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SC terms bank recovery agents 'group of goons'

It directed that thereafter, the trial court would take cognisance of the charge sheet and proceed in accordance with law.

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NEW DELHI: Terming a recovery agent firm of a bank as a "group of goons" who did not return the vehicle seized from a man despite one time settlement of the loan amount, the Supreme Court has directed the West Bengal Police to file charge sheet against the company within two months.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan, which directed for payment of compensation to one Debasish Bosu Roy Chowdhury who took a loan of Rs 15.15 lakh for purchasing a bus for plying in Kolkata, directed Bank of India to recover the amount from the recovery agent.

"Given the observations made by the high court and the plea taken by the petitioners, we find that respondent No.



Supreme Court of India. | Photo : PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● It was contended by the bank that from January 2018, Chowdhury started defaulting in payment of monthly installment and his account was declared a Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on May 31, 2018.

4, a recovery agent, in actuality appears to be a group of goons, who use their muscle power to

harass loanees on behalf of the petitioner-bank," the bench said in its recent order.

It noted an FIR was lodged against the recovery agent firm M/s City Investigation and Detective for failing to return the vehicle in proper condition and said, "The Commissioner of Police of the concerned area is directed to ensure that investigation of FIR dated July 5, 2023, registered at Police Station Sodepur in

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Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan Supreme Court bench

West Bengal, under Sections 406, 420 and 471 of the IPC, is taken to its logical conclusion without any delay, and charge sheet is filed within a period of two months."

The recovery agent firm, however, later returned the vehicle but in a damaged condition, with chassis and engine numbers changed.

"The petitioner-bank

shall be entitled to recover the compensation amount paid to respondent No. 1 (Chowdhury) from respondent No. 4 (recovery agent firm), or any other person found to be responsible for the damage caused to the vehicle," the bench said.

The bench further directed, "If there is any license/authority letter granted by a competent authority to respondent No. 4 to act as recovery agent, the petitioner-bank is directed to make a separate complaint to that authority, regarding cancellation of such permission/authority letter." The top court refused to interfere with the Calcutta High Court order of May 16 by which the bank was asked to pay Chowdhury Rs 5 lakh interim compensation for its conduct in not returning the vehicle to him.

'Presence of microplastics in salt, sugar brands'

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The tribunal was hearing a matter where it had taken suo motu cognisance of a PTI report regarding these microplastics being present in various forms.

NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal has sought a response from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and others in a matter regarding the presence of microplastics across all salt and sugar brands in the country.

In an order passed on August 23, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said, "The news item highlights that the size of these microplastics ranged from 0.1 mm to 5 mm. The highest levels of microplastics were found in iodised salt, in the form of multi-coloured

thin fibre and films. In sugar samples, the concentration of microplastics ranged from 11.85 to 68.25 pieces per kg, with the highest concentration found in non-organic sugar."

The bench also comprising expert member A Senthil Vel said, "The news item also highlights that the presence of microplastics can have adverse and long-term health impacts on human health. The article asserts that the average Indian consumes 10.98 grams of salt and around 10 spoons of sugar every day, much higher than the World Health Organization's recommended limits."

It said the news report raised a "substantial issue" regarding compliance with environmental norms.

"Issue notice to the above respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit before the Tribunal at least one week before the next date of hearing (on December 3)," the tribunal said.

NEWSLINE

NEW DELHI

Somanathan takes over as cabinet secretary

TV Somanathan took over as cabinet secretary on Friday following the superannuation of Rajiv Gauba, an official statement said. Gauba had been cabinet secretary since 2019 and completed an unprecedented five-year term. Until recently the Union finance secretary, Somanathan was named as the next cabinet secretary on August 10 with a two-year tenure.

PATNA

Alok Raj gets additional charge of Bihar DGP

Senior IPS officer Alok Raj was on Friday given additional charge of the Director General of Police (DGP) of Bihar, a government notification said. Raj, a 1989-batch IPS officer, is currently posted as Director General (Vigilance) in the state government. According to a notification issued by the state Home department, Raj will hold additional charge of DGP. The Centre on Wednesday appointed Bihar DGP R S Bhatti as the new DG of the Central Industrial Security

PARALYMPIC GOLD

Avani retains Paralympics gold in 10m air rifle

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Avani sets new record with 249.7; Mona wins bronze with 228.7 score.

PARIS: The incredible Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medal with her victory in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) event here on Friday as compatriot Mona Agarwal claimed a bronze.

Winner of the Tokyo Paralympics gold three years back, Avani, 22, shot



Avani Lekhara with her coach Suma Shirur poses for photos. | Photo: PTI

a superb 249.7 to erase her own record of 249.6 set in Japanese capital, while Mona, who took up shooting sport in 2022, notched up 228.7 for the

bronze. Avani, who is wheel-chair bound after a car mishap left her paralyzed below the waist when she was 11-years-old, had become the first woman

FACTFILE

● Avani, paralyzed since 11, became India's first woman Paralympic shooting medalist in 2021.

shooter from the country to win medals in shooting at the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021.

In the qualification, defending champion Avani shot 625.8 to be placed second behind Iryna Shchetnik, who broke the Paralympic qualification record with a score of 627.5.

Champai Soren joins BJP

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RANCHI: Two days after he quit the JMM, former Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren joined the BJP on Friday. Soren along with a large number of his supporters crossed over to the saffron camp in the presence of Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at a ceremony in Ranchi.

The veteran politician visibly became emotional after he was welcomed into the saffron fold. The joining of the 67-year-old tribal leader to the BJP was seen as a shot in the arm for the saffron party's efforts to boost its connection with the Scheduled Tribes, a com-



Champai Soren with Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan waves to supporters after joining BJP during a ceremony, in Ranchi.

munity which has been the main voter base of the JMM. He was a close aide of JMM supremo Shibu Soren. Champai Soren quit the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Wednesday, asserting that the state government's present style of functioning and its policies compelled him to

leave the party he served for many years. Champai has earned the nickname 'Jharkhand's Tiger' for his contribution to the fight to create a separate state in the 1990s. Jharkhand was carved out of the southern part of Bihar in 2000. The elections to the 81-member assembly are due later this year.

NEW DELHI

Court grants bail to Sukesh in bribery case

A Delhi Court on Friday granted bail to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar in a bribery case related to the AIADMK's "two leaves" election symbol. Special Judge Vishal Gogne granted the relief to him on a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh. Chandrasekhar has been accused of acting as a middleman for AIADMK leader T T V Dinakaran and trying to bribe an Election Commission official to secure the party's two leaves symbol for the faction led by V K Sasikala. Chandrasekhar will, however, remain in jail in other pending cases lodged against him.

PENSION PAYMENT ORDER

New simplified pension form for employees

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The government to ensure ease of living for citizens and pensioners.

NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Friday launched a new simplified pension application form for retiring central government employees.

A total of nine different forms have been merged into one form, Form 6A, that was launched by the minister through video-conference.

Singh said the launch of the simplified form is yet another step by the government to ensure ease of living for citizens and pensioners.

The new form will be available in Bhavishya/eHRMS (portals) for all central government employees who are going to retire in December 2024 and onwards.

Bhavishya is an initiative of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, which is launched with the goal to ensure payment of all retirement dues and delivery of Pension Pay-

NUMBER

Form 6A

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ment Order (PPO) to retiring employees on the day of retirement itself.

The system provides online tracking of pension sanction and payment process by the individual as well as the

administrative authorities for all actions preparatory to grant pension and other retirement benefits as well as payment of monthly pension after retirement. The system also allows individuals to download ePPO.

eHRMS is referred to as the electronic Human Resource Management System which has details including service records of government employees. Form simplification has been an important initiative of the Centre's "maximum governance-minimum government" policy.

This new form and related changes in the business process of Bhavishya will be a game changer as on the one hand it simplifies the pension form submission for the employee through "a single sign only" and on the other hand achieves the end-to-end digitisation of the entire process of pension processing till the start of pension payment after retirement, according to an official statement.

"This paves the path towards paperless working in the whole process of pension," it said.

Naxalite carrying Rs 24 lakh bounty held

BIJAPUR: A hardcore Naxalite, involved in nearly three dozen incidents of Maoist violence and carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 24 lakh in two states, was arrested on Thursday in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, a senior police official said.

Sainu Munshi Jetti alias Vikash (35) was apprehended by security forces from a forest near Bhatpalli village under Bhairamgarh police station limits, he said.

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Western & Central States, Union Territories Tourism ministers conference held at Goa.

Raid in Hotel Piccadilly, 9 gamblers arrested

RAIPUR: Raipur Police has arrested nine people playing gambling in Hotel Piccadilly under Saraswati Nagar police station area. Rs 4,07,000/- cash and playing cards have been recovered from them. The police raided room number 311 of Hotel Piccadilly and caught nine gamblers. Rs 4,07,000/- cash and playing cards were recovered from the arrested people. A case has been registered against the gamblers under section 4 and 5 of Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act 2022 under crime number 209/24 in Saraswati Nagar police station. After investigating the matter, the police have also registered a crime against the owner of the hotel. A joint team of Saraswati Nagar Police and Anti Crime and Cyber Unit carried out this action under the direction of senior officers. The police conducted this raid on the basis of information received from the informer. This action of the police is part of the special campaign going on against gambling and betting in the district, under which teams of various police station in-charges and anti-crime units have been activated. The police said that strict action is being taken against those who play and make others gamble/betting and even more strict action will be taken in the coming days.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

DECISION POSTPONED

Government postpones School and Teacher Rationalization amid protests

RAIPUR: In a significant development, the state government has decided to postpone its decision to rationalize schools and teachers, following widespread opposition from educators across the state. The decision has brought a wave of relief and joy among the teaching community, with teachers expressing their gratitude and congratulating each other in WhatsApp groups. The rationalization process, which aimed to balance the teacher-student ratio and optimize the allocation of resources in schools, faced strong resistance from teacher organizations. Teacher leaders had planned to launch a statewide strike on September 16 in protest of the policy. However, after the strike notice was issued, the government initiated dialogue with teacher representatives. Initial discussions with the Director of Public Instructions (DPI) and the Secretary of School Education failed to reach any conclusion, with teachers continuing to oppose the plan.

LEASING RESORT

CG Tourism Dept leases out Resorts for improved management, revenue boost



RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Tourism Department has announced plans to lease out its resorts to prominent hotel management companies in a bid to improve operations and boost revenue. Tenders for the resorts will be issued soon, following the successful leasing of 15 motels in 2022, three of which have already begun operations. The remaining motels are expected to become functional between October 2023 and March 2024. Among the 14 major resorts, those located in high-revenue-generating areas like Chilfi Valley, Mainpat, and Chitrakoot will be handed over to large hotel management firms.

Kashyap outlines CG's 5-year tourism devp plan

Tourism Ministers' Conference in Goa discusses enhancing tourism potential.

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RAIPUR: The Tourism Ministers' Conference for western and central states and union territories concluded in Panaji, Goa, under the chairmanship of Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. The conference aimed to explore opportunities and address challenges in tourism development across the regions.

conference, Kashyap highlighted the state's ongoing efforts in promoting tourism and presented a comprehensive five-year development plan. He stressed the need for additional resources and support from the Central government to better showcase Chhattisgarh's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and historical landmarks, enhancing their visibility on the national tourism map. Key discussions at the conference included identifying globally recognized destinations, developing alternative

tourism spots, and fostering private sector investments to drive growth in the tourism sector. Minister Kashyap outlined

HIGHLIGHT

● **Kedar Kashyap emphasizes need for central support to boost Chhattisgarh's tourism.**

Chhattisgarh's ambitious plans, including the creation of a tourism circuit connecting five Shaktipeeths, the expansion of tourist sites in Bilaspur

and Jagdalpur under the Swadesh Darshan Yojana, and the development of Maa Kudargadhi Devi Sthal in Surajpur district. Kashyap voiced his hopes for the approval of new resources and projects to further elevate Chhattisgarh's tourism profile. The conference also featured Union Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi, Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, Goa Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte, Madhya Pradesh Minister Dharmendra Lodhi, and other key tourism ministers and officials.

Private FM Radio Stations to launch in 3 cities

RAIPUR: In a significant development for Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Vishnu Sai expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving the launch of private FM radio stations in three key cities—Ambikapur, Jagdalpur, and Korba. The initiative is set to encourage content creation in local languages while simultaneously opening up new employment opportunities. Chief Minister Sai highlighted that this move will play a crucial role in advancing the 'Vocal for Local' campaign initiated by Prime Minister Modi. The new FM stations will offer a platform for local artists, musicians, and content creators to showcase their talents in their native languages. This not only promotes the rich cultural heritage of Chhattisgarh but also provides a significant economic boost by empowering local communities.

Community participation key for water conservation: Deka

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Governor Deka urged community involvement in water conservation and tree planting

RAIPUR: Governor Ramen Deka has stressed the importance of community participation in water and environment conservation, urging everyone to plant a tree as a step towards safeguarding the environment. He made these remarks during a meeting with administrative officials at the District Panchayat Mahasamund on Friday. During the meeting, Governor Deka reviewed the implementation of various central and state government schemes in Mahasamund district. He gathered information on the progress of these initiatives and emphasized that the successful implementation of govern-



Governor Ramen Deka meeting with administrative officials at the District Panchayat Mahasamund.

FACTFILE

● **Emphasized implementing govt schemes effectively to ensure benefits reach the general public.**

ment schemes depends on the dedication and integrity of officers and employees. He called on officials to perform their duties with a strong sense of responsibility, honesty, and commitment, ensuring that welfare

schemes effectively reach the intended beneficiaries. Governor Deka highlighted the need for water conservation efforts, particularly through rainwater harvesting in government offices, and stressed the importance of preserving rainwater. He called for planting trees in every household, aligning with the Prime Minister's initiative of dedicating a tree to one's mother. The Governor urged the Forest Department to supply saplings of Peepal, Gulmohar,

and other shade-giving and fruit-bearing plants, along with medicinal plants, to promote community involvement in conservation efforts. Additionally, the Governor instructed officials to regularly visit the field to oversee the implementation of various programs. Reviewing the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, he stressed the need to eradicate tuberculosis from the community with the help of grassroots health workers like Mitandin and Asha Didis.

SECURITY MEASURES

Security measures announced for Ambedkar Hospital

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RAIPUR: In a significant move to enhance security and upgrade medical infrastructure, Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal announced that 12 gunmen will be deployed at the Raipur medical college, Ambedkar Hospital, in response to recent incidents in Bengal. Additionally, the hospital premises will be brought under CCTV surveillance, and an alarm system will be installed to prevent



any illicit activities, further ensuring the safety of patients and staff. Jaiswal also disclosed plans to introduce advanced medical equipment across various hospitals. Within three months, PET scan machines will be

operational in hospitals, offering better diagnostic capabilities. The government will allocate Rs 7 crore for the purchase of a virtual postmortem machine, marking a significant advancement in forensic investigations.

● **Govt will allocate Rs 7 crore for the purchase of a virtual postmortem machine.**

Shyam Bihari Jaiswal
State Health Minister.

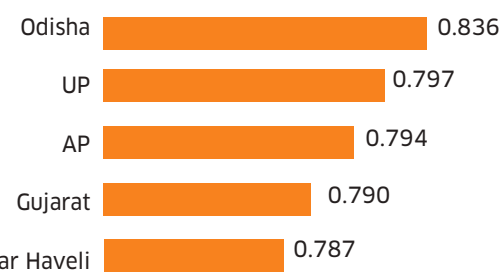
Plans are also in motion to replace the outdated MRI

machine at DKS, Ambedkar Hospital, with a new one. To further strengthen medical services, a new lab and equipment for organ transplants will be established at DKS Hospital, with an investment of Rs 7 crore. Ambedkar Hospital is also set to be developed into a center of excellence in healthcare. In a major boost for healthcare in the Bastar region, a super specialty hospital will be inaugurated in Jagdalpur within three months.

The Day's NUMBERS

Present Index is largely focused on NFSA Distribution

INDEX SCORE OF TOP FIVE STATES IN NFSA RANKING



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INVESTIGATION

EOW expands investigation into Liquor Scam, questions 15 District Excise officers

RAIPUR: The Economic Offenses Wing (EOW) and Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) have broadened their investigation into the liquor scam that occurred during the Congress regime in Chhattisgarh. On Thursday, excise officers from 15 districts were summoned for questioning by the EOW-ACB. The officers were interrogated from morning until late at night, focusing on the sale of liquor with fake holograms and any instructions they received regarding the matter. The investigation has gained renewed momentum following a recent court ruling. The Chhattisgarh High Court provided a significant boost to the investigation by rejecting 13 petitions filed by the accused, who sought relief from the charges. This legal victory has enabled EOW and ACB to intensify their efforts, with officers being summoned one by one for thorough questioning. Sources indicate that several excise officers under scrutiny are already named in the charge sheet, although no arrests have been made thus far. Senior officers, including those of DSP rank, are leading the interrogations.

SPORTS PROMOTION

Deputy CM Arun Sao meets Kapil Dev, discusses sports promotion



RAIPUR: On National Sports Day, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao paid a courtesy visit to former cricketer and World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev in New Delhi. The meeting, held at Chhattisgarh Sadan, centered around the promotion of sports activities in Chhattisgarh, with a focus on fostering a sports culture and encouraging young athletes in the state.

Deputy CM Sao is currently visiting New Delhi, where he also inspected the Tribal Youth Hostel in Dwarka on August 27. He interacted with students preparing for competitive exams, discussing their studies and reviewing the hostel's facilities. In addition, Sao visited Chhattisgarh Niwas to assess the arrangements there. During his stay, the Deputy CM is actively engaging with officials to address various issues concerning the state, demonstrating his commitment to enhancing opportunities and services for the people of Chhattisgarh.

Raipur News

Cong demands probe into Bhilai School incident

Incident occurred on July 5, 2024, but no action taken by school authorities.



Congress leaders addressing a press conference.

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FASTFACTS

RAIPUR: The Congress party has demanded a probe into the incident of molestation of a minor girl at the Bhilai DPS School and the role of the Superintendent of Police (SP) in the case. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other Congress leaders addressed a press conference on the issue.

● Demand was also raised to probe SP's role

● Memorandum submitted to Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Rajwade

in Raigarh and said that crimes like murder, loot, and stabbing have become common.

The incident at the Bhilai DPS School occurred on July 5, 2024, and the parents of the victim had complained to the school authorities,

'BJP has failed to control crime'

The Congress leaders said that the BJP government has failed to control crime in the state, and the police are busy in political conspiracies instead of doing their duty. They said that the government should take immediate action to control crime and ensure safety of women and children.

but no action was taken. The SP had also denied the incident, saying that it was a false and misleading report.

However, the Congress leaders said that the SP's statement was irresponsible and aimed at saving the accused. They demanded a probe into the incident and the SP's role in the case.

They also demanded action against the principal of the school and the SP. Other Congress leaders who addressed the press conference included former ministers Ravindra Choubey and Dhanendra Sahu, former president of the Congress committee Satyanarayan Sharma, and others.

BJP Govt. strict on law and order: Brijmohan

RAIPUR: The Lok Sabha MP from Raipur constituency Brijmohan Agrawal has said that the state police is committed to put the criminals behind the bars, irrespective of their clout and background. Addressing a press conference in the state capital on Friday, Agrawal said that the incident of molestation against the four-year old girl in Bhilai was barbaric and the district police have been asked to register case against the accused with all the relevant sections of the new law, so that he should get capital punishment. Replying to a query, regarding his future prospects of becoming a minister, Agrawal said that he does not think very far off and concentrates more on the task given at the moment. He said, "I was given the responsibility of Odisha election during the Assembly polls, and ensured that BJP should form the next government. He succeeded in his strategy and continued the winning streak. On the Congress' agitation against several issues related to law and order, the Raipur MP said that the Congress should first recall their own tenure when Raipur had become a city of crime. The BJP government has taken action against quite a few influential criminals despite all the protests and hence the common citizen are feeling safe."

Interest-free loans for students in Maoist-hit areas

Central Chronicle News

Weaker economic background students to get better opportunities for technical and vocational education

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh government has launched a scheme to provide interest-free loans to students from Maoist-affected areas for pursuing technical and vocational education. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai announced the "Mukhyamantri Uchch Shiksha Rin Bhyaj Anudan Yojana" scheme, which aims to provide better educational opportunities to students from economically weaker backgrounds in the state's Maoist-affected districts.

Under the scheme, students from 15 Maoist-affected districts, including Bastar, Bijapur, and Dantewada, will be eligible for interest-free loans of up to Rs 4 lakh for pursuing diploma, graduate, and postgraduate courses in technical and vocational fields. The state government will bear the interest cost on the loans.

To be eligible for the scheme, students must be residents of Chhattisgarh, have an annual family income of less than Rs 2 lakh, and be enrolled in a recognized educational

HIGHLIGHT

● Students from families with annual income less than 2 lakhs to be eligible

● 35 technical and vocational courses at diploma, graduate, and postgraduate levels included

institution in the state. The scheme will cover 35 technical and vocational courses, including engineering, agriculture, and nursing. The government has instructed officials to launch a special campaign to ensure that maximum number of students from Maoist-affected areas benefit from the scheme. The scheme is expected to help students from economically weaker backgrounds to pursue higher education and improve their employability.

The state government has also instructed collectors of other districts to ensure that students from economically weaker backgrounds are provided with loans at a subsidized interest rate of 1% for pursuing technical and vocational education. The Mukhyamantri Uchch Shiksha Rin Bhyaj Anudan Yojana scheme is part of the state government's efforts to promote education and employment opportunities in Maoist-affected areas.

NEWSLINE

DEVELOPMENT

'Sai's leadership brings positive change in CG'



RAIPUR: A delegation from the Chhattisgarh Pradesha Kanyakubja Brahmin Mahasabha met with Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at his residence office in Raipur, expressing their appreciation for the state government's inclusive development efforts. The delegation praised the government's commitment to good governance, which has created opportunities for all sections of society to progress.

The delegation highlighted various welfare schemes initiated by the government, including the approval of Pradhan Mantri Awas for 18 lakh families in need, payment of pending paddy bonuses to farmers, and benefits to over 70 lakh women under the Mahatari Vandan Yojana.

The members of the delegation, including Anjay Shukla, Arun Shukla, Arvind Dixit, Shyam Shukla, Atal Trivedi, Pradeep Kumar Mishra, and Suresh Mishra, presented the Chief Minister with a shawl, coconut, and memento as a token of their gratitude.

ROAD WIDENING

RMC orders road widening near RD Tiwari School

RAIPUR: Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra has directed Zone 5 Commissioner Vimal Sharma to widen the road in front of RD Tiwari School on GE Road. The commissioner instructed to remove the footpath outside the school's boundary wall and widen the road by about 8 square feet to facilitate public convenience. This will also prevent encroachment and hazardous parking of autos. The road widening will enhance the beauty of RD Tiwari School and its surroundings, making it a visually appealing spot for citizens.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Weightlifting Team Excels in state championship



RAIPUR: The Raipur district weightlifting team has made a remarkable performance in the Chhattisgarh State Youth, Junior, and Senior Weightlifting Championship held in Bhilai, Durg from August 24 to 26, 2024. The men's team won the championship title in all three categories - youth, junior, and senior, while the women's team secured the runner-up position in all three categories. Devvrat Sharma, Vikas Lahre, and Vijay Maheshwari were declared the Best Lifters of Chhattisgarh in their respective categories.

Sports competition held at Medical College on Sports Day



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RAIPUR: A two-day sports competition was organized at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College to commemorate National Sports Day. The event saw enthusiastic participation from medical students, professors, and staff members.

The competition included badminton singles and doubles for students, and carrom singles and doubles for professors, officials, and staff. In the badminton singles category, Aditya Jain emerged victorious, defeating Pradeep Salam. Anjali

Mishra won the women's singles title, while Harshita Talandi and Manisha Kesari won the women's doubles title.

In the carrom competition, Gyanesh Yadav won the singles title, while the duo of Gyanesh Yadav and Hemant Verma won the doubles title, defeating Dharmendra Nayak and Vikas Mishra.

The final matches were attended by guests Dr. Snigdha Jain (Associate Professor and Head of Forensic Medicine Department) and Dr. Nagendra Sonwani (Assistant Professor of Forensic Medicine Department).

RMC launches drive to control mosquito breeding

RAIPUR: The health department of RMC has started spraying used mobile oil in waterlogged areas, empty plots, and other potential breeding sites. Municipal Commissioner Abhinash Mishra inspected the campaign in Dumartalab area of Zone 7 and instructed the health officials to cover all 70 wards of the city. He also directed them to complete the spraying of used mobile oil in all waterlogged areas within the next two days.

The corporation has already covered 49 wards and sprayed used mobile oil in waterlogged areas, empty plots, and other potential breeding sites. Anti-larva treatment has also been carried out in these areas. The commissioner has instructed the health officials to carry out fogging, anti-larva treatment, and awareness campaigns in all wards to control mosquito breeding.

AIIMS Raipur hosts CZCG PEDICON 2024 workshop

AIIMS WORKSHOP

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45 delegates, including faculty members, consultants, and postgraduate students, participated in the workshop.

RAIPUR: The Central Zone PEDICON 2024 pre-conference workshop on Paediatric Emergency Medicine, a hallmark event under CZCG PEDICON 2024, was successfully conducted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur.

The workshop, titled TRIAGE and PEARL (Paediatric Emergency and Resuscitation Learning), was organized by the Department of Paediatrics and the Paediatric Emergency Medicine team, drawing participation from 45 delegates, including faculty members, consultants, private

FASTFACTS

● Team-based management of complex paediatric emergencies, including shock, trauma, and critical neonatal care, were simulated.

● Critical procedures like airway management, cervical collar placement, and vascular access were demonstrated.

practitioners, medical officers, and postgraduate students from across the state.

Inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal (Retd), Executive Director and CEO of



AIIMS ED & CEO Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal (Retd) addressing the workshop.

AIIMS Raipur, the workshop commenced on a high note. Key sessions included comprehensive lectures on triage, paediatric airway considerations, shock, paediatric trauma, and head injury. These were followed by the simulation of case scenarios in team-based management of complex paediatric emergencies, including shock, trauma, critical neonatal care, and respiratory failure. Hands-on sessions in critical procedures such as airway management, cer-

vical collar placement, intercostal drainage tube insertion, vascular access, and intraosseous placement were also conducted. The workshop was graced by the presence of Central Zone Organising Chairperson, Dr. Anoop Verma, and CG IAP President, Dr. Kiran Makhija. The event was spearheaded by Prof. (Dr.) Anil K. Goel, Professor and Head of the Department of Paediatrics, along with the Paediatric Emergency Medicine team.

UDAAN PROGRAM

Collector inspires students at Udaan Program

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RAIPUR: Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh addressed students at the Udaan program held at PM Shri Pandit RD Tiwari English Medium Excellence School in Amaapara. He shared his experiences and emphasized the importance of hard work, determination, and passion to achieve success.

Dr. Singh encouraged students to set goals, work hard, and never give up, even in the face of failure. He shared his own jour-



ney, revealing that he never secured the first position in his class but still achieved his dreams through dedication and perseverance. The Collector advised parents not

to pressure their children to perform exceptionally, as every child has unique talents. He emphasized that securing the first position in class is not the only measure

of success. Dr. Singh also highlighted the importance of reading newspapers to stay informed about current events and availing online coaching facilities for competitive exams like NEET

and JEE. The program also featured interactions with Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra and CEO of Zilla Panchayat Vishwadeep, who shared their experiences and offered valuable advice to the students. The event was attended by Assistant Collector Anupama Anand, District Education Officer Vijay Khandelwal, Samagra Shiksha District Coordinator KS Patle, teachers, parents, and a large number of students.

JCI India gives Rs 23L to deceased family

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RAIPUR: Under the JCI India, JCI Raipur MAIC United, runned at Maharaja Agrasen International College, Raipur, has provided financial assistance of 23 Lakhs to the family of the late member, Mriga Malu. Mriga Malu was a second-year B.Com student who passed away in a road accident last year. She was the daughter of Manish Malu, a resident of Mahasamund. Mriga was an active member of JCI

Raipur MAIC United. Following her death last year, JCI India Foundation provided an immediate assistance of 10 Lakhs Rupees to her family. The founder of JCI Raipur MAIC United and the college chairman submitted an application to the JCI India Foundation, requesting additional financial support for the family. Accepting the request, JCI India Foundation provided an additional 13 Lakhs Rupees today through National Vice President of JCI.

Acquittal cases reviewed to remove probe errors

Inspector General of Police Durg Range chairs review meeting with public prosecutors



IGP Ram Gopal Garg interacting with prosecution officers in the meeting.

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BHILAI: IGP (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg chaired a meeting to review the cases in which the accused have been acquitted by the Court. Police officers, public prosecutors and concerned officers attended the meeting. Bail cancellation cases were discussed in detail. Police will take necessary steps to ensure effective monitoring of convicts / accused who are out on bail. Erroneous cases of the past were discussed and necessary guidelines were given

FASTFACTS

- Discussion held on filing appeals in acquittal cases
- Police to effectively monitor the accused / convicts released on bail

for correction. In-depth discussions were held on the legal process and certification required to file appeal in acquittal cases.

Discussions were held on the important points that public prosecutors should keep

Punitive action against criminals acquitted due to investigation error

In the review meeting, it was decided to take punitive action against the criminals acquitted due to the error of the investigation officers. Also, in the cases where criminals were acquitted due to negligence of the prosecution officers, the Superintendent of Police was directed to coordinate with the concerned department and take further action. Garg directed all the officers to work with dedication and vigilance to minimise errors and strengthen the judicial process.

in mind during the trial. Prosecutors were instructed to follow proper evidence, testimonies and related legal procedures. A total of 91

cases of error of investigation and prosecution officers were discussed, including 74 cases of Durg, 10 of Balod and 07 of Bemetara.

Applications invited for Awasi Mitra

BHILAI: Under Pradhan Mantri Awasi Yojana Gramin, applications have been invited till 13 September 2024 in the office of CEO District Panchayat for the selection of 'Awasi Mitra / Dedicated Human Resources' in each cluster to assist in the technical guidance and material availability to the beneficiaries. The application form has to be submitted by September 13 through speed post/registered post. Applications received after the prescribed date will not be accepted.

IAS Bhargava attached to District Panchayat

BHILAI: Under the guidance of Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, Indian Administrative Service probationary officer (2023 batch) M Bhargava, who is posted as Assistant Collector in the district, has been attached to the District Panchayat Chief Executive Officer for training practice for a period of two weeks from September 02 to September 15 to receive training as per the District Training Program.

RLAMCH fraternity demand justice for Abhaya



BHILAI: The students and teaching staff of Rajiv Lochan Ayurved Medical College and Hospital (RLAMCH), Chandkhuri, Durg, took out a rally on August 27 to protest the horrific rape-murder case involving a 31-year-old female doctor at RG Kar College in Kolkata. The rally was a resounding call for justice, demanding accountability and swift legal action against the perpetrators.

The participants carried banners and placards, voicing their deep outrage and concern over the increasing violence against healthcare professionals. The rally began from the college campus in Chandkhuri and moved across Pisegaon, Kolihapuri and returned back to its origin. The rally underscored the urgent need for safety and protection in the medical field, with chants echoing through the streets, "Justice for Doctors!" and "No More

Violence!" By taking to the streets, the college fraternity demonstrated unwavering support for the victim and the broader medical fraternity. They emphasized that such atrocities must not go unanswered. They opined that a collective initiative is essential in bringing about meaningful change. They marched for justice and together demanded a change. Principal Dr Vandana Fating, Dr Rumeena, Dr Kirti Mishra, Dr Lal Ravi, Dr Yogeshwar Pandey, Dr Ashok Patel, Dr Manjusha Sonpipre, Dr Anju Bain, Dr Kusumlata Rathore, Dr Rashmi Tiwari, Dr Guneshwari Sahu, Dr Sagar Sharma, Dr CK Upadhyay, Dr Dharam Singh, Dr Leeladhar Sahu, Dr Neha Verma, Dr Rakesh Brahmankar, Dr Nishi, Dr Suraj, Dr Bhanu Palke, Dr Uma Verma, Dr Kamna Singh, Dr Varsha, Dr Payal and all the faculty members and students were present.

NEWSLINE

INCIDENT

BMC Engineer abused in township



BHILAI: Some anti-social elements abused and threatened Bhilai Municipal Corporation Engineer Deepak Devangan in Zone 5 area. Irked officers and employees of BMC gathered at Bhilai Nagar Kotwali police station to register an FIR. The officials stated that they discharge their duties right from wee hours till late night in adverse conditions with limited resources. If any citizen has a complaint, there is a proper way to proceed and elevate the grievance.

TRAFFIC CHECKING

Action taken against drunk drivers

BHILAI: More than 1100 drivers were checked with breathalyzer machines under the special traffic checking drive conducted by Traffic Police in the past two days. Action was taken against 25 drivers / riders found driving in inebriated state. The vehicles were seized and the cases were produced before the court. The court imposed a fine of Rs 10000 in each case.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment generation under Rowghat CSR Prj

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Corporate Social Responsibility Department (CSR) in association with the Institute of Driving and Traffic Research, Training Centre, Nava Raipur (IDTR) provided free Light Driving Training to 31 youths from adjoining villages of Narayanpur area, under the Rowghat CSR project. The 31 trainee youth from the Vananchal region have been trained to drive light vehicles.

ID Nagaria attends Leadership Seminar at Univ of Norte Dame

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Inesh was the only student selected from India

BHILAI: Inesh Dutt Nagaria, Head Boy of DPS Bhilai attended and stood first in the Leadership Seminars - The Power of Investing: Financial Literacy and the Miracle of Compound Interest, which was held on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, in the state of Indiana in the USA, from July 21-30, 2024, the highest ranked summer program in the world. He was the only Indian student and as such led to a victory of India on the world stage. His course was called the Power of Investing and involved a deep-dive into the financial markets and involved meeting highly



qualified professionals and a field visit to Chicago where they visited the offices of William Blair & Baird two extremely prestigious investment banks.

This was a fully funded summer program i.e. all the expenses were borne by the University of Notre Dame. There were a total of 162 student selected with about 20% of the participants being from outside the United States. Inesh was the only student selected from India and his victory is victory of the nation. For this magnificent achieve-

Denizens protest mobile tower

BHILAI: The residents of Ward 47 New Khursipar are strongly protesting against the installation of mobile towers in the residential areas. The team of mobile service provider had reached the locality to install a tower. When the locals protested, the cops tried to intervene but failed in their attempt.

Garbage dumping point removed

BHILAI: BMC removed a garbage dumping point located near St Xavier's School in Zone 02 Vaishali Nagar. BMC had received complaints that people from the neighborhood were dumping garbage at this spot. Acting on the instructions of BMC Commissioner, the health department staff reached the spot and got it cleaned.

Two-day Indian Steel Conference concludes

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In-depth discussion sessions held on issues related to decarbonization

BHILAI: The two-day Indian Steel Conference on the theme 'Significance and Role of Decarbonisation & Infrastructure Development' held at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir, and Bhilai Niwas concluded on Friday. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP), and Dr MK Verma, Vice Chancellor (CSVTV) presided over the Valedictory Function.

Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), BK Giri ED (Mines) and Arun Kumar, Acting ED (Rowghat), were also present on this occasion along with Technocrats, experts and delegates from iron and steel producers in



The concluding session of two day Indian Steel Conference.

FASTFACTS

- Technical Paper Presentations were made on various topics based on technology
- Valuable insights aimed at taking the industry towards decarbonisation were discussed

public and private sector, research and technology institutions related to steel making from different parts of the country who took part in the two-day conference. On the second day,

Technical Paper Presentations were made on various topics based on steel industry-related technology by delegates from prestigious organisations, who shared valuable insights aimed at taking the Indian Steel Industry towards decarbonisation and production of sustainable green steel in future.

Dr MK Verma, Vice Chan-

cellor (CSVTV) emphasized the need for technology and AI in the development of the steel industry. He said that to achieve our goals, we need to think about the latest additions in the current steel technology which include machine learning, data science, and analysis. S Majumdar, Convener of the Indian Steel Conference presented the Concluding Remark, and stated that the knowledge and experience of the students of metallurgy should also be used to achieve the upcoming goals of steel production and decarbonisation through the new research being done in the technical field in the steel industry.

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CRITICAL CHALLENGES IN WATER SECTOR |

'NRW requires investment in smart metering'

Shweta Upadhyay



Shweta Upadhyay is the Director and Head of SDG & Skill Building at Resilient Sustainability Private Limited. She specializes in environmental management and sustainability, focusing on implementing ESG strategies and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

BHILAI: Urban India's water sector faces critical challenges that require immediate attention and a multifaceted approach. Among the most pressing issues is Non-Revenue Water (NRW), where up to 50% of water is lost due to leaks, theft, and inaccurate metering. Addressing NRW requires investments in smart metering and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven leak detection systems. These technologies, combined with stricter enforcement against water theft and regular audits, can significantly reduce water losses.

Another major challenge is distribution

losses caused by aging infrastructure and poorly maintained pipelines. Upgrading these systems and integrating Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) sensors for real-time monitoring can greatly minimize water wastage. Leaks, often unnoticed, contribute heavily to this problem. AI-based detection tools can help identify and repair leaks early, ensuring minimal water loss. Inconsistent water pressure is also a common issue in urban areas, leading to pipe bursts and additional leaks. Advanced pressure management systems, enhanced by AI, can maintain consistent

pressure and prevent such problems. Seasonal water shortages, especially during summer, underscore the need for enhanced water storage through rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge. Promoting water conservation practices, like recycling greywater, is essential for mitigating the strain on water supplies. Water contamination from industrial discharge and sewage leakage poses serious health risks. Upgrading treatment plants and enforcing stricter regulations on industrial effluents are crucial for ensuring safe water access. Unequal access to water,

driven by outdated distribution systems and socio-economic disparities, must be addressed through better planning and public-private partnerships. Additionally, public awareness campaigns are vital for fostering a culture of conservation. As climate change intensifies, urban India must develop resilient water management plans, incorporating drought-resistant sources and improved stormwater management. By integrating technology, policy reform, and community engagement, urban India can navigate these challenges and secure a sustainable water future.

The problems of common men in problem resolution camp be sorted out soon.

Ajit Vasant
Collector- Korba



Chhattisgarh



A special camp was organized at Gautam Sadan, SECL Staff Club, Baikunthpur for updation of Aadhar card of elderly, disabled, and women from various villages.

Collector's initiative aids elderly with Aadhar

Collector's Special Camp Eases Aadhar Card Process for Elderly, Disabled, and Tribal Communities in Korea District.

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KOREA: In a commendable effort led by Collector Chandan Tripathi, a special camp was organized at Gautam Sadan, SECL Staff Club, Baikunthpur, where a large number of elderly, disabled, and women from various villages gathered to make and update their Aadhar cards. The camp aimed to address biometric mismatching, multiple rejections, and other Aadhar-related issues, providing much-needed support

to vulnerable groups.

Representatives from UIDI, including Deputy Director Mr. T. Chetan Reddy, Project Manager Mr. Anit Tiwari, and Programmer Saurav Ramteke, resolved Aadhar issues for around 455 people, including biometric corrections and Aadhar seeding under social assistance pension schemes. The initiative ensured the elderly and disabled could access vital government services with ease. Members of the special backward Baiga tribe, including Mrs. Sarita, Mrs.

HIGHLIGHT

● Around 455 people received Aadhar card corrections and updates at the special camp.

● Baiga and Pando tribe members successfully made Aadhar cards, enhancing access to government schemes.

Tarabai, Mr. Niranjana, and Mr. Ranglal, were brought to the camp by village

secretary Mr. Narayan Singh Sardar, where they successfully completed the Aadhar process. Mr. Ranglal expressed gratitude, stating that the Aadhar card would facilitate easier access to government schemes. Additionally, seven members of the Pando tribe also availed of the Aadhar services.

This initiative reflects the administration's commitment to reaching marginalized communities, ensuring they are not left behind in accessing essential services.

Salaries for 5 educators unpaid

GAURELA-MARWAHI: One day's salary of 4 lecturers including Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Belpat has been unpaid on the basis of being absent after signing in the attendance register during surprise inspection, negligence towards work and indiscipline. District Education Officer told that he along with Block Education Officer Gaurela conducted surprise inspection of Belpat school on 17th August and on finding them absent from their duty, the Principal of the school Mr. R.R. Ghurv and lecturers Mr. R.K. Kaushik, Mr. S.K. Sharma, Mr. B. Raut and others.

Gram panchayats discuss B-One

KORIYA: As per the instructions of Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi, B-One, Khasra is being read out to the farmers in all the Gram Panchayats of the district. Also, if any error is found in the revenue records, the problems of the farmers are being resolved. Along with this, the Collector has formed a joint team of Halka Patwari, Village Agriculture Extension Officer and Rural Horticulture Extension Officer.

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BEST OF THE REST

PLANTATION

'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' program held in Krishi Vigyan Kendra Suragi

RAJNANDGAON: Plantation was done under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam program in the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rajnandgaon field Suragi campus. On this occasion, Dr. Gunjan Jha, Senior Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, said that under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is trying to plant 80 crore saplings by September 2024 and 140 crore saplings by March 2025 across the country.

This is a mass movement, in which people are participating by planting trees and expressing respect towards their mother and mother earth. During this, various plants like mango, guava, neem and peepal were planted in the field Suragi campus of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Rajnandgaon.

THEFT

Accused in gold jewellery theft case nabbed, 3 other accused are still absconding



JAGDALPUR: One accused, Islam Mohammed, S/o Kalwa, age 42 years, residence Uttar Pradesh, absconded with gold jewellery in the name of Lord Darshan from near Sanjay Market under Ketwali police station area of the district has been taken into arrest. While his associates Jalaluddin alias Jalalu, Ejaz, Farman and Khatliq are still absconding. Accused Islam Mohammad was arrested from Shahranpur district of Uttar Pradesh and brought to Jagdalpur on Thursday. After the proceedings, he was produced before the Jagdalpur court on remand, from where he was admitted to jail.

Strengthening Party Roots

BJP membership campaign actively participate in membership drive, energizes Kunda mandal



PANDARIA/KUNDA: A workshop meeting under the BJP membership campaign was held in Kunda Mandal, guided by national, state, and district leadership. The event was attended by Pandaria MLA Bhavna Bohra, District BJP Vice President Kailash Chandravanshi, and other senior party leaders, who motivated the workers to actively participate in the membership drive.

The meeting began with the guests worshipping the painting of Bharat Mata, followed by a welcome speech from Mukesh Singh Thakur, BJP Mandal President Kunda. MLA Bhavna

Bohra inspired the workers, emphasizing the importance of reaching every class, community, and locality with the party's ideology. She urged the members to work together and promote the development initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai.

District Vice President Kailash Chandravanshi also addressed the gathering, stressing the need to take the BJP's policies and achievements to every household, ensuring widespread membership.

8 lakh relief for natural disaster victims

KOREA: As per the provisions contained in the revised provisions in Revenue Book Circular 6-4 of Chhattisgarh Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Ministry Mahanadi Bhawan Naya Raipur dated 01 December 2022, there is a provision to approve financial assistance grant amount under natural disaster relief under clause-1 (1) of Appendix-I of Revenue Book 6 (4). In this connection, according to the information received from the Additional Collector Baikunthpur, financial assistance grant amount of Rs 4 lakh each has been approved to Rekha Das, heir of Aryan of Rampur of Baikunthpur tehsil, on his death due to snake bite and Ramvati, heir of Jagbandhan of Patelpara, Dubhapani, on his death due to drowning in water.

'Solar Man' captivates audience on 'Climate Change'

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Solar Man of India Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki Energizes NTPC Sipat with Enlightening Talk on Climate Change and Corrective Actions

SIPAT: NTPC Sipat welcomed a beacon of solar mission Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, affectionately known as the "Solar Man of India," on August 29, 2024. Prof. Solanki, an esteemed IIT Bombay professor with an impressive portfolio of 4 US patents and over 100 research papers, is currently on an extraordinary 11-year Energy Swaraj Yatra. Living solely in a solar-powered bus until 2030, he embodies the very essence of sustainable



Solar Man of India Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki Energizes NTPC Sipat with Enlightening Talk at NTPC Sipat.

FACTFILE

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living. The highlight of his visit was an enlightening discourse on the "6 point

understanding of Climate Change & Corrective Actions," which captivated an audience of over 700, including all GMs, HoDs, executives, executive trainees, apprentice Trainees, students & teachers of Bal Bharti Public School Sipat. Prof. Solanki painted a vivid picture of the urgent need to reimagine our relationship with energy. His three-step approach

- Avoid, Minimize, and Generate sustainable energy locally - resonated deeply, offering a practical roadmap for combating climate change.

Prof. Solanki's solar bus, a tangible symbol of sustainable innovation was also a major hit among the audience. His words will go a long way in fostering a sustainable living, conserving energy in plant and township and will support NTPC's renewable energy initiatives.

His visit not only aligned with our corporate vision but also inspired each individual to reconsider their energy choices, both at our power plants and in their homes.

This event was a grand success with large attendance and a powerful message.

| SOLAR MAN OF INDIA |

| STEM BORER |

Effective measures to control paddy stem borer

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SUKMA: The Krishi Vigyan Kendra team, including Plant Pathologist Shri Rajendra Prasad Kashyap, Entomologist Dr. Yogesh Kumar Sidar, Agricultural Engineering Scientist Dr. Parmanand Sahu, and S.R.F. Yamleshwar Bhojyar, reported a stem borer infestation in paddy fields during field visits to several villages. The caterpillar stage of the insect dam-



ages the crop by cutting stems and drying plant parts, leading to yield loss. Effective control measures include cutting the upper part of the plant slightly before trans-

planting, maintaining weed-free fields, using balanced nutrients, and regularly monitoring fields to destroy eggs. Installing T-shaped bird towers, pheromone traps,

“We recommend timely monitoring and natural control measures for effective pest management.”
Plant pathologists

and light traps can help control the pest. Releasing 50,000 eggs of Tri-

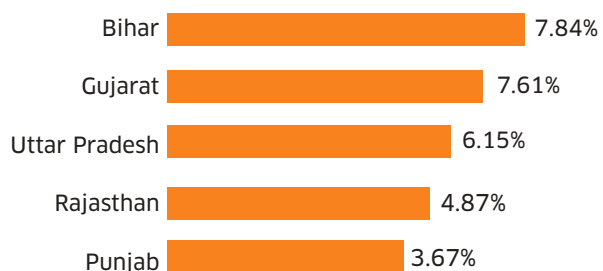
chogramma japonicum per hectare can naturally manage the pest population.

For chemical control, Neem Azadirachtin 1500 ppm (2.5 litres per hectare) is recommended. Granular insecticides should be applied before embryo formation, and various insecticides such as Chlorethanilprole, Chlorpyrifos, Curtaf, and Fipronil can be used when rains stop.

STATES WITH LOWEST FOREST COVER

The Day's NUMBERS

As % of geographical area in India in 2021



Source: Statista

NEW LEASE OF LIFE

3 children with increased head-size gets new lease of life after operation

JAGDALPUR: In the interior areas of Bastar division, symptoms of the disease of increase in size of head at birth are seen a lot. Among the three children from Sukma district,



two boys and a nine-year-old girl were admitted to MACOS for treatment due to increase in the size of the head. Neurosurgeon of Medical College Jagdalpur gave new life to all three children by performing successful operation free of cost. After this, the body of these children will start developing normally. Mecos' neurosurgeon Dr. Pawan Brij said that the disease of head growth of children in this manner is called hydrocephalus. Three children suffering from this were brought to MAC for treatment, where after treatment they were operated on. He told that along with the doctors of the anesthesia department, the doctors of the surgery department also played an important role in this operation.

PROTEST

Congress burnt effigy in protest against lathi charge and FIR on Cong workers



JAGDALPUR: On the instructions of State Congress Committee President Deepak Baij, under the leadership of Bastar District Congress Committee City President Sushil Maurya, Congress officials and workers protested in Bhilai city in protest against the brutal lathi charge on Congress workers and FIR against more than 150 Congressmen.

Effigies of the country's Prime Minister, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and Home Minister were burnt. City Congress President Sushil Maurya said that the Vishnudev Sai government has descended into Hitlerism and wants to destroy democracy. This government is misusing the police administration to suppress the voice of the opposition. He said that there is an atmosphere of anarchy in the entire state. Democracy has ended in Bastar, people and public representatives are living under the shadow of fear.

"The collector said that to maintain law and order, in the wake of recent incidents in other district, the officials have to remain extra watchful."

Rahul Dev
Collector, mungeli



Chhattisgarh

Strict action to be taken against law-breakers

The Collector has said that the officers of the Revenue and Police Dept should work in mutual coordination for better performance.

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The collector instructed the officers to maintain law and order. If anyone tries to disrupt, strict action should be taken against

MUNGELI: Collector Rahul Dev and Senior Superintendent of Police Girija Shankar Jaiswal held a joint meeting of the officers of the Revenue and Police Department to maintain law and order in the district. The collector said that to maintain law and order, in the wake of recent incidents in other district, the officials have to remain extra watchful even on the routine affairs. In the meeting held in the District Collectorate, the Collector said that the officers of the Revenue and Police Department should work in mutual coordination.

If anyone tries to disrupt law and order in the district, strict action should be taken against him. He instructed to keep an eye on anti-social elements and to do continuous patrolling. He



Collector Rahul Dev and Senior Superintendent of Police Girija Shankar Jaiswal held a joint meeting.

FACTFILE

● The SSP has asked all the police station house officers to keep watch on social media and monitor the misleading information.

encouraged the officers to work while discharging their responsibilities with full capacity. The Senior Superintendent of Police said that to maintain law and order in the district, keep the information system strong. Maintain constant contact with the field level officials. Also, if there is a possibility of law and order deteriorating anywhere, then immediately provide information about

to the administration. He instructed to keep a strict watch on social media. He said that if any person, community or class spreads misleading information through social media, strict action will be taken against them. On this occasion, Divisional Forest Officer Sanjay Yadav, Additional Collector Mrs. Nishtha Pandey Tiwari, Joint Collector Mrs. Maneka Pradhan, Ajit Pujari, Girish Ramteke, SDM Mungeli Mrs. Parvati Patel, SDM Patharia B.R. Thakur, Deputy Collector Ajay Shatranj including SDOP, Police Station Incharge, Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar and officers of various departments were

present. In the meeting, the Collector and SSP took information from all CMOs and District CEO regarding the action of removing stray cattle from the main roads of the district and gave necessary instructions. He said that stray cattle should not be seen on any main road. Ensure action to remove cattle by running a campaign.

He also directed to form a team to remove cattle and also issue a number for complaints. The Collector said that the District CEO should hold a meeting of the people of the villages around the main roads and advise them not to leave the cattle in the open.

Proposals invited under Horticulture Mission

MUNGELI: Proposals have been invited for various units and nurseries in project based activities under the State Horticulture Mission 2024-25. The Assistant Director of the Horticulture Department said that proposals have been invited for Hi-Tech Nursery, Small Nursery, New Tissue Culture Unit, Mushroom Production Unit, Mushroom Spawn Making Unit and Front-line Demonstration etc. in the public sector. MIDH For more information regarding the detailed and guidelines of the scheme, one can visit.

eKYC of ration cards mandatory: Food dept

MUNGELI: The food department has announced that it is mandatory to complete the eKYC of ration cards in circulation in the district by September 10. Consumers can go to government fair price shops and get eKYC done free of cost through e-pass machines. District Food Officer Hulesh Kumar Dadsena said that the number of ration cards in the district is 02 lakh 35 thousand 822, in which the total number of members is 08 lakh 12 thousand 387.

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BEST OF THE REST

CAMPAIGN

Bhartiya Majdoor Sangh launches awareness campaign in Mungeli

MUNGELI: As per the decision taken in the meeting of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh State Working Committee, a campaign was launched to create awareness among the people on the occasion of Environment Day on 28 August in the entire state. In this regard, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh District Unit organized a programme of environmental awareness, tree plantation, and memorandum. In the coming days, preparations are being made to organize many programmes with the aim of expanding the organization at the block level so that more and more people can become aware of the working system of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and the objectives of the union. Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh office-bearers informed that the campaign was received well by the villagers and the organizers conveyed them that they should take maximum benefit of this campaign to avail the welfare schemes.

THEFT

Dhamtari Police and Cyber Team arrest the accused of motorcycle theft



DHAMTARI: A report was filed by the applicant Bhola Ram Dhruv, resident of village Telinsatti, that he used to rent land of Sunil Sahu near village Telinsatti bypass and used to do idol making work there. On August 18, after doing work, he closed the pandal from inside and slept inside the pandal by keeping his scooter. When he woke up next morning, he did not find his two wheeler. He immediately registered a complaint against an unknown person and investigation was taken up.

Mineral Trust Fund releases amount

Korba MP Jyotsna Mahant inaugurates community Building in Dhapad Kasarenga village



CHHURIKALA: The community building of Yadav community constructed at a cost of Rs. 20 lakhs from MLA fund and Mineral Trust fund in Village Panchayat Dhapad Kasarenga near the city was inaugurated by regional MP Mrs. Jyotsna Charan Das Manhat on Thursday in the dignified presence of former MLA Katghora Purushottam Singh Kanwar, District Panchayat President Mrs. Shivkala Kanwar, Mrs. Geeta Yadav District President of All Yadav Community, President of Yadav Adarsh Seva Sansthan Dr. PL Yadav, Harish Parasai MP representative, Surendra Jaiswal District

President Congress Committee Rural, Gorelal Yadav President Block Congress Committee Rural Katghora, Hiralal Yadav Councillor, Jeevan Yadav former MP representative, Village Sarpanch Mrs. Ramkumari Shivanth Binjwar and men and women of Yadav community. During the inauguration, the chief guest Mrs. Jyotsna Charan Das Mahant and Purushottam Singh Kanwar former MLA Katghora were welcomed by the people of Yadav community with Rawatnat and Karma dance. The guests present on the stage were welcomed by the officials of Yadav community and women's group.

Application invited under PM Awas Yojna

MUNGELI: Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, applications have been invited till September 16 for recruitment to the posts of Awas Mitra - dedicated human resource in each cluster in order to provide technical guidance and assistance in the availability of material.

Zila Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Prabhakar Pandey said that the minimum educational qualification for the said post is passing class 12th. Also, candidates who have passed B.E. Civil/Diploma/Civil M.A. (Rural Development) will be given priority in selection. He said that the application can be submitted to the Zila Panchayat office through speed post or registered post. For application format and other information, the district website can be visited.

Woman duped with Rs 25 lakhs for job in railway

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When the applicant's son did not get the job the accused was asked for the giving back the total money. But he refused and then a complaint was registered.

BASNA: The city police has arrested the accused youth who cheated a woman of 25 lakhs in the name of getting a job in railway. He has been sent to jail in judicial custody. Basna police station in-charge Rajendra Singh Rajput informed that one Jitendra Kumar Pandit had assured the applicant Dukali Bai Tandi of providing a job in railway, for he had god contact with some senior officials in



Basana police arrested the accused.

railway. The accused Jitendra had claimed that he had a good acquaintance with big officials in the collectorate and bank also. If anybody wants to get the loan or get recruited in the railway he could help. Then the applicant said that her is unemployed, so she wants to get her son Pushpasagar Tandi a job in the railways. On which Jitendra Kumar Pandit agreed and said that the work will be done but it will cost Rs 25,00,000. The applicant and his family agreed and after a few

days he brought the railway form and got it filled at home and took Pushpakumar Tandi's education related documents with him and said that arrange the money quickly and give it to me, then the applicant gave him Rs 8,20,000 in cash on 28 April 2022. Then after a few days on 24 May 2022 the accused reached the applicant's house and said that there was an error in the form and asked him to submit the entire form, then on 06 July 2022. Later on, Rs 1,00,000

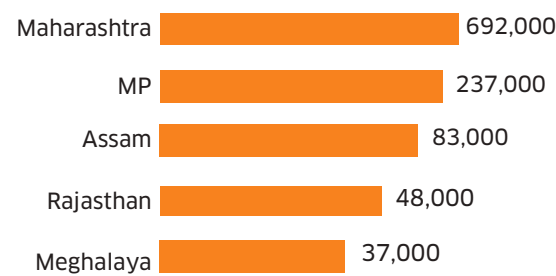
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● The accused had claimed that he had a good acquaintance with big officials in the railway, collectorate and bank.

and on 07 July 2022, Rs 50,000 were deposited in the accused's account by the applicant's niece, then on different dates Rs 45,000, Rs 40,000, Rs 40,000, Rs 11,000, Rs 50,000, Rs 30,000, Rs 16,000, Rs 14,000, Rs 65,000, Rs 35,000, Rs 50,000, Rs 40,000, Rs 55,000, Rs 5000 were given again. After that, the applicant's other niece also gave money to the accused on different dates. Rs 20,000, Rs 80,000, and Rs 2,30,000 were paid to him. Rs 7,40,000 were also given through cheque.

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES HAVING MAXIMUM ORANGE PRODUCTION IN INDIA (FIGURES IN TONNES)



Source- #Agencies

CYCLOTHON

Cyclothon organized by Marwari Yuva Manch and Jagriti Branch

JANJGIR: Under the Fit India Mission, a cyclothon programme was organized in Agrasen Seva Samiti Janjgir under the joint aegis of All India Marwari Yuva Manch and Marwari Yuva Man Jagriti Branch. The said programme is being organized for the past several years. In the same sequence, this year also the programme was organized on a large scale, under which students from class 1st to 5th and class 6th to 8th participated in this programme, under which the winners coming first, second and third were given mementos and certificates and all other participants were given Swatantrana awards. In the said programme, from the male category, Amar Sultania, Marwari Yuva Manch President Akhil Bansal, Secretary and Treasurer as well as members were present from the provincial level. Provincial member of Marwari Yuva Manch Jagriti Branch and the students were also present.

ACTION

Action taken against illegal sand mining in Tithari, tractor seized



DHAMTARI: As per the instructions of the Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, action is being taken continuously on illegal transportation in Kawardha Forest Division. According to the information received from the Forest Division Officer, during a surprise inspection under the direction of Forest Range Officer Rengakhar, action was taken by the Forest Department team on illegal sand mining in the Tithari area. Taking advantage of the clear weather, the accused was illegally mining sand inside the forest area near Compartment RF 132 local name Khunta Bahra Nala and transporting it by tractor trolley, which was seized by the Joint Forest Management Committee members.

BICYCLE MAKES REACHING SCHOOL SO EASY |

Saraswati Cycle Yojana, big relief for girl students

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KOREA: Under the Saraswati Cycle Yojana, bicycles were provided to the girl students of class IX, due to which they are feeling easy to reach school. Earlier, the girl students had to cover a distance of six-seven kilometers on foot, which wasted a lot of time and energy. Now after getting the bicycle, they have started reaching school in



less time and their studies are also improving. Now all the members of the house are very happy to get the bicycle. Seeing other girls coming to school by bicycle, I also

felt like coming to school by cycling. It was with the initiative of the district administration that the Saraswati Cycle Scheme of the Education Department made the dream

"I am very happy to get the bicycle. Now the problem of walking about six-seven kms to reach school has been solved."

Kumari Dimple
Student, Class IX

come true, along with this, these cycles are now proving to be helpful in

studies and other works as well. This was shared by the girl students of class IX who received bicycles in the district level public problem resolution camp organized in the Gram Panchayat Nagar of the district. Kumari Dimple, a resident of village Jagatpur, said that she is very happy to get the bicycle. Now the problem of walking about six-seven kilometers to reach school has been solved.

Collector directs hospitals for quick care of patients

Asked to make CCTV and other security arrangements in the hospital



Collector Sanjay Agarwal chairs meeting to enhance patient care and security measures.

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Collector stressed the importance of respectful behavior toward patients and their families.

FASTFACTS

- Collector urges district hospitals to prioritize immediate patient care, improve security, and enhance service quality.

- Healthcare institutions instructed to install CCTV, ensure timely treatment, and maintain respectful patient conduct.

RAJNANDGAON: In a crucial meeting chaired by Collector Sanjay Agarwal, heads of various medical institutions across the district, including the district hospital, medical college, and primary health centers, were directed to ensure immediate treatment for patients. Superintendent of Police Mohit Garg was also present, emphasizing the need for robust security and patient care measures.

Collector Agarwal underscored the impor-

tance of medical service as a critical human service, urging doctors to prioritize timely treatment to prevent unnecessary delays for patients and maintain the credibility of their institutions. He called for the installation and maintenance of CCTV cameras and other secu-

Hospitals urged to improve care

During a meeting chaired by Collector Sanjay Agarwal, medical institute operators suggested displaying legal action details for rule violations by patients' families. It was also recommended that doctors counsel families daily about patients' conditions to prevent misunderstandings. The meeting aimed to enhance patient care and maintain order within medical facilities. Additional Collector Indira Naveen Pratap Singh Tomar, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Netram Navratan, and district medical heads were present, discussing steps to ensure better communication and security in hospitals.

riety arrangements to monitor activities and provide evidence when required.

Additionally, Agarwal stressed the importance of respectful behavior toward patients and their families, aiming to reduce their stress during medical emergencies. The superintendent of police highlighted the need

for quality surveillance systems, uniformed and trained guards, and well-maintained fire safety equipment. Garg advised regular inspections by local police to ensure compliance with security protocols and suggested maintaining contact information for control rooms and police stations for emergency coordination.

City kids to compete state level sports

DONGARGAON: Two young badminton players from the city, Aditya Pandey (14 years) and Shreya Kochhar (19 years), have been selected to participate in the Chhattisgarh State Level School Sports Competition 2024. Organized by the State School Education Department, the competition will feature cricket, football, badminton, and other sports in Surguja from September 1 to 4. Aditya and Shreya will represent the city in their respective age groups, showcasing their talent at the state level.

Municipality intensifies drive against illegal encroachments



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KHAIRAGARH: In a bid to reduce road accidents, the municipality launched a rigorous campaign against illegal encroachments on Thursday, acting on the directives of Collector Chandrakant Verma. Led by SDM Tankeshwar Sahu and CMO Pramod Shukla, the municipality's demolition squad targeted unauthorized shops near Meera Bai Chowk and the court area along the state highway. Using JCB machinery, the team dismantled illegally constructed shops and seized

goods from unauthorized businesses.

Additionally, efforts were made to clear stray cattle from the main roads, including the state highway. Frequent accidents involving pedestrians and stray cattle had prompted SDM Tankeshwar Sahu to instruct municipal staff to address the issue urgently. CMO Pramod Shukla emphasized that the ongoing operation aims to clear all encroachments along the main road to prevent future accidents and ensure safer travel for the public.

Illegal liquor seized, accused arrested

RAJNANDGAON: Acting on Collector Sanjay Agarwal's orders, the district's Excise Department intensified its crackdown on illegal liquor activities. Assistant Commissioner Yadunanand Rathore reported that the Dongargarh Excise team seized 25.920 bulk liters of Maharashtra-made Desi Daru Santri from Ajay Verma of Piparkhar village.

The illegal liquor was being transported in a Maruti Alto at Bagrekasa Chowk. Verma was arrested and charged under the Excise Act, a non-bailable offense, and sent to jail in judicial custody.

Collector Agarwal has directed continuous patrols and inspections of hotels, dhabas, and liquor shops to curb illegal liquor sales. Eye donation after death can bring light to another's life.

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DISPOSED

Narcotics worth crores destroyed safely

RAJNANDGAON: In a significant operation, narcotics worth Rs 6.77 crore seized in 103 cases were destroyed in Rajnandgaon Range, including districts like Kabirdham and Khairagarh. The destroyed items included 6564.095 kg of ganja, 2830 capsules, 169 tablets, and 1672 injections. The action was conducted by the range-level committee with proper security measures. The drugs were incinerated using a machine at M/S MG Reklems Rajnandgaon, located in village Sankara. The remaining substances were buried in a pit dug with a JCB behind the plant, ensuring safe disposal in compliance with environmental protocols.

SPORTSMANSHIP

National Sports Day celebrated in Rajim



RAJIM: National Sports Day was celebrated at Government Rajiv Lochan Postgraduate College, Rajim, honoring Major Dhyanchand's birthday. The event, led by Professor Ghanshyam Yadu, began with a Saraswati worship ceremony. Sports Officer Vidya Jyoti Sahay highlighted the significance of sports and competitions held at the college. Professor Yadu emphasized that Major Dhyanchand, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, is celebrated for his achievements in hockey, inspiring the national observance. He stressed the importance of sports in overall development, recognizing their value alongside academics. Faculty members and students actively participated in the event, celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship.

DECORATION

Musuwadih road woes persist



KHARORA: The road connecting Kamta to Musuwadih and Navagaon in the Singa Janpad Panchayat area is in terrible condition, riddled with potholes and posing daily commuting challenges. Villagers and students are particularly affected, with many sustaining injuries from frequent falls. Patients needing medical attention at the Singa health center are forced to take an 8-kilometer detour. Despite repeated requests for road repairs to local representatives, no action has been taken. The deteriorating road conditions continue to disrupt daily life, causing significant inconvenience to residents and increasing the risk of accidents.

Mukesh wins state level Red Run marathon



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HIGHLIGHT

- Mukesh Kumar awarded medal, certificate, and Rs 8000 for his exceptional performance.

KURUD: Mukesh Kumar, a rising athlete from Sant Guru Ghasidas Government Post Graduate College, Kurud, clinched first place in the male category at the State Level Red Run Marathon 2024 held in Raipur on Sunday. The marathon was jointly organized by the Chhattisgarh State AIDS Control Committee and the National Service Scheme Higher Education Department. Mukesh outperformed participants from across the state, securing his selection for the national level marathon.

Honorable Vice Chancellor of Ravi Shankar University Raipur, Sachidanand Shukla, and State NSS Officer Dr. Neeta Baj-

pai awarded Mukesh a certificate, medal, and a cash prize of Rs 8000 for his outstanding achievement. In the female category, Kumari Kavita from the same college secured the 8th position.

Both athletes received congratulations from the college community, including Principal Dr. D.K. Rathore, Sports Officer Amit Tandon, and Red Ribbon Club nodal officers Vijay Kumar and Renu Patle, who expressed pride in their achievements.

Cycles distributed to students

ANWARI: Under the Saraswati cycle scheme, cycles were distributed to class IX students at Government Higher Secondary School Semra B. The event, attended by local dignitaries including District Member Rinku Gajendra and Sarpanch Bineshwari Singh, emphasized the importance of regular school attendance and academic dedication.

Sahu Samaj Teej celebration

KHAIRAGARH: Anwari: The District Sahu Sangh, along with Tehsil Sahu Sangh Bhakhara and Area Sahu Samaj Trikuti Dham Kosamra, will organize a district-level Teej festival on September 1 at the society ground near Trikuti Dham Kosamra. A meeting to finalize the event's preparations was held on August 28, with various community leaders, including Tehsil President Kamta Prasad Sahu, in attendance.

Negligence in railway work wastes precious water

WATER WASTAGE ALERT

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Railways waste thousands of liters daily, worsening Rajhara's water crisis amid pipeline damage.



Contractor damages pipelines, causing water spill on road.

DALLI RAJHARA: Amid rising concerns over the rapidly depleting groundwater levels in Rajhara, the railways are wasting thousands of liters of water daily during construction under the Amrit Railway Station Yojana. The contractor, protected by the Senior Sub-Divisional Engineer, is repeatedly breaking pipelines laid along the main access road to the railway station, causing water to spill across the road.

Local residents have long struggled with water shortages during summer due to dropping groundwater levels and damaged pumps. Despite appeals

FASTFACTS

- Contractor breaks pipeline, water spills daily; Senior Engineer ignores complaints and concerns.
- Passengers and residents face inconvenience; urgent repairs needed to prevent further wastage.

from government authorities to conserve water, the ongoing waste due to

broken pipelines contradicts these efforts. Several railway employees, speaking anonymously, confirmed that the Senior Engineer is aware of the damage but dismisses complaints arrogantly, allowing the contractor to operate unchecked.

The uncontrolled water wastage has not only led to muddy roads but also caused significant inconvenience to passengers and residents. The broken pipelines and

lack of repair highlight a disregard for public resources, further exacerbating the city's water crisis. The mismanagement of water resources during this construction project is a clear violation of the rights of the city's residents and a cause of frustration for travelers who suffer the consequences daily. Urgent action is required to address this neglect and protect the city's already scarce water supply.

COLLEGE STAFF IRREGULARITIES

Staff absenteeism affects Tilda College operations

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KHARORA: Satyanarayan Agarwal Government Arts and Commerce College, the only government college in Tilda Nevra near Raipur, is struggling due to staff absenteeism. Many teachers commute by train, often arriving late and leaving early, affecting the college's functioning. During a visit, it was observed that only a few teachers were present, and many classes were empty with students



waiting for lessons. The principal, RD Dewan, was teaching but confirmed the ongoing issue of staff arriving late due to train schedules. The college, located

about 3 kilometers from Tilda railway station, serves a large number of students from nearby villages. However, the irregular presence of teachers severely impacts daily studies.

Notices are being served to the teachers who come late. They will be asked to stay here instead of commuting by train.
RD Dewan
Principal
Principal Dewan stated that notices have been

issued to late-arriving staff, urging them to stay near the college instead of commuting.

Higher Education Department officials, Dr. R. Prasanna and Additional Director DS Jagat, have been informed of the situation and assured a thorough investigation. The administration is hopeful that corrective measures will soon be implemented to ensure that the education of students is not compromised due to staff negligence.

Ayush ministry team inspects district

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DHANTARI: A team from the Ayush Ministry, Government of India, inspected various Ayush institutions and ongoing activities in the district. The team observed the Supraja Camp, interacting with pregnant mothers and providing pregnancy-supportive medicines. They also visited Specialized Therapy Center Kurud, Ayush Wing Dhantari, and Ayush Polyclinic, commending the quality

of work being carried out. At Ayushman Arogya Mandir Parsapani of Vananchal, the team praised the Ayush Rasshaala during a geriatric camp, describing it as excellent. The officials expressed satisfaction with the services of the Ayush Health and Wellness Center. The inspection team included Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Ayush, Mr. Anjan Vishwas, and other officials like Dr. Sunil Das, Dr. Gajendra Baghel, and Dr. Digvijay Singh.



Congress has expelled its MLAs Zeeshan Siddique and Jitesh Antapurkar ahead of the assembly polls.

Nana Patole
MPCC chief

Congress protest against Malayalam film actors



Mahila Congress workers scuffle with police personnel during a protest against actors Mukesh and Siddique, accused of sexual assault, in Thiruvananthapuram, Friday.

HC evicts son of 80 yr old woman facing harassment

The court observed that the details painted a distressing picture of the petitioner's daily life, encumbered with neglect, health hazards, and psychological distress.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Emphasising the necessity of safe, dignified and neglect-free living environment for senior citizens, the Delhi High Court has directed the son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren of an 80 year old woman to vacate the house they were living together in after the octogenarian alleged harassment and ill-treatment at their hands.

The petitioner, who invoked the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, said she was the sole and registered

owner of the property and neither her son nor the daughter-in-law provided any care to her or her husband. She claimed that the ongoing marital discord between the son and the daughter-in-law was also a constant source of discomfort and stress, which was like a "slow death".

"The case highlights a recurring social issue where matrimonial discord not only disrupts the lives of the couple involved but significantly affects senior citizens. In this instance, the elderly petitioners, at a vulnerable stage of their lives, faced undue distress

HIGHLIGHT

● Justice Sanjeev Narula noted that the residence of a daughter-in-law is not an indefeasible right, and that this right must be considered in conjunction with the protection afforded to senior citizens under the Senior Citizens Act, which permits the eviction of occupants causing distress to them.

due to persistent familial conflicts. This situation reflects the need to address

the welfare of senior citizens amidst family disputes," said the judge. To facilitate a resolution that respected the rights of the senior citizen as well as the residential rights of the daughter-in-law, the court directed the son to provide financial assistance of Rs 25 thousand to his wife to enable her to secure alternative accommodation for herself. "Once the financial support commences, Respondents No. 3 to 6 (son, daughter-in-law and two children) shall vacate the subject property and hand over vacant possession to the Petitioner

within two months," ordered the court.

"Such circumstances compellingly argue for the necessity of ensuring that the living environment of senior citizens is safe, dignified, and free from any form of abuse or neglect, aligning with the core objectives of the Senior Citizens Act," stated the court. The described household conditions manifest not just as verbal disputes but extend into the physical environment of the home, contributing to an unhealthy and stress-filled living situation for the senior citizens, it said.

SC collegium rejects Justice Ahmed's request

NEW DELHI: Declining Allahabad High Court judge Justice Shamim Ahmed's request for reconsideration of his transfer to the Madras High Court, the Supreme Court Collegium on Friday reiterated his transfer for better administration of justice. According to a resolution uploaded on the apex court website, on August 21, 2024, the Collegium, headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy, proposed the transfer of Justice Ahmed. "In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted one of the Judges of the Supreme Court who, being conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, is in a position to offer views on the proposed transfer.

J&K peaceful, no one wants Article 370 back: Kishan Reddy

Jeevan Prakash Sharma

Reddy criticised the Congress-NC alliance, alleging that its manifesto is "against peace and development and aligns more closely with Pakistan's interests than those of the people of India."

JAMMU: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Friday claimed that five years since the abrogation of Article 370, peace had returned to Jammu and Kashmir and large-scale development was underway, as he urged the people to vote for his party in the upcoming state election. Reddy said that before the abrogation of Article 370, which granted



special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, activities of Pakistan's ISI, its intelligence agency, were rampant, and terrorism was a constant threat. But today, almost 98 per cent of these activities have been eradicated, he claimed.

"As Jammu and Kashmir approaches its first assembly elections since the abrogation, it is a crucial moment for all of us. This is

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● Reddy also slammed PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, a former ally of the BJP, accusing her of conspiring with the Congress and the NC to destabilise the region.

a very important election. The people of Jammu and Kashmir hold a big responsibility. I believe they will make the right decision after analysing all aspects. No one in Jammu and Kashmir wants Article 370 back," Reddy told reporters here.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir will reject any attempt to revive Article 370 and will support the BJP's vision for peace, progress, and development

in the upcoming elections instead of terrorism and separatism patronised by others," he added.

Reddy criticised the Congress-NC alliance, alleging that its manifesto is "against peace and development and aligns more closely with Pakistan's interests than those of the people of India." Reddy invoked former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's efforts to forge peace with Pakistan, which, he said, were thwarted by Islamabad's "malicious intentions." "The people must recognise the history of betrayal by parties like the PDP, NC, and Congress, and vote for the BJP, which is the only party committed to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

FCRA SERVICES

MHA asks people to refrain from responding to fraudulent communications

NEW DELHI: The Union home ministry has asked people to refrain from responding to fraudulent emails and communications using the names of MHA officials that are being circulated seeking payments for getting FCRA services. The ministry has said any service under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA, 2010), such as registration, renewal, prior permission, change of details compounding, revision etc. may be availed by making the application only through the online FCRA portal. "The payment, if required, for such application or for availing any FCRA service is also to be made only on online FCRA portal through online payment gateway," it said. The ministry said there have been instances where fraudulent emails and communications containing fake logos, fake official email addresses, fake documents using names of officials of FCRA Division.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

CM Saini to contest assembly polls from Ladwa in Kurukshetra



CHANDIGARH: Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will contest the Haryana Assembly elections from Ladwa in Kurukshetra district, the BJP's state unit president Mohan Lal Badoli said on Friday. The ruling BJP is expected to release its first list of candidates for the October 1 polls by Sunday. Badoli -- when asked from where the chief minister would contest the elections -- said, "CM sahab Ladwa se chunav ladenge (The CM will contest from Ladwa)." Saini, who represents the Karnal seat in the Haryana Assembly, was the MP from Kurukshetra between 2019 and 2024.

Communal tensions

SAD sends legal notice to CBFC seeking to stop release of Kangana Ranaut's movie 'Emergency'



NEW DELHI: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) here has sent a legal notice to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) seeking to prevent the release of Kangana Ranaut's upcoming film 'Emergency', claiming it may "incite communal tensions" and "spread misinformation". It alleged "erroneous historical facts that not only misrepresent the Sikh community but also promote hatred and social discord." "Such depictions are not only misleading but also deeply offensive and damaging to the social fabric of Punjab and the entire nation. It is apparent

that Ranaut has chosen the subject of the Emergency not to make a genuine political or historical statement against Congress, but rather to target the Sikh community," the notice sent on August 27 claimed. It claimed the movie portrays the Sikh community in an "unjust and negative light". The notice sought to "immediately revoke the certification given to the movie and thereby blocking its release". "Further, given the potential of this film to incite communal tensions and spread misinformation, I, on behalf of my client hereby call upon CBFC to exercise its authority to prevent its release.

The Day's NUMBERS

TRAFFIC INDEX OF TOP FOUR CITIES IN INDIA

City	Average travel time per 10 kms (in minutes)
Bengaluru	28
Pune	28
New Delhi	22
Mumbai	21

Source: Agency

SC asks Omar Abdullah, wife to appear for mediation

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday asked National Conference leader Omar Abdullah and his estranged wife Payal Abdullah to appear for mediation for exploring the possibility of a settlement. A bench of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah said it would hear the matter on November 4, after a report from the Supreme Court Mediation Centre is submitted. The top

court had earlier sought a response from Payal Abdullah on her husband's plea seeking divorce. The Delhi High Court had on December 12, 2023 dismissed Omar Abdullah's plea seeking divorce, saying there was no merit in his appeal. The high court had upheld the 2016 family court order refusing to grant a decree of divorce to Abdullah, a former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Silence to Strength

They did not hesitate to call her used, but nobody knew how it was to be abused. She was stabbed everyday with the knife of life, she was someone's daughter, mother and wife. The pain of dejection and worth led to emptiness, now she knew what it felt like to be a menace. The loathsomes didn't care if she wore a burkha or a saree, if she was 8 months or 80 years old, but when the depleting voice becomes bold, the hidden truth has to be told, women is power world's precious auer, if she creates then she will destroy, she is kali and she will rejoice.



- Gaurangi Ranjan
Class-12th
Surat, Gujarat

MEGHALAYA PROBE

'Investigation completed on attack on family by BSF personnel'

Gaurav Saini

SHILLONG: Meghalaya Police have completed investigation into the alleged attack on a family including a minor girl by three BSF personnel in East Jaintia Hills district earlier this year, Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong told the Assembly on Friday. According to the DyCM a case was registered

at Khliehriat Women Police Station after the matter was reported on June 20.

"The investigation has been completed and the chargesheet is ready," Tynsong, who is also minister in charge of Home department, said in his reply to a call attention notice. "The complainant and the victims were examined and their statements were recorded on the same day



and all necessary steps such as medical examinations, visit to place of occurrence and collection of evidence

was done as per the law," he said. A woman named Martina Poshna of Kuliang

village lodged an FIR stating that on the night of June 19, three individuals claiming to be BSF personnel armed with weapons forcefully entered her home. The three persons broke into the house and upon entering, the assailants attacked her husband Shanrai Lyngdoh, they also took an axe from the house and attempted to use it against the family, she said.

No violation of CM(MT&S) Rules 2009: BIOM Kirandul

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DANTEWADA: The office of Collector Dantewada

vide its letter dated 29.08.2024, has proposed to levy penalty and

compensation to the tune of Rs. 1620.5 crore for the alleged transport of iron ore without Railway Transit Pass (RTP) and thereby alleging contravention of the various provisions of different mining laws.

P. Jaya Prakash, GM (CC), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, in a statement issued to the press informed that the levy of compensation and penalty by way of impugned notice for demand of penalty and compensation solely and blindly without considering the facts and circumstances in the present case is completely inappropriate.

It is specifically stated that any transport quantity violation as alleged by the District Authority, Dantewada in the show cause notice should be co-related with the following facts:

That, NMDC Limited has been operating with valid Mining Lease, Approved Mining Plan, CTO,CTE, Environment Clearances & Forest Clearances from Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change

(MoEFCC), Government of India. As per Rule 2, Sub rule 1 (d) of Chhattisgarh Mineral (Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rule, 2009, Deposit wise, Grade wise, and Product wise Advance Royalty is being paid by Kirandul Complex, NMDC Ltd. through Khanij-online portal to State Govt. of Chhattisgarh and after payment of advance

royalty, the e-permit numbers are being generated.

Since NMDC is making advance Royalty Payment as per mentioned Point No. 2 above, BIOM Kirandul Complex has not carried out any violation of Chhattisgarh Minerals (Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules 2009 for the alleged transport of iron ore without Rail-

way Transit Pass (RTP). State Government verifies these records every six months at the time of royalty assessment and not a single objection has been raised so far by the state government, which shows that there has been no violation by BIOM Kirandul Complex.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that **HARSHAL SUHAS SAKALE S/O SUHAS SHRIPAL SAKALE** resident of RALAS ENCLAVE DAGANIYA RAIPUR have changed my old name that is **HARSHAL SAKALE to HARSHAL SUHAS SAKALE** so in future I should be recognised by my new name that is **HARSHAL SUHAS SAKALE** in all Government and other documents.

HARSHAL SUHAS SAKALE
Ralas enclave Daganiya
Raipur 492010

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Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

S. No	System Tender No./ Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	157902 (THIRD CALL) 23.08.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF PWD ROAD VIA KAILASHPUR-PATPARIYAPARA-ASANAPARA-JUNAPARA TO BISHUNPUR ROAD, LENGTH 5.58 Km., DISTT.-SURAJPUR (C.G.) (Work code - W24665).	968.90

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 01 date 09.09.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office Of Engineer In Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar

G-242502146/3

आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी संचालनालय, छत्तीसगढ़

(ब्लॉक-2, मूलत, इन्द्रावती भवन, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर)
0771-2511507 फ़ैक्स: 0771-2221627, website- descq.gov.in

क्र. 2317/2024/आ.सा.सं./170-प्रशा. नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, दिनांक 27/08/2024

:: शुद्धि पत्रक ::

आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी संचालनालय के पत्र क्रमांक 773/2024/आ.सा.सं./170-प्रशा., दिनांक 13.03.2024 द्वारा प्रेषित विज्ञापन के आधार पर संचालक, जनसम्पर्क संचालनालय, छत्तीसगढ़, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर के क्रमांक जी-08587/4 द्वारा प्रकाशित विज्ञापन के क्र. 2 खण्ड स्तर अन्वेषक के कुल रिक्तियों में से निशक्तजनों के लिए आरक्षित पद के कोलम में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है :-

क्र.	पदनाम का नाम	कुल रिक्तियों में से निशक्तजनों के लिए आरक्षित पद	कुल रिक्तियों में से निशक्तजनों के लिए आरक्षित पद (संशोधित)
2	खण्ड स्तर अन्वेषक	01 (अना अर्पित बाधित) (OL, OH, CP, LC)	01 (OA, OL, HH)
	कुल योग	01	01

2/ शेष यथावत रहेंगे।

संचालक
आर्थिक एवं सांख्यिकी संचालनालय,
छत्तीसगढ़, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर

G-242502142/1

CISF

RECRUITMENT OF CONSTABLE (FIRE) - 2024 IN CISF

Dates of submission of online applications : 31/08/2024 to 30/09/2024
Closing date : 30/09/2024 (upto 23:00 hrs)

Online applications are invited from Male Indian citizens for filling up the temporary posts of **CONSTABLE (FIRE)** IN Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in the Pay Level-3 (Rs. 21,700-69, 100/-). The details of vacancies are as follow :-

	UR	EWS	SC	ST	OBC	Total
	466	114	153	161	236	1130

For complete details of the notification, applications should go through the advertisement/notification published in Employment News/Rozgar Samachar dated 31/08/2024 and CISF Website <https://cisfrect.cisf.gov.in/> Applicants should read and understand all the information carefully before applying the post.

CBC 19113/11/0005/2425

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Finance Services, (Banking Division), 797-II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur 482001 (M.P.)

Case No.: RC 316/2016 In O.A. No. 288/2015

UCO BANK Vs M/s. S.D. COSMETICS PVT. LTD.

E-Auction No. 219/2024

Under mentioned properties will be sold by "on line e-auction" through website <https://www.bankeauctions.com> for recovery of a sum of Rs. 9,58,57,653.12 (Rupees Nine Crore, Fifty Eight Lakh, Fifty Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Three and Twelve Paise only) payable by you/him in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. No. 288/2015 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 12.00% p.a. with simple interest from 30-09-2015 and costs payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and Time of E-auction : 03-10-2024 Between 12.00 Hours and 13.00 hours

SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE

Diversed Land bearing Khasra No. 278/3, area measuring 2844 Sq.ft. House Constructed on Diversed Land Bearing Khasra No. 278/5, area measuring 1351 Sq.ft. and House Constructed on plot No. 76, Diversed Land Bearing Khasra No. 278/1, area measuring 1426 Sq.ft. Total area measuring 5621 Sq.ft. PC No. 113 situated at Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.) all properties belonging to M/s. DHIRANI INDUSTRIES through its partners, Sunil Dhirani and Krishna Dhirani.
Upset Price : Rs. 5,39,33,000.00 (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Thirty Three Thousand only).

Conditions of Sale:

- Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@c1india.com or E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com.
- Intending bidders are advised to go through website <https://www.bankeauctions.com> for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids.
- Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy them self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc by their own sources (Govt. Office) also later on DRT will not be responsible for this.
- 10% of the upset price i.e. EMD/Bid price Rs. 53,93,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred only); must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account no. Account no. 31067074055 in the name of Recovery Officer. E-auction account, DRT Jabalpur with STATE BANK OF INDIA, RIDGE ROAD BRANCH, JABALPUR. (IFSC Code: SBIN007208) and the Remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form.
- Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 Hours on 01-10-2024 online.
- A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest.
- Online bidding with commencement from the highest bid quoted among the bids and the minimum increase for each bid will be Rs. 5,50,000.00 (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only); in case of bid received before closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system.
- The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited.
- In the case of immovable property listed in the schedule below, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his/her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account no. 31067074055 mentioned in SL. no. 4 and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold and amount deposited as EMD will be forfeited.
- The successful bidder shall remit balance 75% of the sale amount along with poundage of 1% of sale amount plus Rs.10/- for each property separately within 15 days of auction, to the Account no. 31067074055 mentioned at SL. no. 4 through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
- Property will be sold "As is Where is and No Complaint basis".
- The properties can be inspected on 24-09-2024 Between 12.00 hours and 16.00 hours.
- Properties will not be sold below the upset price.
- Recovery Officer have the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason.
- Intending bidders are advised to peruse copies of the title deed available with the Shri Bimal Ranjan Gharani, Asst. Gen. Manager, Mob. No. 9826180975 also check the identity and correctness of the property details and encumbrances etc from their own sources also. DRT will not be responsible for correctness etc.
- Details regarding e-auction shall be obtained from M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., website: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Mithalesh Kumar on Mob. No. 7080804466; E-mail id:- mpcg@c1india.com or E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com.
- Further property details if any required shall be obtained from Shri Bimal Ranjan Gharani, Asst. Gen. Manager, Mob. No. 9826180975.
- The bidders may participate in the e-auction by quoting / bidding from their own offices / places of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by each bidder himself. DRT/ Bank Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, Power failure etc.

Place : Jabalpur
Date : 09-08-2024

(PRITI DESAI)

RECOVERY OFFICER II

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस

क्रमांक/93/ब-121/2023-24 रायपुर, दिनांक 13 अगस्त, 2024 प्रति.

धर्मेश सिंह परमार (Borrower) पिता दहीराम परमार निवासी- ख.नं. 1338, प.ह.नं. 107, नेताजी कन्हैया लाल वार्ड नं. 08, गुडियारी, जिला- रायपुर. आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी केनरा बैंक ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर शाखा रायपुर से आवेदन पत्र/ शायधपत्र मध्य दर्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर आवेदन पत्र से आपने बैंक से 23,60,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर, आपके स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखी। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण बैंक ने आपको अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मध्य ब्याज एवं अन्य शुल्क रूपया 21,50,099.00 अदा करें, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति बैंक अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर, बैंक के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

2/ आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी केनरा बैंक ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर शाखा रायपुर से 23,60,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मौजा- गुडियारी, प.ह.नं. 107, रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 1338 रकबा 1025 वर्गफुट पर निर्मित मकान बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये कर््यों न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभावक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 07.10.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 13 अगस्त, 2024 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।

कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

(मुहर)

क्रमांक/93/ब-121/2023-24/59 रायपुर, दिनांक 20 अगस्त, 2024 प्रति.

श्री राहुल डोडेजा (Borrower) पिता अनुप कुमार डोडेजा श्रीमती काजल डोडेजा (Co-Borrower) पति श्री अनुप डोडेजा निवासी- एम.आई.जी. 05, शंकर निवास, एन.पी.एच. बी. कालोनी, कटोरा तालाब, जिला-रायपुर.

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी केनरा बैंक मुख्य शाखा रायपुर से आवेदन पत्र/ शायधपत्र मध्य दर्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर आवेदन पत्र से आपने बैंक से 1,17,80,340.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर राहुल डोडेजा के स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखी। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण बैंक ने आपको अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मध्य ब्याज एवं अन्य शुल्क रूपया 1,32,02,381.67 अदा करें, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति बैंक अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर बैंक के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

2/ आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी केनरा बैंक मुख्य शाखा रायपुर से 1,17,80,340.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मौजा- भद्रगांव वार्ड नं. 03, प.ह.नं. 105/47, रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 637/1 का भूमा पर निर्मित रजत सेटम के नवमी मजिल में फ्लैट नं. 906 एवं मौजा- शंकर नगर वार्ड नं. 28, रायपुर स्थित ग्रीन ग्लोरी के छठवीं मजिल में फ्लैट नं. 602 बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये कर््यों न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभावक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 14.10.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 20 अगस्त, 2024 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।

कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

(मुहर)

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, **SIDHARTH DHARIWAL, S/o Sanjay Dhariwal, resident of 45/11, Dhariwal Gali, Sadar Bazar, Raipur - Pin 492001 (C.G.),** have changed my old name **SIDHARTH DHARIWAL, S/o Sanjay Dhariwal** so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is **SIDDHARTH DHARIWAL, S/o Sanjay Dhariwal** in all Government and other documents.

SIDDHARTH DHARIWAL, 45/11, Dhariwal Gali, Sadar Bazar, Raipur - Pin 492001 (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** (formerly known as **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 23.04.2024 calling upon the Borrower(s) **SANTOSH KUMAR VERMA, BINDU VERMA AND BASANT KUMAR VERMA (GUARANTOR)** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs. 9,55,838.30 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight And Paise Thirty Only) against Loan Account No. **HHLRPPR00406447** as on 22.04.2024 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 28.08.2024.

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED** (formerly known as **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**) for an amount of Rs. 9,55,838.30 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight And Paise Thirty Only) as on 22.04.2024 and interest thereon.

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
PLOT No. 344, ADMAESURING 82.11 SQ. MTRS., SITUATED AT GRAM PANCHAYAT SANKARA, PH. NO. 08, BEARING CONVERTED LAND KHASARA NO. 1373/1, 1373/2, 1376, 1380/1, 1380/2, 1380/3, 1380/4, 1381/1, 1381/2, 1397/1, 1397/2, 1398, 1400, 1401, 1404/2, 1407, 1408/1, 1408/2, AT RNM BHILAI 3, TAHSIL, PATAN, DURG-490001, CHHATTISGARH.

BOUNDED BY :-
EAST : ROAD WEST : PLOT NO. 370
NORTH : PLOT NO. 345 SOUTH : ROAD

Date : 28.08.2024 Authorized Officer
Place: DURG SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED)

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम विलासपुर (जोन क्र. 01) ई-प्रोक्चोरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

क्र/17/न.पा.नि/जो01/साम.प्रशा./2024-25 दिनांक 30.08.2024
एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सहम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्म/कम्पनी/समिति/एन.डी.ओ. से 46 व्लेसमेंट श्रमिक आपूर्ति हेतु दिनांक 25.09.2024 समय 17.30 Hours (IST) तक ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

विषय टेकर नं.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	अमानत राशि
158188	Supply of 46 Skilled/Non Skilled/Semi Skilled Labour for Zone 01 (Sakri) Municipal Corporation Bilaspur (CG)	63.52	47640.00

निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, अमानत राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विवरण, निविदा रस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई- प्रोक्चोरमेंट वेबसाइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से दिनांक 03/09/2024 से साराजिल्ले/ईवेबोई की जा सकती है।
जोन आयुक्त (जोन क्र.01) न.पा.नि. विलासपुर (उ.न.)

Green City, Clean City, Dream City.

Government of India. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department of Health and Family Welfare Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi, 110011

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the post of **Secretary, NMC and Members of the National Medical Commission (NMC), President and Members of the Autonomous Boards of the NMC.**

- Applicant must be less than 65 years of age as on 01/08/2024.
- The last date of receipt of application shall be 19/09/2024 no later than 4PM Indian Standard Time.
- Detailed advertisement and the application format will be hosted on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website at www.mohfw.nic.in and may be downloaded.
- Duly filled application in the prescribed proforma along with attested copy of all relevant certificates super-scribing on the envelope "Application for the post of Secretary and Members of the National Medical Commission (NMC), President and Members of the Autonomous Boards of the NMC" should be sent to the following address:

Secretary,
Department of Health and Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road,
New Delhi, 110011

- Scanned copies of the applications along with all relevant documents must be sent on the Email address mepsection-mohfw@gov.in.
- Both the hard copy and online applicants are mandatory for consideration of candidature. The scanned online copy will be considered as the final application and must be received by the due date and time at the designated email address.

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न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस

क्रमांक / 123 / ब-121 / 2023-24 / 826 रायपुर, दिनांक 23 जुलाई, 2024 प्रति.

1. मेसर्स किलाईट इंस्ट्रीज (Borrower) प्रो. श्रीमती अंजूला मिश्रा पति संजय कुमार प.नं. 61 वार्ड नं. 17 हरिश्च विहार कालोनी उरकुरा बीरगंज धनपुरी जिला रायपुर
2. श्री संदेश कुमार पोंडे व. श्री गिरेष्ठी पाण (Guarantor), फ्लैट नं. 506, 5वीं मजिल ब्लाक-ए, अविनाश आशियाना फेस-4 कबीर नगर रायपुर
3. श्री फैजान सुहैन खान व. इरितियक (Guarantor), ए-101 शिल्प इन्फ्लेव मीतांजली कालोनी शंकर नगर जिला रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी बैंक आफ महाराष्ट्र मुख्य शाखा रायपुर से आवेदन पत्र / शायधपत्र मध्य दर्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर, आवेदन पत्र से आपने बैंक से 3,00,00,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर, सर्वशे कुमार पोंडे के स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखी। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण बैंक ने आपको अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मध्य ब्याज एवं अन्य शुल्क रूपया 3,10,32,218.81 अदा करें, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति बैंक अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर, बैंक के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

2/ आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी बैंक आफ महाराष्ट्र मुख्य शाखा रायपुर से 3,00,00,000.00 रु. का ऋण प्राप्त कर मौजा कबीर नगर रायपुर स्थित अविनाश आशियाना अपार्टमेंट के ब्लॉक नं. ए पांचवीं मजिल फ्लैट नं. 506 बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

3/ अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गई अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुये कर््यों न आधिपत्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जावे। आप स्वयं अथवा अपने नियुक्त अभिभावक के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु इस न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 09.09.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। नियत तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर, प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 23 जुलाई, 2024 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"The superstitious practices which deform the Hindu religion have nothing to do with the pure spirit of its dictates."

[Raja Ram Mohan Roy]

OUR VIEW |

Safeguarding hospitals: A critical need of our time

The Centre's recent directive to bolster security in hospitals is a long-overdue response to a deeply disturbing crisis: the safety of our healthcare workers. The horrific rape and murder of a junior doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College is a chilling reminder of the dangers faced by medical professionals, especially women, in what should be safe and secure environments. This tragedy has not only shaken the nation but also spotlighted the urgent need for systemic change. President Droupadi Murmu's expression of anguish reflects the broader societal failure to protect those who dedicate their lives to saving others. Hospitals, the very places meant for healing and care, have become perilous for healthcare workers, particularly during night shifts when security lapses are most pronounced. The Centre's recommendations, including joint security audits, CCTV installations, and extending the 112 helpline to healthcare workers, are essential starting points. However, these measures must be more than symbolic gestures; they must form part of a larger strategy that includes routine night patrols, control rooms within hospital campuses, and strict access controls to ward off potential threats. President Murmu's call for 'honest, unbiased self-introspection' demands that we confront the deeper societal issues fueling violence against women. The training of security personnel must go beyond basic protocols; regular drills and stringent visitor management systems are critical to create truly safe spaces. Equally important is addressing the mental health of healthcare workers, who are often burdened by high-stress environments and inadequate support systems. While the Centre's proactive stance on enhancing security in hospitals is commendable, its success hinges on the effectiveness of state-level implementation and institutional commitment. Ensuring the safety of healthcare workers is not just a government responsibility; it is a societal imperative. We must act collectively to transform our hospitals into safe havens where medical professionals can focus on their noble work without fear.

GUEST VIEW |

Global hunger stagnates; Urgent need for action

In the World (SOFI) report, released by the UN's FAO, highlights a troubling stagnation in global hunger, unchanged for three consecutive years. Themed "Financing to End Hunger, Food Insecurity, and Malnutrition in All Its Forms," the report urges enhanced, effective funding and a coordinated approach to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition. In 2023, 733 million people globally faced hunger, with 20.4% in Africa and 8.1% in Asia. Additionally, 2.33 billion experienced moderate to severe food insecurity, and over 2.8 billion couldn't afford a healthy diet in 2022, particularly in low-income countries. India's alarming statistics show that 55.6% of its population cannot afford a healthy diet, with 194.6 million undernourished between 2021-2023. Child malnutrition remains a major concern, with 21.9 million children affected by wasting (18.7%) and 36.1 million by stunting (31.7%). The report emphasizes the need for targeted interventions, comprehensive policies, and increased investment to transform agrifood systems and address inequalities. To combat hunger and malnutrition effectively, especially in the hardest-hit regions, a holistic and urgent approach is essential.



Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

Comment

The crucial importance of homework in child development

Homework plays a crucial role in the all-round development of children, reinforcing what is learned in school. It serves as a tool for revisiting subjects, strengthening understanding, and building confidence in academic performance. Here are some key reasons why homework is essential for children:

1. Enhancing Understanding and Knowledge Retention

Homework encourages children to review and practice what they learned in school. Repetition helps reinforce concepts, making it easier for students to grasp difficult subjects. By doing homework, students can better understand lessons, solidify their learning, and improve their grasp of the subject matter, resulting in better academic performance.

2. Building Problem Solving Skills

Homework tasks help develop problem-solving skills by requiring students to think critically and independently. Children learn to approach problems with a solution-oriented mindset, which is beneficial not only in academics but also in everyday life. This skill

becomes especially valuable in professional settings where problem-solving is essential.

3. Developing Moral Values and Responsibility

Completing homework teaches children to follow instructions and respect authority. It instills a sense of responsibility as they complete assignments given by their teachers. Children learn the importance of discipline, time management, and commitment, which are vital traits for their future.

4. Preparing for Tests and Exams

Regular homework prepares students for tests and exams by keeping them engaged with the material. Through consistent practice, students can master each subject, reducing exam anxiety and boosting confidence. Homework also enhances concentration and helps students develop a deeper understanding of topics, making exam preparation more manageable.

5. Encouraging Time Management

Homework teaches children to manage their time effectively. Balancing schoolwork, homework, play, and

rest helps children understand the importance of time and prioritize tasks. Good time management skills learned through homework can help them become disciplined and efficient adults.

6. Enhancing Manual Skills and Creativity

Assignments that involve drawing, model-making, or hands-on activities encourage children to explore their creativity. Engaging in such tasks helps develop fine motor skills and allows students to connect academic learning with creative expression. This blend of knowledge and creativity fosters a more profound interest in subjects and promotes a love for learning.

7. Boosting Interest in Education

Children often find school difficult and may lose interest in studies.

However, homework designed to be simple, interesting, and engaging can rekindle their enthusiasm for learning. With supportive guidance from teachers and parents, students can develop a positive attitude towards education, turning challenging subjects into enjoyable learning experiences.

8. Instilling a Sense of Achievement

Completing homework and receiving positive feedback from teachers builds self-esteem and encourages children to strive for more. The desire to meet expectations and receive praise motivates them to work harder, fostering a sense of achievement and pride in their work.

What Should Homework Be Like?

Homework should be manageable, interesting, and tailored to the child's abilities. Teachers should assign tasks that are simple yet engaging, like writing short essays, creating model charts, or memorizing key points. Assignments should help students recall class lessons, connect learning with personal experiences, and prepare them for exams without feeling overwhelming.

Homework should not be seen as a burden but as a stepping stone to success. By making homework a positive experience, children can develop a lifelong love of learning, enabling them to succeed academically and become responsible, well-rounded individuals.



Vijay Garg

Retired Principal Educational Col-umnist MALOUT punjab

Microplastics in Brains: A growing concern

Microplastics, tiny fragments of plastic, have been found in human brains for the first time, raising concerns about their potential health impacts and environmental exposure. *By Sarah Hellewell*



Concerns are arising about microplastic contamination and its potential effects on the human body.

Plastic is everywhere—in our clothes, vehicles, phones, and even our food containers. The recent discovery of microplastics in human brains has raised alarms, adding to the growing concerns about the potential health impacts of these tiny fragments. A study from the United States found microplastics in human brain samples for the first time, highlighting the urgent need to understand their effects on our health.

What Are Microplastics?

Microplastics are plastic particles smaller than five millimetres, often invisible to the naked eye. They originate from the breakdown of larger plastic items and have been found in drinking water, food, and various everyday products, making human exposure inevitable and constant. The health implications of such widespread exposure are still not fully understood, but ongoing research is shedding light on potential risks.

The Latest Findings

The study examined samples from 51 men and women, analysing liver, kidney, and brain tissues. Surprisingly, researchers found up to 30 times more microplastics in

brain samples compared to other organs. This may be due to the high blood flow to the brain, which could carry plastic particles, or because the brain, unlike other organs, renews its cells less frequently, allowing plastics to accumulate.

The study found that microplastic levels in brain samples increased by about 50% between 2016 and 2024, likely reflecting the growing environmental plastic pollution. The most common microplastic detected was

polyethylene, used in everyday items like plastic bags and bottle caps. While this study is a significant first step, it remains a pre-print, meaning it hasn't been fully validated by independent researchers.

How Do Microplastics Reach the Brain?

Microplastics enter the body primarily through contaminated food and water, but they can also be inhaled. Once inside, these particles can disrupt the gut microbiome and cause inflammation,

affecting the entire body, including the brain. Studies on fish and mice have shown that ingested microplastics can enter the bloodstream and reach the brain, crossing the blood-brain barrier—a crucial protective layer designed to keep harmful substances out of the brain.

Potential Health Concerns

The presence of microplastics in the brain is concerning, although the full impact on human health is still unknown. Laboratory studies suggest that microplastics

may cause brain inflammation, cell damage, and altered gene expression. There is also a risk that microplastics could carry environmental toxins or harmful bacteria into the body, posing further health risks. Additionally, chemicals leaching from microplastics, such as hormone-disrupting BPA, add to the potential dangers.

Minimising Exposure

Although microplastics are ubiquitous and difficult to avoid, reducing exposure is possible. Avoid single-use plastics, especially in food and drink packaging, and minimise synthetic fibres in your home and clothing. Supporting efforts to reduce plastic waste can help lower environmental contamination. Research is ongoing to understand how to prevent microplastics from entering our bodies, including exploring the role of diet and probiotics in maintaining the gut barrier's integrity.

Microplastics in the brain represent a new frontier in environmental health, urging us to rethink our reliance on plastic and take proactive steps to protect our well-being.

YOUR LETTERS

Urgent need for deterrence

The President has emphasized the need for 'honest self-introspection' and creating deterrence against crime. Swift trials in designated fast-track courts and expedited appeals through special benches are essential. Penal laws should be amended to impose a minimum punishment of the death sentence, executed promptly. These measures, if implemented effectively, could be a gamechanger in curbing the rising criminal menace. Establishing strict consequences will create a powerful deterrent in the minds of potential offenders.

MK Nair, Raipur

SC sub-categorisation demand rises

The demand for sub-categorisation within the SC reservation order is growing across states like UP, MP, Rajasthan, Bihar, Punjab, and Haryana. Major parties such as the Congress, Samajwadi Party, and JD(U) face challenges in taking a clear stance due to the strong SC presence and upcoming elections. While SC communities have diverse political loyalties, the push for sub-categorisation might unify them under parties like the Bahujan Samaj Party or Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), closely monitoring any opposition to the sub-classification policy.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

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Business



Two-wheeler industry expects robust growth in upcoming festive season.

Aniruddha Haldar,
VP- Head Commuter Business,
TVS Motor.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and others during a visit to an exhibition at the Global FinTech Fest 2024, in Mumbai, Friday, Aug 30.

PM Modi promotes Fintech Sector with policy reforms

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces fintech policy changes, including Angel Tax removal, to drive growth and ensure cyber fraud prevention.

Press Trust Of India
MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government is making necessary policy changes, like removal of Angel Tax, to promote the fintech sector, even as he asked the regulators to take additional measures to check cyber frauds which can have a crippling impact on startups. Lauding the fin-techs for democratising

financial services, Modi said the sector, which has attracted USD 31-billion investment in the last 10 years, has played a key role in denting the parallel economy. The Prime Minister was addressing the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024, jointly organised by the Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council. He said the domestic econ-

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● **Removal of Angel Tax aims to boost fintech investments and innovation in India.**

● **PM urges regulators to tackle cyber fraud and enhance digital literacy.**

omy and the capital market are in a celebratory mood at a time when the nation is also going through a festive period. Modi underlined that the government is making all necessary changes on the policy level to assist the fintech sector and gave examples of doing away with Angel Tax, allocating Rs 1 lakh crore to encourage research and innovation in the country and implementing the Digital

Personal Data Protection Act. Broadly, fintech refers to entities utilising technologies for providing financial services. Expressing the need to put an end to cyber fraud, he urged the regulators to take major initiatives to boost digital literacy. It is equally important to ensure cyber fraud does not come in the way of the growth of fintech and startups in the country, Modi said.

IndiGo to restart flights from Delhi airport's T1

NEW DELHI: New Delhi: IndiGo on Friday said it will resume operations from Terminal 1 (T1) at the Delhi airport from September 2. The airline will operate 35 departures daily from T1. "Proactive measures have been taken to ensure that passengers are well-informed about this transition. Domestic flight with flight numbers 2000-2999 will operate from Terminal 2 and flight numbers from 5000-5999 will operate from Terminal 3 and rest all flights will operate from Terminal 1," the airline said in a release. The new T1 at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) started operations on August 17. The old T1 was temporarily shut on June 28 following a roof collapse incident and flight operations from the terminal were shifted to T2 and T3.

Vistara's transition to Air India set for Nov 12: Wilson

Press Trust Of India
Vistara flights will operate under Air India numbers from November 12, aircraft and crew remain unchanged.



Air India chief Campbell Wilson.

NEW DELHI: With regulatory approvals in place, Air India chief Campbell Wilson on Friday said November 12 has been set as the date for the movement of aircraft and crew of Vistara to Air India. Vistara, a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines, is getting merged with Air India. Post merger, the Singapore carrier will have a 25.1 per cent stake in Tata Group-owned Air India. The government has approved the foreign direct investment by Sin-

FACTFILE

● **Passengers booking Vistara flights from November 12 redirected to Air India's website starting September 3.**

gapore Airlines as part of the merger. In a message to the staff on Friday, Wilson said they are now embarking on the final stretch of the long

and complicated merger process. The merger was announced in November 2022. Wilson said that for Vistara flights on or after November 12, the flight numbers will change to Air India ones, even though in nearly all cases the aircraft, schedule and operating crew will be unchanged until early 2025. A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has also been

prepared for passengers to help them with more information amid the merger process. From September 3, passengers wanting to book flights departing on or after November 12 through Vistara's website will progressively be redirected to Air India's site to complete the booking. "All customers already booked on Vistara flights after 12th November will automatically have their reservations converted to Air India flight numbers; this will occur in phases during September, and customers will be individually informed when this occurs," Wilson said. He said that with the regulatory approvals now in hand, the movement of aircraft and crew from the Vistara Air Operator Certificate to Air India's has been set for November 12.

MOU WITH VOLVO EICHER |

Baidyanath LNG launches its third dispensing station

Press Trust Of India
NAGPUR: Baidyanath LNG Private Limited, commercially known as B-LNG, launched its third LNG dispensing station at Umred Road, Nagpur at the hands of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. B-LNG has already set up two LNG dispensing stations at Jabalpur Road, Nagpur and Vani, respectively. On

the occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between B-LNG and Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles Limited to enable the development of LNG station network across various strategic locations in India. This is expected to accelerate the development of the supply side ecosystem and aiding long haul transport segment



to switch to the cleaner fuel. Under the MOU, B-LNG and Volvo Eicher shall jointly promote sales

of LNG Powered Eicher trucks with an initial target of 500 units in operation. The companies also aspire

to jointly establish skill development institutes to train personnel in the environmentally positive technology. Speaking at this occasion, Union Minister of Road transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari emphasized that four "E"s, i.e. Ethics, Economy, Ecology and Environment, are important for the futuristic development of any country.

BizBriefs BEST OF THE REST

BANK ACCOUNT

LGBTQ persons can open joint bank account: FinMin advisory

NEW DELHI: The finance ministry said there are no restrictions for persons of the LGBTQ community to open a joint bank account and to nominate a person in a queer relationship as a nominee. This is to clarify that there are no restrictions for persons of the queer community to open a joint bank account and also to nominate a person in the queer relationship as a nominee to receive the balance in the account in the event of the account holder, the finance ministry said in an advisory dated August 28. The advisory for Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community (LGBT community) from the ministry comes in view of the Supreme Court order dated October 17, 2023, in the case of Supriyo@Supriya Chakraborty and another vs Union of India (Writ Petition Civil No. 1011/2022).

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	82,365	+0.28
Nifty	25,235	+0.33
Nifty, MidCap	59,286	+0.68
Nifty SmallCap	19,307	-0.48
Nifty Bank	51,351	+1.12

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

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee	Value	%chg
US Dollar	83.83 (-)	
Euro	92.86 (-)	
Chinese Yuan	11.83 (+)	
UAE Dirham	22.82 (-)	
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)	
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)	

On August 30, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	%chg
Dow Jones (US)	41,431	+0.23%
FTSE 100 Index	8,396	+0.20%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	225: 38,647	+0.74%
CSI 300 (CHN)	300: 3,321	-1.42%

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

How the markets behave today?

Sensex, Nifty extend gains to scale fresh peaks on firm global cues



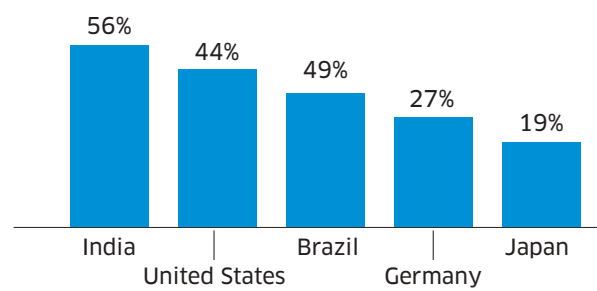
MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty marched higher to scale fresh lifetime closing peaks on Friday, tracking a largely firm trend in global markets and renewed foreign fund inflows amid the US rate cut hopes gathering momentum. Buying in index majors Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank and Infosys also fuelled the rally in domestic equities. Rallying for the ninth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 231.16 points or 0.28 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,365.77. During the day, it jumped 502.42 points or 0.61 per cent to hit a record intra-day

peak of 82,637.03. A total of 2,228 stocks advanced, while 1,701 declined and 116 remained unchanged on the BSE. In its best winning streak since its launch in 1996, the NSE Nifty soared 83.95 points or 0.33 per cent to hit a new lifetime closing high of 25,235.90, taking its victorious run to the 12th day in a row. **MAJOR GAINERS:** Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, NTPC, Power Grid, Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel and Tata Consultancy Services. **MAJOR LOSERS:** Tata Motors, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries, Tech Mahindra and ITC.

The Day's NUMBERS

(in percentage)

SHARE OF RESPONDENTS WHO REGULARLY USE TIKTOK



MOU SIGNED

Amazon India signs an MoU with Indian Railways to scale up use of network

NEW DELHI: Amazon Transportation Services Private Limited (Amazon India) and the Ministry of Indian Railways today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the existing partnership between the two for reliable and fast transportation of Amazon India packages through the Indian Railways' robust regional network. As part of this MoU, Amazon India and Indian Railways will jointly work towards establishing a hub and spoke model for one origin-destination pair and leverage learnings from that to define requirements needed for scaling it up across the network. The plan covers first and last-mile requirements, transit times, cost options, and policy enablers to boost parcel volumes on railways. Amazon India will also provide recommendations on requirements to ensure speedy and reliable distribution network for parcel logistics through railways. This development aims to ensure more consistent operational timelines to meet the requirements of the e-commerce sector.

INVESTMENT

Flipkart expands its operations in UP with huge investment



LUCKNOW: The new fulfillment center aims to reduce delivery time and increase efficiency across various pin codes while creating over 3,600 direct and indirect employment opportunities. From the center, local and valuable products of established brands will be made available at the new grocery fulfillment center in Varanasi and in Unnao. During the virtual inauguration, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath underlined the important role of this expansion in promoting economic development in the state. Flipkart's significant investment in Uttar Pradesh is a testament to the state's growing reputation as an emerging industrial and entrepreneurial hub, he said.

I was different, but embracing myself became my power. I owe no apologies.

Karan Johar
Director



& Glitters

CLOSE UP

Vijay talks love and acceptance in relationship with Tamannaah

Vijay Varma has opened up about why he chose not to hide his relationship with Tamannaah Bhatia from the media and the public.

Central Chronicle News

Vijay explained that maintaining a private relationship requires significant effort and that he doesn't believe in imposing restrictions.

Vijay Varma and Tamannaah Bhatia, known for their captivating on-screen presence and off-screen chemistry, recently made headlines not just for their film, *Lust Stories 2*, but also for publicly revealing their relationship. After initially keeping their romance under wraps, the couple chose to go public around the film's release in June 2023. In a recent interview, Vijay Varma shared his reasons for making their relationship public. The Mirzapur star admitted that hiding his romance felt like a limitation and he didn't want to "cage" his feelings. He explained, "It takes a lot of effort to hide a relationship. You cannot go out together, your friends cannot click your photos. I don't like such restrictions. It wasn't like I wanted to be out there, but I just didn't want to be caged." Vijay and Tamannaah, both aligned in their decision, preferred to share their love openly, enjoying moments together without the constraints of secrecy. Despite the public nature of their relationship, Vijay mentioned that they still keep some aspects private.



Varma and Tamannaah Bhatia have been in a relationship for over a year now.



Vijay and Tamannaah radiate together under the spotlight

Previously, Vijay has discussed how public attention affects their relationship, stating that their bond remains strong and they now

embrace the spotlight. As Vijay prepares for the release of his Netflix series, *IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack*, Tamannaah continues to dazzle fans with her performance in *Stree 2*'s track, "Aaj Ki Raat."

SMALL SCREEN

Shocking Twist: Ira's true colours revealed in 'Jubilee Talkies'

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In the recent episodes of Sony Entertainment Television's captivating drama 'Jubilee Talkies - Shohrat. Shiddat. Mohabbat,' Shivangi (Khushi Dubey) and Ira's (Krissann Barretto) rivalry will escalate, upping the entertainment quotient of the show. However, Ayaan Grover aka AG (Abhishek Bajaj)'s unwavering faith and support towards Shivangi nip all of Ira's plans in the bud, further increasing Ira's animosity towards their growing bond.

This week, the plot thickens as Ira blackmails Goldie Mama into casting her as AG's leading lady in an upcoming film. On the

other hand, AG is preparing to propose to Ira while Shivangi is left confused by her unfamiliar feelings for AG. Confronted by Ira's challenge to oust her from AG's life within 24 hours, Shivangi discovers

HIGHLIGHT

Ira's manipulation backfires as her secret is exposed, escalating tensions with Shivangi.

Ira's secret alliance with Mama and urges her to confess the truth to AG. However, the situation takes a dramatic turn as Ira's deception is exposed to everyone at Tara's party. Abhishek Bajaj, who



portrays the charismatic superstar, Ayaan Grover

aka AG, shares his excitement about the show's

Ira's schemes unravel as her deception is exposed, intensifying the drama in 'Jubilee Talkies.'

escalating drama and says, "The storyline is taking an unexpected turn with Ira's manipulative tactics. AG, who is head over heels in love with her is unable to see Ira's negative side and ignores the truth others try to bring in front of him. So much so that he even dismisses Shivangi, who only wishes him well. But truth always finds its way out and that is exactly what will happen in the upcoming episodes. The audience is in for a thrilling ride as the tension between Ira and Shivangi reaches new heights, keeping the viewers hooked to their screens."

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Horror legends return: Bandh Darwaze Ke Peeche

The Ramsay Brothers are making a thrilling return with their new horror series, *Bandh Darwaze Ke Peeche*. Produced by Sagar Ramsay, this series promises to explore psychological horror in a fresh, intense manner. Known for their 90s horror classics like *Veerana* and *Purani Haveli*, the Ramsay Brothers are now venturing into the streaming world. Sagar Ramsay describes the series as a blend of modern storytelling and spine-chilling moments, designed to captivate today's audience. Streaming on ALTT, the series aims to push horror boundaries with its gripping narrative and innovative approach, making for a highly anticipated addition to the genre.

Music

Farhan Akhtar's inspiring anthem: "Reach for the Stars"



Multihyphenate Farhan Akhtar unveiled his latest single, "Reach For The Stars," on Thursday, marking it as a motivational anthem. The 4.28-minute track, available on his official YouTube channel, embodies themes of perseverance, courage, and the unbreakable human spirit. Farhan, known for his multifaceted career as an actor, director, producer, and singer, not only performed the song but also composed the music and wrote the lyrics. Previously recognized for his work in films like *Rock On!!* and *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*, Farhan is also gearing up to direct *Don 3*, starring Ranveer Singh and Kiara Advani, set for a 2025 release.



Fashion

Karisma Kapoor's bronze ensemble: A must-have for the festive season

Karisma Kapoor dazzled in a stunning bronze suit from Anita Dongre, perfect for this wedding season. The ensemble featured a full-sleeved bronze kurta with a V-cut neckline, adorned with intricate gottapatti, threadwork, zari, and sequin details. Paired with matching palazzo pants and a richly embroidered dupatta, the outfit exuded elegance. Karisma accessorized with silver jhumkas and golden juttis, completing her look with mauve lipstick, soft smokey eyes, and styled waves.

Trending on Insta

@rakulpreet

Rakul Preet Singh's exciting golf moments

On National Sports Day, RakulPreet Singh shared her love for golf on Instagram, urging everyone to play. The actress posted clips of herself enjoying golf on scenic courses, including a game with Indian guru Sadhguru.



OIT Watch



Anupamaa's Vanraj leaves fans heartbroken

Sudhanshu Pandey shocked fans by announcing his exit from *Anupamaa*, leaving viewers stunned. Chandni Bhagwanani, who plays Pakhi, shared her thoughts on Pandey's departure from the hit show.



Bachchan's insights for single women

In *Kaun Banega Crorepati* Season 16, MPSC candidate Krishna Selukar faced Amitabh Bachchan, who schooled him on his outdated view that unmarried women are a burden to society, highlighting the need for progressive thinking.



Sachin-Jigar join Sa Re Ga Ma Pa as mentors

Music composers Sachin-Jigar are making their TV debut as mentors on the new season of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*. Excited to explore reality TV, they look forward to discovering each contestant's unique strengths and skills.



Glaser takes on Golden Globes hosting

Comedian Nikki Glaser will host the next Golden Globes on January 5, debuting live on CBS and Paramount+. Known for her sharp wit and roasts, Glaser cites Tina Fey and Ricky Gervais as inspirations for her edgy hosting style.



Thrilling drama Breathless premieres on Netflix

Breathless is streaming on Netflix. This gripping Spanish medical drama dives into the intense lives of medical staff at Joaquín Sorolla Hospital, tackling personal conflicts, ethical dilemmas, and the struggles of an underfunded healthcare system.

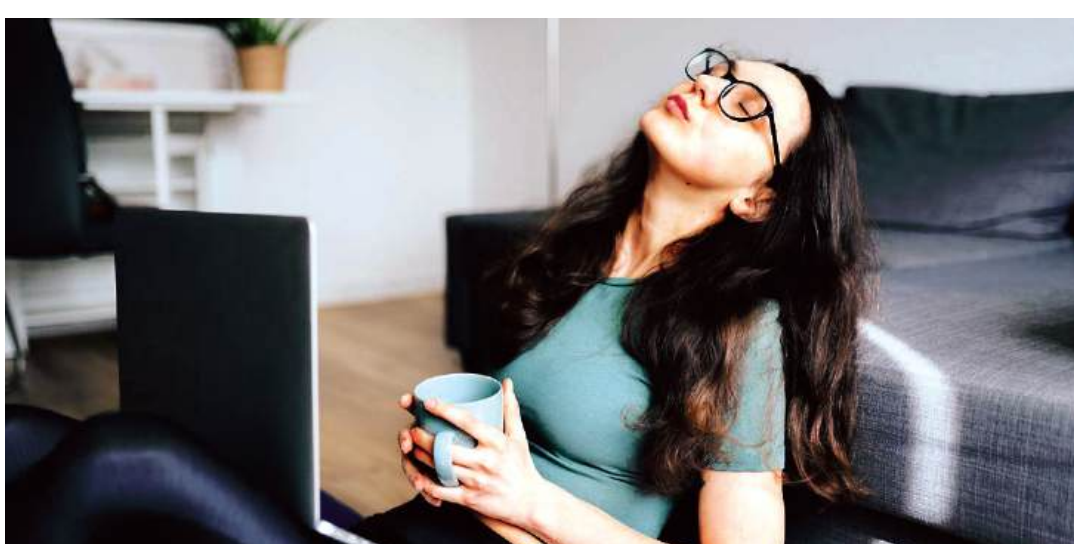
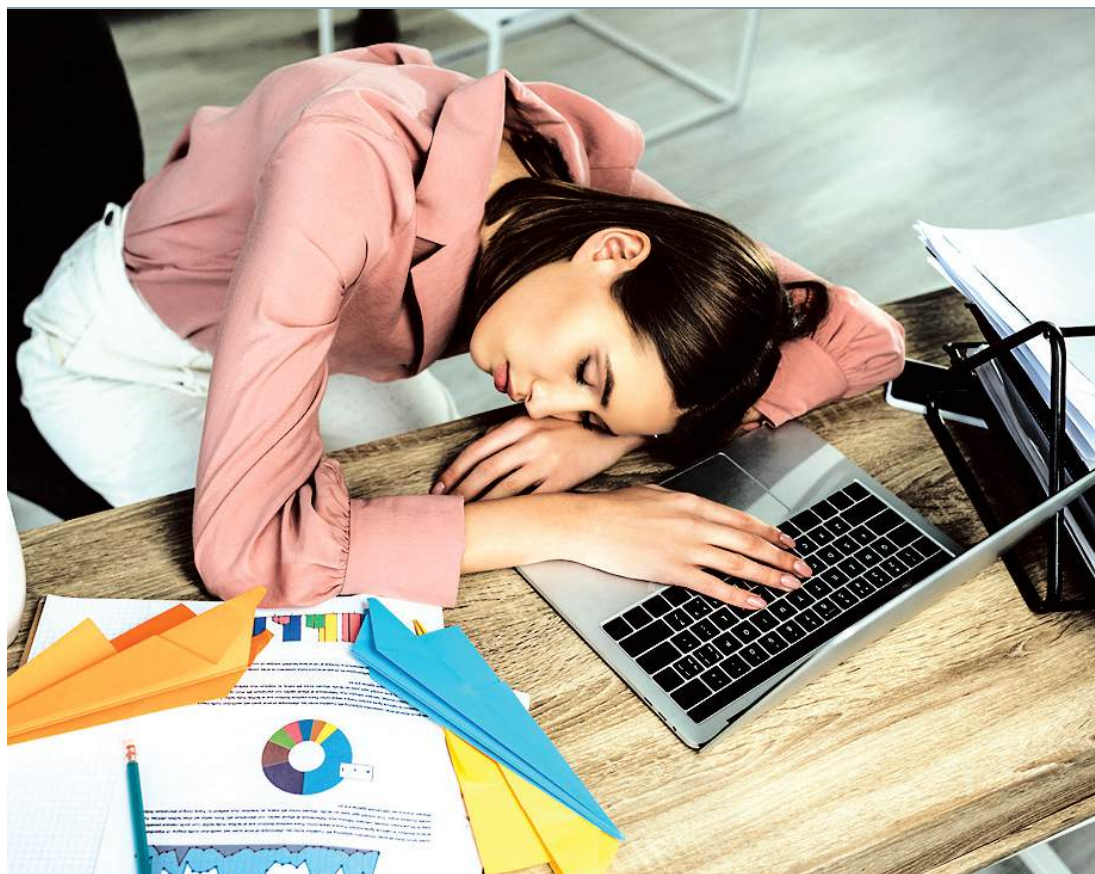


Lifestyle

IMPACT OF BURNOUT

Feeling drained despite a full night's sleep? It might be burnout

Feeling exhausted even after a full night's sleep? Discover how this persistent fatigue could be a warning sign of burnout and learn practical steps to reclaim your energy and well-being.



Burnout is a serious condition that can affect your emotional and physical well-being

leading to a frustrating cycle of exhaustion. Emotional detachment and cynicism toward your job or relationships can also signal burnout, as stress erodes your enthusiasm and connection. Reduced performance in tasks you once handled effortlessly is another red flag, indicating that burnout is impairing your productivity and motivation. Additionally, burnout can disrupt your sleep patterns, causing insomnia or restless nights, which only exacerbates your feeling of exhaustion.

Physical symptoms like frequent headaches or stomach issues can further complicate matters, serving as tangible signs of the emotional strain you're under. By recognizing these signs early, you can take proactive steps to manage stress and seek support, ultimately safeguarding your mental and physical health.

HIGHLIGHT

● Burnout is a state of emotional, mental, and often physical exhaustion caused due to prolonged or repeated stress. Here are a few ways by which the body can show burnout.

Feeling drained despite a full night's sleep can be more than just a minor inconvenience—it might be a sign of burnout. Burnout is a serious condition characterized by deep emotional, mental, and physical exhaustion, often stemming from prolonged or repeated stress. Unlike typical fatigue that fades with rest, burnout leaves you feeling perpetually depleted, no matter how well you sleep.

The creeping nature of burnout makes it challenging to recognize until it reaches a critical point. If you're struggling to keep up with work, personal responsibilities, or both, it's crucial to be vigilant for subtle signs of burnout. This state isn't just about feeling tired; it manifests in various ways that can deeply affect your overall well-being.

You might notice a persistent sense of fatigue that doesn't improve with rest,

HEALTH



The hidden effects of screen time on your bone health

In our digital age, heavy laptop and mobile use can significantly impact bone health. Prolonged screen time often leads to poor posture, with many people hunching over devices, which strains the spine and can contribute to issues

like chronic back pain and poor spinal alignment. This sedentary behavior also reduces physical activity, weakening bones over time due to lack of weight-bearing exercise. To combat these effects, incorporate regular breaks, practice good ergonomics, and engage in weight-bearing exercises like walking or strength training. Prioritizing these habits helps maintain bone strength and supports overall health, countering the negative impact of excessive screen time.

TRAVEL

September is the best month to explore Azerbaijan



September is the perfect time to visit Azerbaijan, where mild temperatures and stunning landscapes create an unforgettable experience. As summer's swelter gives way to comfortable warmth, you can explore Azerbaijan's diverse beauty—from the serene Caspian Sea shores to the lush mountain trails of Gabala—without the heat of peak summer. This month also buzzes with cultural energy, as vibrant festivals celebrate Azerbaijani music, dance, and cuisine. With fewer crowds, September offers a more intimate connection to the country's rich heritage and natural wonders. Embrace the ideal weather and festive atmosphere for a memorable adventure in Azerbaijan this September!

| LIFESTYLE |

Warm weather, fall flair: Stylishly adapting autumn fashion for India

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In India, we miss the classic fall with its vibrant leaves, often seen only in Bollywood. Despite the lack of autumn scenery, fall fashion remains a major buzzword, with trends and styles adapting to our unique climate.

In India, where fall as a season doesn't exist, embracing autumn fashion takes on a unique twist. As the Western world transitions to cooler weather in August, the fashion cycle shifts to



HIGHLIGHT

● In India, fall fashion is mainly about layering up, festive-wear, and embracing autumn hues, tailored to our warm climate.

earthy tones and cozy layers. However, in India, where the climate doesn't quite match this seasonal change, fall fashion adapts to fit local needs and festivities. September through November is a vibrant period in India, filled

with festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, and Navratri. This festive fervor becomes the perfect backdrop for incorporating fall fashion elements. While there's no crisp fall air or colorful leaves, the spirit of autumn can

Nothing better than a homegrown fabric like khadi to define the Indian millennial.

still be captured through attire. Silk becomes a popular choice during this time, fitting well with the festive mood. It's featured in sarees, suits, and elegant dresses. Velvet also finds its place, adding a touch of luxury without being overly heavy. For layering, lightweight options like denim jackets, cardigans, and scarves are practical and stylish, providing versatility without overheating.

Color-wise, embracing shades such as mustard, maroon, and forest green can evoke the essence of fall.

GadgetPick
TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

Segway C2 Lite Electric Scooter for Kids

About: The Segway C2 Lite is a fun and safe electric scooter for kids, designed for endless adventures. Its sleek design and robust features ensure a great ride every time.



Key Features: Speed up to 9.9 mph with a 130W motor, range of up to 5.6 miles or 70 minutes of fun, three speed modes, Standard (7.5 mph), Sport (9.9 mph), and Power Assist Mode, surfboard-inspired design with ergonomic grips, flat-free 7-inch solid tires, and over 250 RGB lights for a stylish ride.

Viofo A229 Duo Dual Dash Cam

About: Have a reliable witness on the road with the Viofo A229 Duo dual dash cam, featuring 2K front and rear cameras for dependable image quality. Check out its impressive features.



Key Features: Enhanced rear cam with quad HD 2K resolution for a clear view behind, premium front and rear cameras with Sony STARVIS IMX335 5MP sensors for detailed recordings day and night, fast 5 GHz Wi-Fi connection offering speeds up to 8 MB/s for easy video transfer, built-in GPS log for automatic route tracking, speed, and time data.

UJabra Evolve2 65 Flex Stereo Headset

About: Experience maximum comfort and professional sound quality with the Jabra Evolve2 65 Flex stereo headset, designed to enhance your workday.



Key Features: Super powerful suction with 500W and 35kpa; 60-minute runtime with a removable battery and wall-mounted charging for convenience; GreenEye Technology with a roller brush that uses green light to reveal hidden dust; 180° bendable wand for easy cleaning under furniture; anti-tangle brush to prevent hair wrap and reduce maintenance; advanced 6-layer filtration system captures 99.99% of fine dust for cleaner air.

Lenovo Tab Plus

About: Experience exceptional sound and performance with the Lenovo Tab Plus, featuring cutting-edge technology.



Key Features: Octa JBL Hi-Fi Speakers with Dolby Atmos, 11.5-inch 2K display with 90 Hz refresh rate, 8600 mAh battery with 45 W fast charger, Android 14 upgradeable to Android 16 with security patches until June 2028, MediatekHelio G99 Octa Processor, USB-C port, 3.5 mm port, microSD card slot, dual 8.0 MP cameras, TÜV Rheinland Full Care Display 2.0 Certification, and IP52 dust and water resistance.

Google Pixel Watch 3

About: Google has unveiled its first smartwatch in India, the Pixel Watch 3, along with the Pixel Buds Pro 2. This launch marks the tech giant's entry into the smartwatch market in India.



Key Features: New Actua display with a 60Hz refresh rate, up to 2,000 nits brightness, and dimming as low as 1 nit, 'Morning Brief' feature showing a summary of important health and fitness metrics such as sleep quality, readiness score, weekly goal progress, heart rate variability, and more.

Descend DN8 8" Subwoofer

About: Upgrade your home audio with the Descend DN8 subwoofer. The innovative 3XR Architecture delivers powerful, clear bass, enhancing your audio experience.



Key Features: Performs like a 10" sub in an 8" cabinet with three times the bass surface area, 500W peak Class D Amplifier for distortion-free audio, modern design with a non-resonant cabinet, versatile LFE and RCA inputs, and convenient back panel controls. Add another sub for even more immersive sound.

Sports



“Trying to keep going, trying to understand what works here best on these courts. Let’s see what I can do in the next round.”

Jannik Sinner
Tennis Player

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

IRISH OPEN

Pranavi falters on the back nine, Diksha lies T-29 in Dublin

DUBLIN: Indian golfer Pranavi Urs gave away all the gains she made on the first nine with three bogeys on her second nine to open the Women’s Irish Open with an even par 73. Pranavi was 3-under through her first four holes with birdies on the 11th, 12th and the 13th. She then traded a bogey on 15th with a birdie on the 17th. On her second nine, she bogeyed fourth, eighth and ninth to be tied 45th after the first round. A multiple winner on the Hero Women’s Pro Golf Tour in India, Pranavi is in her rookie season. She is making her first start since the Aramco Team Series London at the start of July and is hoping to get back to the form that saw her bag three Top-10s in the first half of the season. **PTI**

SOCCER

Mbappé scoreless again as Madrid is held to another draw in Spanish league



MADRID: Kylian Mbappé remained scoreless and defending champion Real Madrid settled for a 1-1 draw at Las Palmas in the Spanish league. Mbappé, Madrid’s biggest signing in years, is yet to score in the league this season. His only goal with Madrid came in the team’s UEFA Super Cup victory against Atalanta earlier this month. It was Vinicius Junior who scored for Madrid, which beat Valladolid 3-0 in the previous round but had opened its title defense with a 1-1 draw at Mallorca. **PTI**

Devine to Step Down

Sophie Devine to step down as New Zealand’s women’s T20 captain after World Cup

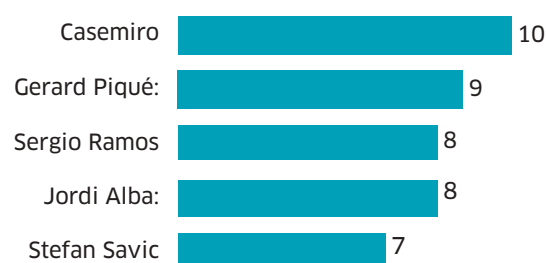


CHRISTCHURCH: New Zealand’s star all-rounder Sophie Devine will step down as captain of the national T20 team after the World Cup in October to focus on her playing role and nurture “future leaders” in the format. The 34-year-old will, however, continue to lead New Zealand’s ODI team. Devine, who has been a key figure in New Zealand’s cricket since her debut in 2006, has scored 3,268 runs in 135 T20Is. She took over the T20I captaincy in 2020, succeeding Amy Satterthwaite, and led the team in 56 matches. “I’m very proud to have had the privilege to captain the

White Ferns in both formats,” Devine said in a statement. The veteran also acknowledged that captaincy comes with additional workload and can be “challenging at times”. Under Devine’s leadership, New Zealand won 25 and lost 28 games in the short-format. “Stepping away from the T20 captaincy will take a bit off my plate so I can focus more of my energy on my playing role and nurturing the future leaders,” she said. Currently recovering from a foot injury ahead of the T20 World Cup, Devine would continue to play for New Zealand in both the white-ball formats. **PTI**

The Day’s NUMBERS

MOST YELLOW CARDS IN LA LIGA (2024)



WORLD U20 C'SHIPS

Pooja Singh breaks U20 NR in high jump to qualify for final

LIMA (PERU): India’s Pooja Singh rewrote the national U20 women’s national record in high jump to qualify for the final with a ninth-place finish in the qualification round at the ongoing World Athletics U20 Championships here. The 17-year-old, who hails from Fatehabad district of Haryana, cleared a height of 1.83m to finish second in qualification round group B and ninth overall late Thursday night and qualify for the final to be held on August 31. Daughter of a mason, Pooja broke her own national U20 record of 1.82m set last year in Korea while winning a silver medal at the Asian U20 Championships. Nine athletes in group A and three in group B made the cut for the final. Pooja, who started her journey at the Partha Sports Academy under coach Balwan Singh without proper landing mat or equipment, had won gold in the U-14 girls’ category with a jump of 1.41m but picked up a quadriceps injury which kept her out for 15 months. **PTI**

CRICKET

Rashid Khan takes break from Test cricket to manage his back



NEW DELHI: Afghanistan cricket’s poster boy Rashid Khan will not play the Test format in the near future to nurse his back after having undergone a surgery last year. A source in the Afghanistan Cricket Board told PTI that Rashid and the team management had decided mutually on his break from the longest format considering his back issues. Earlier this week, he was not named in the preliminary squad for the one-off Test against New Zealand in Greater Noida from September 9. **PTI**

Sinner & Swiatek advance, Osaka & Rybakina out

Iga Swiatek and Jannik Sinner showcased dominant performances to advance at the U.S. Open, while Naomi Osaka and Elena Rybakina faced early exits.



Poland’s Iga Swiatek hits a return to Japan’s Ena Shibahara | Photo: PTI

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Sinner rebounded strongly, defeating his second American opponent smoothly on Ashe.

NEW YORK: Iga Swiatek and Jannik Sinner showcased their top-seed prowess, advancing to the third round of the U.S. Open with commanding wins. Swiatek, the 2022 U.S. Open champion, easily defeated Japanese qualifier Ena Shibahara 6-0, 6-1, completing the match in just 65 minutes. After needing a tiebreaker in her first-round match, Swiatek found her rhythm, saying she felt more relaxed and focused on the right aspects of her game.

Jannik Sinner, who had a shaky start by dropping the first set in his opening match, showed no signs of trouble against Alex Michelsen, defeating the American 6-4, 6-0, 6-2. This victory marked his 50th of the season, including his ATP-leading 30th on hard courts.

Meanwhile, Naomi Osaka’s comeback attempt fell short as she lost to Karolina Muchova 6-3, 7-6 (5), with key errors in crucial moments. Elena Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon champion, withdrew before her second-round match due to a lower back injury. Other players advancing included Daniil Medvedev and Alex de Minaur, while upsets saw Hubert Hurkacz and Sebastian Korda exiting early.

HIGHLIGHT

● Swiatek dominated Ena Shibahara, winning 6-0, 6-1 in just 65 minutes.

● Osaka struggled, losing to Karolina Muchova 6-3, 7-6 (5) at night.

Alcaraz’s streak ends at US Open

Carlos Alcaraz’s 15-match Grand Slam win streak ended with a disappointing 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 loss to Botic van de Zandschulp in the U.S. Open second round. Alcaraz, a four-time major champion and last year’s Flushing Meadows winner, struggled against the Dutch player, making uncharacteristic errors. Despite entering as the tournament favorite, Alcaraz couldn’t find his form, repeatedly missing routine shots. His earliest Grand Slam exit since Wimbledon 2021, Alcaraz’s defeat was sealed by a double-fault and missed forehands, marking a surprising setback for the 21-year-old Spanish star.



Khudadadi wins historic medal

PARIS: Zakia Khudadadi made history at the Paris Paralympics by becoming the first athlete from the Refugee Paralympic Team to win a medal. Khudadadi won bronze in the women’s 47kg category after defeating Turkey’s Ekinci Nurcihan on Thursday. When the final buzzer sounded at the Grand Palais in central Paris, Khudadadi erupted in joy, throwing her helmet and mouthpiece into the air. “It was a surreal moment, my heart started racing when I realized I had won the bronze,” Khudadadi said, her voice shaking with emotion. “I went through so much to get here. This medal is for all the women of Afghanistan and all the refugees of the world. I hope that one day there will be peace in my country.”

Real Madrid faces Liverpool in revamped Champions League

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Real Madrid will face Borussia Dortmund, Liverpool, and AC Milan in the revamped 36-team Champions League.

MONACO: Reigning champions Real Madrid will play Borussia Dortmund in the league phase of the Champions League in what will be a repeat of last season’s final after the draw for the new-look 36-team tournament was held on Thursday.

The draw was conducted with the help of the competition’s all-time top scorer Cristiano Ronaldo and former goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who were both given special awards by UEFA president



Cristiano Ronaldo receives a special award from UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● Cristiano Ronaldo and Gianluigi Buffon assisted the draw, receiving special awards.

● Manchester City will face Inter Milan, PSG, and Juventus in the new league phase.

Aleksander Ceferin.

Clubs will no longer playing three teams home and away in the group phase, but will face eight different teams with four games at home and four away.

With clubs facing two teams each from the four pots, the draw threw up plenty of mouth-watering

fixtures with Real also set to play former champions Liverpool and AC Milan in the league phase.

Premier League champions Manchester City will face Inter Milan – a repeat of the 2023 final – Paris St Germain and Juventus while Bayern Munich are up against PSG and Barcelona among others.

BOPANNA-EBDEN TRIUMPH

Bopanna-Ebden move to second round of US Open

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NEW YORK: India’s Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden moved into the second round of the US Open men’s doubles competition with a win over Netherland’s Sander Arends and Robin Haase.

Bopanna and Ebden sailed past their Dutch

“We had a tough start, but we stayed focused, backed ourselves, and found our rhythm to get the win.”

Rohan Bopanna.
Indian Tennis Player

opponents 6-3, 7-5 in a 64-minute opening round contest on Thurs-



day night. Last edition’s runner

up, the Indo-Australian pair has arrived to the

final Grand Slam of the season on the back of three consecutive losses but the duo backed itself and got the job done.

Bopanna and Ebden initially struggled, losing their serve in the third game. However, they quickly regained their composure, breaking their opponents’ serve twice to win the next four games.

Sports News

Avani shatters records, aims for more glory

Avani Lekhara made history by winning her second consecutive Paralympic gold in the 10m air rifle (SH1) event, setting a new record. Despite health challenges, she remains determined to excel in her upcoming two events and bring more medals for India, inspiring many with her resilience and focus.

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Avani Lekhara focused on process, not results, in her narrow gold medal victory.

CHATEAUROUX: A historic gold medal in her bag, ace Indian shooter Avani Lekhara has trained her eyes on more glory in the Paris Paralympics, saying she wants to stand on the podium in her remaining two events too.

The incredible Avani on Friday became the first Indian to claim successive Paralympic gold medals with a record-shattering top finish in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) shooting competition.

Winner of the Tokyo Paralympics gold three years back, Avani, 22, shot a superb 249.7 to erase her own Paralympic record of 249.6 set in the Japanese capital three years back.

"It was a very close final. There was very less gap between 1, 2 and 3. I was focussing on my thought process and not

the result," Avani said after her historic win here.

"I'm happy that the Indian national anthem was the first national anthem that got played in the arena this time too. I have two more matches to go so I'm focusing on winning more medals for the country," the champion shooter added.

Avani's company helped me: Mona

On the day, Avani had a bronze-winning Mona Agarwal for company on the podium in a historic double for the country.

Mona said, "It was very difficult but I succeeded. So, thank you. Being in the company of Avani definitely helped. She is a champion and she inspires me."

The 37-year-old Mona, who dabbled in several sports including shot-put, powerlifting and wheelchair volleyball before settling on shooting, notched up 228.7 for the third-place finish.

This is the first time in India's Paralympic history that two shoot-



India's Avani Lekhara and Mona Agarwal win Gold and Bronze in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 final at Paris Paralympics 2024.

Manish Narwal settles for silver

CHATEAUROUX: Tokyo Games gold medallist shooter Manish Narwal fought hard before settling for silver in the men's 10m air pistol (SH1) event at the Paris Paralympics here on Friday. The 22-year-old Narwal, who had won gold in 50m pistol event at Tokyo, was leading for quite some time before he slipped because of a series of poor scores to surrender the initiative to veteran South Korean marksman Jo Jeongdu. Narwal, the elder brother of Indian pistol marksman Shiva Narwal, shot 234.9, while Jeongdu took the gold with a total of 237.4.



Suhas, Nitesh seal semifinal spot

PARIS: Tokyo silver medallist shuttler Suhas Yathiraj and Nitesh Kumar continued their impressive run to secure spots in the men's singles SL4 and SL3 semifinals, respectively, at the Paralympics here on Friday. Suhas, a 2007 batch IAS officer, defeated Korea's Shin Kyung Hwan 26-24, 21-14 in his second match, topping the three-man Group A in the SL4 category. Meanwhile, Nitesh, a 29-year-old IIT Mandi graduate, dominated China's Yang Jianyuan with a convincing 21-5, 21-11 victory, ensuring a top-two finish in the four-man Group A of the SL3 category. In the SL4 class, the group toppers advance to the last four, while in the SL3 class, the top two players from each of the two groups qualify for the semifinals.



Indian rowers finish 5th

PARIS: The Indian mixed pair of Anita and Narayana Konganapalle managed a fifth-place finish in their Mixed PR3 Double Sculls heat at the Paris Paralympics here on Friday. The India duo completed the race with a time of 8:06.84, behind Australia (7:11.30), France (7:24.25), Ukraine (7:26.31) and United States (7:44.88). The pair had won a silver medal at the Asian Para Games last year in the same category. The Australian team advanced to the Final A as heat 1 winner. The remaining teams will compete in repechage round.

ers have pulled off medals in a single event.

Avani, who hails from Jaipur, endured a tough buildup to the Paralympics.

She grappled with a host of health issues, including a gallbladder surgery, which forced her to take a recovery break of one and half months.

HIGHLIGHT

● **Mona Agarwal, inspired by Avani Lekhara, wins bronze in her Paralympics.**

● **Avani and Mona create history as first Indian shooters to medal together in Paralympics.**

But the committed shooter, who is an assistant conservator of forest with the Rajasthan government, did not let health concerns distract her from her aim of Paralympic glory.

The SH1 category is for athletes who have movement affected in their arms, lower trunk, legs or have no limbs.

LORD'S TEST

Atkinson scores ton, secures place on Lord's honours boards

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Gus Atkinson secures place on Lord's honours boards with maiden century in second test.

LONDON: Gus Atkinson has his name on both of England's storied honours boards at Lord's in his spectacular first summer of test cricket.

The pace bowler reached his maiden first-class hundred early on Day 2 of the second test against Sri Lanka at the home of cricket on Friday. A powerful straight drive for four took him to three figures off 103 balls, with his entertaining innings including four sixes so far. Scoring a century gets a player on the honours boards inside the dressing rooms



at Lord's, as does getting a five-wicket haul in an innings or 10 wickets in a match – something Atkinson achieved last month

on his test debut. The 26-year-old Atkinson had figures of 7-45 and 5-61 in the first test against the West Indies.

TNCA XI crush Mumbai

COIMBATORE: Shreyas Iyer and Sarfaraz Khan flopped while Suryakumar Yadav did not bat for Mumbai owing to an injury concern as TNCA XI hammered Mumbai by 286 runs to reach semi-finals of the Buchi Babu Invitational Tournament, here on Friday. Chasing an improbable 510, Mumbai were shot out for a mere 223 on Day Four with Shams Mulani making a valiant 68. For TNCA XI, CV Achyuth and R Sai Kishore claimed three wickets each. India T20I skipper Suryakumar did not bat. However, it has been learnt that the injury is not serious. Resuming at the overnight score of 6/0, Musheer Khan (40) and Divyansh Saxena (26) put on 60 runs for the opening stand before being separated by pacer R Sonu Yadav, who got rid of the latter. Thereon, the following Mumbai batters could barely get any partnership going.

AITA CSTA ALL INDIA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Isha Sharma defeats Anika Nair to win U14 girls title

Central Chronicle News

Isha Sharma dominated the Girls' Singles Under-14 final, defeating Maharashtra's Anika Nair 6-0, 6-0

BHILAI: The AITA CSTA All India Championship Series CS7 U12 & U14 Tennis Tournament 2024 concluded on a high note with the final matches held at the Bhilai Tennis Complex on Friday. In the Boys' Singles Under-14 final, Maharashtra's Heramba Pohane clinched the title by defeating Luv Pardeshi 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, showcasing remarkable resilience in a thrilling match. Luv Pardeshi, however, redeemed himself in the Boys' Singles Under-12 final, winning the trophy



HIGHLIGHT

● **Winners awarded by Chief Guest Dr. Sourav Mukherjee at Bhilai Tennis Complex ceremony.**

● **Rajesh Patil and Vikram Singh Sisodia to be honored for their outstanding contributions.**

by defeating Assam's Ishandeep Boro with a score of 6-3, 6-2.

In the Girls' Singles Under-14 final, Chhattisgarh's Isha Sharma put up an outstanding performance, dominating the court to defeat Maharashtra's Anika Nair with a flawless 6-0, 6-0 win, earning the Champions Trophy.

The winners were felicitated by Dr. Sourav Muk-

herjee, CMO and President of Bhilai Steel Plant and Bhilai Tennis Club, who graced the event as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries included Gurcharan Singh Hora, General Secretary of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association, Bashir Khan, CEO of the State Olympic Association, and Rajesh Patil, Secretary of District Durg Bhilai Tennis Association and Tournament Director.

ICONS MEET INSPIRATION

Manu Bhaker's 'blessed' encounter with Sachin Tendulkar

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MUMBAI: Indian shooting star Manu Bhaker, a double bronze medalist at the Paris 2024 Olympics, enjoyed a momentous encounter with cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and his family at their Mumbai home.

Accompanied by her parents, Ram Kishan and Sumedha Bhaker, Manu's visit turned into an unforgettable experience as she shared the occasion with the 'Mas-

ter Blaster' and his wife, Anjali Tendulkar, marking a special chapter in the young Olympian's journey.

Taking to social media, Manu expressed her gratitude and admiration, writing, "An unforgettable moment with the one and only Sachin Tendulkar sir! His incredible journey has been a source of inspiration for me and countless others to follow our dreams. Thank you, sir, for the cherished mem-



ories!" She posted heartwarming photos of their meeting on X. Responding to her post, Sachin Tendulkar had words of praise for the young shooter, saying, "It was truly special to meet you and your family, Manu. Your success is now inspiring young girls across India to dream big and reach for the stars. Keep pushing boundaries and setting new milestones." **Sachin Tendulkar** Former Cricketer

Manav Thakkar beats Sharath Kamal

Press Trust Of India

CHENNAI: Manav Thakkar pulled off a nail-biting victory against the experienced Achanta Sharath Kamal as U Mumba TT defeated Chennai Lions 8-7 in an exciting clash of the Ultimate Table Tennis 2024 here on Friday. U Mumba TT jumped to the second spot on the league table with 29 points while Chennai Lions have 19 points.

In a clash between youth and experience, the talented Thakkar staged a superb comeback after suffering an early reversal to carve out a 6-11, 11-8, 11-9 victory. Thakkar, thus, maintained his all-win record this season. Thakkar had teamed up with Spanish star Maria Xiao earlier in the evening to outclass the Chennai Lions pair of Sharath and Sakura Mori 11-7, 11-10, 11-4 in the mixed doubles match.

World



US President Joe Biden called to inform about decision to not seek reelection.
Kamala Harris
Democratic presidential nominee

Thai-Chinese high-speed railway construction site



Rescuers work is on at Thai-Chinese high-speed railway construction site after collapse of a tunnel in Nakhon Ratchasima province. | Photo: PTI

EU polls monitors deployed for Sri Lanka poll

COLOMBO: The European Union on Friday said its election monitors for the September 21 presidential polls have been deployed in all nine provinces, highlighting the importance of fortifying the democratic institutions "through the ballot box."

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Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

UN HUMAN RIGHTS

UN to deploy team to Bangladesh to probe rights abuses

GENEVA: The UN human rights office said Friday that it will deploy a fact-finding team to Bangladesh to investigate alleged rights abuses and violations through use of excessive force by security forces to quell protests led by students against the former government this summer.

The office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said he had received an invitation from the country's interim leader Muhammad Yunus, to send the team to Bangladesh. The visit is set to take place in coming weeks. Yunus, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, took over this month as head of the government after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and fled the country to India amid a mass uprising. **PTI**

RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR

Ukraine : US experts are helping figure out why a Ukrainian F-16 crashed



KYIV: US experts have joined a Ukrainian investigation into why an F-16 warplane that Ukraine received from its Western partners crashed earlier this week during a Russian bombardment, the country's air force commander said on Friday.

Commander Mykola Oleshchuk said on Telegram that "a detailed analysis is already being conducted" into why the fighter jet went down on Monday, when Russia launched a major missile and drone barrage at Ukraine. **PTI**

US TRUMP LIBERTY

Trump seeks to activate his base at Moms for Liberty gathering but risks alienating moderate voters

WASHINGTON: Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is scheduled to appear on Friday at the annual gathering of Moms for Liberty, a national nonprofit that has spearheaded efforts to get mentions of LGBTQ+ identity and structural racism out of K-12 classrooms.

In a "fireside chat" conversation in the nation's capital, the former president will seek to shore up support



and enthusiasm among a major part of his base. **PTI**

Kremlin unfazed by ICC warrant for Putin's visit

The visit, scheduled for Sept 3, will be Putin's first trip to an ICC member state since warrant was issued in March 2023 over suspected war crimes in Ukraine.

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MOSCOW: The Kremlin says it has "no worries" about President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to Mongolia, a county that is a member of the International Criminal Court, which last year issued a warrant for his arrest.

The visit, scheduled for September 3, will be Putin's first trip to an ICC member state since the warrant was issued in March 2023 over sus-

pected war crimes in Ukraine. Under the court's founding treaty, the Rome Statute, ICC members are bound to detain suspects for whom an arrest warrant has been issued by the court if they set foot on their soil.

But the court doesn't have any enforcement mechanism. In a famous case, then-Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir wasn't arrested in 2015 when he visited South Africa, which is a member of the court,

HIGHLIGHT

● Kremlin has "no worries" about the upcoming trip: "We have a wonderful dialogue with our friends from Mongolia: Dmitry Peskov.

sparking angry condemnation by rights activists and the country's main opposition party.

Putin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov, who previously stressed that Rus-

sia doesn't recognize the jurisdiction of the ICC, told reporters during his daily conference call Friday that the Kremlin has "no worries" about the upcoming trip: "We have a wonderful dialogue with our friends from Mongolia," he said.

According to a statement released by the Kremlin on Thursday, Putin will travel to Mongolia at the invitation of President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh "to participate in the ceremonial events dedicated to

the 85th anniversary of the joint victory of the Soviet and Mongolian armed forces over the Japanese militarists on the Khalkhin Gol River".

Putin will also hold talks with Khurelsukh and other top Mongolian officials, the statement said. The ICC has accused Putin of personal responsibility for the abductions of children from Ukraine, where Moscow has fought a devastating war for the last 2½ years.

Indian-origin woman admits killing of 10-year-old daughter in UK

LONDON: A 33-year-old Indian-origin woman on Friday admitted to the killing of her 10-year-old daughter, who was found dead at their home in a town in the West Midlands region of England earlier this year.

Jaskirat Kaur, also known as Jasmine Kang, had been charged with the murder of Shay Kang on March 4 when West Midlands Police said the girl had been found with injuries at an address in the town of Rowley Regis and pronounced dead at the scene. Kaur has now told Wolverhampton Crown Court in a short hearing via video link from her prison that she pleads guilty to her daughter's manslaughter on the basis of diminished responsibility.

Czech experts detonate rare World War II bomb

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Czech explosive experts detonated a 250kg (550lb) World War II bomb at a chemical plant in northwestern Czech Republic.

PRAGUE: Czech explosive experts detonated a World War II bomb on Friday at a major chemical plant in northwestern Czech Republic where it was found last week, authorities said.

A few broken windows, the controlled explosion didn't immediately seem to cause serious damage, police said in a statement. The plant near the city of Litvinov belongs to Polish oil company PKN Orlen.

The bomb was found during construction work last week on Aug. 21 away



A World War II bomb that was found at a major chemical plant near Litvinov, northwestern Czech Republic.

FASTFACTS

● The bomb was found during construction work last week on Aug. 21 away from a building.

from a building. Experts decided not to transport the 250-kilogram (550-pound) bomb to a

safer place to dispose of it, because it contained a chemical mechanism designed to delay the explosion, a rare discovery in the country. They covered the bomb with hundreds of sandbags before the explosion. A nearby road was closed and trams halted operations before the explosion at about

noon (1000 GMT). Police sealed off an area 2 kilometers (more than a mile) from the site of the explosion. The refinery, which was located on Czechoslovak territory occupied by Nazi Germany during the war, was producing fuel for Nazi troops. It was repeatedly targeted by Britain's Royal Air Force.

TAIWAN PANDA BIRTHDAY

Panda Yuanyuan celebrates her 20th birthday

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TAIPEI: With politics set aside, well-wishers gathered to wish the Taipei zoo's senior panda a happy 20th birthday.

Visitors crowded around Yuanyuan's enclosure to take photos of her with a birthday cake in the shape of the number 20.

Yuanyuan was born in China and arrived in 2008



with her partner Tuantuan. He died in 2022 at age 18 but not before fathering

two female cubs, Yuanzai and Yuanbao, now 11 and 4 respectively and still living

"I found online clips of the pandas an enjoyable distraction. "And I just find it really funny and cute." Danielle Shu

Brazilian student in Taiwan at the zoo. Danielle Shu, a 20-year-old Brazilian stu-

dent in Taiwan, said she found online clips of the pandas an enjoyable distraction. "And I just find it really funny and cute," Shu said.

Giant pandas are native only to China, and Beijing bestows them as a sign of political amity. Yuanyuan and Tuantuan arrived in Taiwan during a period of relative calm between the sides, which split amid civil war in 1949.

SWISS EUROVISION

Swiss city of Basel is chosen to host next year's Eurovision Song Contest

GENEVA: The Swiss city of Basel will host next year's Eurovision Song Contest from May 13 to 17, organisers announced Friday.

The mostly German-speaking city on the Rhine River bordering both France and Germany was selected over Geneva in a face-off that generated buzz and anticipation across Switzerland. "The government council is delighted with the decision and sees host-

ing the world's largest music competition as a great opportunity," Basel's city council said in a statement. "Basel will do everything in its power to be a good host."

The Alpine country won the right to host the annual glitzy song-and-dance extravaganza, which draws hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide, after Swiss singer Nemo won the contest's 68th edition in May in Sweden. **PTI**

PAK BANGLA

Pak PM Sharif speaks to Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Yunus

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday spoke to Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus during which the two leaders agreed to work closely for the progress and prosperity of the people of both countries.

During the telephone conversation, they further agreed that "greater regional cooperation could play a vital role in uplifting the lives of the people of South Asia", according to an official statement here. Sharif's telephone call to Yunus

marks the first high-level direct contact between the leaders of the two countries since the change of government in Dhaka.

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