Buds Pro 2, and CMF Watch Pro 2 starting today. CMF Phone 1 delivers segment-leading performance and is India's first phone with the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 5G processor, co-engineered with Nothing for speed, reliability, and efficiency. With a 5000 mAh battery, users can enjoy up to two days on a single charge. With up to 16 GB RAM, it ensures smooth multitasking and runs on Nothing OS 2.6, powered by Android 14, offering a unique and customisable Android experience. The powerful camera system includes a Sony 50 MP rear camera with a dedicated portrait sensor for accurate bokeh effects and a 16 MP front camera. The dazzling 6.67" Super AMOLED display features an ultra-smooth 120 Hz adaptive refresh rate for seamless interactions. A versatile and stylish smartwatch with an interchangeable bezel design, a 1.32" AMOLED always-on display offering high resolution, and over 100 watch faces with customisable options. **PTI**

BULLION MARKET

### Gold rallies Rs 550; silver jumps Rs 400 amid strong global cues



**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices rallied by Rs 550 to Rs 75,700 per 10 grams in the local market on Tuesday on the back of fresh buying by jewellers as well as strong trends in the international markets. According to All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal rates had closed at Rs 75,150 per 10 grams on Monday. In the national capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity quoted higher at Rs 75,700 per 10 grams and Rs 75,350 per 10 grams, respectively. Traders attributed the rise in gold prices to a pick-up in demand by local jewellers and retailers in the domestic market.

"I have always done a lot of films in the drama genre, but I feel that as an actor, it is really important to keep doing different things and keep challenging yourself."

**Triptii Dimri**  
Actress



# & Glitters

## OIT Watch



**Hasseen Dillruba returns: Brace yourselves for new entanglements**

Netflix's 'Fir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba', sequel to 'Hasseen Dillruba', premieres August 9. Taapsee Pannu and Vikrant Massey star as ill-fated lovers Rani and Rishu in a thrilling pursuit, with new twists and adversaries complicating their escape to Agra.



**Najeeb's harrowing journey begins: "Aadujeevitham" now streaming on Netflix**

"Aadujeevitham," based on Benjamin's novel, follows Najeeb, a Malayali immigrant forced into slavery in Saudi Arabia. Directed by Blessy, starring Prithviraj Sukumaran, it streams on Netflix from July 19 in multiple languages.



**Khatron Ke Khiladi 14: New land, new fears!**

Rohit Shetty-hosted "Khatron Ke Khiladi 14," shot in Romania, promises thrilling stunts and new contestants. Premiering July 27, 2024, on Colors and Jio Cinema, it's set to transform holiday vibes into nightmare challenges.



**Kicking off a Legacy: Cobra Kai's impact on pop culture**

Cobra Kai's final season, starting July 18, teases connections with the upcoming Karate Kid film, slated for May 30, 2025, promising a revival of the beloved martial arts saga.



**Golden Bachelorette: Sequel in sight?**

The Bachelor franchise returns to its iconic mansion after Jenn Tran's Bachelorette season skipped it. Jesse Palmer hints at its return for The Golden Bachelorette spin-off, sparking fan excitement.

CLOSE UP

## Randeep Hooda on the hidden purpose of Bollywood parties

Bollywood actor, Randeep reveals that he wasn't aware of the fact that Bollywood parties are in fact a source of getting good connections for future projects.

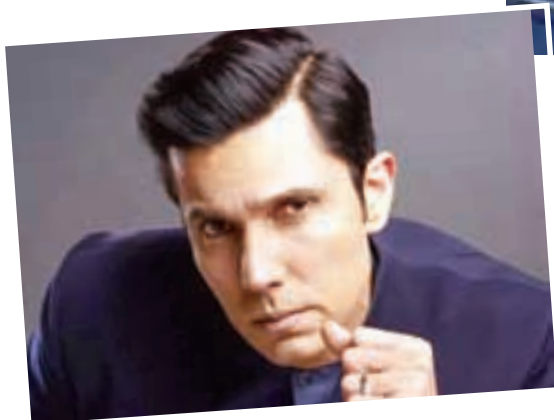
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Randeep Hooda in a recent interview revealed that he didn't know initially that Bollywood parties were meant for networking and would rather get drunk at those and blabber anything to anyone.



Randeep reveals he didn't know Bollywood parties were meant for 'networking'

Randeep Hooda, celebrated for his acting prowess and candid demeanour, recently revealed a misconception about Bollywood parties. Known for prioritizing films, family, and pets, Hooda admitted he initially viewed these gatherings purely as social occasions rather than networking opportunities. Reflecting on his early days in the industry, he candidly shared attending parties without fully comprehending their professional significance. It was only later that he grasped their true purpose: as forums for networking, discussing industry projects, and forging professional connections. Hooda, who now prefers intimate gatherings with close friends, acknowledges the importance of distinguishing between socializing for leisure and networking for career advancement in the competitive realm of Bollywood's social scene.



**Randeep Hooda: The Bollywood party regular who didn't know the rules**

In an earlier interview with Siddharth Kannan, Randeep had admitted that he went to parties simply to enjoy himself and not to make connections where sometimes he would party a little

too much. Hooda said, "I wish I knew how to play the game when I was younger. But it doesn't come naturally to me." On the work front, Randeep was last seen in Swatantrya Veer Savarkar which was a movie based on the life of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar.

| HOLLYWOOD |

## Bob Odenkirk makes shockingly silly revelation about "The Office"

Central Chronicle News

Bob Odenkirk, known for his nuanced performances in "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul," shared insights into his experience with "The Office" during an episode of the "Office Ladies" podcast. Reflecting on losing the role of Michael Scott to Steve Carell, he expressed a profound understanding of why Carell was the better fit, citing Carell's innate comedic timing and ability to balance humor with depth. Originally considered alongside esteemed actors like Philip Sey-



Bob Odenkirk says Steve Carell was a better choice than him for The Office.

**HIGHLIGHT**

• The Emmy-winning actor, who was a frontrunner for the lead role in the beloved sitcom, recently appeared on the Office Ladies podcast, where he chatted about the show as well as his decision to transition to more dramatic roles.



mour Hoffman and Paul Giamatti, he later made a guest appearance

on the show, showcasing his versatility but also recognizing his own comedic style. He described himself as inherently earnest, a quality that he believes contrasts with the irreverent, sometimes clueless charm required for characters like Michael Scott. Odenkirk's career has spanned both comedy and drama, with his roots in shows like

"Mr. Show with Bob and David" demonstrating his comedic prowess, while his later roles leaned heavily into complex, dramatic characters.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

**Get ready to Scream: Stree 2 arrives for Independence Day**

Stree 2, the eagerly anticipated sequel to Amar Kaushik's supernatural comedy, is set to captivate audiences this Independence Day. Scheduled for release on August 15, the film reunites Rajkumar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor in Chandernagore, where eerie mysteries unfold once more. Following a teaser that teased but revealed little, fans are eagerly awaiting the trailer's arrival on July 18, promising deeper insights into the storyline. Pankaj Tripathi returns alongside new additions like Tamannaah Bhatia, adding to the excitement. With its intriguing teaser and a promising ensemble, Stree 2 promises a thrilling encore with a dose of horror and humour.

Web Series

**Gulfam Khan Hussain breaks new ground in "Waack Girls"**

Gulfam Khan Hussain discusses her role in 'Waack Girls,' emphasizing it unveils a new facet of her acting repertoire. She describes the character as distinct from her previous roles, promising audiences a refreshing portrayal. Grateful for the opportunity, Gulfam credits casting director Tess Joseph for securing her audition. In the series, she plays Rytasha Rathore's mother, navigating a narrative centered on a group of aspiring dancers. Gulfam praises the energy of her co-stars and clarifies that despite its title, 'Waack Girls' explores the artistry of waacking—a dance style known for expressive hand movements. She cherishes collaborating with strong female directors and looks forward to the show's release on Prime Video.

The Bollywood hot pair

**Love in the Grass Courts: Parineeti Chopra's Wimbledon romance**



Parineeti Chopra's weekend was a delightful blend of Wimbledon finals, strawberries, and cherished moments with husband Raghav Chadha. The Bollywood star shared glimpses of their Wimbledon 2024 experience on Instagram, where the couple looked elegant and relaxed amidst the prestigious event. Parineeti dazzled in a white crepe dress

while Raghav complemented her in a sharp suit. Their smiles in selfies and moments shared over strawberries and cream captured the essence of their joyous outing. As they celebrated Carlos Alcaraz Garfia's victory and strolled barefoot together, Parineeti's posts reflected both the glamour of Wimbledon and the warmth of her bond with Raghav.

Fashion

**All eyes on Janhvi Kapoor's dazzling ivory gown**

Janhvi Kapoor stunned at Anant-Radhika's Shubh Aashirwad with a mesmerizing ivory gown by Tarun Tahiliani, stealing the spotlight as the epitome of wedding glamour. The couture creation featured a crystal-embellished sculpted corset with Victorian influences, perfectly cinching her waist and exuding vintage charm. Her mermaid skirt, adorned with delicate embroidery, cascaded into ruffles, while a sheer cape added an ethereal touch to her ensemble.



## Trending on Insta

@sharvari

**Sharvari Wagh gears up for action in "Alpha" prep**

Sharvari Wagh gears up for the YRF Spy Universe film "Alpha" with intense workout sessions, as seen in her recent social media posts. Ready in a white sports bra and black tracks, she captions her preparation with "#MondayMotivation."



@aslisona

**Sonakshi Sinha's holiday shenanigans with Zahero**

Sonakshi Sinha recently shared a serene Instagram story amidst lush greenery and a pool, hinting at a blissful holiday. Her humorous caption and playful exchange with husband Zahero added to the charm of the moment.



"Different people bring out different sides. And it's only the mirror in my washroom and my phone gallery that get the opportunity to see the crazy me."

Sara Khan  
Actress



# Bella



Sirsasana improves the health of hair follicles that helps in hair growth.

## YOGA ASANAS FOR HAIR HEALTH

# The Yoga-Hair Connection: Unveiling the poses for healthier hair

If you want naturally long and strong hair, then do try out these asanas as they help in excellent hair follicular growth.



### HIGHLIGHT

By enhancing blood flow to the scalp, reducing stress and anxiety levels, and increasing scalp flexibility, yoga can help promote healthy, strong and nourished hair.

Traditional yoga practices offer a captivating pathway to enhancing hair health through a blend of mindful movement and deep-rooted wellness principles. Asanas like Sirsasana (Headstand), celebrated as the "king of poses," stimulate scalp circulation, invigorating hair follicles with vital nutrients. The elegant Sarvangasana (Shoulder Stand) not only fosters blood flow to the scalp but also aids in detoxifying the body, supporting holistic hair vitality. Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward-Facing Dog) stands tall as a rejuvenating pose that improves overall circulation, including to the scalp, promoting hair resilience and luster. Uttanasana (Standing Forward Bend) gracefully eases tension while enhancing scalp blood flow, essential for maintaining a healthy hair environment. Seated poses such as

Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose) combined with Shashankasana (Rabbit Pose) promote hair digestion and directly stimulate scalp health, nourishing roots from within. Pranayama techniques like Bhastrika (Bellows Breath) and Anulom Vilom (Alternate Nostril Breathing) further for-



tify hair health by optimizing oxygenation and reducing stress levels, essential for robust hair growth. By integrating these ancient practices into a daily routine ideally 20-30 minutes women not only cultivate physical strength and flexibility but also nurture a vibrant mane naturally.

## Pistachios: Nature's tiny package of health perks



Pistachios are a powerhouse of nutrition, offering a wealth of health benefits in a tiny package. Packed with protein, fiber, and healthy fats, they make a satisfying and nutritious snack. These green nuts are rich in antioxidants like lutein and zeaxanthin, promoting eye health. They also provide essential vitamins and minerals, including vitamin B6, potassium, and phosphorus, crucial for energy production and bone health. Consuming pistachios may help lower cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of heart disease. With their versatile and delicious flavor, pistachios are not only a tasty snack but also a valuable addition to a balanced diet.

## Myth or Truth: Spudtacular Spuds: Debunking potato myths for weight loss

Potatoes, often vilified in weight loss discussions, can actually be beneficial when consumed wisely. They are packed with fiber, vitamins like vitamin C and B vitamins, and minerals such as potassium, which support overall health and satiety. Opt for healthier cooking methods like baking, boiling, or steaming to retain nutri-

ents without added fats. Portion control is key, and avoiding high-calorie toppings like butter or sour cream can keep potato dishes nutritious. When included in a balanced diet alongside other nutrient-dense foods, potatoes can contribute to weight loss goals by providing lasting satisfaction and essential nutrients.

## DivuDazzle

BEST OF THE REST

### Celebs

#### Rashmika Mandanna: A vision in traditional attire

Rashmika Mandanna recently turned heads at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's wedding in a stunning white and yellow lehenga-turned half-saree ensemble. The Sheetal Batra creation featured intricate sitaara embroidery and was paired with two dupattas—a yellow embellished one and a white buti-worked one with a broad yellow border. Completing her look were polki jewelry from Birdhichand Ghanshyamdas, bangles from Shri Paramani Jewels, and rings from The House of Rambhajos. Her makeup highlighted brown smokey eyes and pink lips, while her hairstyle—a sleek, adorned braid—added a touch of South Indian elegance. Stay tuned for more updates on her radiant appearance!

### Achiever

#### From Rebel to Champion: The rise of Nikhat Zareen

Nikhat Zareen, the rising star in Indian boxing, has overcome challenges and taunts to emerge as a beacon of inspiration. Hailing from Telangana, she defied familial and societal norms to pursue her passion for boxing. Starting at a young age, her journey was marked by determination despite setbacks. Now aiming for Olympic glory in the women's 50kg category, Zareen's accolades include two world championships and a Commonwealth Games gold. Her story parallels that of Mary Kom, who blazed a trail in Indian women's boxing. Kom's journey from poverty to six world championships and an Olympic bronze has inspired generations, depicted in a Bollywood biopic starring Priyanka Chopra.

### The Inspirors

#### Beyond the Reel: Kriti Sanon's investment journey in real estate



Kriti Sanon, renowned Bollywood actress, recently invested in a Rs 2 crore property in Alibaug, following Amitabh Bachchan's footsteps. Known for her diverse film roles, Kriti's decision reflects both financial prudence and a love for serene surroundings. She expressed joy in becoming a landowner at The House of Abhinandan

Lodha's Sol De Alibaug, highlighting the empowering journey of making this investment. Kriti's move underscores her smart approach to wealth management and the importance of finding peace in personal spaces. Her story serves as a source of inspiration for women looking to balance career success with meaningful life choices.

### Wellness

#### Gel manicures & Acrylic nails: The beauty and the risks

Gel manicures and acrylic nails, though stylish, come with significant health risks. UV lamps used in gel manicures emit UVA rays, increasing the risk of skin cancer and premature aging. Acrylics contain chemicals like methacrylates and acetone, which can cause skin irritation and allergies if improperly applied or removed. These enhancements weaken natural nails, leading to brittleness and breakage. Improper removal methods further damage nails and increase the risk of infection. To protect nail health, it's crucial to choose reputable salons that prioritize hygiene and quality products. Applying broad-spectrum sunscreen before UV exposure and adopting gentle nail care routines are essential practices.



### | FASHION |

## Sweaty to Stylish: The evolution of women's gym wear

Central Chronicle News

In the dynamic realm of fashion, the evolution of women's gym wear represents a compelling journey marked by style, functionality, and empowerment. From the early 20th century, where women predominantly wore modest, long dresses during physical activities, to the liberating 1920s flapper era that introduced more practical sportswear, each era has reflected societal shifts and women's changing roles. The 1970s witnessed a pivotal moment with the rise of aerobics, influencing gym wear



Take the time to pick the clothing that makes you feel powerful, and prepare for your next workout with style!

with vibrant colors and form-fitting designs that epitomized confidence and freedom of movement. Today, women's gym wear has transcended its utilitarian

beginnings to incorporate cutting-edge fabrics and ergonomic designs tailored to diverse fitness needs. Compression materials boost performance and aid

recovery, while moisture-wicking properties maintain comfort during intense workouts. Innovations such as seamless construction minimize chafing, enhancing

### HIGHLIGHT

Explore the vibrant evolution of women's gym wear, tracing its journey from practical beginnings to today's fusion of cutting-edge style and functional innovation, embodying empowerment and inclusivity in fitness fashion trends.

the overall experience of wearing gym attire. Moreover, the concept of athleisure has blurred boundaries between gym wear and everyday fashion, making sporty styles versatile for both workout sessions and casual outings.

## Divas on Insta

@realpz

#### Preity Zinta

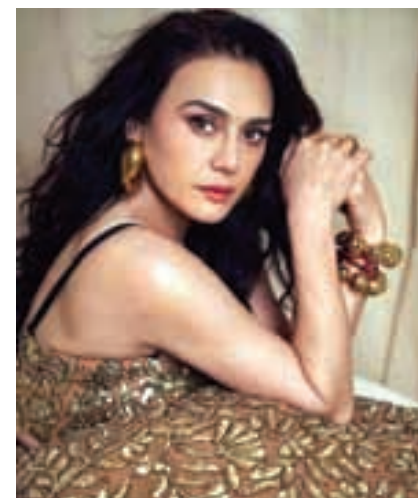
Preity Zinta delighted fans on Instagram with an adorable snapshot of her kids, Gia and Jai, enjoying a rope net activity. Gia in a white top and beige pants, and Jai twinning in tee and jeans, added to the charm of the sibling's playful moment.



@kimkardashian

#### Mallika Sherawat

Kim Kardashian stunned her Instagram followers with a flawless selfie in a bralette and perfect makeup, but it was the red tika on her forehead that truly captivated attention, showcasing her embrace of Indian culture.



# Sports



I am stepping down as England manager, saying it was "time for change."  
Gareth Southgate  
Football coach

## Hardik Pandya to lead India in T20Is against Sri Lanka



Indian cricket player Hardik Pandya. | Photo: PTI

The squad for the series is expected to be announced in the next couple of days.

By Kushan Sarkar

### HIGHLIGHT

**NEW DELHI:** Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya is all set to lead India in the three-match T20 International series against Sri Lanka starting July 27.

However, one of the heroes of India's T20 World Cup victory last month will take a break during the three-match ODI series, which is scheduled in August, due to "personal reasons".

"Hardik Pandya was India's T20 vice-captain under Rohit Sharma. He is completely fit and avail-

able for the three-match T20I series and will lead the side," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

While there is still no clarity on who would be Pandya's deputy, the toss-up is between Shubman Gill, who recently captained India to a 4-1 series win over Zimbabwe, and Suryakumar Yadav, who led the side during the T20Is against South Africa last year.

About the ODIs, the official confirmed that Pandya has asked for leave and has already communicated this to regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who is also taking a break from this series.

"The break from ODIs is for very personal rea-

sons. Hardik doesn't have any fitness issue as is being floated in the media," the official said.

For the ODIs, KL Rahul, who led in the last ODI series in South Africa, and Gill are in contention for the leadership role.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah has made it clear that even star cricketers must make themselves available for domestic engagements when they are free from national duty. But exceptions will be made for the likes of Rohit, Virat Kohli and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah.

The BCCI would, however, want all the other Test specialists to play at least one if not a couple of Duleep Trophy games in August as a precursor to the Tests against Bangladesh and New Zealand.

"This time there is no zonal selection committee for Duleep Trophy. Only national selection committee will pick Duleep teams.

"All Test team contenders will be picked. For Rohit, Virat and Bumrah, it will be their choice if they want to play or not," the source added.

## Chris Harper withdraws from Tour de France

**GRUISSAN (FRANCE):** Chris Harper of Australia has withdrawn from the Tour de France ahead of Tuesday's 16th stage, his team said, as COVID-19 infections continue to hit cycling's marquee event. The Jayco Alula team said that Harper "is suffering from COVID symptoms and following medical advice he will return home to rest and recover properly for the next goals." Harper's withdrawal marks the latest case of coronavirus at the three-week race, following those of Juan Ayuso - a teammate of race leader Tadej Pogacar - Tom Pidcock and Maxim Van Gils.

Tour de France organisers have reintroduced protective measures against the virus, including mandatory mask-wearing for all those who might get in contact with riders and teams staff on the race.

## 'Lakshya underdog in draw, will play freely'

By Amit Kumar Das

World No. 19 Sen's path to an Olympic medal has multiple hurdles as he will need to get past familiar Indonesian nemesis Jonatan Christie, Kevin Cordon and Julian Carraggi.

**NEW DELHI:** The presence of some established foes notwithstanding, Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen has got a "fair" draw in his debut Olympics, according to his coach Vimal Kumar, who expects the youngster to play freely in Paris thanks to his "underdog" status and some technical improvements in his overall game.

"I think it (the draw) is very fair, I feel it is a



### FACTFILE

• Describing Sen as a big-match player, Vimal said he expects Sen to trump former Asian Games champion Christie, who was also a part of Indonesia's Thomas Cup-winning team in 2022.

very reasonable draw for him," Vimal, a former

India coach, told PTI from Marseille, France where Sen is currently training ahead of the Paris Olympics.

"A couple of times, he has lost to Jonathan Christie in close matches. It's a 50-50 match. You have to convert (chances) if you have to get to the second stage. In my opinion, Lakshya has nothing to lose. He will be the

underdog and he can play a lot more freely," he asserted.

Vimal said Sen has worked on his front-court alertness and closing stage composure. The 22-year-old would be aiming to become the first Indian male shuttler to finish on the Olympic podium. India's previous badminton medals at the Games have been clinched by Saina Nehwal (bronze in 2012, London) and P V Sindhu (silver in 2016, Rio de Janeiro and bronze in 2020, Tokyo)

"Jonathan will be the last match of the group and Lakshya should pull through. So I see a lot of positives. Not going to the Canada Open was a dampener but he has overcome that.

### OLYMPICS-BOUND |

## Jena says he was on verge of quitting last year

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**NEW DELHI:** Asian Games silver medallist javelin thrower Kishore Jena says he was on verge of quitting the sport in 2023 after a string of poor performances but he heeded to his father's advice, leading to a revival of his career.

Jena admitted that Neeraj Chopra's Tokyo Olympics gold medal moti-

I decided the event in Lanka would be my last attempt, after which I would quit and go back to prioritizing work and family.

Kishore Jena  
Javelin thrower



vated him to achieve more in his sport but he found it difficult to get the big throws and thought of quitting the sport in July last year just before the World Championships. "When Neeraj won at the Olympics, we celebrated and enjoyed his victory. But honestly, the victory also left me dejected because I too was playing the same sport. I felt it was time for me to achieve

something in sports," Jena said. "I participated in Lebannon National Championships after a dip in my rankings and produced a throw of 78m. Despite giving it my all, I couldn't achieve much. I started doubting if all the hard work was worth it. I called my father, who encouraged me to participate in next competition in Sri Lanka," he said in a Jio-Cinema release.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### FOOTBALL

## Messi loses fitness battle, puts goal of playing 6th World Cup on hold

**BUENOS AIRES:** Lionel Messi cried uncontrollably after he exited from a Copa America final before fulltime for the first time in his career. Beyond the severe pain in his right ankle on Sunday night in Miami Gardens, the tears on the face of Argentina's captain showed a deeper anguish. Despite winning the title in one of his "last battles," as Messi described this Copa, the 37-year-old superstar did not pass the fitness test that could have opened the way for him to play his sixth World Cup in 2026. Argentina successfully defended its South American title with a hard-fought 1-0 extra-time win against Colombia. Messi left the pitch in Hard Rock Stadium in the 64th minute, breaking down without being touched. The Copa was Messi's first major tournament since leaving European soccer to play in the less competitive Major League Soccer in the US. **PTI**

### TENNIS

## Sumit Nagal attains career-high ATP ranking of 68



**NEW DELHI:** Olympic-bound Sumit Nagal continued his ascent in the ATP singles chart, climbing to a career-high ranking of 68. The 26-year-old rose five spots in the latest ATP ranking list released on Monday. His previous best was 71. Nagal thus moves past former world No. 71 Sashi Menon to become the fourth highest-ranked Indian man since 1973. Vijay Amritraj (ranked 18th in 1980), Ramesh Krishnan (ranked 23rd in 1985) and Somdev Devvarman (ranked 62nd in 2011) are the only other Indian players who have held a higher rank than Nagal. **PTI**

On "incredible day"

## Mbappé welcomed by Real Madrid fans at packed Santiago Bernabeu



**MADRID:** Kylian Mbappé finally put on a Real Madrid jersey on Tuesday, fulfilling his childhood dream in front of a packed Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Nearly 80,000 fans were in hand at the Bernabeu to welcome the 25-year-old France star during his official presentation as the club's newest player.

After signing his five-year contract with the Spanish powerhouse alongside club president Florentino Pérez, Mbappé entered the stage set up at the Bernabeu to loud cheers by the Madrid fans. Wearing the No. 9 jersey, Mbappé smiled broadly and waved to the fans who chanted his name, then

embraced Pérez and former Madrid player and coach Zinedine Zidane, who invited Mbappé to visit the Spanish club for the first time when he was just a teenager. "It's incredible day for me," Mbappé told the crowd, in Spanish. "Since being a kid I dreamed about playing for Madrid and today I'm here. It means a lot to me."

Mbappé's relatives, club officials and several former players were by the stage at the Bernabeu, which had its roof closed for the midday ceremony in the Spanish capital. Kids linked to Mbappé's foundation were also on hand. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

### MOST WICKETS FOR ASIA CUP (ODI)

M Muralidaran (SL)	30
SL Malinga (SL)	29
BAW Mendis (SL)	26
Saeed Ajmal (PAK)	25
RA Jadeja (IND)	25

Source: ICC

### SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Bawa assures India of medal in World Junior squash, Anahat bows out

**NEW DELHI:** India's Shaurya Bawa guaranteed himself of a medal as he moved to the semifinals with a hard fought 3-2 win over Malaysian Low Wa-Sern in the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston.

The 18-year-old from Delhi, thus, becomes only the second Indian male to reach the semifinals after Kush Kumar, who reached the last four stage in 2014. In a thrilling clash that lasted 80 minutes, Bawa was down 6-9 and 7-10 in the fifth game but remarkably saved three match balls to eke out a 2-11 11-4 10-12 11-8 12-10 victory in the boys' quarterfinals on Monday. With the win, Bawa set up a semifinal clash with Egyptian top-seed Mohamed Zakaria. Meanwhile, compatriot Anahat Singh bowed out from the girls' quarterfinals for a third straight year. The 16-year-old women's national champion lost a close five-setter to Nadien Elhamamy, with the Egyptian winning 11-8 11-9 5-11 10-12 13-11. **PTI**

### CRICKET

## Harmanpreet moves to 12th, Shafali 15th in ICC T20 rankings



**DUBAI:** India opener Shafali Verma on Tuesday moved to 15th place while her skipper Harmanpreet Kaur climbed to the 12th spot in the latest ICC T20 rankings, following their strong performances in the series against South Africa. Harmanpreet has moved up three places and now has 613 rating points while Shafali rose two rungs to share the 15th spot with New Zealand's Amelia Kerr and Danni Wyatt from England. The swashbuckling Smriti Mandhana continues to be the top-ranked Indian batter as she remained static on the fifth spot. **PTI**

## Sports News

# 'Balaji has explosive game, we can't be written off'

Had to make a choice between Balaji and Yuki Bhambri and after consulting his coaches -- Scott Davidoff and Balachandran Mannikkath, he eventually settled for the more "athletic and agile" Balaji.

By Amanpreet Singh

**NEW DELHI:** Aging like fine wine, Rohan Bopanna is all fired up for his last hurrah at the Olympic Games.

Not the one who would rail against circumstances or crib about not having the strongest of partners, the veteran Indian tennis player says his comrade N Sriram Balaji has enough firepower and the scratch pairing is potent enough to test the big teams in Paris.

"I really believe that when we go out there, we genuinely have a chance to win every match, whoever we play against. It's not like we're just going to be written off, I feel," Bopanna told PTI in an exclusive interview.

Bopanna has reason to have that confidence in Balaji's ability to rise to the occasion. He had a chance to test Balaji at the French Open where Bopanna was pushed along with Matthew Ebden by the Tamil Nadu player and his Mexican partner Miguel Reyes-Varela. Not only this, Balaji had a consistent run on the ATP Tour where he scalped a few big names such as Americans Rajeev Ram and Austin Krajicek -- both top-10 players -- at the Houston ATP 250 event on clay. With his German partner Andre



World number one in doubles Rohan Bopanna. | Photo: PTI

## HIGHLIGHT

● Had Bopanna been ranked outside the top-10, India would not have any representation in the men's doubles event at the Paris Olympics, starting July 26.

Begemann, Balaji also defeated Austria's top-50 players Alexander Erlinger and Lucas Miedler.

Balaji also showed that he can quickly adapt to conditions when he was asked to do the singles duty during the Davis

Cup tie against Pakistan on grass. The rival was not of the highest quality but Balaji showed that he was willing to come out of his comfort zone if the team demands.

"The idea is to go prepared, at least believe in as a team. That is what we're trying to do. With Bala, he definitely has the firepower to do well," Bopanna said.

"I felt Balaji, depending on the surface we're playing with, which is the clay, would have been the ideal partner. Currently, even if you look at (Matthew) Ebden, who I'm

## 13 athletes from Indian Army to take part in seven disciplines at Olympics

Thirteen athletes from the Indian Army are set to take part in seven disciplines at the upcoming Paris Olympics, the force said on Monday. The Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Army said this in a post on X. "#GeneralUpendraDwivedi, #COAS interacted (on video conference) with #IndianArmy athletes who are set to represent India in the upcoming #ParisOlympics2024. #COAS extended his best wishes to the athletes & expressed his admiration for their dedication and hard work, emphasising that their achievements are a source of immense pride for the #IndianArmy and the Nation.

playing with, he's somebody who's more agile, more explosive on that surface.

"And for clay, especially, I need a partner who would suit me better in terms of going by the surface. If it was a hard court or a grass court, maybe Yuki would have been the preferred choice."

Bopanna though admitted that it was not an obvious but a difficult choice since he has not played with either of them on the Tour.

"Balaji can move well on both flanks? I think he is, given on the clay court, he's definitely more athletic, given the two of us. Between me and Bala, I definitely need a partner who's more athletic, more agile. "Bala has similar capabilities

as Matthew. Bala would be fast, quick, swift like Ebden. But Ebden comes with a lot of experience and Bala hasn't played at that level much."

It also means that Bopanna has to be leader of the team all the time. On the Tour he has Ebden to pull the team out of the pit if Bopanna is having an off day. In the past Olympics, he had illustrious teammates like Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi and Sania Mirza. In Paris, it will be Bopanna, who has to do the heavy lifting. But did he have any choice?

"There is nobody currently in the country who has played that kind of experience as Matthew Ebden. So, no matter who I played with on the country, it would be the same scenario."



Lalit Upadhyay is now focussed for the Paris Olympic Games. | Photo: File

## LALIT'S JOURNEY TO STARDOM |

# 'From being hapless victim of a TV sting to Olympic medallist'

By Mona Parthasarathi

## FACTFILE

At the age of 17 in 2008, Lalit's fledgling career came to a sudden halt when he was embroiled in an unnecessary scandal for no fault of his.

**NEW DELHI:** From being a hapless victim of a sting operation at the start of his career to becoming an Olympic medallist, Indian men's hockey team striker Lalit Upadhyay has worked hard to rebuild his career and considers all the setbacks as blessings in disguise.

Posing as an agent, a reporter from a TV channel offered then Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) secretary

● An Olympic bronze and Asian Games gold already in his kitty, Lalit is now focussed on changing the colour of the medal in Paris Games, starting July 26.

K Jothikumaran a sponsorship deal only if a player of their choice was taken into the Indian team, and Lalit's name was taken as a bait.

Lalit was unaware of such a 'deal' and shaken by the incident, he almost quit hockey. "If this happens to any boy who is immature and has come into the team with big dreams, he would be shattered. We had only heard about India winning eight Olympic medals but had not seen it happen in

front of us. It was a dream to play in the Olympics and win a medal," Lalit told PTI Bhasha. "But in a way it was a blessing in disguise for me. When I faced all this in the beginning, I became mentally stronger. Although I have forgotten that incident, whenever I remember it, I feel stronger.

"Now the circumstances have changed a lot, social media has also come, so it will not happen with anyone. I consider myself lucky that I have left that behind and now going to play in the Olympics for the second time. Whenever I wear this jersey, I get inspired to do something special," said the 30-year-old forward, who was a vital member of India's bronze medal-winning side in Tokyo.

## 'APPALLING' VIDEO |

# Para-shuttler Manasi rips into cricketers for 'appalling' video

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Following the backlash, Harbhajan Singh issued a clarification on X, stating that there was no intention to insult anyone.

**NEW DELHI:** World Championship gold-medallist para shuttler Manasi Joshi has strongly criticised former Indian cricketers Harbhajan Singh and Suresh Raina for allegedly mocking people with disabilities.

The criticism stems from a now-deleted Instagram video, which also featured Yuvraj Singh, showing the former cricketers limping and holding their backs, intended to humorously depict the physical toll of the World Championship of Legends held in



brothers @vickykaushal09 @karanaujla our version of Tauba Tauba dance. What a SONG." Manasi Joshi, who won the 2019 World Championship gold medal and a silver medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games in doubles, expressed her disapproval on Instagram. "You don't know how much harm your behaviour can do, and the appreciation you are getting from the people around is appalling to see," wrote Manasi.

She urged the stars to act more responsibly, emphasising that mocking the gait patterns of people with disabilities was harmful. "This reel of yours is going to encourage that it is okay to make fun of walking patterns of people with disabilities for a few laughs. More young children with disabilities will be bullied by using this reel," she added.

England. This video was posted after India Champions defeated Pakistan Champions by five wickets in the tournament final.

The video's caption read, 'Body ki Tauba Tauba ho Gayi in 15 days legends cricket... Every part of the body is sore. Straight competition to our

## Olympic tennis players return to the red clay of Roland Garros

**PARIS:** The competition surface doesn't change for most Olympic sports. A pool's a pool. A track's a track. A wrestling mat's a mat. And so on. Tennis? That's a whole other story, with tournaments contested on clay, hard or grass courts -- and now there's a shift for the Paris Games.

For the first time in more than 30 years, the tennis competition at an Olympics will be held on red clay, which means players who recently made the adjustment from the dirt at the French Open in early June to grass at Wimbledon in early July will need to reverse course again in short order. The "terre battue" at Roland Garros used for the French Open hosts Olympic matches starting on July 27.

# Shubhankar wants to cap off B'day with memorable show

## THE OPEN |

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Sharma tees off with Italian Mateo Manassero and Swede Sebastian Soderberg at 8.14 am on Thursday.

**ROYAL TROON:** Shubhankar Sharma returns to the Open at the Royal Troon with high expectations and higher hopes than after a tied eighth place finish in 2023, the best-ever by an Indian in the most prestigious golf event.

Sharma will tee off for the fourth time at golf's oldest Major, and continues to be the lone Indian in the field since 2019.

On his debut Open in 2018, he was T-51, while Anirban Lahiri missed



the cut at Carnoustie. Since then Sharma has been flying the Indian flag alone - he played and finished tied-51 again in 2019 and he was in top-10 at the 2023 edition.

It has been a mixed year for Sharma, who has registered two top-7 finishes - tied-seventh at Singapore Classic and tied-fifth at the Italian Open.

Last week, he played

electrifying golf over the weekend after making the cut on the line. He carded 70-65 on the weekends with 15 birdies, nine of which came in the final round.

Instead of being disappointed, which he was for about 20 minutes after the round, Sharma said, "That was a very important round for me before The Open. I made six birdies (against

## HIGHLIGHT

● The Open is the fourth and final Major of the year. The first three were won by Scottie Scheffler (the Masters), reigning Olympic champion, Xander Schauffele (PGA Championships) and Bryson DeChambeau (US open).

six bogeys) and finished even-par in the third round on Saturday.

"I went into the Sunday round thinking I needed to just get my tempo and rhythm. The triple-bogey finish was disappointing for about 20 minutes, but I saw the positive part of it. I made 15 birdies over the weekend and that just shows I am playing good golf."

## PARIS GAMES |

# 'Overcomes mental demons to secure place in contingent'

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**NEW DELHI:** Overcoming mental demons after being left out of the Indian team from last year's Asian Games and the World Championships was key to shooter Anjum Moudgil securing a Paris Olympic berth.

By her own admission, the ouster from the Indian team for Worlds and Asian Games due to inconsistent form was an eye opener for her as the 30-year-old worked

on bettering her mental toughness besides focusing entirely on her training.

"Three years after Tokyo was a roller-coaster ride for me. I have seen tough times but I wanted to comeback stronger. The experiences of Tokyo will surely be of helpful (in Paris)," Moudgil said in a virtual media interaction.

"I really took advantage of quotas and trials, the federation told me not to lose out



hope. They understood the things I was going through. I was really confident of making through to the team after I didn't make the team for World Championships and the



**I did mental training focus, it's been a positive step for me.**

**Anjum Moudgil**  
Indian shooter

Asian Games because of just 2 points in the trials. "I was too focussed and positive in giving my best in the trials. I knew my strengths and how to work under pressure and it paid off.

"One year after Tokyo, I won couple of medals in World Cups and became world no.1. I did mental training focus, it's been a positive step for me. I now speak up, which is a positive change heading to Paris. I used time to get better and find what works better for me," she added. Understanding the importance of mental health issues, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has set up the Mentally Fit Helpline, a dedicated, independent

and confidential mental health counselling service available to all athletes accredited for the Paris Games.

"It's (mental health) so important for all the federations and IOC to understand. It's important to understand the mental side, understand how it works for an athlete, understand mental toughness. So, it's positive step to see mental helpline being introduced in Paris Olympics," Moudgil said.

# Mandaviya has assured government support on four areas: AIFF

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**NEW DELHI:** The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Tuesday said that Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has assured government support "within policy" on the national body's request on four areas.

The AIFF said the assurance was given by Mandaviya when federation president Kalyan Chaubey, acting Secretary General M Satyanarayan and treasurer

Kipa Ajay met him on Monday. "Firstly, AIFF wishes to utilise all FIFA international match windows throughout the year for both men and women. Secondly, support for the head coach of both the senior men's and women's teams. Thirdly, the preparation camp and support for the 2026 Asian Games for men's and women's football teams. Lastly, support for a specialised goalkeeper academy," the AIFF said in a release.

# World



"I have this morning taken the difficult decision to begin the process of stepping down as leader of the Welsh Labour Party and, as a result, First Minister".

**Vaughan Gething**  
The leader of Wales' government

## Republican vice presidential candidate JD Vance



Republican vice presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance during Republican National Convention at Fiserv Forum, in Milwaukee. | Photo: PTI

# Trump's economic plans include proposed tariffs

Speakers argued that Trump would fix inflation and bring back prosperity simply by returning to the White House as president.

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**WASHINGTON:** The first night of the Republican National Convention kept its official focus on the economy Monday even after Saturday's shooting at a rally in Pennsylvania in which former President Donald Trump was injured. Speakers argued that Trump would fix inflation and bring back prosperity simply by returning to the White House as president. Virginia Governor

Glenn Youngkin lamented, "Tonight, America, the land of opportunity, just doesn't feel like that anymore." But Trump has released few hard numbers and no real policy language or legislative blueprints, and most of the speakers Monday didn't get into details either. Instead, his campaign is betting that voters care more about attitude than policy specifics. Trump says he wants tariffs on trade partners and no taxes on tips. He would

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● Republican platform promises to "defeat" inflation and "quickly bring down all prices."  
● Biden has an exhaustive 188-page budget proposal that lays out his economic vision like to knock the corporate tax rate down a tick. The Republican platform also promises to "defeat" infla-

tion and "quickly bring down all prices," in addition to pumping out more oil, natural gas and coal. The platform would address illegal immigration in part with the "largest deportation programme in American history." And Trump would also scrap President Joe Biden's policies to develop the market for electric vehicles and renewable energy. Democrats and several leading economists say the math shows that Trump's ideas would cause an explosive

bout of inflation, wallop the middle class and - by his extending his soon-to-expire tax cuts - heap another \$5 trillion-plus onto the national debt. The Associated Press sent the Trump campaign 20 basic questions in June to clarify his economic views and the campaign declined to answer any of them. Spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt insisted that Trump best speaks for himself and directed the AP to video clips of him.

## 17 killed in Israeli airstrike

**DEIR AL-BALAH:** Hospital officials say an Israeli airstrike killed 17 Palestinians on Tuesday in a military-declared "safe zone" outside the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis. Officials at Nasser Hospital said the strike hit near a gas station in Muwasi, an area packed with tent camps housing thousands of Palestinians.



## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### HUNGARY BOYCOTT

## EU officials boycott meetings in Hungary over Orbán's visits to Russia, China

**BUDAPEST (HUNGARY):** Some European Union leaders protested on Tuesday what they see as Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's misuse of the bloc's rotating presidency, with many including those in the EU's executive commission boycotting an informal meeting hosted by Hungary in response to Orbán's actions. Officials are angry that Orbán, a nationalist populist who is seen as having the warmest ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin among EU leaders, made unannounced trips to Moscow and Beijing earlier this month on what he called a "peace mission" aimed at brokering an end to Russia's war in Ukraine. Orbán said he was seeking the quickest path to peace in Ukraine and portrayed himself as uniquely positioned to communicate with both warring parties. **PTI**

### ENVOY

## Indian Ambassador among first to call on Foreign Minister Rana



**KATHMANDU:** India's Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava paid a courtesy call to the Himalayan nation's newly-appointed Foreign Minister Dr Arzu Rana on Tuesday and discussed bilateral issues and cooperation between the two neighbours. **PTI**

## FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## Scientists have confirmed a cave on the moon that could be used to shelter future explorers



**CAPE CANAVERAL (US):** Scientists have confirmed a cave on the moon, not far from where Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed 55 years ago, and suspect there are hundreds more that could house future astronauts. An Italian-led team reported Monday that there's evidence for a sizable cave accessible from the deepest known pit on the moon. It's located at the Sea of Tranquility, just 250 miles (400 km) from Apollo 11's landing site. The pit, like the more than 200 others discovered up there, was created by the collapse of a lava tube. Researchers analysed radar mea-

surements by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, and compared the results with lava tubes on Earth. Their findings appeared in the journal Nature Astronomy. The radar data reveals only the initial part of the underground cavity, according to the scientists. They estimate it's at least 130 feet (40 metres) wide and tens of yards (metres) long, probably more. "Lunar caves have remained a mystery for over 50 years. So it was exciting to be able to finally prove the existence" of one, Leonardo Carrer and Lorenzo Bruzzone of the University of Trento, wrote in an email. **PTI**

## Mauritania's President Ghazouani wins reelection

**NOUAKCHOTT :** Mauritania's President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani will be reelected, provisional results from all polling stations showed on Sunday, after positioning the country as a strategic ally of the West in a region swept by coups and violence. Ghazouani, who campaigned on a pledge of providing security and economic growth, obtained 56.1% of votes, the country's independent electoral commission said late on Saturday. His main rival, anti-slavery activist Biram Dah Abeid, received 22.1% of votes, but earlier on Sunday rejected the results, alleging fraud. The country's constitutional court is now expected to review the results to announce the final outcome of the election, but it remained unclear when it would happen.

## Students clash over quota system in Bangladesh

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**Police fired tear gas and charged with batons during violent clashes between a pro-government student body and student protesters overnight, leaving dozens injured at a public university outside Bangladesh's capital.**



Anti-quota protesters and students backing the ruling Awami League party clash on Dhaka University campus in Dhaka.

**DHAKA:** The violence spread early Tuesday at Jahangir Nagar University in Savar, outside Dhaka, where protesters demanded an end to a quota reserved for family members of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971, allowing them to take up 30 per cent of governmental jobs. While job opportunities have expanded in

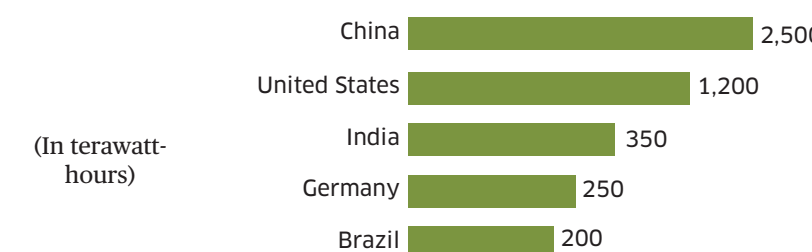
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● Protesters argue such quota appointments are discriminatory and should be merit-based. Bangladesh's private sector, many find government jobs stable and lucrative. Each year, some 3,000 such jobs open up to nearly 400,000 graduates. Protesters argue such

quota appointments are discriminatory and should be merit-based. Some even said the current system benefits groups supporting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Some Cabinet ministers criticized the protesters, saying they played on students' emotions. Hasina said on Tuesday war veterans - commonly known as "freedom fighters" - should receive the highest

respect for their sacrifice in 1971 regardless of their current political ideologies. "Abandoning the dream of their own life, leaving behind their families, parents and everything, they joined the war with whatever they had..." she said during an event at her office in Dhaka. Meanwhile, Protesters gathered in front of the university's official residence of the vice-chancellor early Tuesday when violence broke out. Demonstrators accused the Bangladesh Chhatra League, a student wing of Hasina's ruling Awami League party, of attacking their "peaceful protests". According to local media reports, police and the ruling party-backed student wing attacked the protesters.

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## Jaishankar reaffirms India's support to Mauritius

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**PORT LOUIS:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday reaffirmed India's consistent and continued support to Mauritius in its quest for progress as he held wide-ranging talks with the country's leadership to cement the bilateral ties which are critical for the future of the Indian Ocean

region. Jaishankar is here for a two-day visit for "productive engagements" with the leadership of Mauritius to take forward the special bilateral ties. The visit to the Indian Ocean island nation marks one of the first bilateral engagements undertaken by Jaishankar following his re-appointment in the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led gov-



ernment. Jaishankar said his visit to Mauritius - what he termed as 'this beautiful country' - underscores the strength and depth of the bilateral ties. "It is also an opportunity to underline India's unwavering commitment to its special and enduring partnership with Mauritius," he said at an event attended by Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth.

## US INDIA US urges India to 'utilise' ties with Russia, tell Putin to end 'illegal war' against Ukraine

**MILWAUKEE :** Observing that India has a long-standing relationship with Russia, the US has said that it has encouraged New Delhi to "utilise" that relationship with Moscow and urge President Vladimir Putin to end the "illegal war"

against Ukraine. These remarks were made by State Department Spokesperson Mathew Miller at his daily news conference on Monday. "India has a longstanding relationship with Russia. I think that's well-known.

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