

# Central Chronicle

## PM, Putin exchange views on Russia-Ukraine war

PM shared his "insights" from his recent visit to Ukraine and India's commitment for peace.

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin as he shared his "insights" from his recent visit to Ukraine and reiterated India's firm commitment to supporting an early, abiding and peaceful resolution of the conflict with Ukraine.

In a post on X, Modi said the two leaders also discussed measures to further strengthen special and privileged strategic partnership between the two countries. He said, "Exchanged perspectives on the Russia-Ukraine conflict and my insights from the recent visit to Ukraine. Reiterated India's firm commitment to support an early, abiding and peaceful resolution of the conflict."

The prime minister had on Monday briefed US President Joe Biden on his visit to Ukraine and con-



Russia's President Putin and PM Modi exchange greetings. | Photo PTI

"successful visit to Russia" last month to participate in the 22nd India-Russia Bilateral Summit.

"The two leaders exchanged views on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Prime Minister shared insights from his recent visit to Ukraine. He underlined the importance of dialogue and diplomacy as well as sincere and practical engagement between all stakeholders to achieve an abiding and peaceful resolution of the conflict," the MEA said. The two leaders "reviewed progress" on a number of bilateral issues and discussed measures to further strengthen the special and privileged strategic partnership between India and Russia, it said.

"They also exchanged views on a range of regional and global issues of mutual interest," the statement said, adding, the two leaders agreed to remain in touch.

**HIGHLIGHT**

• The two leaders 'reviewed progress' on a number of bilateral issues and strengthening partnership

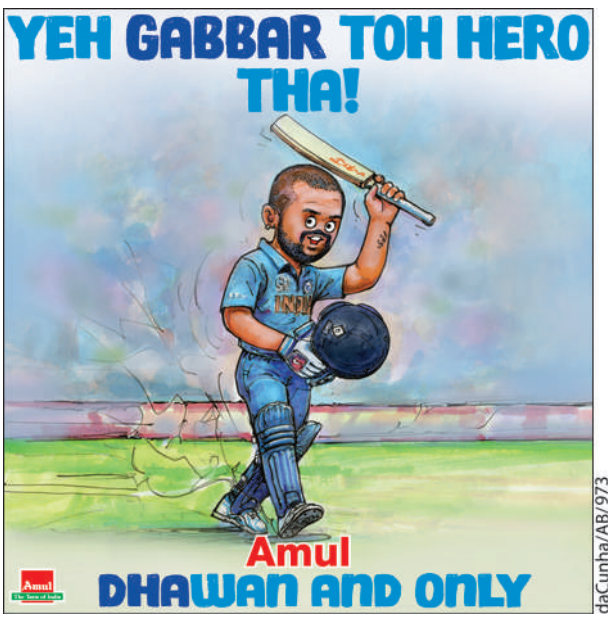
**I recalled my 'successful visit to Russia' last month**  
Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

veyed India's full support for early return of peace to the region through dialogue and diplomacy. The ministry of external affairs in a statement later said Modi during his telephone conversation with Putin recalled his

### Jay Shah elected ICC chairman

**DUBAI:** BCCI secretary Jay Shah will take over as the next chairman of the ICC in December after he emerged as the sole nominee for the high-profile job, the global governing body for cricket announced on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old will succeed incumbent chairman Greg Barclay, who decided against running for the post for a third consecutive term of two years.



### CBI to seek opinion of AIIMS on DNA, forensic evidence

**NEW DELHI:** The CBI will consult experts from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on the DNA and forensic reports related to the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College, officials said Tuesday.

In order to build a watertight case, the CBI will send the reports to AIIMS to seek their opinion in the case, they said. The reports will

also help the agency to ascertain if Sanjay Roy was the only accused who committed the crime or there were others involved, they said. The CBI has filed an application before a Kolkata court seeking permission for polygraph test of Kolkata Police ASI Anup Dutta. The agency is investigating if Dutta knew Roy and extended any help to the accused after the crime, the officials said.

**NEWSLINE**

**NEW DELHI**  
**IR for net zero emissions**

Indian Railways is rapidly progressing towards its goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030, the Railway Board said on Tuesday. According to the Board, it is making efforts to grant net zero status to Railway premises across the country with a focus on meeting Railways' energy needs entirely through renewable energy sources.



**NEW DELHI**  
**'UPS a new scheme, not rollback of NPS'**

Accusing Congress of spreading misinformation, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the newly launched UPS is a new pension scheme and not a rollback of NPS. "It is not a roll back... it is different from OPS (Old Pension Scheme) and NPS (National Pension System). It is clearly a new package," she said, adding, the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) is better and will satisfy most government employees.



**BELLA**

**Finding relief from unsightly and painful veins**

Varicose veins are more than just a cosmetic concern they impact nearly 60% of women globally and can significantly affect daily life. These unsightly, bulging veins, often found in the legs and feet, occur when the valves inside the veins become weak or damaged. Normally, these valves act like one-way doors, pushing blood back toward the heart.

## IMA chief's apology in newspaper illegible: SC

| COURT DIRECTIVE |

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SC refuses to accept IMA chief's apology over 'damaging' remarks about it.

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to accept the unconditional apology published by Indian Medical Association (IMA) chief R V Asokan in a newspaper over his "damaging" comments about the apex court in an interview to news agency PTI, saying the excerpt of the apology filed before it was "illegible" as the font was "minuscule".

Asokan had made the remarks while answering queries about Patanjali Ayurved Ltd's mislead-



Supreme Court of India. | Photo: PTI

ing advertisements case which was published in various publications.

A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta directed senior advocate P S Patwalia, appearing for Asokan, to file physical copies of 20 editions of The Hindu

newspaper, where his apology was published, within one week.

"We will not budge until we see advertisements in physical form, show us the actual size. No arguments till we see the advertisements...The excerpt of the apology

**FACTFILE**

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filed before us is illegible in as much as the font is minuscule. Counsel for IMA president is directed to file physical copies of 20 publications of The Hindu where the publication of apology has been done within one week," the bench said.

As the hearing commenced, Patwalia submitted a list of publications where the apology has been published.

## Mohanlal quits as AMMA chief amid uproar

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Many women actors, including a Bengali actress, have gone public with allegations of sexual harassment.



**KOCHI:** Top actor Mohanlal and other office-bearers of an influential cine artists' association in Kerala resigned en masse on Tuesday amidst an uproar over the sexual abuse allegations made against a number of male professionals by women actors over the past few days.

Many women actors, including a Bengali actress, have gone public with allegations of sexual harassment against some of the well-known faces of Malayalam cinema, including eminent director Ranjith and actors Siddique and

Artists (AMMA) issued a press statement announcing the mass resignation of its office-bearers, including president Mohanlal.

The veteran actor, in his capacity as president, reportedly convened an online meeting of its members to discuss the unprecedented dilemma being faced by the association before taking the decision about the resignation of the executive panel members. AMMA said that the current administrative panel has resigned as such, taking moral responsibility for the allegations.

Following the release of the Justice Hema Committee report, some office-bearers of the AMMA, including actor Siddique who quit as its general secretary, had to face sexual allegations in the social, visual, and print media.

**FASTFACTS**

- AMMA said, current body resigned taking moral responsibility for the allegations.
- Govt forms seven-member special investigation team.

Mukesh, in the wake of the Justice K Hema Committee report that shed light on workplace harassment in the Malayalam film world. On Tuesday, the influential actors' union -- Association of Malayalam Movie

| REPORT |

## Digital payments on rise in Tier 3-6 cities

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**NEW DELHI:** More than 40 per cent of consumers in Tier 3 to 6 cities use digital payment on a daily basis, while 45 per cent claimed to use it once in two days, a new survey report has said.

"This reflects the frequent usage of digital payments by consumers, even in Tier 3 to 6 locations of the country," said a report

by Chase India on The State of Digital Payments in India. The report identifies the key challenges faced by merchants and consumers in the adoption of digital payment services at the grassroots level.

According to the report, nearly half of the merchants who are not using digital payments in rural India are unaware of the service. In contrast, a stag-



gering 94 per cent of consumers who are not using digital payments are aware of it but still don't use it, as they face issues like lack of internet connectivity, lim-

**NUMBER**

**40**

• More than 40 pc of consumers use digital payment on a daily basis

ited knowledge, mistrust in online payments and service-related problems.

The report added that

around 74 per cent of consumers claimed to be using digital payment services for a transaction a family member made. The report said around 41 per cent of merchants claimed to receive less than 25 per cent of their sales through digital payments, around 15 per cent of merchants claimed to receive over 50 per cent of their sales through digital payments.

## Two brothers killed over property dispute

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**MUNGELI:** Two brothers were crushed to death after their family members allegedly beat them up and ran over them with a tractor in a dispute over their ancestral property in Mungeli district, police said on Tuesday.

A man and a woman also sustained injuries in the attack that occurred

on the Gigtara-Chhatan villages road under Fastarpur police station limits on Sunday, Mungeli Superintendent of Police (SP) Girija Shankar Jaiswal said. As per preliminary information, Toran Patle, a resident of the Budhwara village, has seven sons. Patle and his sons Keju Ram, Makhan and Rambali were in dispute with his 3 other sons, he said.

# Raipur



You all are future of our state and govt is committed for their education and development.

**Arun Sao**  
Dy. CM - Chhattisgarh



Basant Agarwal, eminent social worker and committee's coordinator gave the memento to CM Vishnudeo Sai at the Dahi Handi festival at Avadhupuri Ground in Gudhiyari.

## Fighting injustice is greatest religion: Sai

Dahi Handi festival saw enthusiastic participation from Govinda groups.

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**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai attended the grand Dahi Handi festival at Avadhupuri Ground in Gudhiyari, Raipur, where he shared powerful messages inspired by the teachings of Lord Shri Krishna. Addressing the gathering, Sai emphasized that fighting against injustice is the greatest religion, a lesson imparted by Shri Krishna through the Mahabharata. He highlighted that Krishna's life and actions (leela) teach us the art of living and the primacy of karma.

Sai also reflected on Krishna's deep connection with nature, recalling the serene images of the Yamuna River, the melodious tune of the flute, and the herds of cows associated with the deity. He noted that nature worship is an integral part of Sanatan Dharma, with sacred trees like Peepal and Banyan revered across India. Aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to plant trees in the name of one's mother, the Chief Minister urged everyone to plant a tree as a symbol of true devotion to Lord Krishna and a commitment

to preserving nature. **HIGHLIGHT**

• **CM actively participated in the festivities, encouraging the Govinda groups by breaking the Dahi Handi himself.**

ant Agarwal, eminent social worker and committee's coordinator gave the award and cash prize to the winning Govinda team of Dahi Handi Festival.

The programmes presented by world-renowned Shiv Bhajan singer Baba

Hansraj Raghuvanshi and Chhattisgarh's famous singers Garima and Swarna Diwakar made the audience spell bound. The bell ringing performance by artists from Odisha and a beautiful tableau of Krishna Leela from Vrindavan was another main attraction of the event which mesmerised the people present at the venue.

The Dahi Handi festival saw enthusiastic participation from Govinda groups across the state, who displayed their skills in forming human pyramids to break the traditional pot of curd.

## Ramgarhia Sewak Sabha organizes seminar

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh's first female military officer Captain Gurmeet Kaur, a certified career counselor, guided the parents along with the students of Class IX, X, XI and XII belonging to the Sikh community to lead a successful life by making the right choice in career options related to various fields. The programme was organised by Kawaljit Kaur. Bikram Singh, Rajwant Singh Grewal, Raghuvveer Singh, Manvinder Singh, society's president Jaswinder Singh Rana, secretary Atal Singh, Manjit Singh Panesar, and other office-bearers. As the volunteers of the event, who extended their hands in this event, were Surendra Singh, Dr Mathru, Tejpal Singh, Omkar Singh, Charanjit Singh, Surendra Singh Bade, Khalwinder Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Tejinder Singh and other members of the society were present.

## Collector reviews online Coaching Center operations

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**Dr Singh emphasized the importance of creating an optimal learning environment**

**RAIPUR:** In an effort to assess and enhance the educational support provided to students, Dr. Gaurav Singh, the Collector of Raipur, visited the online coaching center situated at the multi-level parking of the Collectorate. This visit aimed to gather firsthand feedback from students and ensure that the coaching center is effectively meeting their needs. During his interaction with the students, Dr. Singh inquired about the benefits they were receiving from the online classes. He emphasized the importance of creating an optimal



Dr. Gaurav Singh, Collector Raipur along with other officials visited online coaching center at multi-level parking

**FACTFILE**

• **Collector stressed the need for continuous improvement in the classroom ecosystem**

learning environment and encouraged students to share their experiences openly. Dr. Singh also provided valuable advice on how students can maximize their learning potential through the

resources available at the center.

The Collector stressed the need for continuous improvement in the classroom ecosystem to make the learning experience more conducive.

He directed the concerned officials to expand the reach of the coaching center, ensuring that a larger number of students can benefit from the services.

Dr. Singh's instruc-

## BJP's membership campaign to begin next month

**RAIPUR:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to launch its much-anticipated membership campaign starting next month, with a goal of adding 50 lakh members in Chhattisgarh. The campaign will officially kick off on September 2, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President JP Nadda taking membership. The next day, on September 3, Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai will initiate the campaign in Chhattisgarh by taking membership. This campaign holds special significance as it will see active participation from ministers, MLAs, MPs, and BJP district officials, who will work at the booth level to achieve the membership target. The BJP has planned for its leaders to engage directly with the grassroots, aiming to make the membership drive a large-scale success. One of the notable aspects of this year's campaign is the party's decision to cancel the membership of 18 crore existing members nationwide. From 2024, all members will be required to renew their membership. The BJP has set an ambitious target of enrolling 10 crore new members.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### GAMBLERS ARRESTED

**Party busted at Hotel Babylon Capital, 10 gamblers arrested with Rs 2 lakh cash**

**RAIPUR:** In a late-night raid on Hotel Babylon Capital in the VIP Road area of Telibandha, Raipur Police arrested 10 people for gambling. Acting on a tip-off, a joint team from the Anti Crime and Cyber Unit along with officers from Telibandha Police Station conducted the operation, seizing Rs 1,98,150 in cash along with playing cards. The arrested individuals have been charged under sections 4, 5, and 36 of the Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act, 2022 (Crime No. 560/24). Additionally, a case has been registered against the owner of Hotel Babylon Capital, with an investigation now underway to probe his involvement in the incident. The crackdown is part of an ongoing anti-gambling campaign led by Senior Superintendent of Police Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh. Raipur Police has been intensifying efforts to curb illegal gambling and betting activities in the city.

### NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY

**'Ensure Albendazole administration in Schools and Anganwadi Centres'**



**RAIPUR:** The National Deworming Day program is set to begin on August 29th, aiming to administer Albendazole medicine to children in schools and Anganwadi centres across the district. This initiative is crucial for maintaining the mental and physical health of children. In preparation for this, Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh held an inter-departmental meeting at the Red Cross hall in the Collectorate premises, where he directed the District Education Officer to ensure that 100% of children receive the deworming medicine.

### Two government teachers engaged in an illicit relationship

**Women's Commission recommends suspension in illegal relationship case**



**RAIPUR:** The Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission, under the leadership of Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak, held its 272nd hearing on cases related to women harassment in Raipur on Tuesday. During the session, several disturbing cases emerged, including one involving two government teachers engaged in an illicit relationship. In a particularly concerning case, a government school teacher admitted to being in an illegal relationship with a colleague, despite being married and living separately from his wife and

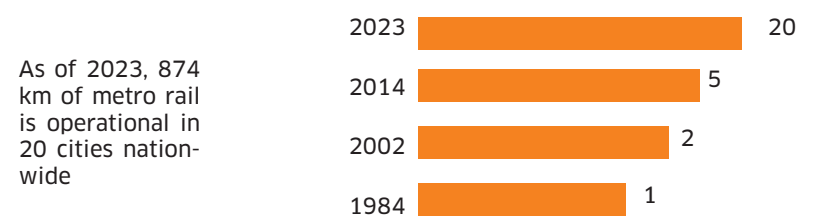
children for the past three years.

The Commission viewed this relationship as a serious breach of conduct for government employees. Consequently, the Commission has recommended the suspension of both teachers involved, and a formal letter will be sent to the District Education Officer to take action.

Additionally, the woman involved in the relationship has been given an opportunity for reform, with an order to send her to Nari Niketan for a two-month period.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### NUMBER OF CITIES WITH METRO RAIL CONNECTIVITY



As of 2023, 874 km of metro rail is operational in 20 cities nationwide

Source : PIB

### DEAD BODY

**Stir at Raipur Railway Station after dead body found on tracks**

**RAIPUR:** Chaos erupted at Raipur railway station after the discovery of a passenger's dead body on the tracks. According to initial reports, it is suspected that the passenger may have fallen from a moving train and was killed on impact. However, authorities have yet to confirm whether the incident was an accident or a suicide.

RPF (Railway Protection Force) and GRP (Government Railway Police) personnel have arrived at platform number 5, where the body was found. The RPF is currently reviewing CCTV footage and collecting statements from passengers in an effort to determine the circumstances surrounding the death.

This incident highlights the ongoing issue of passengers ignoring railway safety advisories. Despite repeated warnings against boarding or alighting from moving trains, many continue to do so, often leading to tragic consequences. Authorities continue to urge passengers to prioritize their safety while traveling by train.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**36th National Conference of Agricultural Engineers at IGKV from August 29**



**RAIPUR:** The 36th National Conference and National Seminar of Agricultural Engineers will take place on August 29 and 30 at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University (IGKV), Raipur. The two-day event, themed "Contribution of Agricultural Engineers to Improve Rural Economy for Sustainable Development," will feature Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh as the inaugural guest. The program will be presided over by Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare Minister Ramvichar Netam.

Organized jointly by the Institution of Engineers (India) Chhattisgarh State Center, and Swami Vivekanand Agricultural Engineering and Technology College under the aegis of IGKV, the conference will delve into key aspects of modern agricultural engineering.

### SPORTS DECORATION CEREMONY

## Sports decoration ceremony to be held on August 29th

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**RAIPUR:** A grand Sports Decoration Ceremony will be held in Chhattisgarh on 29th August, commemorating National Sports Day. The state's top athletes will be honored at the event, with Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai and Legislative Speaker Raman Singh in attendance, as confirmed by Sports Minister Tankaram Verma. Verma emphasized the significance of this event,

pointing out that during the Congress administration, no such ceremony was held, which he believes was an injustice to the athletes. He stated that the current government is rectifying this by ensuring that deserving athletes are recognized and felicitated for their achievements.

Touching on other political matters, Minister Verma criticized the Congress for its organizational struggles and its defeat in previous Lok



Sabha and Assembly elections, crediting BJP's success to Modi's leadership and the effective governance of CM Vishnudev Sai. He expressed confidence that the BJP

**Deserving athletes are recognized and felicitated for their achievements.**

**Athletes felicitation**

will continue to triumph in upcoming urban body and panchayat elections. Minister Verma also addressed the state's

focus on development in backward regions like Bastar, particularly in Naxalite-affected areas, where the government is actively working to integrate people into the mainstream through education and development initiatives. Finally, when commenting on the recent Balouda Bazaar incident, Verma highlighted that Chhattisgarh remains a peaceful state, accusing the Congress of disturbing social harmony in the region.

# Raipur News

## AICC accuses Modi of saving Adani's interests

Demands JPC probe into Adani group's alleged scam.

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**RAIPUR:** AICC spokesperson Dr. Hamid Hussain held a press conference today, accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of misusing SEBI to protect his close friend Gautam Adani's interests. Hussain alleged that Modi and Adani have gone to great lengths to save themselves from the mega Adani scam. The Congress party has demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Adani group's alleged scam, which goes beyond the revelations made by



AICC Spokesperson Dr. Hamid Hussain addressing a press conference at Rajiv Bhavan here today.

Hindenburg Research. Hussain claimed that the Adani group's irregularities have permeated every aspect of the political economy. He listed several examples, including: Misuse of India's investigative agencies to secure

Adani's monopoly in critical sectors like ports, airports, cement, and more. Unusual favoritism shown by government banks and institutions, particularly SBI and LIC, in buying Adani's shares, Financing of major projects like the

Mundra copper plant, Navi Mumbai airport, and UP-Expressway project, Subordination of India's foreign policy interests to serve Adani Enterprises' needs, compromising the country's position in the neighborhood.

## Netam to attend condolence meeting

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Tribal Welfare Minister Ramvihar Netam has expressed his heartfelt condolences on the passing of Jhingia Oram, wife of Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram. Netam will attend a condolence meeting for Oram on August 28, which will take place in Kendudiha, Sundargarh dist, Odisha. He conveyed his profound sorrow over the loss, stating, "I am deeply pained by the news of Jhingia Oram's passing. During this difficult time, my thoughts and sympathies are with Shri Jual Oram and his family. I pray to God to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the grieving family to endure this immense sorrow."

## Sao Inspects Tribal Youth Hostel and Chhattisgarh Bhavan



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**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister and Public Works Minister of Chhattisgarh, Arun Sao, visited the Tribal Youth Hostel in Dwarka, New Delhi, and inspected the facilities.

He interacted with the students residing in the hostel and inquired about their education and the amenities provided.

The hostel accommodates students from Chhattisgarh's Scheduled

Tribes, Scheduled Castes, and Other Backward Classes, who are preparing for various competitive exams.

Sao assured the students that the government is committed to their education and development. He encouraged them to focus on their goals and contribute to the state's development. The government is working to provide all necessary resources for their benefit.

### NEWSLINE

#### WELFARE INITIATIVE

**Unity in Action: JCI India's welfare initiative**



**RAIPUR:** JCI Raipur MAIC United is proud to announce that JCI India's National Vice President, JFF Kartikeya Madhyashta, will be visiting Maharaja Agrasen International College (MAIC) on August 29, 2024. JCI Raipur MAIC United, which is under Zone 9, is hosting this visit as part of the National Vice President's official visit to Zone 9. During this visit, JCI India will extend its support to the family of a dedicated JCI member, the late Mriga.

## Justice Uboweja sworn-in as new Chief Lokayukta

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**RAIPUR:** Governor Ramen Deka administered the oath of office to retired Justice Shri Inder Singh Uboweja as the Chief Lokayukta of the Chhattisgarh Lok Ayog at Raj Bhavan today.

Uboweja took the oath in the name of God. Additional Chief Secretary Renu Pillay presided over the oath-taking ceremony.

Following the oath, Governor Deka and Chief

Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated Uboweja with floral bouquet.

The ceremony was attended by CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh, MP Brijmohan Agrawal, former MP Sunil Soni, former Chief Lokayukta TP Sharma, SIC NK Shukla, former Information Commissioner Manoj Pawar, DGP Ashok Juneja, Governor's Secretary Yashwant Kumar, CM's Secretary P. Dayanand and other officials.

## FIR against Hotel owner, six held

**RAIPUR:** The city police, on Tuesday, registered FIR against the owner of a VIP Road Hotel and arrested six accused, who were gambling.

The team of Anti Crime and Cyber Unit had got information that around ten persons were gambling with cards in a room of a hotel on VIP Road.

The Telibandha police immediately rushed to the hotel and arrested as many as six accused from Room no 115.

Case was registered against 10 gamblers and seized cash amount worth Rs. 198150/- from their possession.

## Overwhelming response for houses under PMAY

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**Crowd gathers at the RMC for houses.**

**RAIPUR:** The houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana have received an overwhelming response from the citizens in the capital city, Raipur.

The Raipur Municipal Corporation had invited applications for 1133 houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana at locations such as Kachna, Daldal Seoni, Sondongri and Mathpurena, until the date of 13th August 2024.

A total of 4500 applications have been received by the Raipur Municipal Corporation from citizens.

Since 14th August 2024, on every working day, a token is being issued to 300 applicants from 10:30 AM to 11:30

AM and the verification of the documents submitted online by these applicants is being carried out daily.

A large crowd has gathered at the Municipal Corporation headquarters to obtain houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra visited the fourth floor of the Corporation's main building and directly inspected the process of document verification of the applicants based on the token system in the Corporation General Assembly Hall under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The Commissioner has given instructions to ensure that the citizens applying for houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana do not face any inconvenience. He also interacted with the applicants whose documents were being verified.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

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Ensured positive social impact with drop in crime rate, reduced alcohol and tobacco consumption



Administration will conduct a special door-to-door campaign for Ayushman Cards.

Richa Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector, Durg

# Police lathi charge on Cong workers at Old Bhilai

Cops prevent protestors from staging gherao at Police Station.



A large number of Congress workers had gathered at the demonstration venue.

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**BHILAI:** Police resorted to baton charge on the Congress workers when they were proceeding to stage gherao at Old Bhilai Police Station on Tuesday. Many demonstrators were injured in the police action. Press Photographer Raja Dewangan was also injured in the incident.

Congress party workers were staging demonstration against the Police Department demanding immediate action on the Bajrang Dal

## FASTFACTS

- Several demonstrators injured in the police action

- Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey suffers injury on nose

activists who intercepted the convoy of former CM Bhupesh Baghel without any prior notice and misbehaved with the former CM and his security personnel. Police have lodged an FIR under Sections 126, 189 (2), 221

## Press Photographer injured in baton charge

Photographer of Navabharat Newspaper, Raja Dewangan was injured in the police lathi charge. He was there to cover the demonstration of Congress. Raja was wearing an ID Card and was holding his camera but was hit thrice. An Inspector rank officer was also injured. Ex-CM Bhupesh Baghel posted a video on 'X' in which it is clearly visible that a cop inadvertently hit Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey. It appears that the cops need a refresher course on riot control.

BNS against unknown 20-25 people but are yet to make any arrest.

Congmen staged a demonstration at Sirsa Gate Chowk and

later started marching towards the Old Bhilai Police Station. They were intercepted midway by cops in full riot control gear.

## District Panchayat GBM on August 30

**BHILAI:** The general body meeting of District Panchayat Durg has been organized in the meeting hall of the District Panchayat on August 30. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 13:00 hrs. Departmental Heads of Agriculture Department, Education Department, Water Resources Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Mineral Department have been asked to be present in the meeting.

## Bike stolen from Shankar Nagar

**BHILAI:** A bike was stolen from Shankar Nagar, Durg on Monday. The victim Pranjal Jatwani works as a manager at a nursing home. He had parked his Bajaj Avenger bike (CG07-BA-6178) in front of the nursing home around 05:15 hrs on Monday. Thereafter he went to Bhilai with the Doctor. He returned around 07:45 hrs and found that the bike was missing. Police lodged an FIR under section 305(b) of BNS. The accused are still at large and police has launched drive to search the accused checking nearby CCTV footages.

## SR Hospital gets NABH accreditation

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**BHILAI:** The district's prestigious SR Hospital and Research Center Chikhli has been accredited by NABH. This hospital is the largest 180-bed super specialty and fully equipped hospital in Durg district. The hospital provides cashless treatment to patients under Ayushman Bharat Yojana and ESIC Yojana, Indian Railways, Central and State Government employees and beneficiaries of various health insurance companies. ICU and NICU and all other facilities are available in the hospital. NABH has given NABH recognition to Anes-

thesia, Cardiology, General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Ops & Gynaecology, Ophthalmic, Burn & Plastics,

### HIGHLIGHT

- All the rules and regulations of NABH are followed

Neuro Surgery, Neurology, Dental, Urology and other departments. Medical Superintendent of SR Hospital Dr SP Kesarwani said that all the rules and regulations of NABH are followed by the hospital management, due to which the hospital has received NABH recognition.

## Janmashtami fest celebrated in DAV IPS

**BHILAI:** The fest of Janmashtami was celebrated in DAV Ispat Public School sector 2. The little ones came up in their yellow attire, most of them dressed up like Shri Krishna and the girls in their coloured dresses with the looks of Radha. The celebration of Janmotsav of Lord Krishna began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp amidst chanting of Vedic hymns. This was followed by a variety of fun filled events and activities where children presented a group dance, songs, and speeches related to the significance of the day. The Principal

Priyanka Shukla interacted with the tiny tots and wished on Krishna Janmotsav. The best dressed boy and girl were awarded with the title of Mr Natkhat and Ms Radha respectively. The best performers, the best dressed ones were also awarded with special gifts. The little ones also participated in breaking of the small earthen pots (Haandi phod) tied to ropes on both the ends and it was an eye catching event to witness the little ones heading to break the small pots kept within their reach only under the supervision of their teachers.

## HKM celebrates Janmashtami festival



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**BHILAI:** The Janmashtami festival was celebrated by the Hare Krishna Movement at Akshaya Patra Complex, Sector-6. The day started with Mangla Aarti at 4:30 hrs followed by grand abhishekam and maha aarti of their Lordship at 6:00 hrs. Then there was the swing festival of lord Krishna in his laddu Gopal form and the devotees did darshan of the mesmerizing shringar Aarti.

At 11:00 hrs there was dhanvantari Puja. Kalash Abhishek Puja and Maha Aarti was performed by the priests who had come especially from Guruvayur Temple, Kerala.

Various cultural and fascinating programs provided divine spiritual experience to all was organised. At 13:00 hrs their lordship Sri Sri Radha Krishna Chandra were offered 56 bhoga offerings.

At 19:00 hrs the divine boat ride of the Lord happened, in which the Deities of Radha Krishna were taken for a boat ride (Nauka Vihar) in the beautifully decorated temple pond. At 21:00 hrs in paalki utsav, a grand flower bedecked pallaki carrying the Deities of Sri Sri Radha Krishna Chandra were taken for a processional journey within the temple precincts accompanied by devotees performing a grand sankirtana.

## Bootlegger nabbed

**BHILAI:** Pulgaon Police arrested a bootlegger and recovered illicit liquor from his possession. Acting on a tip off, they rounded up a suspect Janak Lal Bande (35) near nullah in village Chandkhuri. On searching, 36 quarters of Goa Whiskey were recovered from him. He was booked under the provisions of the Excise Act.

## Gamblers arrested

**BHILAI:** Utai Police raided a gambling den and rounded up two persons grand handed while gambling on playing cards. Acting on a tip off, police raided a gambling den in the agricultural fields at Gayatri Nagar in Dundera. Some gamblers managed to escape while Mordhwaj Barle (28) of Dundera and Vinay Tondon (22) of Ghugasideeh were nabbed. Playing cards and cash were recovered from them.

## Pragyotsav – 2024 held at KPS Nehru Nagar

### Central Chronicle News

A grand competition of music and dance

**BHILAI:** Pragyoatsav- The cultural extravaganza 2024, a grand competition of music and dance was held at Krishna Public School, Nehru Nagar. This event attracted an enthusiastic crowd of average 500 plus attendees who were treated to a diverse array of performances. Numerous Schools from in and around CG participated and won attractive prizes, trophies and mementoes.

There were some remarkable performances that merited immense appreciation. The Chief Guests of the evening were Krishna Tripathi & MM Tripathi (Chairperson, Krishna Group of Institutions). MM Tripathi, said that in order to preserve



Guests of the evening Krishna Tripathi & MM Tripathi giving trophy.

## FASTFACTS

- Crowd of average 500 plus attendees were witness to diverse array of performances

- Pankaj Sahu & Kishan Sahu acclaimed with the Pragyoatsav Samman

culture it must be celebrated with due reverence and dedication. Such celebrations make our future generation appreciate and enhance the rich cultural

heritage of India in the form of fine arts. Savita Tripathi, the Principal of the school applauded the endeavour of the participants and their respected Gurus. She congratulated the staffs for the successful conduction of this 11th cultural fest, the Pragyoatsav. The attendees praised the school for organizing such a function with this meticulous precision of planning and staging such high quality of the performances. The Krishna Award for the best performances went

to Yugantar Public School Group Band, Gondhad Bilaspur, Group Dance, Shashwat Pandey, Vocal, N Akanksha, Dance and other Cash Awardees were Utkarsha Raut, Aryansh Khare, Kartika Tiwari, Shreeja Dalal, Khilleshwar Sahu, Mahak Mittal, Shanvi Agrawal, Mridul, Divyanshi Samal, Mansi Nayak, Pramay and Prithavi, DPS, Durg, The Mortal Crew, DPS Risali, Mayra Peri. Pankaj Sahu & Kishan Sahu, were acclaimed with the Pragyoatsav Samman.

## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL |

## SARAS Satsanga organised on Shri Krishna Janmashtami

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**BHILAI:** Sarada Ramakrishna Sangha (SARAS) organized a satsang on the eve of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, at the residence of Jolly Sen in Sector-7. The satsang focused on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and the lives and messages of Sri Ramakrishna, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda. The distinguished guest and main speaker was Swami Tanmayananda Ji Maharaj,



Devotees with Swami Tanmayananda Ji Maharaj.

the Secretary of Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Ashram, Ambikapur.

In the satsang, Swami Tanmayananda Maharaj deeply moved the assembled devotees with

**“Through Arjuna, Lord Krishna instructs all humans to renounce weakness of heart and move forward on the path of duty with courage”**

Swami Tanmayananda  
Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna  
Vivekananda Seva Ashram,  
Ambikapur

his scholarly insights into the Bhagavad Gita.

In his discourse, Maharaj cited important verses from Chapter 2 (Sankhya Yoga) and discussed the appropriate path for worldly beings, shedding light on the materiality of joy and sorrow in life.

Citing Gita Shloka 2:3 Maharaj emphasized that how in this verse, through Arjuna, Lord Krishna instructs all humans to renounce weakness of heart and move forward on the path of duty with courage.

## Janmashtami festival celebrated

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**BHILAI:** Krishna Janmashtami festival was celebrated with great pomp in Shri Rawatpura Sarkar International School, Kumhari. Students from class nursery to class II looked very charming in Radha Krishna costumes. Group dances were presented by the students which were very commendable.

Matki breaking program was organized in the school ground. All the students were showing great

enthusiasm. On the said occasion, Campus Director Dr Preeti Gurmani Mam was also present, who congratulated the children on Krishna Janmotsav. Principal Dharmendra Nath Rai worshipped Lord Shri Krishna Ji and gave the message to the students that Shri Krishna, taking Arjun as an instrument, preached to the whole world in the form of Gita that man has the right to do work, but should not desire the fruit, the fruit should be dedicated to the will of God.

## NEWSLINE

### MEETING

Strictly follow PCPNDT Act



**BHILAI:** A meeting of the District Advisory Committee of Pre Conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act 1994 and Rule 1996 was held in the Collectorate Auditorium on Tuesday. Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired the meeting. Dr Manoj Dani Chief Medical and Health Officer Durg, Dr RK Khandelwal Nodal Officer Durg, Dr Divya Srivastava Pediatrician, Dr Sandhya Nagariya Obstetrician and Chanchal Sethia were present in the meeting.

### NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

Multifarious events on August 29

**BHILAI:** On the occasion of National Sports Day, the District Sports and Youth Welfare Department will organize multifarious events on August 29. The main event will begin at 7:30 am in Hockey Ground Durg in front of Samridhi Bazar, Sheetla Temple. Sports persons will display their skills in different sports. Hockey and football matches will be organized between the teams of the district. As per the scheduled program, Prabhat Pheri will be taken out at 8:00 hrs. At 9:00 hrs, the biography of Major Dhyanchand will be highlighted. Different events and matches will be held from 10 am to 4 pm and Sports Day will conclude at 4.30 pm.

### MONETARY AID

Financial assistance provided to bereaved family

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has approved financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family of a person killed in an accident. According to the information, Praveen Kumar Mirkap, resident of Shop 83, Pt Ravi Shankar Shukla Market Power House Bhilai, died on 04 August 2019 due to drowning in deep water while bathing. In accordance with the provisions of Revenue and Disaster Management, the Collector has approved financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to Prabhakar Mirkap, father of late Praveen Kumar Mirkap.

### JOB FAIR

Placement camp on August 30

**BHILAI:** District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center Durg will organize a placement camp at the District Employment Center Durg from 10.30 am on August 30 to fill 70 vacant posts available with the private employers in the district. In this camp, the employer Total Control Security Private Limited will recruit 50 persons for the post of Security Guard and 20 for the posts of Deputy Security Supervisor.

Complete all the pending cases on time and present the report in HC cases promptly.

Chandan Tripathi  
MCollector Koriya



# Bilaspur

## ‘Caste certificates be given to eligibles’

Instructions given to widely publicize the Gram Sabha on August 31.

Central Chronicle News

**KORBA:** Collector Ajit Vasant reviewed departmental work in the time limit meeting today. While giving instructions to widely publicize the Gram Sabha to be held on August 31, he said that through the Gram Sabha, all such eligible persons of the district whose caste certificates are not being made due to lack of documents, action should be taken towards making caste certificates for all of them by examining other documents through the Gram Sabha.

The Collector also gave instructions to make caste certificates for all eligible members of special backward tribe families and students from class 1 to class 12 who do not have documents through the Gram Sabha. The collector directed the Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department, District Education Officer, District CEO to send proposals for construction of access roads to ashram-hostels, sheds in shedless markets, bicycle stands in all high schools, higher secondary schools and warehouses in all cooperative

### HIGHLIGHT

● Instructions given to provide benefits of schemes to PVTG in PM Janman Camp

● Collector reviewed departmental work in the time limit meeting

societies from DMF.

In the time limit meeting held in the Collectorate hall, Collector Vasant reviewed the camps being organized under PM Janman. He directed that PVTGs should be benefited from important schemes of the government. Aadhar and Ayushman cards of all members of PVTG should be made. He directed for 100 percent saturation of Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Awas, Forest Rights Certificate, Caste Certificate, Bank Account etc. In the TL meeting, the Collector reviewed land acquisition, camps for caste certificates, access roads to hostels, information about shed-less markets, cycle stands in high and higher secondary schools, appointment of superintendents in ashrams, lab on wheels, rationalization in schools,



Collector Ajit Vasant reviewed departmental works.

### Officials should participate in the Nutrition Month Campaign

In the meeting under National Nutrition Month 2024 by the Women and Child Development Department, Collector Shri Ajit Vasant directed the concerned officers to participate in the Nutrition Campaign. He directed the departments to participate in the activities to be organized on the theme of anemia, growth monitoring, supplementary food, nutrition as well as studies, technology for better administration transparency and efficient service delivery, holistic nutrition under the Nutrition Month from September 1 to 30.

operation of sports academies, distribution of sewing machines in gram panchayats and other subjects and gave necessary guidelines. The Collector directed all SDMs to bring progress in the recovery process if work is not done against the

amount given to Sarpanchs and secretaries for government work.

He directed all officers to be compulsorily present in the Jan Samasya Nivaran Camp to be held in village Ghinara of Kartala development block on August 30.

### Exams from Aug 28 to 30

**KORBA:** Under National Health Mission, written examination has been organized for contractual recruitment on various posts of Program Associate, AMO, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Lab Supervisor, Laboratory Technician, X-Ray Technician, OT Technician, Ophthalmic Assistant, Lab Attendant, Security Personal in two shifts on 28, 29 and 30 August.

The examination will be conducted from 12.30 pm to 1.15 pm and 3 pm to 3.45 pm.

### Life skill training to make students strong

**SUKMA:** Under the National Mental Health Program, 225 students of Kanya Eklayva Adarsh Residential School Chhindgarh were given training to provide life skill education and necessary knowledge and tools to children to face the challenges of life confidently, as well as to make the students capable of making informed decisions in various risky situations. Training was given by DMHP team. Along with this, everyone was given information about toll free numbers 14416, 18008914416.

## Briefs

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### THEFT

#### Valuables and utensils recovered from theft accused in Mungeli

**MUNGELI:** The city police recovered one home theater, three boxes, one pot and one frying pan from the possession of Digeshwar alias Sonu Shrivastava, accused of theft in village Kanteli. Police arrested the accused under Section 331, 305 and sent him to jail.

Applicant Sandeep Banjare, resident of village Kanteli, works as a mason. On 2 August, his father Rajendra Banjare died, so he and his family locked the house in village Kanteli and went to their old village village Jota Post Office Silatra Police Station Patharia, there was no one in the house. There was a Dasha Gatra program on 9 August, on 10 August at around 6.30 am, Ashok Miri of village Kanteli informed over the phone that the lock of your house is broken, some items have been stolen.

### AWARD

#### Yudhishtir Rajwada honoured with Ramesh Paswan Journalism Award



**KORBA:** The third year award ceremony was organized in the memory of journalist late Ramesh Paswan who struggled all his life for progressive values in industrial area Korba. In which the energetic young journalist of the district Yudhishtir Rajwada was honored with a sum of Rs 10000 and shawl and coconut for better journalism.

Organizing a seminar on the birthday of famous writer and satirist Harishankar Parsai in Sahitya Bhavan, journalist late Ramesh Paswan Smriti Samman Ceremony third year was organized.

### Membership campaign

#### BJP will celebrate membership campaign as a festival: Anurag Singh Dev



**JANJGIR:** A workshop was organised in Janjgir Champa in the context of the membership campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Addressing the workers in this workshop, state in-charge and division in-charge Anurag Singh Dev said that the BJP membership campaign will be started from September 2. He said that the party's national president Jagat Prakash Nadda will renew the membership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by giving him a missed call from his mobile

number. He said that on September 3, in Chhattisgarh, state president Kiran Singh will get the primary membership of the party to the honourable Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai. He said that everyone has to make this campaign successful by taking it from the district level to the division level and then from the power centres to the booth level. He said that a five-member team was formed in the district and in-charges were appointed in all the twelve divisions for the drive.

### Certificate distributed under LDS

**SUKMA:** The programme of distribution of honor letters to Lakshpati families and Lakshpati CRP under the Lakshpati Initiative Didi to 11 lakh families of the country by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 August 2025 by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihood Mission Government of India was held on Sunday in Jalgaon Maharashtra. In this context, the program was organized in all three development blocks under the able guidance of Collector Mr. Haris S. and CEO District Panchayat Mrs. Namrata Jain. The online broadcast of today's program was heard by the Didis in development blocks Chhindgarh, Sukma and Konta. Also, under the National Rural Livelihood Mission Bihaan, certificates were distributed to 120-120 Lakshpati Didis in Janpad Panchayat Sukma and Chhindgarh respectively.

## ‘Minister showers flowers on Janmashtami procession’

Central Chronicle News

**Industry Minister Lakhanlal Devangan participated in various programmes organized in Korba to mark the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami.**

**RAIPUR:** Commerce Industry and Labor Minister Lakhan Lal Devangan today participated in Shri Krishna Janmotsav organized in various temples of Korba city on the auspicious occasion of Krishna Janmashtami. A grand procession was taken out by the local ward residents on Shri Krishna Janmashtami from Rani Road Durga Temple located in Purani Basti Korba, Minister Shri Devangan participated in this procession. Minister Devangan performed



Minister participated in Shri Krishna Janmotsav in Korba city.

### FACT FILE

● A grand procession was taken out by the local residents on Shri Krishna Janmashtami from Rani Road Durga Temple in Purani Basti Korba.

the aarti of Shri Krishna. Along with the ward residents, Minister Shri Devangan showered flowers on the Shri Krishna tableau. Minister Shri

Devangan congratulated the ward residents and the committee on Janmashtami and said that Shri Krishna is a source of inspiration for those who believe in Sanatan tradition, through the Gita, Shri Krishna has preached to follow the path of religion and he has also taught how to take all religions along. Today, all of us should follow the path shown by Shri Krishna. On

this occasion, District Vice President Shri Praful Tiwari, Ward No. 16 Councilor Shri Narendra Devangan, Councilor Dhanashree Sahu, Rakesh Nagarmal, Laxman Shrivastava and committee's Vishal Sahu, Anshu Tiwari, Jayant Shrivastava, Virendra Sahu, Rahul Tanwar along with a large number of ward residents were present. Thereafter, Minister Shri Devangan reached Shri Saptdev Temple at Sitamani. He saw various tableaux made on Shri Krishna Janmotsav as well as Lord Krishna. The minister was overwhelmed after seeing the live captivating tableau of Lord Krishna. Aarti was performed after offering food to the Lord. On this occasion, Minister Shri Devangan chanted Radhey-Radhe along with all the devotees.

### CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

## NTPC launches new initiative to combat pollution

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**KORBA:** In a groundbreaking move towards environmental sustainability, NTPC Korba is proud to announce the launch of its new initiative aimed at drastically reducing the use of single-use plastics within its operations. This commitment underscores NTPC Korba's dedication to fostering a greener and more sustainable future.



As part of our ongoing efforts to minimize our environmental footprint, NTPC Korba has set an ambitious goal to eliminate all single-use plastics from our facility

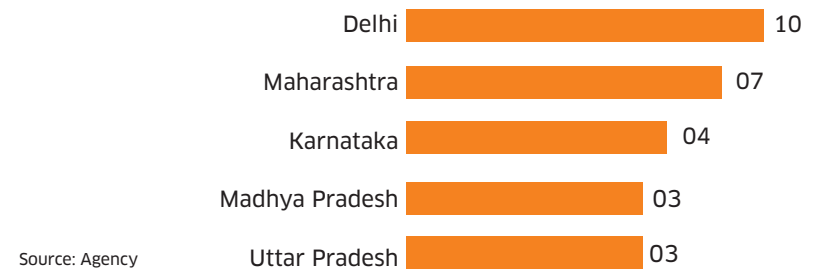
by 15 August 2024. This initiative aligns with our broader environmental policy and contributes significantly to the global fight against plastic pollution.

**We invite our stakeholders, partners, and the local community to join us in this important endeavour.**  
Campaign in-charge NTPC.  
Key components of the initiative: 1. Complete Phase-Out of Sin-

gle-Use Plastics: Effective 15.08.2024, NTPC Korba has begun phasing out single-use plastics, including disposable cutlery, straws, and packaging materials. Our target is to achieve a complete transition. 2. Adoption of Eco-Friendly Alternatives: We are replacing single-use plastics with sustainable alternatives such as biodegradable, compostable, and reusable materials.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### MAXIMUM DEEMED UNIVERSITIES IN STATES OF INDIA



### WORKSHOP

#### BJP workshop concludes in Mungeli for membership drive

**MUNGELI:** Before the start of the nationwide membership campaign of BJP, a series of workshops is going on to train the workers. In this series, a workshop of the district organization was organized. In which, as the chief guest and keynote speaker, State BJP General Secretary Sanjay Srivastava gave a presentation in the presence of MLA Punnulal Mohle. He told that three types of arrangements have been made to take membership through online medium, first by miss call on 8800002024, second Namo App and third primary membership can be taken by QR code. BJP president JP Nadda will get PM Modi enrolled as a member of the party on September 1. After this, on September 2, State BJP chief Kiran Singh Dev, State Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai will be made members at the state headquarters Raipur and on September 3, the inauguration program of the membership campaign will be held in all the districts of the state. Giving a power point presentation with the help of Anurag Singh, Srivastava further told that BJP will have two types of membership, first primary membership and second active membership.

### FESTIVAL

#### Kanhaiya broke the pot with Bal Leela festival in Nehru Smriti Vidyalaya



**BIRKONI:** Krishna Janmashtami festival was celebrated with great pomp on Monday in Nehru Smriti Vidyalaya located in Birkoni village. In which school students participated in the festival dressed as Krishna, Radha, Sudama, Balram, Vasudev, Maa Devki. The program was inaugurated by Principal Tupsing Nishad with Krishna Aarti. A dozen children broke the pot with their eyes blindfolded and those children were welcomed with clapping. During this, the children took the form of Radha, Krishna and Sudama. The children decorated tableaux and presented cultural programs. In which the symbol of Krishna was worshipped and Aarti was done, in the tableau decorated with fragrant small girls created different forms of Lord Krishna.

Complete all pending works of pension, job card etc on time.

Haris S. Collector Sukma



# Chhattisgarh



Jal Jeevan Mission Contractor Association submitted a memorandum to the PHE SDO in support of 8 point demand.

## JJMCA submits a memo after a sit-in protest

Through memo they demanded payment of pending dues and simplification of the payment process.

Central Chronicle News

**SUKMA:** On Tuesday, in front of the PHE office of Sukma headquarters, Jal Jeevan Mission Contractor Association (JJMCA) submitted a memorandum to the PHE SDO in the name of the Mission Director regarding eight-point demands including payment of pending dues and simplification of the payment process. During this, more than three dozen contractors of the contractor association were present.

Jeevan Mission Contractor Association has said that it will hold an indefinite agitation in case the demand is not met by September 18. At the same time, the contractors of the association said that one year has passed since the completion of the work, but today the payment is pending up to 30 percent. Along with this, the rule made in 2024 is being imposed in the agreement of 2021-22, which is wrong, due to which our payments are continuously getting pending, along with this,

### HIGHLIGHT

- District JJMCA has said that it will hold an indefinite agitation in case the demand is not met by Sept 18.

- The union has demanded from the Mission Director of JJM that 100% payment of dues pending for 1 year should be made within 15 days.

due to non-appointment of EE for 2 months, the demand for new works

is not being made. On one hand, the previous payment is not being made and the demand for new payment is not being made on time, due to which all of us contractors are very upset. Due to which we are forced to protest here today. The union has demanded from the Mission Director of Jal Jeevan Mission that 100% payment of dues pending for 1 year should be made within 15 days, the payment process should be done as per the rules of the executed contract and others.

## Two-day HRD training programme held

**KHAIRAGARH:** Sukma: Central Integrated Pest Management Center, Raipur, under the Directorate of Plant Protection and Collection, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, organized a two-day Human Resource Development Training Program on Paddy and Vegetable Crops for the farmers/pesticide dealers of Sukma from 23 to 24 August in DPRC Hall Sukma along with the office of Deputy Director Agriculture, Sukma. A total of 56 participants including farmers, pesticide dealers etc. participated in the two-day program.

## Leaky tap wasting precious resource

**RAJIM:** A public tap has been installed near the turn in ward number 14 Mandi Road of Nagar Panchayat Rajim. Water is flowing wastefully due to the absence of a spout. Due to the flow of water wastefully, there is wastage of water. Also, due to the mud around, mosquito infestation has also increased. The residents of the ward have demanded the Nagar Panchayat administration to install a spout in this tap.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### DISTRIBUTED

## Certificates of honor distributed to 2445 families under Lakhpati Didi Scheme

**JAGDALPUR:** Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihood Mission, the program of distribution of certificates to Lakhpati families and Lakhpati CRP under the Lakhpati Didi initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 August 2025 by the Government of India, was concluded in Jaggaon Maharashtra on Sunday.

In the same context, on Sunday, 2445 families in Bastar district became Lakhpati Didi in 100 days and earned more than one lakh income by doing activities like agriculture based, animal husbandry based, fisheries, handicrafts, enterprise based, forest produce based, MNREGA, 50 A program was organized in the cluster organization of all the development blocks of Bastar district to distribute certificate of honor to more than 10 lakh CRP group members who have inspired the group members to become lakhpati.

### DEPLOYMENT

## More than 100 dogs deployed on Naxal front have identified 4000 kg of explosives



**JAGDALPUR:** More than 100 dogs are deployed in contingents of Central Reserve Force, Police Force, ITBP and other forces on the Naxal front of Bastar division.

While leading the operation of the security forces, these dogs have so far detected more than 4000 kg of explosives buried under the ground. The security force's companion dog Sarathi has played a role in keeping the soldiers safe.

Since the formation of the state, 754 soldiers and 189 civilians have been killed in landmine attacks by Naxalites.

### Drugs worth more than Rs 4 lakh seized

## Drug paraphernalia worth more than Rs 4 lakh seized and action taken against 5 accused



**JAGDALPUR:** In a joint operation of Bodhghat police station and Kotwali police of the district, action was taken on information regarding storage and sale of intoxicants. In which a large quantity of intoxicants and intoxicants were seized from the possession of 5 accused Gopal Nag, Madani, Daves, Santosh Kunwar, Shimachal Mol. The market value of the seized intoxicant has been estimated at Rs 409875. The said narcotic material has been seized and action has been taken. According to the information received from the police, some shopkeepers of the city were reported to be

storing and selling various intoxicants and materials used as intoxicants. On which a police team was sent for action. By the said team, raid action was taken against the shops of paan carts of bus stand Gopal Nag S/o Pilu Ram, Madani W/o Chidradhi, Daves S/o Dharmendra, Santosh Kunwar father Ram Kunwar and Shimachal Mol S/o Udaynath Mol along with other shopkeepers of the city.

Different types of paper rolls, banned cigarettes and other banned intoxicants used by the youth for smoking ganja were recovered from the possession of the shopkeepers.

## Two teachers honoured with prestigious award

**SUKMA:** Every year, the All State Teachers Honor Ceremony will be organized on 05 September in the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan located in Raipur which includes Principal Mrs. Jayamala and Mr. Hapka Mutta of Sukma. They will be honored on Teachers' Day on 5 September.

Principal Jayamala of Primary School Golaguda Murtoda under Development Block Sukma and Principal Hapka Mutta of Bal Ashram Jhapra have been honored for excellent work in the field of education along with career guidance, help to students, innovation in subjects, public and national integration programs, participation in training works. On this achievement, the District Administration and District Education Department inspired to do better work.

## More than 35 quintals of open ready-to-eat food recovered

Central Chronicle News

Konta SDM took action on information, 90 sacks of expired food found in NRC center.

**SUKMA:** A big scam has come to light in the Chief Minister's Nutrition Center located in Konta Block Headquarters, a Naxal-affected area located at the extreme end of Chhattisgarh state. Ready-to-eat nutrition food distributed to free children and pregnant women from malnutrition is being sold in the open market instead of Anganwadi centers. On Saturday, officers caught a pickup vehicle doing illegal transportation in which about 35 quintals of ready-to-eat nutrition food was recovered. Let us tell you that it is clearly instructed on the packet of ready-to-eat food that buying or



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### FACTFILE

- On Saturday, officers caught a pickup vehicle doing illegal transportation in which about 35 quintals

selling it is a punishable offense. Still these packets were recovered from a pickup vehicle which is a matter of investigation.

After the matter came to light, the SDM inspected

the Nutrition Rehabilitation Center located at Konta Block Headquarters. Where 90 sacks of 20 kg expired nutrition food were recovered. At the same time, 55 sacks of valid nutrition of 50 kg were also recovered from the spot. Looking at the whole matter, SDM Konta wanted to get information from the officers of Women and Child Development, but on Saturday, the statement could not

be recorded due to the concerned departmental officer being out of the headquarters. During the inspection, burnt packets of ready to eat food were also recovered behind the center. It is suspected that the expired packets have been burnt by the responsible persons.

There was a preparation to sell the nutrition food secretly to animal breeders. According to the information received, the nutrition food given to malnourished children and pregnant women was being sold to animal breeders and dairy farms of Andhra and Telangana for a long time. The action of the Revenue Department on Saturday on the information has raised questions on the claim of the state government and the district administration to remove malnutrition.

### APPEAL

## Women should be brought back into society: Nayak

Central Chronicle News

**JAGDALPUR:** Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak, Chairperson of Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission, while hearing a case in the Commission in Jagdalpur, said that social boycott of anyone is illegal. For this there is a provision of 3 years in jail and a fine of Rs 2 lakh. Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak said that the police and administration team should go to the village of



the woman who has been ostracized by the village people.

An announcement should be made in front of every villager that they have not been thrown

out. If this does not happen, then an FIR should be registered against those against whom the woman has reported the case.

A woman from a vil-

**The villagers will declare where no social boycott has been carried out against the women's group.**  
CP Baghel

Addr. Collector, Jagdalpur  
lage in Bastar district had complained to the State Women Commis-

sion that she does fish farming work on contract along with the women of the group in her village. But a few days ago, some people from the village reached there and forcibly took away fish from the pond.

After complaining about this in the Commission, he was ostracized from the society. Along with this, a fine of Rs 60 thousand has also been imposed on the group.

### The Day's NUMBERS

During 2014 to 2024, NH work increased by 60%

Source: PIB

### TOTAL LENGTH OF NHS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS EVOLVED IN INDIA (IN KMS)

FY-24	1,46,145
FY-23	1,45,240
FY-22	1,41,345
FY-21	1,38,376
FY-20	1,32,995

### ALLEGATIONS

## PUCL alleged that innocent people were killed by the naxalites and security forces

**JAGDALPUR:** Supreme Court lawyer Colin Gonsalves, associated with the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), while discussing with the media, said that in Bastar, innocent tribals have been killed by the bullets of Naxalites and security forces. Along with this, while making controversial remarks, he compared Bastar with Gaza. It is noteworthy that PUCL organized a 3-day seminar in Jagdalpur and took video statements of 70 people alleging fake encounters in different places of Bastar in the last 8 to 10 months. During this, Soni Sodhi, associated with Moolvasi Bachao Manch, also alleged fake encounter in Bastar. Regarding the government's peace talks with the Naxalites, Soni Sodhi said that if the government wants to hold peace talks, then out of humanity, it is ready to become a mediator between the government and the Naxalites.

Regarding PUCL's allegation of fake encounter, Minister Kedar Kashyap termed the allegations as false and said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has pledged that Chhattisgarh will be Naxal-free in the coming times.

### GAMBLING

## 16 gamblers arrested for gambling by betting money on cards at Kumhar Para



**JAGDALPUR:** Kotwali police station of the district received information that, behind Maa Bhavani Chowk, Kosa Center in Kumhar Para of the city, some gamblers are gambling by betting rupees on playing cards. On information, separate teams were formed under the leadership of police station in-charge Kotwali Shivanand Singh. Raid action was taken at the places visited by the team. 16 gamblers were caught during the raid.

In which 1 Shakti Baghel S/o late Mangalram Baghel, 2 Raju Kashyap S/o Somaru Kashyap, 3 Deepak Batham S/o Mohan Lal Batham, 4 Kishore Das S/o Bhagwan Das, 5 Riyaz Khan S/o Aliraja Khan, 6 Gopal Yadav S/o Ishwar Yadav 7 Ramnarayan Baghel S/o late. Damodar Baghel, 8 Naresh Kashyap S/o Samnath Kashyap, 9 P Balkrishna S/o P Papaiya, 10 Anant Kumar Baghel S/o Haribandhu Baghel, these 10 gamblers are residents of Kumharpara.

## VHP celebrates 60 years of legacy

The 60th anniversary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad celebrated with Janmashtami Mahotsav, reflecting six decades of Hindutva efforts.

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**CHIRMIRI:** The 60th anniversary of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) was marked with the grand celebration of Janmashtami Mahotsav at the Godripara Radha Krishna Temple. The event commemorated the founding of the VHP, which took place on Krishna Janmashtami, 29 August 1964, under the leadership of the second Sangh Sanchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Param Pujya Chinmayanand, and prominent leaders like Master Tara Singh, Madhavrao Sadashivrao Golwalkar, and Shri Guru Ji.



VHP leaders commemorate Ram Janmabhoomi victory during 60th anniversary celebration.

### FASTFACTS

● VHP marks six decades of promoting Hindutva and fostering religious unity among Hindus worldwide.

propagation, and self-defense of Hinduism.

In its 60 years, the VHP has focused on various initiatives, including service work, protection and rebuilding of India's heritage, religious education, and fostering unity among Hindus through satsangs and religious awakening programs.

Prominent attendees included Amit Srivastava from VHP Baikunthpur Korea, Dharma Prasar Province Co-Chief Prem Dixit, District Treasurer S.K. Roop, Dharma Prasar

### VHP's historic achievement honored

The speakers at the event emphasized the significant role of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) in resolving the Ram Janmabhoomi dispute. They highlighted the successful Pran Pratishtha of the Ramlala idol on 22 January 2024, under the leadership of Honorable Champat Rai, marking a proud moment for Hindus globally. Durga Vahini Chief Hemlata, also the VHP Durga Vahini district coordinator, urged all Hindu brothers and sisters to join the VHP in protecting religion and contributing to the welfare of Hindus. She called for collective participation in the organization's efforts to safeguard and promote Hindu values.

Korea District Chief Manendragarh Ratan Kesharwani, Gau Raksha Province Chief Ravi Singh, and members from Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini.

## Talks and Dastarbandi on Aug 31st

**DHANTARI:** A gathering and takkriti program has been organized at Jama Masjid Ground Dhantari from 9.30 pm on Saturday, 31st August to celebrate the services and Dastarbandi of Aala Hazrat. This event is being organized by Raza Foundation Dhantari, in which six students of Madrasa Qadiriya Faizane Quran (Bani Mufti Zubair Ahmed) Dhantari will be turbaned. Khateeb Zee-shan Alime Nabeel Hazrat Maulana Mufti Intekhab Alam Misbahi Tatanagar will be the speaker in this gathering organized under the supervision of Anjuman Islamia Committee Dhantari.

## Legal action against illegal liquor sellers

**BHAKARA:** Legal action was taken under Section 34 (2) of the Excise Act by seizing a total of 28 quarters of country liquor worth Rs. 2520/- and sale amount of Rs. 450/- from the accused, named Raj Kumar Nishad of village Kurra. The accused reportedly was selling illegal liquor by keeping it in his khomcha shop and on the basis of the information; Bhakhara Police raided the spot and seized 28 quarters of country liquor worth Rs. 2520/- inside a red colour plastic bag.

## New Agrasen Bhawan inaugurated

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### HIGHLIGHT

● Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal promises comprehensive development during New Agrasen Bhawan inauguration.

**CHIRMIRI:** New Agrasen Bhawan in Bada Bazar was inaugurated by Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, who in his address in the program assured all round development of the region. The Minister said that people made him MLA once again and Vishnu Dev government has given the responsibility of the entire state in the field of health. Responding to the words of Mayor Kanchan Jaiswal, he said that Vishnu Dev's government is moving away from party politics and working for development, so crores of rupees have been approved for the development of various wards of Municipal Corporation Chirmiri. He also said that the sta-

bility of Chirmiri will be strengthened by the new railway line, all the trains passing through Ambikapur will pass through the proposed new station Chirmiri and within a month, as an immediate arrangement, the district hospital will be operated from Chirmiri CSC and via Amrit Jal Mission Yojana will provide relief from the problem of drinking water for 50 years. Mayor Kanchan Jaiswal also put forward the work of the works approved in 07 months in front of the public and said that I am concerned about the stability of Chirmiri.

## Deori Panchayat seals mobile tower of private company

**KHAIRAGARH :** The Panchayat has locked and sealed the mobile towers of private mobile towers installed in Gram Panchayat Deori as the companies did not deposit the renewal fee. According to the information, towers of Jio and Idea Company are installed in Gram Panchayat Deori, whose annual renewal fee has not been deposited in the Panchayat till now, as the mobile tower

company has to deposit the annual renewal fee of 10 thousand in the Gram Panchayat every year, but even after several notices were issued by the Gram Panchayat, the mobile company did not deposit the fee nor did it give any positive response to the notice. A letter has also been pasted stating that the seal of the tower will not be opened without the permission of the Panchayat.

## Two-day adventure bike trekking in Od village



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**Paryavaran Mitra Group conducts two-day adventure bike trekking in scenic Od village, Gariaband.**

**KURUD:** With the aim of conservation of the environment and natural study of nature, a two-day adventure bike trekking was conducted by the Paryavaran Mitra Group in Od village located in the lap of the

hills of Gariaband district. Vyapari Sangh President Yogendra Sinha and Laxmikant Dwivedi flagged off the trekking team for the adventure journey in the presence of senior national tracker Dakshinendra Giri. Village Od, is surrounded by high mountain ranges on all sides and full of beauty, with mountains covered with valleys, greenery in between, huge mountain ranges of brown barren stones, in a beautiful craftsmanship of nature.

## Krida Bharti Sports Week from Sep 01

**RAJIM :** Krida Bharti and Gariaband District Athletics Association will organize Krida Bharti Sports Week on the occasion of National Sports Day on 01st September Sunday at Rajiv Lochan College Sports Ground Rajim from 9 am. In this connection, MLA Rohit Sahu was invited by courtesy meeting and Athletics Association District Gariaband President Sharad Parkar informed that well selected players will get a chance to participate in the state level athletics competition Bilaspur on the basis of performance, in which 100 meter race, 400 meter race, 800 meter race, 1500 meter race, long jump, javelin throw, shot put, discus throw will be organized, in which the players coming first, second, third will be honored by giving certificates. Also the event will be organized in boys / girls below 16 years, women / men below 20 years and above 20 years of age.

# Hard work ensures certain success: MP Kashyap

| KASHYAP INSPIRES YOUTH |

Central Chronicle News

**MP Mahesh Kashyap motivates Bijapur youth, emphasizing hard work and dedication for success.**

**BIJAPUR:** Youths trained under the Social Media Influencer and Entrepreneurship Development program at DIET, located in Education City, had the opportunity to directly interact with Bastar MP Mahesh Kashyap during his visit to Bijapur. The presence of the MP generated a wave of enthusiasm among the youth. Addressing the gathering, Kashyap acknowledged the pivotal role of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in establishing Chhattisgarh as a separate state, leading to accelerated development in the tribal-dominated areas like Bastar,



### FASTFACTS

● Kashyap encourages Bijapur youth to embrace hard work and entrepreneurship for progress.

● Youths inspired by MP Kashyap's message of dedication, positive thinking, and perseverance.

where essential facilities such as roads, electric-

ity, water, education, and employment have steadily improved.

Kashyap also praised the forward-thinking and development-oriented schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which he believes are propelling India towards becoming a developed nation. He emphasized the significant contribution of the youth in this national progress and expressed his delight in

addressing 200 young individuals from the region, who are benefiting from both government schemes and the district administration's innovative initiatives.

Highlighting the progress in Bijapur, he noted the positive impact of entrepreneurship development and social media efforts by the youth in reaching government schemes to the grassroots level.

| UNITY THROUGH DEVOTION |

## Yadav Samaj takes out Janmashtam procession

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**KURUD:** On the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami, the Yadav Samaj of Kurud organized a grand Kalash Yatra, starting with prayers at the revered Devi Maa Chandi temple. The procession saw enthusiastic participation from men, women, and children of the Kurud Tehsil Jhiriya Yadav Samaj, all dressed in vibrant and colorful attire. The city echoed with devotional slogans



such as "Nand Ghar Anand Bhayo Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki" and "Hathi Ghoda Palki Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki," accompanied by sweet DJ tunes and tradi-

tional costumes. The Gwalin Party and Sauga captivated the crowd with performances of Raut Nacha, Shohar Geet, and inspi-

locations like Thana Chowk, Purana Bazaar, Sarojini Chowk, and Kargil Chowk, culminated at Yadav Samaj Bhawan. Along the route, members of the Bharatiya Party and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh welcomed the Yadav Samaj with floral showers. At Yadav Samaj Bhawan, various cultural programs were held, including a Manmohan dance by children and the felicitation of senior community members.

rational couplets. The Kalash Yatra, which traversed through key city

## Youth Congress protests against MLA arrest

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**MUNGELI:** In response to the arrest of Bhilai MLA Devendra Yadav in the Baloda Bazar case, the Youth Congress workers in Mungeli organized a Jail Bharo Andolan. The protest was led by District Youth Congress President Rajesh Chhaideiya, with hundreds of Youth Congress members participating. Anticipating the demonstration, police were on high alert. The

protesters expressed their displeasure with the government's policies, holding up posters of Devendra Yadav and chanting slogans. The police detained the demonstrators, temporarily placing them in makeshift jails.

Prominent participants included Sanjeet Banerjee, Swatantra Mishra, Sanjay Yadav, Sanjay Jaiswal, Abhilash Singh, and many other active Youth Congress workers.

### NEWSLINE

#### Tradition

**Sanskrit Day celebrated at SEZ**



**KHAIRAGARH:** Swami Atmanand English Medium Girls Higher Secondary School in Khairagarh celebrated Sanskrit Day with enthusiasm. The event featured speech and shloka recitation competitions where students highlighted the importance and utility of the Sanskrit language. In-charge Megha Upadhyay described Sanskrit as "Dev Bhasha," emphasizing its rich literary and cultural heritage. Senior lecturer Dr. Kamleshwar Singh stressed the declining significance of Sanskrit in India due to the rise of English and other foreign languages. Acting Principal Kumal Tandon highlighted that celebrating Sanskrit Day aims to raise awareness of its cultural significance. Faculty members and students actively participated.

#### Collective Strength

**Strategy made for the preparation of OBC Day**



**ANWARI:** In memory of the martyrdom of Martyr Chulhai Ram Sahu "OBC Day" which is celebrated on 10th September, will also be celebrated in the region and a strategy has been charted for the program by OBC Coordination Committee. The district Dhantari organization also held a meeting at the Tehsil Sahu Samaj Bhawan in Kurud and made a strategy for the successful conduct of OBC Day, under the guidance of founder Adv. Shri Shatrughan Sahu, state working president Tikeswar Sahu, where responsibility was handed over to district president to Chetan Sakhare, resident of village Madeli.

#### Celebration

**Janmashtami celebrated in MSHSS**



**KHARORA:** Janmashtami was celebrated in Maa Sharda Higher Secondary School Kharora showed their talent by becoming Radha Krishna and presented their unique performance with beautiful tableaux before Janmashtami. School's principal Parmanand Sahu informed that the teachers celebrated Janmashtami in the school by lighting lamps and worshipping the idol of Lord Radha Krishna and the small children dressed up in different costumes and presented Janmashtami in their melodious voices through poems and songs.



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**Ashok Gehlot**  
Former Rajasthan CM

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### AMENDMENTS

#### Govt for stricter penalties for misuse of national emblems, names

**NEW DELHI:** The Union government is considering significant amendments to the Names and Emblem (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, to strengthen the law and deter violations. Sources within the government said the proposed changes include substantial increases in fines and the introduction of imprisonment for offenders.

Under the current law, violators face a mere Rs 500 penalty for improper use of certain emblems and names, as stipulated in Section 3 of the Act.

The Act prohibits use of Names and Emblems for trade, business or profession or in the title of any patent or in any trademark, design or any name or emblem specified in the schedule of the Act without permission of the central government. **PTI**

### ELECTION

#### Union MoS Ravneet Singh Bittu elected unopposed to RS

**JAIPUR:** Union minister of state and BJP leader Ravneet Singh Bittu was elected unopposed as a member of Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations ended on Tuesday.

Three candidates had filed nominations for the Rajya Sabha bypolls, one of whom was a BJP dummy candidate. The last date for withdrawal of nomination for the Rajya Sabha by-election was August 27.

The nomination paper of independent candidate Babita Wadhvani was cancelled during scrutiny on August 22. **PTI**



Women being treated at a hospital after their health deteriorated. | Photo: PTI

# Over 120 hospitalised after food poisoning on Janmashtami

Team from District FDA raided and sealed the shops of two vendors supplying the contaminated buckwheat flour, they said, adding a case has been registered against them.

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**MATHURA:** More than 120 people, including women and children, were hospitalised due to food poisoning after consuming items made from buckwheat flour, officials said on Tuesday.

A team from the District Food and Drug Administration raided and sealed the shops of two vendors supplying the contaminated buckwheat flour (kuttu atta), they said, adding a case has been registered against them.

The incident was reported from several villages in the Farah police station area of Mathura

district last night. All victims are stable, the officials said.

The affected individuals -- who were fasting on the occasion of Janmashtami -- experienced symptoms such as vomiting, dizziness and shivering after eating 'puris' and 'pakodas' containing the flour.

"We had fritters made from buckwheat flour last night. After that, I started vomiting and felt a burning sensation in my stomach," Priyanka, a teenager admitted to the government hospital, told PTI Videos.

Pritam Singh, a resident of Parkham village accompanying a patient,

### HIGHLIGHT

- Complaints of food poisoning were received from several villages during the night.

- Affected individuals are from Parkham, Baroda, Mirzapur, Makhdoom, and Khairat villages.

said that after consuming the fritters, people complained of dizziness and vomiting.

"The buckwheat flour was purchased from a local shop in the village," he added.

Mahesh, another resident, told PTI Videos,

"My wife has become very weak, almost unconscious."

Dr Bhudev Prasad, in-charge of the Rapid Response Team of the Health Department, said that complaints of food poisoning were received from several villages in the Farah police station area during the night.

"Teams from the Health Department, Farah Community Health Centre (CHC), and District Hospital responded swiftly. Initially, patients were treated at the CHC, but as numbers increased, they were moved to the District Hospital, the 100-bed Joint Hospital in Vrinda-

van, and SN Medical College in Agra," he said.

On Tuesday morning, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Ajay Kumar Verma said more than 60 people have been admitted to various hospitals while later in the day he revised the number of patients to over 120.

The CMO said 43 patients have been admitted to the SN Medical College Hospital in Agra, 29 to the District Hospital in Mathura, 15 to the 100-bed Combined Hospital, 15 to Baba Jaigurudev Charitable Hospital, 10 to Chauhan Hospital and others have been admitted to the CHC in Farah.

## Agitation against rape-murder of a doctor Protesters, policemen injured as clashes erupt during 'Nabanna Abhijan' rally



**KOLKATA:** Clashes broke out between police and protesters at different parts of Kolkata and its neighbouring Howrah on Tuesday, as the agitators tried to make their way through barricades to march towards the West Bengal secretariat. The protesters were attempting to reach 'Nabanna' to demand the resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over the rape-murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital here.

Clashes were reported at MG Road, Hastings Road and areas near the Princep Ghat alongside Santragachi and Howrah Maidan in which some protesters as well as policemen were

injured.

Police lathicharged and used water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesters who threw stones and bricks at the security forces, and attempted to topple barricades blocking their way to the state secretariat.

"Why were we beaten by police? We did not break any law. We are holding a peaceful rally to demand justice for the deceased doctor. The chief minister should take responsibility and resign," said a woman protester.

Police said they had to take action after the agitators breached barricades at some locations and "attacked" security personnel. **PTI**

## Heavy rain continues to lash Rajasthan

**JAIPUR:** Heavy showers continued to lash parts of Rajasthan, where Bagidora recorded the highest rainfall of 202 mm in the last 24 hours, according to the India Meteorological Department. In the last 24 hours till 8.30 am on Tuesday, rain with thunderstorms were recorded at various places in western and eastern Rajasthan, it said. During this period, heavy rain occurred at some places in Jaipur, Udaipur, Banswara and Dungarpur districts and heavy to very heavy rain in Banswara and Dungarpur districts. Highest rainfall of 202 mm was recorded in Bagidora (Banswara), the IMD bulletin showed. According to the weather data, Salopet and Shergarh logged highest rainfall.

## SN Mishra Memorial award to meritorious students

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Award is offered by the organization every year in the memory of Late Surendra Nath Mishra.

**BHADRAK:** Surendra Nath Mishra Memorial Award function was organized in Korua Govindpur High School at Dhamnagar of Bhadrak District. The award is offered by the organization every year in memory of Late Surendra Nath Mishra, a humanist and education lover to the brilliant students, those who secure highest marks in the Annual HSC examination from this school. The award ceremony started after the lighting of the lamp and offering flowers to



Meritorious students receiving award. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

- Award function is hosted every year by the younger son Nihar Ranjan Mishra to encourage and inspire the meritorious student.

Lord Jagannath followed by Veda Mantra. Ramakanta Mallick, Headmaster of the School presided over the Award function. Appreciating the noble efforts of the sons of Late Mishra Chief Guest of the function Banikabi, Day-

nidhi Mishra narrated the contribution of Late Surendra Nath Mishra towards education and his society. Due to pro people attitude people was loving him and had become a most popular person of the area.

### APPEAL

## 'Jan Suraj' seeks Rs 100 donation to raise Rs 200 cr'

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**PATNA:** Political strategist turned activist Prashant Kishor on Tuesday exuded confidence about raising at least Rs 200 crore for Jan Suraj, tipped to become a political party in less than two months, through a system of "decentralised donations".

hopes to take the political landscape in Bihar by storm, disclosed his strategy here in reply to queries from journalists about his plans to shore up resources for the new party which will make its debut in assembly polls due next year.

"Funding is a question that seems to be weighing down on people's minds for long. Of

**I do hope that real socialism will find in Jan Suraj.**

**Prashant Kishor**  
Jan Suraj founder

course, unlike the established political parties, we cannot depend on generous donations

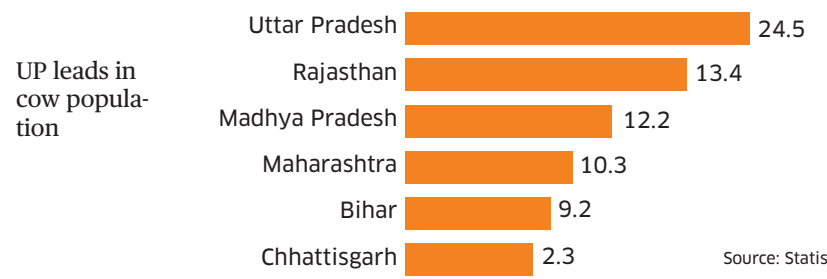


from the mafia involved in the illicit liquor trade and sand mining. So we will go for a system of decentralised donations," said Kishor.

He said the Jan Suraj will seek donations of a tiny amount of Rs 100 each from 2 crore people across the state and expressed confidence that they would readily oblige.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### STATE-WISE DATA ON COW POPULATION IN INDIA (IN MILLION)



### MISHAP

#### 41 'Govindas' injured during Dahi Handi celebrations in Mumbai

**MUMBAI:** At least 41 'Govindas', youngsters involved in the formation of multi-storeyed human pyramids as part of the 'Dahi Handi' celebrations, were injured in Mumbai on Tuesday, officials said. These injured Govindas were admitted to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)-run and private hospitals in the city for treatment, a civic official said. The Dahi Handi, part of the Janmashtami festival that marks the birth of Lord Krishna, is seeing enthusiastic participation by the revellers. The festival is being celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety in Mumbai and other parts of the state. As part of the celebrations, Govindas or Dahi Handi participants form multi-tiered human pyramids to break 'Dahi Handis' (claypots filled with curd) suspended in mid-air. Till 3 pm, 41 Govindas sustained injuries while attempting to form human pyramids in parts of the city, the civic official said. **PTI**

### RELIEF

#### Excise 'scam': Court issues release warrants for BRS leader K Kavitha



**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Tuesday issued release warrants for BRS leader K Kavitha in corruption and money laundering cases related to alleged Delhi excise policy scam. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja issued the order after being informed that the politician was granted bail earlier in the day by the Supreme Court in both the cases. The judge granted relief on a personal bond of Rs 10 lakh each in both the cases along with sureties. An apex court bench noted that Kavitha has been in custody for around five months and the probe against her by CBI. **PTI**



# Need to teach boys to respect women: Bombay HC

The court suggested setting up a committee to study the issue.

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**MUMBAI:** Boys need to be educated about gender equality and sensitised from a tender age, and their mindset needs to be changed as well, the Bombay High Court said on Tuesday while hearing a plea on the Badlapur sexual assault case.

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithiviraj Chavan, hearing a plea taken up suo motu (on its own), said male dominance and chauvinism persist in society, and hence, boys need to be taught from a young age about right and wrong behaviour.

The court suggested setting up a committee to study the issue and recommend rules and guidelines to be followed in schools to avoid such incidents.

Two four-year-old girls were allegedly sexually abused by an attendant at a school in Badlapur. The incident triggered protests, with the state government assuring strict action against the culprit.

The court reiterated its displeasure with the Badlapur police's initial handling of the probe and said the police ought to have shown some sensitivity.

The bench noted,



A view of Bombay High Court.

“One of the victim girls and her family were asked to come to the police station to record their statement.

The Badlapur police did not even attempt to record the statement at their house. There has been a serious lapse in the investigation by the Badlapur police.”

Maharashtra's Advocate General (AG) Birendra Saraf admitted to the lapse and said three police officers from the Badlapur police station have been suspended.

## Court for separate cell in FSL to probe sexual assault and rape cases

The court also sought to know if the CCTV footage from the school premises was retrieved and preserved.

Saraf said the hard disk has been retrieved and is being examined.

The court suggested a separate cell in the Forensic Science Laboratory to probe only sexual assault and rape cases, as this

would ensure that reports are submitted at the earliest.

The bench also expressed its displeasure with the fact that a male doctor had initially examined the victim girls.

It sought to know why the teacher did not inform the police about the alleged assault and only informed the school principal.

### HIGHLIGHT

• Court expressed displeasure with the Badlapur police's initial handling of the probe.

• Court asked why the teacher did not inform the police about the alleged assault.

## WRGs demand justice amidst rising sexual violence

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The outcry comes in the wake of shocking incidents of sexual violence from various parts of the country.

**NEW DELHI:** As a series of rape cases shock the nation, women's rights groups (WRGs) from across the country on Tuesday sought expeditious investigation and action, and demanded an end to sex crimes and gender-based violence.

The All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM), All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), All India Mahila Samskritik Sanghatan (AIMSS), All India Progressive Women's Association (AIPWA), Act Now for Harmony and Democracy (ANHAD), All India Feminist Alliance (ALIFA), AILAJ are among the 35 organisations who

have made the appeal.

The outcry comes in the wake of shocking incidents of sexual violence from various parts of the country including Kolkata, Manipur, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh, with the statement saying they are a grim reminder of the ongoing threat to women's safety in India. The immediate catalyst for this voice of protest is the alleged rape and murder of a 31-year-old medical practitioner at the RG Kar Hospital and Medical College in Kolkata. The case has drawn widespread condemnation, not only for the brutality of the crime but also for the subsequent “cover-up” by the institution and authorities, the statement said, criticising the response of elected representatives and government officials, accusing them of politicising these tragedies rather than ensuring justice.

## Mayawati re-elected BSP prez, to work for oppressed

Press Trust Of India

She was elected again to the top post unanimously at a special meeting of the BSP CEC and office bearers from all over the country.

**LUCKNOW:** The Bahujan Samaj Party is “not disappointed” after the recent electoral reverses and will continue to work for the oppressed, Mayawati said here Tuesday after her re-election as the party president.

She was elected again to the top post unanimously at a special meeting of the BSP Central Executive Committee (CEC) and office bearers from all over the country, a statement said.

The party had failed to win a single seat in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections.



BSP supremo Mayawati coming for the meeting at party office.

### FASTFACTS

• BSP to continue its efforts to secure better result in the future.

• She said, dalits or bahujans will have to learn to trust their own power.

“Despite electoral reverses, the BSP is not disappointed. It is stoutly pursuing the goal

and welfare principle of ‘Bahujan Hitaye and Bahujan Sukhaye’ (progress and prosperity of bahujans) on the strength of the bahujan samaj,” she said.

She also hit out at the Congress and the BJP, claiming the two national parties are not “true well-wishers of minorities and backward communities in the country.

“Like anti-Congres-

## Denied ticket, DPAP VP files nomination as Ind candidate

Press Trust Of India

DPAP released its first list of 13 candidates for the upcoming assembly elections on Sunday, the names of Azad's loyalists, Saroori and Jugal Kishore Sharma, were missing.

**JAMMU:** Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) vice president Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, who was denied ticket by the party, on Tuesday filed his nomination as an independent candidate from Inderwal seat in Kishtwar district and said he could not ignore the people's demand to contest the assembly elections.

The former minister, however, ruled out any differences with DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad, affirming that Azad would remain his leader.

While the DPAP released its first list of 13 candidates for the upcoming assembly elections on Sunday, the names of Azad's loyalists, Saroori and Jugal Kishore Sharma, were missing.

“I have filed nomination papers as an independent candidate from the Inderwal constituency. We have been working for the people of this region and will continue to do so. I acted on the decision of the people of Inderwal and could not

ignore their demand,” Saroori told reporters in Kishtwar.

Saroori, who has represented the Inderwal seat for four terms, emphasized that he had no differences with the party or its leader over the denial of the ticket.

### FASTFACTS

• Saroori said the people of the constituency urged him to contest as an independent candidate.

• He emphasized that he had no differences with the party or its leader over the denial of the ticket.

“I have no differences with Azad. He is my leader. I was compelled by the people to contest elections from Inderwal. They have assured me that we will win this election. I contested elections in 2002, 2008, and 2014 and won each time, thanks to the support of these people,” he said.

The DPAP leader said the people of the constituency urged him to contest as an independent candidate.

“I am ready to contest. The mandate belongs to the people, not anyone else,” he said.

Saroori lost his deposit in the 2024 parliamentary elections from Kathua-Udhampur seat.

### NEWSLINE

#### NEW DELHI

**Ramesh fires salvo at Env Ministry**



Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday hit back at the Environment Ministry's assertion that clearances for the Great Nicobar Island project were granted after careful consideration, saying the Environmental Impact Assessment study for it appears to have been primed to ensure its clearance in the form proposed by the NITI Aayog.

In a 10-page letter to Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ramesh said even if one were to accept the strategic and defence importance of the project, it would not preclude any discussion of its impact on the island's tribal communities and natural ecosystem.

#### PATNA

**Upendra Kushwaha elected to RS**

Former Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha and Supreme Court lawyer Manan Kumar Mishra were on Tuesday elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Bihar.

Kushwaha, who heads Rashtriya Lok Morcha, and BJP leader Mishra were candidates of the ruling NDA.

According to the Vidhan Sabha secretariat, they were declared elected unopposed after the deadline for the withdrawal of nomination papers ended as there were no other candidates for the two seats.

Both of them met Chief Minister Nitish Kumar after the results were declared.

In a post on X, Kushwaha wrote, “After being elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha today, I have once again got the opportunity to enter the prestigious Upper House of Parliament.

## Indelible mark on Indian TV

**NEW DELHI:** Tata Play brings another sought after offering - Tata Play Superhit Serials. Seeped in nostalgia, this new Value-Added Service will bring back the legendary shows of 2000s for the subscribers.

Powered by Star Plus, the service will feature the reruns of the channel's most popular shows that touched the hearts of millions and still holds a strong cult following.

The demand for such shows is considerable since they are no longer available on any TV channel.

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**परिवहन उप निरीक्षक (तकनीकी) (परिवहन विभाग) के संबंध में महत्वपूर्ण सूचना**

छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा विज्ञापन क्रमांक 09 / 2023 / परीक्षा / दिनांक 18.08.2023 के अंतर्गत परिवहन उप निरीक्षक (तकनीकी) (परिवहन विभाग) के रिक्त कुल 15 पदों हेतु विज्ञापन जारी किया गया है। उक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतु लिखित परीक्षा दिनांक 01 सितम्बर 2024 (रविवार) को जिला-रायपुर में आयोजित की जाएगी। उक्त परीक्षा की समय-सारिणी निम्नानुसार है :-

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### GROUND BREAKING RESEARCH INITIATIVE

## Kerala fights amoebic brain fever with new research

Press Trust Of India

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** In a bid to combat the deadly amoebic meningoencephalitis, also known as amoebic brain fever, Kerala has embarked on a groundbreaking research initiative, marking the first unified approach to tackling the disease in India.

As the initial step, a technical workshop was organised by the Kerala Health Department



**Need to find out why cases are increasing in state.**

**Veena George**  
Health Minister

Pondichery EV Institute, Indian Institute of Science, and Pollution Control Board.

Health Minister Veena George inaugurated the workshop. She said that Kerala will undertake research on amoebic meningoencephalitis.

“This will be the first such effort at the global level. When a cluster was formed in Thiruvananthapuram, we were able to detect the first case and subsequently identify other infected individuals. All of them are recovering,” the minister said.

In an official statement, the Health Department said the participants in the workshop praised Kerala's efforts.

George said the Health Department has decided to find out why cases are increasing in the state.

“Based on this, we have decided to launch research activities in collaboration with expert organisations like ICMR and the Indian Institute of Science,” the minister said.

According to their evaluation, the state's excellent measures were able to detect very rare diseases like amoebic meningoencephalitis early and save a few people from a disease with a mortality rate of 97 per cent.

The team extended full support to Kerala's efforts to prevent amoebic meningoencephalitis. Only 11 people worldwide have achieved recovery from the disease.



## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Never leave till tomorrow that which you can do today."

Benjamin Franklin ]

## Comment

## Global collaboration urged to combat M-Pox public health crisis

## OUR VIEW |

## Israel's reckless aggression puts Middle East on edge

Kamala Harris's recent pledge at the Democratic National Convention to support Israel's right to self-defense echoes a long-standing but increasingly problematic stance. While every nation has the right to defend itself, Israel's actions have repeatedly crossed the line into reckless aggression, pushing West Asia to the brink of a regional conflict that could spiral beyond Gaza. The recent pre-emptive strikes by Israel on alleged Hezbollah targets in Lebanon, justified by unproven claims of an imminent attack, are just the latest in a series of provocations that have escalated tensions in an already volatile region. The assassination of senior Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut, followed by the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, has further inflamed the situation. Israel's persistent belligerence, dangerously close to outright recklessness, is not receiving the international condemnation it deserves. The United Nations has only managed a tepid warning against further escalatory actions, while the United States, under both Biden and Trump, has largely turned a blind eye to Israel's provocations. Israel's actions have severely undermined efforts to resume negotiations for a truce and hostage release in Gaza. Lebanon, already crippled by political and economic crises, is now facing the prospect of another conflict with Israel, a far more challenging scenario than the 2006 war. The ongoing devastation in Gaza serves as a grim reminder of what unchecked military power can do, not just to a single region but to global peace. Israel's unyielding military aggression, driven by a paranoia that sees enemies everywhere, poses a grave threat to global security. The international community must act decisively to rein in Israel's overzealous actions before it's too late. The pressing question remains: who will take the necessary steps to curb Israel's dangerous trajectory and restore a semblance of stability to the region? The world cannot afford to ignore the growing risks of a broader conflict that could engulf multiple nations and destabilize the entire Middle East, leading to a humanitarian catastrophe of unprecedented scale.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Rising fear: The plight of Indian daughters today

The increasing incidents of crimes against women in India have created an environment of fear and anxiety, particularly among parents. The pervasive violence reported in the media—whether it's sexual harassment, domestic abuse, or dowry-related crimes—has left many questioning the safety of their daughters in a society where even public spaces, workplaces, and educational institutions are not secure. Educated young couples, who once dreamed of raising a family, now grapple with the harsh reality of bringing a girl child into such a hostile environment. The thought of their daughter potentially facing violence or molestation makes them reconsider parenthood altogether. For some, the fear of societal judgment and the inability to protect their child outweighs the desire to have children, leading them to prefer remaining childless. The situation seems grim, especially when those in power, including members of parliament and legislators, are themselves accused of crimes against women. The delayed justice system, as seen in cases like the Ajmer sex scandal, further erodes hope for change. It's time for every Indian to rise above divisions and collectively combat these atrocities before the gender imbalance worsens and society suffers further.



Dr. Manmohan Prakash

Monkeypox, now widely referred to as M-Pox, is spreading at an alarming rate. The virus has adapted with a new strain called clade-1B, making it a significant threat to public health, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The disease, which is virus-borne, has been escalating rapidly in the DRC and is now spreading to other regions, including Central and North African countries. The World Health Organization (WHO) has already recognized M-Pox as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern," and its "influence zone" is expanding daily, as noted by the London-based information agency "Airfinity."

Since January of this year, over 2,000 people in the Congo have been infected with M-Pox, and the death toll has exceeded 500.

This high mortality rate, particularly in a country like the Congo, which has very poor health infrastructure, raises concerns about the potential global impact of the disease.

The eastern Congo,

already devastated by ethnic riots, has little to no health infrastructure left to combat such outbreaks, making the region particularly vulnerable. Experts worry that this lack of infrastructure could allow M-Pox to spread uncontrollably, posing a significant risk to the rest of the world.

It would be a grave mistake to underestimate the destructive power of M-Pox due to these localized challenges. The global community must recognize that the virus is not confined to the DRC or even Africa—it has the potential to become a worldwide health crisis.

Therefore, a robust and immediate response is crucial. Governments around the world must prioritize strengthening M-Pox awareness programs.

Public education on the symptoms, transmission, and prevention of M-Pox should be a key focus, especially in countries that may soon find themselves dealing with outbreaks.

Additionally, strict health monitoring and necessary testing for individuals com-

ing from regions affected by M-Pox, particularly Africa, should be implemented. Such measures can help prevent the spread of the virus to other parts of the world. It's not just a matter of regional concern; M-Pox requires a coordinated global effort.

The "Africa Center for Disease Control" has already requested 1 million vaccines from the Congolese government, recognizing the urgent need to curb the spread of M-Pox.

However, the demand far exceeds the current supply. Fortunately, the Japanese government has stepped forward, pledging to supply 350,000 vaccines. While this is a positive development, it is only a small step toward addressing the much larger challenge. Scientists must focus on developing more effective vaccines that can adapt to the virus's rapid mutations.

The ability of M-Pox to change itself makes it a formidable foe, and only through continuous research and innovation can we stay ahead of its evolution.

The battle against M-Pox, like all viral diseases, begins

with the mobilization of public health systems. A comprehensive wartime effort at the primary level is essential, and this requires a fraction of the global GDP to implement effectively. It is imperative that all countries, regardless of their economic status, contribute to this fight. Wealthier nations should provide high-quality medicines, vaccines, and health infrastructure to economically disadvantaged countries. In return, these countries can offer valuable local knowledge, genetic sequences, and crucial information on the origins and spread of diseases.

This is not a fight that any one nation can win alone. The M-Pox crisis is a global issue, and it demands a united global response. Every country, rich or poor, must play its part in combating this virus. The stakes are high, and the consequences of inaction could be dire.

This is a fight for everyone—a shared, inevitable crisis that must be overcome through collective effort and determination. Together, we can and must win this battle against M-Pox.



Arka Goswami

## Strategic climate policy mix crucial for success

A comprehensive study reveals that merely increasing the number of climate policies is insufficient; the strategic combination of well-designed measures is crucial for effective emission reductions. *by PTI*



Climate policy efforts with a focus on renewable energy sources and collaboration.

Merely increasing the number of climate policies is not enough to achieve significant emission reductions; instead, it is the right mix of policy measures that proves crucial. This insight comes from a comprehensive study conducted by researchers who analyzed 1,500 policy interventions implemented between 1998 and 2022. The study, published in the journal *Science*, highlights 63 success cases that showcase effective combinations of policies, often involving less-studied approaches and innovative policy combinations.

The lead author, Nicolas Koch from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany, emphasized that no single policy tool, such as subsidies or regulations, can achieve substantial emission reductions on its own. Instead, when combined with price-based instruments like carbon and energy taxes, these policies become much more effective. For example, subsidies alone may encourage climate-friendly behaviors, but without the economic pressure from carbon taxes, the overall impact on emissions may be limited.

The research team examined climate policies across various sectors, including energy-related

codes, subsidies for climate-friendly products, and carbon taxes. To conduct their analysis, the researchers used a new database developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). This database represents the most comprehensive collection of climate policies worldwide to date, allowing the researchers to identify the most effective measures in achieving large-scale emission reductions.

The study revealed several key findings that can guide policymakers in their efforts to transition to climate neutrality. In the industrial sector, for instance, China's emissions trading systems

were found to significantly reduce emissions after a few years. This success was further supported by the reduction of fossil fuel subsidies and the introduction of stronger financial incentives for energy efficiency. These combined efforts created a more comprehensive approach to emission reduction, demonstrating the importance of a well-rounded policy mix.

In the electricity sector, the United Kingdom emerged as a standout example of successful emission reductions. The country achieved this through a combination of a minimum carbon price, subsidies for renewable energy, and a coal phase-out plan.

Together, these measures created a robust framework for reducing carbon emissions in the energy sector.

In the transportation sector, the United States demonstrated significant emission reductions through a mix of tax incentives, subsidies for low-emitting vehicles, and CO2 efficiency standards. Germany also achieved notable success in this area by implementing eco-tax reforms and truck tolls, further illustrating the importance of combining multiple policy tools to achieve desired outcomes.

One of the challenges in evaluating policy effectiveness is separating the impact of individual measures within

a complex policy mix. However, the study's 63 success cases provide systematic insights into how well-designed policy combinations can be tailored to specific sectors and the development levels of different countries. Lead author Annika Stechemesser from PIK noted that these findings are vital for supporting policymakers and society in the transition to climate neutrality.

The study also addresses a critical gap in the current debate around climate policies. Much of the focus in previous studies has been on a limited range of headline policies, such as carbon taxes or renewable energy mandates, while hundreds of other measures have been largely neglected. By systematically evaluating these often-overlooked policies, the researchers provide new insights into the most effective combinations of policy instruments.

To ensure the accessibility and utility of their findings, the researchers have made their results, analysis, and methods available to the public through an interactive website called the 'Climate Policy Explorer.' This tool allows policymakers, researchers, and the public to explore the study's findings in detail, offering valuable guidance on designing effective climate policies.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Belated but necessary action

Following the horrific sexual assault on two kindergarten girls in Badlapur, Maharashtra, the state government has mandated all schools, including private ones, to install CCTV cameras within a month. Cameras must be placed strategically, excluding washrooms, and failure to comply may result in revoked grants or school closure. School principals must review footage thrice weekly and report issues immediately. This move, though delayed, is crucial in enhancing school security and ensuring that the safety of students is prioritized.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

## Naxalism: A persistent challenge

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently reiterated that the Narendra Modi-led NDA government aims to eradicate Naxal violence by March 2026. However, Shah had earlier stated that efforts were underway to eliminate the Naxal menace before the 2024 elections. Naxalism, rooted in the 1967 Naxalbari uprising, has been fueled by factors such as forest mismanagement, failed tribal policies, and lack of land reforms. Despite government efforts to curb the movement through development and reforms, Naxalism remains a significant challenge. Only time will tell if Shah's promise will be fulfilled.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

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# Business



Euler Motors enters small CV segment.  
Saurav Kumar,  
Founder and CEO of Euler Motors.

## Pioneer car dashboard camera launch



Pioneer's Global CEO, Mobility AI & Connectivity Division and others during the launch of Pioneer's car dashboard camera, in New Delhi, Tuesday, Aug. 27.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### SCRAPPAGE CERTIFICATE

#### Auto majors to offer 1.5-3% discount on purchase of new vehicles

**NEW DELHI:** Ahead of the festive season, several passenger and commercial vehicle manufacturers have agreed to offer discounts of 1.5-3 per cent on new vehicle purchase against scrapped old vehicles after a meeting with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, an official statement said on Tuesday. The statement further said Mercedes Benz India has offered a flat discount of Rs 25,000, which will be over and above all existing discounts. Union Road Transport and Highways (RT&H) Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday chaired a meeting with the SIAM delegation at Bharat Mandapam, where he addressed pressing issues in the automobile industry. "During this interaction, responding positively to the advice of the minister RT&H and recognising the importance of Fleet Modernisation and Circular Economy, multiple Commercial Vehicle Manufacturers and multiple passenger vehicle manufacturers have agreed to offer discounts for a limited period against a certificate of deposit (Scrappage Certificate)," the statement said.

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	81,711.76	+0.02
Nifty	25,017.75	+0.03
Nifty, MidCap	59,220.25	+0.49
Nifty SmallCap	19,333.30	+1.05
Nifty Bank	51,278.75	+0.26

Closing rates as on August 27, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.90 (+)
Euro	93.71 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.77 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.84 (+)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On August 27, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	41,230.23	-0.03%
FTSE 100 Index	8,351.72	+0.29%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,288.62	+0.47%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,305.33	-0.57%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 27, 2024)

# India ranks 31st in JLL's Global Real Estate Index

JLL has released its 'Global Real Estate Transparency Index, 2024', which showed that India's tier-I markets have entered into the 'transparent' zone for the first time.

### Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Global property consultant JLL on Tuesday said that India's top real estate markets have entered into a 'transparent' zone for the first time, driven by institutionalisation of commercial assets and improvement in data access. JLL has released its 'Global Real Estate Transparency Index, 2024', which showed that India's tier-I markets have entered into the 'transpar-

ent' zone for the first time with a composite score of 2.44. India ranks 31st in the list of 89 countries.

The consultant noted that "India has made a remarkable leap forward in JLL's Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2024, reaching the transparent tier for the first time".

This progress is a result of institutionalisation in the commercial market and improved access to diverse real estate data sets, it said.

### NUMBER

# 2.44

● India ranks 31st in the list of 89 countries.

● India is leading the global front in enhancing transparency.

"India is the top global improver in the 2024 index, making significant strides in transaction processes

and market fundamentals," JLL said, the country is leading the global front in enhancing transparency, with expanded data coverage and improved data quality across various property sectors. There are 13 countries featured in the high-transparency zone. The United Kingdom is at the top (with a score of 1.24) in the global list, followed by France, the United States, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand,

Ireland, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Belgium and Singapore.

Finland leads 22 countries that figure in the 'transparent' zone, followed by Hong Kong SAR, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Poland, Norway, Czech Republic, Luxembourg, Hungary, Portugal, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, UAE-Dubai, South Africa, China-Tier 1, India-Tier 1, Thailand, Malaysia, Romania and Slovakia.

### | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING |

## Maruti reports 'small delay' in finalizing site for new units

### Press Trust Of India

**Maruti Suzuki's belief that low cost and small cars are necessary in India's economic and social conditions**

**NEW DELHI:** Maruti Suzuki India is facing "a small delay" in finalising the site to set up a new plant with an annual capacity of 10 lakh units although the upcoming plant at Kharkhoda in Haryana is on track to start production by 2025-26, company Chairman RC Bhargava said on Tuesday.

Addressing shareholders at the company's annual general meeting, Bhargava also reiterated Maruti Suzuki's belief that low cost and small cars are necessary in India's economic and social conditions and a



R C Bhargava Chairman Maruti Suzuki India Limited.

### FACTFILE

● Small delay has taken place in finalising the site for a new one million unit expansion.

temporary setback in demand is not going to change its strategy, while hoping that small car demand will revive in the next two years.

"Our programme for expanding production is

proceeding as scheduled, cars produced in the Kharkhoda plant will add to our sales in FY25-26. A small delay has taken place in finalising the site for a new one million unit expansion. We are making our best efforts to come to a quick decision in this matter," Bhargava said. In January this year at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, Suzuki Motor Corporation President Toshihiro Suzuki

had announced that the company's Indian arm Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) will invest Rs 35,000 crore to set up its second manufacturing facility in Gujarat with an installed production capacity of 10 lakh units per annum.

In 2022, the company had announced setting up of a new plant at Kharkhoda with an installed peak capacity of 10 lakh units per annum at an investment of Rs 18,000 crore. This is the company's third plant in Haryana. On entry level cars, he said, "We firmly believe that low cost and small cars are necessary in our economic and social conditions. A temporary setback in demand is not going to change our strategy." He further said, "We are waiting that in the next year (or) two years, the small car market will revive.

## GDP growth to decline to 7.1 pc for June qtr

**MUMBAI:** Economists at the country's largest lender SBI on Monday joined other watchers forecasting a slip in the economic growth and estimated India's real GDP growth to come at 7.1 per cent for the June quarter. The economists said the growth in gross value added (GVA) will fall below 7 per cent to 6.7-6.8 per cent for the April-June period this fiscal when compared to the year-ago period. "As per our 'Nowcasting Model', the forecasted GDP growth for Q1 FY25 would be 7.0-7.1 per cent, and GVA is at 6.7-6.8 per cent with a downward bias," the economists said. It can be noted that the real GDP growth had come at 7.8 per cent in the June quarter last year and the preceding March quarter. A slew of analysts have been pointing to a moderation in economic activity in the June quarter, mainly driven by softer manufacturing and lower government spending due to the general elections.

### | FOR DELIVERY ASSOCIATES |

## Amazon India launches 'Project Ashray' to setup rest

### Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** As part of its unwavering commitment to support the wellbeing of Delivery Associates, Amazon India announced the launch of 'Project Ashray'. Through this program, drivers across entire logistic industry will get access to rest-points at strategic locations, in cities like Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, and Mum-

bai. In collaboration with the Udyasa Foundation, the initial pilot project will establish five Ashray centers at high-footfall locations, with the first Ashray center being inaugurated by Michiko Miyamoto, India Country Director at International Labour Organisation, at Boulevard, Malibu Town, Sector 47, Gurugram.

"At Amazon, we are committed to maintaining



industry-leading infrastructure and best practices to enhance the on-road experience for delivery associates. 'Project Ashray' is a significant part of our

broader efforts to improve driver experience and well-being. By providing dedicated rest points with essential amenities, we aim to ensure that all delivery associates, whether with Amazon or other companies, have the best possible and most comfortable environment while they work," said Abhinav Singh, Vice President - Operations, Amazon India.

### How the markets behave today?

#### Markets settle almost flat in volatile trade; Nifty hits lifetime high



**MUMBAI:** Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended on a flat note after a volatile session on Tuesday due to the emergence of profit-taking near record high levels amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine. The NSE gauge, however, hit a new lifetime peak of 25,017.

According to traders, profit booking in metal, consumer durable and FMCG shares negated gains in telecom, teck and IT stocks. After oscillating between highs and lows, the 30-share BSE Sensex eked out a marginal gain of 13.65 points or 0.02 per cent to settle at 81,711.76 - its sixth consecutive session of rise. During the day, it hit a high of 81,919.11 and a

low of 81,600.51. The NSE Nifty ended almost flat, up 7.15 points or 0.03 per cent, at 25,017.75 -- its ninth straight session of gains.

"The domestic market witnessed profit-booking near record highs. While the positive expectations regarding a potential rate cut by the Fed in September remain, the recent geopolitical tensions and rising crude oil prices have made investors cautious amid high valuations.

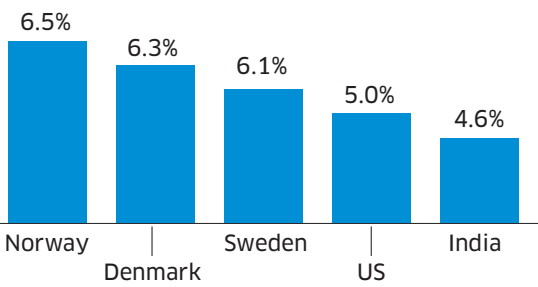
Major Gainers: Bajaj Finserv, Maruti, Larsen & Toubro, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Axis Bank and ICICI Bank.

Major Losers: Hindustan Unilever, JSW Steel, Titan, NTPC and Tata Motors.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(% of GDP)

#### GLOBAL EDUCATION SPENDING BY COUNTRY IN 2022



### NEW LAUNCH

#### Samsung aims to lead premium washing machine segment

**NEW DELHI:** Consumer Electronics maker Samsung India on Tuesday launched a new range of AI-powered washing machines and aims to be the market leader in the premium segment in the coming quarters, said a company official on Tuesday. The company, which currently holds around 20 per cent of the washing machine market, has "an objective of becoming a consumer leader" by gaining market share quarter-on-quarter, outpacing the industry growth, said Samsung India Senior Director, Digital Appliances, Saurabh Baishakhia. Samsung expects new launches, the ongoing trend of premiumisation in the appliances segment and the coming festive season this year and tailwind from attractive financing schemes breaking down acquisition costs will help it gain in the segment and claim market leadership, he said. "We have 20 per cent market share and are looking further improving it.

### BULLION MARKET

#### Gold climbs Rs 550 to Rs 74,350 per 10 gm; silver rallies Rs 1,200



**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices climbed Rs 550 to Rs 74,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday on the back of fresh demand from local jewellers. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 73,800 per 10 grams in the previous session on Friday. Silver prices also rallied Rs 1,200 to Rs 88,200 per kilogram on Tuesday from Rs 87,000 per kg in the previous close, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also jumped Rs 550 to Rs 74,000 per 10 grams.

"I was gonna leave because I thought I couldn't do the overly mainstream cinema as it used to be in the 1990s. Then I saw 'Satya', and it garnered such a great response. I felt, 'Oh now this has become a big hit'".

**Kay Kay Menon**  
Actor



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## OIT Watch



### Terence Lewis: Master of the impossible

In the latest India's Best Dancer 4 promo, Terence Lewis, Karisma Kapoor, Anurag Basu, Geeta Kapur, and Jay Bhanushali groove to Bobby Deol's song Jamal Kudu. Terence balanced a cup on his head while Karisma struggled with hers.



### Shekhar Ravjiani: A journey of music and mentorship

On Aapka Apna Zakir, hosted by Zakir Khan, guests Neeti Mohan, Jubin Nautiyal, and Shekhar Ravjiani joined. Shekhar revealed being rejected as a contestant before later becoming a judge.



### Zach Braff's return to Sacred Heart

Actor Zach Braff is optimistic about a Scrubs reboot, citing potential deals between Disney and Warner Bros. Braff, who played Dr. John Michael Dorian, expressed excitement about reuniting with co-stars if it happens.



### Sheen teases a climatic finale for Good Omens

Michael Sheen assures fans that the third and final season of Good Omens, still in development, will be a deeply satisfying conclusion. He praised the incredible and emotional fan reaction to season two's finale.



### Virgin River: Love, drama, and more

As autumn approaches, fans eagerly await Virgin River Season 6. The season finale brought major twists: Mel's reunion with her father, Charmaine's twins, and Jack's surprise puppy. Release is anticipated late 2024 or early 2025.

CLOSE UP

## Shraddha Kapoor: India's second most followed actress on Instagram

In a recent survey conducted to check which are some of the top celebrities being followed in India, shows that Shraddha Kapoor has leapt past Priyanka Chopra in the following count and has become the 2nd most followed Indian celebrity on the platform.

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Shraddha Kapoor's success streak continues to achieve heights and the actress has now surpassed Priyanka Chopra to become the second-most-followed Indian on Instagram.

Shraddha Kapoor is riding high on a wave of success, not only with her recent blockbuster *Stree 2* but also on Instagram, where she has just surpassed Priyanka Chopra to become the second most-followed Indian celebrity. As of August 24, 2024, Shraddha's follower count is a staggering 92,003,332, nudging out Priyanka's 91,846,800, though Virat Kohli still leads with a phenomenal 270 million followers. This achievement propels Shraddha to the top of Instagram's Indian celebrity list, making her the most-followed woman and the leading Bollywood star on the platform. Her rising popularity comes on the heels of the massive success of *Stree 2*, which is swiftly approaching the 500-crore mark. Directed by Amar Kaushik, this latest addition to the Maddock Supernatural Universe features exciting cameos by Varun Dhawan and Akshay Kumar, and showcases a stellar cast including Pankaj Tripathi and Aparshakti Khurana. Reflecting on her journey, Shraddha has expressed deep gratitude for her audience's support.



Stree 2's Shraddha surpasses Priyanka, Alia, and others in this feat



### New Instagram leader

The Instagram leaderboard also includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi at fourth with 91.3 million followers and Alia Bhatt at fifth with 85.2 million. With Katrina Kaif, Deepika

Padukone, and Neha Kakkar also in the mix, and Salman Khan leading as the most-followed male actor, it's clear that Instagram remains a vibrant stage for India's biggest stars.

| BOLLYWOOD |

## Rasika Dugal seeks to embody the iconic Meera Kumari

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Actress Rasika Dugal, recently honoured with the Diversity Champion award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne, has shared her aspirations to portray iconic figures from Indian history on screen. After expressing her desire to play the celebrated poet and novelist Amrita Pritam, Rasika has now revealed her interest in bringing the legendary actress Meena Kumari to life. In a recent interview, Rasika discussed her fascination with biopics and the challenge of portraying individuals who are already



well-known. "Playing someone who is widely recognized and has a distinct public image is both exciting and daunting," she said. Rasika's long-standing wish to

Rasika recently received the Diversity Champion award at the 15th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

### HIGHLIGHT

After expressing her desire to portray poet and novelist Amrita Pritam in a film, actress Rasika Dugal said that she would also want to bring late star Meena Kumari's life on screen.

and illustrious career continues to captivate audiences. The Diversity Champion award has been a significant milestone for Rasika, offering validation for her unconventional career choices.

## CineBriefs

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Bollywood

### Wedding crashers of the underworld

As the release date for *A Wedding Story* approaches, anticipation mounts for this supernatural-horror film hitting theatres on August 30, 2024. Directed by Abhinav Pareek, the film merges wedding joy with chilling horror. The trailer reveals a celebration unravelling into a nightmarish ordeal as unsettling events plague both families. With the tagline "Death is near and it's closer than you think," the film promises a spine-tingling experience. Starring Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Mukti Mohan, Lakshvir Singh Saran, Monica Chaudhary, and Akshay Anand, and produced by Vinay Reddy and Shubho Shekhar Bhattacharjee, *A Wedding Story* is set to redefine horror with its eerie, suspenseful narrative.

Web Series

### Munjya: A streaming success story

*Munjya*, the horror-comedy starring Sharvari Wagh and Abhay Verma, captivated audiences when it hit theatres on June 7, 2024. Directed by Dinesh Vijan, the film was a box-office success and has now arrived for streaming on Disney+ Hotstar as of August 25, 2024. Sharvari Wagh expressed her excitement and gratitude for the film's positive reception, reflecting on the overwhelming support from audiences for her second release. She emphasized how crucial each hit is for career growth and appreciated the industry's support. *Munjya* is part of Vijan's Maddock Supernatural Universe, with Abhay Verma's acclaimed performance also earning praise.

### The bollywood hot pair

### Taapsee Pannu: Why I don't watch my husband's matches



After keeping her love life private for years, Taapsee Pannu married Danish badminton player Mathias Boe in March 2024. Although they dated for over a decade, Taapsee rarely attended Mathias' matches, finding the fast-paced nature of badminton too stressful to watch. The actress recently accompanied Mathias to

the Paris Olympics, where he was a coach for the Indian mixed doubles team. "This might be the last Olympics Mathias is part of, so I decided to seize the opportunity," Taapsee revealed. She admitted that she avoided his earlier tournaments because every point in badminton stressed her out.

Fashion

### Vidya Balan's elegant Onam look

Vidya Balan has once again dazzled with her love for traditional sarees. As Onam 2024 approaches, she embraced the festive spirit early in a stunning white and gold Kasavu saree. This elegant piece from Pichakam features intricate meenakari peacock motifs and a unique ganga jamuna border, enhanced by festive gold zari lines running through the pallu.



## Trending on Insta



### @parineetichopra The fitness frenzy of Parineeti Chopra

Actress Parineeti Chopra, praised for her role in *Amar Singh Chamkila*, is contemplating a return to the gym. She shared a photo dump on Instagram of herself in sportswear, captioned, "Got a reminder to go workout."

### @nehasharmaofficial Neha Sharma finds joy in the Windy City

Actress Neha Sharma is enjoying a US vacation and shared her Chicago moments on Instagram. She posted a video of herself blowing out a candle on a dessert, captioned, "Celebrating life I guess."



“How do we truly measure a life? Is it measured in the milestones or those fleeting moments that quietly slip by, only to be remembered later? Maybe it’s in the anniversaries that come around each year, like an old friend who never fails to visit you.”

Saira Banu  
Actress



# Bella



Women can suffer from varicose veins during menopause.

WOMEN AND VARICOSE VEINS

## Varicose Veins: Finding relief from unsightly and painful veins

With the onset of menopause, many women get caught in the dilemma of having to deal with varicose veins which are sometimes quite painful and affect physical health as well.

Varicose veins are more than just a cosmetic concern they impact nearly 60% of women globally and can significantly affect daily life. These unsightly, bulging veins, often found in the legs and feet, occur when the valves inside the veins become weak or damaged. Normally, these valves act like one-way doors, pushing blood back toward the heart. When they fail, blood pools in the veins, causing them to swell and twist. Why are women more prone to this condition? Hormonal changes from puberty, pregnancy, and menopause can weaken vein walls and valves, making them more susceptible to



varicose veins. Furthermore, factors like prolonged standing, sitting, obesity, and a sedentary lifestyle exacerbate the problem. The discomfort associated with varicose veins extends beyond their appearance. Symptoms include aching, heaviness, and even throbbing in the affected areas. In severe cases, complications such

**HIGHLIGHT**

● **Varicose veins tend to get worse over time if left untreated. So women of menopausal age should take care of their vein health and consult a doctor at the earliest sign of varicosities**



as skin ulcers or blood clots can develop, making early intervention crucial.

Thankfully, there are effective strategies to manage and prevent varicose veins. Regular exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, and elevating your legs can alleviate symptoms and prevent worsening. For those already dealing with varicose veins, treatments such as compression stockings, sclerotherapy, or laser therapy offer relief and improve the appearance of affected veins. Addressing varicose veins is vital not only for enhancing appearance but also for improving overall comfort and well-being.

## Cheese: Your secret weapon for strong bones



Want stronger bones? Adding a slice of cheese to your diet could help! Cheese is rich in calcium and vitamin D, essential nutrients for maintaining bone health and preventing osteoporosis. Calcium supports bone density, while vitamin D enhances calcium absorption. Beyond bone benefits, cheese also provides high-quality protein, which supports muscle health and overall strength. It's a tasty way to boost your daily intake of essential nutrients. However, balance is key; enjoy cheese in moderation as part of a diverse diet. For optimal bone health, combine it with other calcium-rich foods and regular exercise.

**Myth or Truth: The nutritional battle: Chilled vs. Boiled potatoes**

There's a common belief that chilled potatoes are less healthy than boiled ones, but the truth is quite the opposite. When potatoes are boiled and then cooled, they develop resistant starch, a type of fibre that resists digestion. This resistant starch can help regulate blood sugar levels and improve gut health, offering benefits beyond those provided by

hot, freshly boiled potatoes. While both methods of preparation retain essential vitamins and minerals, chilling boiled potatoes enhances their health profile by increasing their fibre content. So, not only are chilled potatoes nutritious, but they also provide additional health benefits, making them a valuable part of a balanced diet.

| FASHION |

## Effortless Elegance: Makeup hacks for the modern woman

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In today's fast-paced world, busy women need makeup hacks that deliver dazzling results in minutes. Transform your morning routine with these quick and easy tips that ensure you look effortlessly fabulous, even on the tightest schedule. Start with a multitasking hero like a tinted moisturizer with SPF. It combines coverage, hydration, and sun protection in one step, giving you a flawless base without the fuss. Follow with a primer to smooth your skin and boost makeup longevity, cutting down on the need for heavy foundation.



Streamline your morning routine with these quick makeup tips

For a radiant glow, mix a drop of liquid highlighter into your foundation or moisturizer. This simple trick instantly brightens

your complexion, eliminating the need for additional highlighter. When concealing, choose a concealer that matches your

skin tone and apply it with your fingertips for a seamless blend, perfect for covering under-eye circles and blemishes. Well-de-

**HIGHLIGHT**

Here are some quick and easy makeup hacks that will help you pull off a flawless look in no time, so you can tackle the day ahead feeling confident and fabulous.

lined brows can make a huge impact. Use a tinted brow gel to shape and fill them in quickly, framing your face beautifully. For eyeliner, opt for a dark eye-shadow applied with an angled brush. It's an effortless way to achieve a softer, blendable look without the precision of liquid liner.

## DivaDazzle

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**Celebs**

### Berry good vibes: Priyanka Chopra's wedding look

Priyanka Chopra Jonas dazzled at her brother Siddharth Chopra's wedding festivities in Mumbai, donning a stunning custom Manish Malhotra saree. The OG Desi Girl turned heads in a deep berry-hued drape that perfectly showcased Malhotra's design prowess. Her ensemble, aptly described as 'Peeceelicious Berrylicious' by stylist Ami Patel, featured intricate 3D embroidery in a tone-on-tone pattern, complementing her 3D embroidered blouse. Adding a touch of opulence, Priyanka paired the look with Bvlgari jewelry, including a choker and layered necklace with pearls, rubies, and diamonds. Her retro high messy bun and bold lip, styled by Florian Hurel and Uday Shirali, respectively, completed this glamorous wedding season look.

**Achiever**

### A moment of recognition for Sanya Malhotra

Sanya Malhotra's heartfelt moment at the Melbourne Indian Film Festival was nothing short of magical. Attending the screening of her film Mrs, the actress was deeply moved when she received a standing ovation for her compelling performance. On Instagram, Sanya expressed her gratitude: "Thank you all for the incredible response and the standing ovation for Mrs last night at the Indian Film Festival Melbourne. Your support means the world to us. This film is a labor of love, and we're thrilled it resonated with you. A huge thanks to my amazing team—this wouldn't have been possible without your talent and dedication."

*The Inspirors*

### A journey of resilience: Shraddha Kapoor's inspiring story



Shraddha Kapoor, despite her lineage in the film industry, faced numerous rejections and setbacks early in her career. Her journey wasn't a smooth ride; she lost many projects and faced criticism, proving that even in a film family, success isn't guaranteed. However, Shraddha's resilience and unwavering dedication transformed her career. Through

relentless hard work and determination, she steadily built her reputation, capturing audiences with her diverse roles and charming presence. Today, her perseverance has paid off, making her the second most-followed celebrity on Instagram. Her story is a powerful reminder that success comes through grit and relentless passion.

**Wellness**

### The midlife fibroid dilemma: Causes and consequences

Uterine fibroids are increasingly affecting middle-aged women, and the reasons behind this trend are both intriguing and concerning. As women transition into perimenopause, hormonal shifts, particularly elevated oestrogen levels, significantly contribute to the growth of these non-cancerous tumours. Oestrogen stimulates fibroid development, making this stage of life especially vulnerable. Lifestyle factors such as obesity, poor diet, and lack of exercise can worsen the situation, compounding the risk. Genetics also play a role—women with a family history of fibroids are at higher risk themselves.



## Divas on Insta

@malaikaaroraofficial

### Malaika Arora

Bollywood diva Malaika Arora shared her perfect Sunday on Instagram, featuring a 'hot cuppa joe' and lots of laughter. Her post included photos of her enjoying coffee, hiding behind her hair, and giggling joyfully.



@tamannaahspeaks

### Tamannaah Bhatia

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia shared a candid moment on Instagram, posting a video of herself looking grumpy in a green striped outfit while sitting in the backseat of her car. Simple joys, indeed!





A lack of quality backup is eroding the strength of the Pakistan Cricket test squad.

Mohsin Naqvi  
PCB Chairman

# India eye record haul with largest ever contingent in fray

What has fuelled this ambition is the size of the contingent and the exceptional performances in the past one year.

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India is competing in 12 sports this time, as against nine by a 54-member team in Tokyo.

**PARIS:** Battered by life but not beaten by its many challenges, an 84-strong contingent of Indian para-athletes, the largest ever in the country's history and a heady mix of youth and experience, would be eyeing an unparalleled gold rush when the Paralympic Games begin here on Wednesday.

India won a record 19 medals, including five gold, in the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021 for a 24th-place finish in the overall rankings. Three years on, the country's target is more than 25 medals with a double-digit haul in gold.

What has fuelled this ambition is the size of the contingent and the exceptional performances in the past one year.

India won a record 111 medals, including 29 gold, at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games last year.

This was followed by unprecedented success at the World Para Athletics Championships in May where the country snared 17 medals, including half a dozen gold for a sixth-place finish in the



Indian contingents for the Paris Paralympics depart, in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

## HIGHLIGHT

• Several medal winners in Hangzhou are in this Paralympics team, including top stars like world record-holding javelin thrower Sumit Antil (F64) and rifle shooter Avani Lekhara (10m Air Rifle Standing SH1).

overall standings.

The Games, as much a celebration of sporting skills as human endurance, club athletes with similar functional abil-

ities in terms of movement, coordination and balance into various classifications. The "degree and nature of their eligible impairments" decide these groups.

For India, the para-athletics team has been a major medal giver in the past and this time too, it is expected to be the biggest contributor with as many as 38 names in fray.

Other top medal contenders include the likes of para-archer Sheetal Devi, who shoots with her legs as she was born without arms, landmine

blast survivors Hokato Sema (shot putter) and Narayana Konganapalle (rower) and several other accident amputees.

Shooter Manish Narwal and shuttler Krishna Nagar are also among those who would be looking to defend their gold medals won in Tokyo.

Antil, whose left leg was amputated owing to an accident when he was 17, had also won gold in the para world championships in May and he is hoping to cross the 75m mark in Paris at the same venue where his

able-bodied counterpart Neeraj Chopra won an Olympic silver earlier this month.

Lekhara was the best performer in Tokyo with one gold and a bronze and one of the two athletes to win two medals, the other being Singharaj Adhana (silver and bronze). Adhana, however, could not make the current team. Lekhara was the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold medal. She is now primed to join the club of three medal winners in the Paralympics.

## Briefs

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### BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

**Rutuparna-Swetaparna pair exits in opening round of Korea Open**

**SEOUL:** The Indian pair of Rutuparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda bowed out in the opening round of the women's doubles event at the Korea Open badminton tournament after suffering a straight-game loss, here on Tuesday.

The Panda sisters lost 18-21 5-21 against the Chinese Taipei combination of Hsieh Pei Shan and Hung En-Tzu in a match that lasted just 37 minutes. The women's doubles have three other Indians - Aakarshi Kashyap, Malvika Bansod and Ashmita Chaliha - in fray.

While Aakarshi will take on Line Christophersen of Denmark in the opening round, Malvika and Ashmita will be up against another Dane Højmark Kjærskeldt and Thailand's Pornpawee Chouw Wong in their respective tournament opening clashes on Wednesday. **PTI**

### TENNIS

**Sumit Nagal ousted from US Open by Griekspoor in opening round**



**NEW YORK:** India's top player Sumit Nagal crashed out of the US Open, the last Grand Slam of the season, after suffering a straight-set defeat against Dutch player Tallon Griekspoor in the opening round here. Nagal struggled with his first serve, winning only 61 percent of those points to lose 1-6 3-6 6-7(8) to Griekspoor, who won 87 percent of his first serve points, on Monday night. Nagal broke his rival twice while the Dutchman converted six of his 11 break chances in the two hour and 20-minute contest. **PTI**

### IPL retention

**Seeking retention, KL Rahul meets LSG owner Goenka**



**NEW DELHI:** The last season didn't end on a happy note but senior India batter KL Rahul has expressed his intentions about being retained to Lucknow Super Giants owner Sanjiv Goenka although no such assurances have been given by the top boss.

Rahul led LSG to play-offs in the first two IPL seasons, but it was widely believed that Gautam Gambhir's strategic acumen had a lot to do with it rather than his leadership, which got thoroughly exposed in the third season. "Yes, Rahul came to Kolkata and met Dr Goenka at RPG head office. He has clearly told Dr Goenka that he wants to be retained. However, till

BCCI comes up with retention policy, LSG management wouldn't want to chalk out their plans," an IPL Governing Council member, privy to developments in LSG, told PTI on the condition of anonymity. "Look, Rahul wants retention but till LSG knows how many are to be retained and what's the new purse, they can't commit anyone," the IPL source said. The LSG management was unavailable for a comment.

Last year, Rahul's animated conversation with Goenka, after a heavy defeat against Sunrisers Hyderabad, went viral although lot of people later called it a "frank discussion between owner and skipper". **PTI**

## Taarini Suri clinches double badminton crowns

**MUMBAI:** Taarini Suri from Mumbai clinched girls' doubles and mixed doubles titles in the Kotak India Junior U-19 International Badminton tournament, held in Hyderabad. The tournament was held at the Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad.

The 17-year-old Taarini, who trains at the Cricket Club of India under Hufri Nariman, teamed up with Shravani Walekar to beat the Indonesian combination of Keyla Putri and Micha Wardoyo 21-10, 21-15 in the girls' doubles final. Taarini and Bhavya Chhabra then produced an upset against the top seeded Attawut Sreepaew and Pannawee Polyiam of Thailand 21-13, 19-21, 21-14 in the mixed doubles final.

## Indisposed Siraj ruled out, Jadeja allowed more rest

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The first round of the Duleep Trophy, comprising two matches, will be held from September 5-8 with India A taking on India B.

**MUMBAI:** Seamer Mohammed Siraj will miss the Duleep Trophy's first round games due to illness while veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been allowed an extended period of rest by the BCCI's national selection committee, which announced a few changes to the participating squads on Tuesday.

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Mohammed Siraj is suffering from an illness and is not expected to be fit in time.

India B at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru and India C facing off against India D at the Rural Development Trust Stadium A in Ananthapur. Siraj, who was a part of India's last away assignment in Sri Lanka, along with Umran Malik have both been ruled out of

the first round games and have been replaced by Navdeep Saini and Gaurav Yadav respectively. "Both Siraj and Malik are suffering from an illness and are not expected to be fit in time for their Duleep Trophy fixtures," the BCCI informed in a release. "All-rounder

### REVISED SQUADS:

• India A: Shubman Gill (c), Mayank Agarwal, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel (wk), KL Rahul, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Tanush Kotian, Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kumar Kushagra, Shaswat Rawat.

Ravindra Jadeja has also been released from the Team B squad," the board added.

Jadeja was last seen in action in the T20 World Cup final in June against South Africa and was rested from the ODI series in Sri Lanka.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### MOST FIFTIES IN ICC TEST CRICKET

Sachin Tendulkar	68
S Chanderpaul	66
Joe Root	64
Allan Border	63
Rahul Dravid	63

Source: Olympic.org

### SOCCER

**Nigeria hires German coach Bruno Labbadia in a bid to get WC qualifying**

**LAGOS (NIGERIA):** Nigeria hired German coach Bruno Labbadia on Tuesday to lead the men's national soccer team in a bid to get its flagging World Cup qualifying campaign back on track. "The appointment is with immediate effect," said Mohammed Sanusi, the general secretary of the Nigeria Football Federation. The 58-year-old Labbadia has been out of work since April 2023 when he was fired by Stuttgart after failing to arrest its slide to the bottom of the Bundesliga. Nigeria is second from bottom in its 2026 World Cup qualifying group after failing to win any of its opening four games. The Super Eagles drew 1-1 with both Lesotho and Zimbabwe in November last year before Portuguese coach José Peseiro led the team to the final of the Africa Cup of Nations. Nigeria lost the final to the host nation Ivory Coast in February. **PTI**

### CRICKET

**Pakistan slip to eighth spot in World Test Championship**



**DUBAI:** Pakistan have slipped to eighth in the World Test Championship standings following their 10-wicket loss to Bangladesh and a subsequent over rate penalty in the series-opener in Rawalpindi. With 16 points and a winning percentage of 22.22 after six games, Pakistan languish in the second last position in the standings ahead of the West Indies. Bangladesh, who recorded their maiden Test win against Pakistan on Sunday, are seventh in the standings with 21 points, having won two out of their five games thus far. **PTI**

### SOCCER

## 'Tonali at 'next stage' of career ahead of return'

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**NEWCASTLE:** Sandro Tonali is set to make his return for Newcastle on Wednesday after a 10-month ban for breaching betting rules, with Newcastle Eddie Howe saying the Italy midfielder feels "at the next stage" of his career. Tonali joined Newcastle from AC Milan in



the offseason of 2023 but only played 12 games before he was handed a

**I'm sure he's done all of those things and now he's doing what he loves and that will be an incredible release for him.**

Eddie Howe  
Newcastle Manager

long suspension by the Italian soccer federation in October for betting on Milan and another Italian club, Brescia, when he played for those teams.

An independent regulatory commission also sanctioned Tonali with an extra two-month ban that was suspended until the end of this season. The 10-month suspen-

sion ends late Tuesday, enabling Tonali to be available for Newcastle's League Cup match at Nottingham Forest the following day.

Howe said Tonali would be in the squad provided he isn't injured in the final training session Tuesday and said the midfielder will experience a range of emotions.

# Sports News



Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur in action. | Photo: File



Team India players celebrates during the match. | Photo: File

## Harmanpreet to lead tried and tested bunch

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Barring Uma Chetry, all the squad members who were part of an unsuccessful Asia Cup campaign in July have been retained for the marquee event beginning in the UAE from October 3.

**NEW DELHI:** India on Tuesday named a tried and tested squad for the Women's T20 World Cup under the leadership of Harmanpreet Kaur, hoping the experienced bunch takes the team to an elusive ICC trophy.

Barring Uma Chetry, all the squad members who were part of an unsuccessful Asia Cup

### India's squad for T20 World Cup:

Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk)\*, Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil\*, Sajana Sajeevan.

campaign in July have been retained for the marquee event beginning in the UAE from October 3. The competition was shifted to the UAE from Bangladesh following unrest in the South Asian nation owing to a students' protest.

Shreyanka had fractured her finger during the Asia Cup game against Pakistan while Bhatia is recovering from a knee injury.

Following the loss to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final, Kaur will be under

pressure to lead her team to the coveted title. The men were finally to able get the monkey off their back and win an ICC title after an 11 year gap back in June.

The women, who too have all the resources at their disposal, would be expected to cross the finishing line on this occasion. Kaur first captained the team in the 2018 edition and since then India have reached one final but it has largely been a story of missed opportunities. Their biggest chal-

### FASTFACTS

● Star batter Smriti Mandhana has been named Kaur's deputy and like always will be the key at the top of the order.

● Spin all-rounder Shreyanka Patil and top-order batter Yastika Bhatia have been included in the squad subject to fitness.

enge will be to beat Australia as usual. Both teams are in the same group which also includes Pakistan and Sri Lanka. On expected lines, the squad is loaded with spinners including Deepti Sharma, Asha Sobhana and Radha Yadav. The two specialist

pacers are Renuka Singh and Arundhati Reddy while Pooja Vastrakar is the sole fast bowling all-rounder. Titas Sadhu is a notable name missing in the pace department. "Given the players we have it's a good squad. Hope Yastika and Shreyanka get fit," former India captain Diana Edulji told PTI.

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Besides the thin fast bowling resources, India are also not a side full of power-hitters. Kaur and Richa Ghosh will be responsible for producing the big hits in the middle overs phase of the game.

## Hopefully, we will break final barrier: Skipper Harmanpreet

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Harmanpreet backed the Indian bowlers, who floundered in the recent Asia Cup final against Sri Lanka, to deliver in the World Cup.

**NEW DELHI:** Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur remained optimistic that India can grab their maiden global title in the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup, and said conditions in the UAE could work to their advantage. "Whenever we play on this kind of

stage (World Cup), we always want to do well. We have always done well in the past as well, and hopefully, this time we will break that final barrier and go all the way," Harmanpreet told PTI videos.

The 35-year-old did not read too much into the venue shift, and said the conditions in the UAE are quite similar to India.

"We have not played much cricket in the UAE. But the conditions in the UAE are going to be similar to Indian conditions.

"We will see how the conditions play out (there) and try to adjust ourselves

to the conditions as soon as possible," said Harmanpreet, who led India to the final of the 2020 T20 World Cup. Irrespective of the playing conditions, she wanted the team to dish out a "positive" game in the World Cup.

"As a team, we learn from our defeats and break those barriers that are pushing us back. Hopefully this time we can express ourselves in a more positive way in the World Cup," she said.

"The bowlers are working really hard as a team and, hopefully, in this World Cup we tick all the boxes."

## Mandhana to play for reigning WBBL champions Adelaide

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The Indian opener has previously played for three WBBL teams Brisbane Heat, Sydney Thunder and Hobart Hurricanes.

**ADELAIDE:** Adelaide Strikers have finally secured the services of Indian star Smriti Mandhana for the Women's Big Bash League after chasing her for years. The Indian opener has previously



played for three WBBL teams -- Brisbane Heat, Sydney Thunder and Hobart Hurricanes. She joined the reigning champions Strikers ahead of the draft on Sunday under the league's new overseas player pre-season signing provision.

However, Mandhana

might not be available for the start of the league with India scheduled to host New Zealand for three ODIs in late October. The WBBL begins on October 27. "Excited is an understatement," Strikers captain Tahlia McGrath told cricket.com.au. "We've been trying to get her for a few years now, in constant comms (with her) and her batting is just unbelievable. "She's a very elegant batter and has the ability to take away games from opposition very quickly."

## Gukesh holds Caruana

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The other Indian in fray, R Praggnanandhaa, drew his seventh game on the trot to remain on a fifty per cent score.

**LONDON:** Saint Louis (USA): Grandmaster D Gukesh played out a hard-fought draw yet again, signing peace with top seed and local favourite Fabiano Caruana, while Frenchman Alireza Firouzja stretched his lead



by a full point after the seventh round of Sinquefield Cup, which is a part of the Grand Chess Tour. The other Indian in fray, R Praggnanandhaa, drew his seventh game on the trot to remain on a fifty per cent score. Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia

was happy with a quick draw as Praggnanandhaa decided to save his energy. With just two rounds to come, Firouzja, who put it across world champion Ding Liren of China, has five points in his kitty and Caruana continues to trail him a full point behind. Besides Firouzja's victory, Abdusattorov halted So's party with a clinical performance. In the other game of the day, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave drew with Giri. Gukesh continued with his uncompromising

play but found Caruana adequately prepared in an Italian opening game.

The Indian was much worse in the ensuing endgame but Caruana missed out on his 39th turn when he could have gotten a real advantage.

Praggnanandhaa got nothing as white against Nepomniachtchi's Petroff defense and the Chennai-based player had to be content with repetition of moves very early in the middle game. The game lasted a mere 19 moves.

## Gauff begins her US Open title defense with easy win

**NEW YORK:** The chant rang out in cavernous Arthur Ashe Stadium on Monday at the U.S. Open before Coco Gauff's first service game of her first match of her first Grand Slam tournament as a defending champion: "Here we go, Coco! Here we go!"

Coming to Flushing Meadows off a series of early exits at other events, Gauff already was down 1-0 to Varvara Gracheva, having dropped the match's initial game at love by making four groundstroke errors. What followed was a tough, tight game, featuring 14 points across eight minutes and three break chances for Gracheva.

The important part, of course, was that Gauff saved all of those break points, claimed that game, and suddenly was in complete control on the way to a 6-2, 6-0 victory that not only put the 20-year-old American in the second round but also told her -- and everyone else -- that her game is in better shape than it appeared lately.

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## Djokovic starts his bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title with win

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**NEW YORK:** Novak Djokovic began his bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title and tied Roger Federer with his 89th match win at the U.S. Open by defeating qualifier Radu Albot of Moldova 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

The second-seeded Djokovic, again wearing a gray sleeve over his surgically repaired right knee, was competing for the first time since

claiming an Olympic gold medal three weeks ago at the Paris Games, the last significant achievement that was missing from his resume. I haven't had any official matches before the U.S. Open. So I'm expecting to be probably challenged a little bit more in the opening rounds," he said. "Hopefully, I can play better each day."

He said his knee, which was operated on in early June, feels fine.



**It's always challenging to start, particularly when you haven't played on this surface for five, six months, and coming off an Olympic gold and playing on clay.**

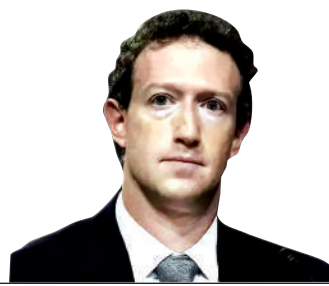
**Novak Djokovic**  
Grand Slam winner

Djokovic, a 37-year-old from Serbia, improved to 18-0 in first-round matches at Flushing Meadows and is now 89-13 overall at the hard-court tournament, which he's won four times, including a year ago. He's never lost earlier than the third round at the U.S. Open; Albot never has been past the third round in 30 appearances at majors. The retired Federer went 89-14 in New York, with five con-

secutive championships from 2004 to 2008. He's the most recent man to win the U.S. Open at least twice in a row. Among men, only Jimmy Connors, who went 98-17, won more matches than Djokovic and Federer at the event.

Djokovic never has lost a Grand Slam match to someone ranked as low as No. 138 Albot. And Albot is now 0-12 against opponents ranked in the top 10.

# World



White House pressured Facebook over some COVID-19 content during the pandemic.  
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## Jake Sullivan, Nicholas Burns at Beijing Capital International Airport



White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan, second right, walks near U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns upon arriving at the VIP terminal of the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing.

# US judge temporarily blocks Biden's spouse immigration plan

President Joe Biden issued a massive immigration relief to non-citizens offering a path to citizenship to the non-citizen spouses and children of American nationals.

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**HOUSTON:** A Texas court has put a temporary pause on President Biden's ambitious plan to fast-track permanent residency for illegal migrants married to American citizens, a move that could hamper the hopes of approximately half a million such spouses, including several thousands Indian-Americans. In June, President Joe

Biden issued a massive immigration relief to non-citizens offering a path to citizenship to the non-citizen spouses and children of American nationals. Biden had directed the Department of Homeland Security to take action to ensure that US citizens with non-citizen spouses and children can keep their families together. This new process will help certain non-citizen

### HIGHLIGHT

• This new process will help certain non-citizen spouses and children apply for lawful permanent residence - a status that they are already eligible for - without leaving the country.

spouses and children apply for lawful permanent residence - a status that they are already eligible for - without leaving

the country, the White House said. On Monday, US District Judge J Campbell Barker issued the two-week-long administrative stay on the same day the Department of Homeland Security began accepting applications for the so-called Parole in Place programme, which would grant work authorisation, permanent residency and eventually citizenship to spouses and stepchildren of US citizens who have

been in the country for at least 10 years. "The claims are substantial and warrant closer consideration than the court has been able to afford to date," Barker wrote in his nine-page order, which followed a lawsuit filed by 16 Republican-led states arguing that the programme would "incentivise illegal immigration and will irreparably harm" the states, the New York Post reported.

## Pakistan's Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) awarded to top Chinese general

**ISLAMABAD:** Commander of the Ground Forces of the People's Liberation Army of China General Li Qiaoming was on Tuesday conferred the Nishan-e-Imtiaz, one of the top honours in Pakistan, for his "unwavering commitment" in promoting close cooperation between the militaries of the two all-weather friends. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Army Chief General Asim Munir participated during a special investiture ceremony at the President's House and attended by service chiefs and parliamentarians.

## UK Prime Minister Starmer warns of 'painful' budget

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**British PM Keir Starmer on Tuesday gave the first indication of some tough tax measures in store in the October budget in the first keynote address of his premiership since taking charge at 10 Downing Street last month.**

**LONDON:** In a planned speech at the Rose Garden before a gathering of apprentices, medics and other professionals, Starmer declared the state of the public finances was left in a



much worse condition by the previous Conservative Party regime than the Labour government had expected. He declared that his job was now to fix the foundations which would involve "short-term pain for long-term good" and admitted

owners, firefighters, those serving our community and our country every day," he said, with reference to the Downing Street gathering. The keynote, timed a week before Parliament resumes after its summer recess next week, was designed to assert that "it won't be business as usual because we can't go on like this any more". "Things will have to be done differently. We will do the hard work to root out 14 years of rot, reverse a decade of decline and fix the foundations. Between now and Christmas, we will carry on as we started: action not words.

that "unpopular" decisions would have to be made. "There is a Budget coming in October and it is going to be painful. We have no other choice given the situation that we are in," said Starmer. "I promised that this government would serve people like you - apprentices, teachers, nurses, small business

## Russian troops control 500 sq miles of Kursk

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**KYIV:** The chief of Ukraine's army said Tuesday that the country's troops control nearly 1,300 square kilometres (500 square miles) of Russia's Kursk region since their surprised incursion three weeks ago. Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi also said that Ukraine has captured 594 Russian prisoners in its operation. "The enemy drags troops from other directions, in such way weakening them. They attempt to create a ring of defence

around our offensive group of troops and plan counteroffensive actions," Syrskyi said, commenting on the situation in the Kursk region. The seized territory is roughly the size of Los Angeles. His claim, which could not be independently confirmed, came hours after Ukraine endured a second consecutive barrage of nighttime air and missile attacks from Russia. Five people were reported killed and 16 injured in the attacks, which President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said

included 81 drones, as well as cruise and ballistic missiles.

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## China condemns gunmen attacks in Pakistan

**BEIJING:** China strongly condemned terrorist attacks in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province in which 37 people were massacred and said it would continue to back Islamabad's counterterrorism operations. "China stands ready to further enhance counterterrorism and security cooperation with Pakistan.

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### US ELECTION HARRIS

#### Harris campaign releases a new ad to highlight plans to build 3 million homes

**WASHINGTON:** Vice President Kamala Harris has a new advertising push to draw attention to her plan to build 3 million new homes over four years, a move designed to contain inflationary pressures that also draws a sharp contrast to Republican Donald Trump's approach. Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, highlights her plan in a new minute-long ad that uses her personal experience, growing up in rental housing while her mother had saved for a decade before she could buy a home. The ad targets voters in the swing states including Arizona and Nevada. Campaign surrogates are also holding 20 events this week focused on housing issues. In addition to increasing home construction, Harris is proposing the government provide as much as \$25,000 in assistance to first-time buyers. **PTI**

### IRAN NUCLEAR KHAMENEI

#### Iran's supreme leader opens door to negotiations with US

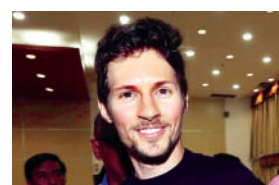


**DUBAI:** Iran's supreme leader opened the door Tuesday to renewed negotiations with the United States over his country's rapidly advancing nuclear program, telling its civilian government there was "no barrier" to engaging with its "enemy." Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's remarks set clear red lines for any talks taking place under the government of reformist President Masoud Pezeshkian and renewed his warnings that Washington wasn't to be trusted. **PTI**

### FRANCE TELEGRAM DUROV

#### French judge extends police custody for Telegram CEO Pavel Durov

**PARIS:** A French investigative judge extended police custody for the CEO of the popular messaging app Telegram, Pavel Durov, prosecutors said on Tuesday. Durov was detained Saturday at Le Bour-



get airport as part of a judicial inquiry opened

last month involving 12 alleged criminal violations. They include complicity in selling child sexual abuse material and in drug trafficking, fraud, abetting organized crime transactions.

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