

93 killed in Wayanad landslides

Around 128 were injured in the massive landslides triggered by torrential rains in Wayanad on Tuesday and hundreds trapped under the debris.

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

In one of the worst natural disasters in Kerala, at least 93 persons were killed and 128 injured in massive landslides triggered by torrential rains in Wayanad on Tuesday. With hundreds trapped under the debris, sparking fears of mounting fatalities, rescue agencies were racing against time to pull out any survivors.

Heart-wrenching scenes and phone conversations of several people crying and pleading to be rescued, as they were either trapped in their houses or had no way to move out of places where they were stranded, were witnessed after the landslides that left a trail of death and destruction in the picturesque hamlets of Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala and Noolpuzha.

Speaking at a press conference in Thiruv-



View of the spot where a landslide occurred due to heavy rains at Chooralmala. | Photo : PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● Landslides occurred when the villagers were sleeping, catching them off-guard.

nanthapuram about massive tragedy, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said: "Due to the intense rainfall, landslides occurred, and an entire region has been destroyed. Nine-

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Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala CM


ty-three bodies have been recovered so far."

He said 128 people are undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

"Children who went to

sleep last night, including infants, are among those who lost their lives in this disaster and are now buried under the earth. The floodwaters swept away many people. Sixteen bodies were recovered from the Chaliyar River in Pothukallu in Malappuram district (neighbouring Wayanad), and body parts were also found," Vijayan said.

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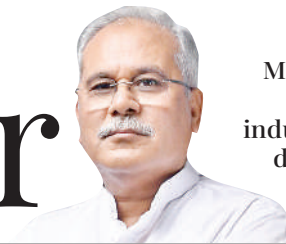
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Raipur



Making electricity expensive for industries is a foolish decision of govt.
Bhupesh Baghel, Former CM, CG



Newly appointed Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ramen Deka, received a grand welcome upon his arrival in Raipur.

Facilitating devp top priority: Ramen Deka

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RAIPUR: Newly-appointed Chhattisgarh Governor Ramen Deka on Tuesday said facilitating development of the state was his top priority. Deka, 70, a former Lok Sabha member from Assam and BJP national secretary, would replace Biswabhusan Harichandan who has held the post since February 2023. Deka will take oath as governor at a function at the Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday, officials said. He and his wife arrived at the State Hangar

at Mana adjacent to the Raipur Airport on Tuesday evening, and were welcomed by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, assembly Speaker Raman Singh, ministers, chief secretary Amitabh Jain and other officials. Talking to reporters, Deka said Chhattisgarh is an emerging state, and his job would be to act as a facilitator to accelerate the pace of development while serving as a bridge between the state government and the Centre. "I will see to it that the development of Chhattisgarh reaches sublime heights. It is

HIGHLIGHT

● Deka will take oath as governor at a function at the Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday

a rich state in terms of minerals and culture," he said. To a question on his priorities, he said, "Development will be my only priority." There is a relation between Assam - his home state - and Chhattisgarh which will be taken forward, he said. Deka also thanked Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his appointment as Chhattisgarh governor. "Under the guidance of respected Ramen Deka Ji, our state will definitely take new steps towards becoming developed Chhattisgarh. Three crore Chhattisgarh residents heartily welcome and congratulate the newly appointed governor," CM Sai said in a post on X. Earlier in the day, Sai bid farewell to outgoing governor Biswabhusan Harichandan at the State Hangar as the latter left for Bhubaneswar.

Ramen Deka receives warm welcome from CM Sai

RAIPUR: The newly appointed Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ramen Deka, received a grand welcome upon his arrival in the state's capital. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, along with other key officials, greeted the Governor at the State Hangar with traditional folk dances that added a festive touch to the ceremony. Members of the state cabinet presented bouquets to Governor Deka, and he was honored with a guard of honor, signifying the respect and importance of the occasion. The atmosphere was filled with energy and enthusiasm, reflecting the high hopes pinned on the new Governor's tenure. Governor Deka is set to take his oath of office at Raj Bhavan Raipur on Wednesday, July 31, at 10:15 am. The event will see the presence of the state's key officials and public representatives, marking the beginning of a new chapter for Chhattisgarh.

Board Exams for Class 5 and 8 to resume in Chhattisgarh

Central Chronicle News

State government is expected to approve this decision soon.

RAIPUR: After a gap of 15 years, the Chhattisgarh government is set to reintroduce board exams for classes 5 and 8 in a bid to enhance the quality of school education. The state government is expected to approve this decision soon. The board exams were discontinued following the implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009 (RTE), which mandated that no student could be failed until class 8.

The RTE Act intended to ensure that children were not held back in any class up to class 8 and required that remedial teaching be provided to weaker students. However, experts



Class 8th students of Atmanand School at Raipur.

FACTFILE

● RTE Act intended to ensure that children were not held back in any class up to class 8

argue that this system has negatively impacted the quality of education in government schools due to the lack of disciplinary measures. While some

private and model schools have successfully implemented remedial teaching, many government school students have suffered as a result.

The Directorate of Public Instruction is now working on experts' recommendations to revise the examination system. However, no decision has been made yet regarding the policy of passing or

failing students after the examinations. Previously, the District Education Officer conducted the exams for class 5 and class 8, with the District Primary Board Examination for class 5 and the Divisional Pre-Secondary Board Examination for class 8. At that time, Divisional Joint Director Offices did not exist in the state.

Now, with these offices established, senior officials may be assigned the responsibility of conducting the exams. Experts believe that reintroducing board exams will prompt greater accountability among parents and teachers, with answer sheets being checked at different schools to ensure impartiality. Since the implementation of RTE on April 1, 2010, students from classes 1 to 8 have been promoted automatically without failing.

PLANT SHUTDOWN |

Around 200 steel plants shut down

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Nearly 200 'mini steel plants' in Chhattisgarh have stopped operations indefinitely since Monday night to protest against the recent hike in power tariff.

An industry representative claimed that running these plants is not possible with the increased electricity cost, while an official of the Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd (CSPDCL) defended the hike stating



that it was insignificant in view of inflation.

The closure of mini steel plants which produce raw materials including TMT bars and steel rods

is expected to affect more than two lakh workers and their families and also have an impact on the prices of construction materials. "The protest will continue

The protest will continue until the state government addresses the issue.

Manish Dhupad
General Secretary, Chhattisgarh Mini Steel Plant Association.

until the state government addresses the issue," general secretary of the Chhat-

tisgarh Mini Steel Plant Association Manish Dhupad said on Tuesday.

The association has written to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and also met his cabinet colleagues and senior government officials seeking relief from the tariff hike, he told reporters.

The association did not intend to stage a protest but the hike made running small-scale steel plants unfeasible, compelling the owners to halt the operations, Dhupad said.

Cong delegation submits memo to Collector

RAIPUR: A Congress delegation, led by former MLAs Vikas Upadhyay and Kuldeep Juneja, met with Collector Gaurav Kumar Singh to submit a memorandum addressing irregularities in the delimitation of city wards. The meeting saw the presence of numerous Congress leaders, including Mayor Ejaz Dhebar, Sabhapati Pramod Dubey, District President Girish Dewangan, and Pankaj Sharma. The memorandum outlined several key issues with the recent delimitation process. It highlighted that the delimitation was conducted based on the 2011 census data, despite a similar exercise having already been done post-2011. The delegation argued that repeating the delimitation using outdated census data from 2011 in 2024 contradicts the Municipal Corporation's constitutional provisions. The delegation pointed out that the names of various wards were arbitrarily changed, and the boundaries of many wards were not drawn uniformly, leading to significant anomalies. The memorandum also noted that the planned census for 2021 was not conducted, which has negatively impacted the reorganization and reservation of wards.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

TRAIN OPERATIONS

Disruption in train operations due to derailment of Howrah-CSMT Mail

RAIPUR: Due to the derailment of train number 12810 Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Mail at Barabambo station under Chakradharpur Railway Division, several trains' operations have been affected. Trains starting on July 30, 2024, that are cancelled: 12101 LTT-Shalimar Express, 18114 Bilaspur-Azad Hind Express, 22906 Shalimar-Okha Express, 12809 Mumbai-Howrah Mail Express. Trains starting on July 31, 2024, that are cancelled: 12262 Howrah-Mumbai Express, 18030 Shalimar-LTT Express, 18110 Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari Junction)-Tata Express, 12768 Santragachi-Hazur Sahib Nanded Express, 18109 Tata-Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Itwari Junction) Express and 18113 Tata-Bilaspur Express.

ARRESTED

Raipur Police arrests six in vehicle theft ring, recovers 23 stolen 2-wheelers



RAIPUR: In a significant breakthrough, Raipur Police have arrested six individuals involved in a vehicle theft ring and recovered 23 stolen two-wheelers. The operation led to the seizure of 22 stolen bikes and one two-wheeler engine, valued at approximately Rs 16,00,000. The arrests followed investigations into three stolen two-wheelers from the Khamharidih police station area, leading to the registration of multiple cases under sections 379 IPC, 303(2) BNS, and related provisions.

Described his tenure a highly pleasant experience

Governor Harichandan expresses gratitude to people of Chhattisgarh

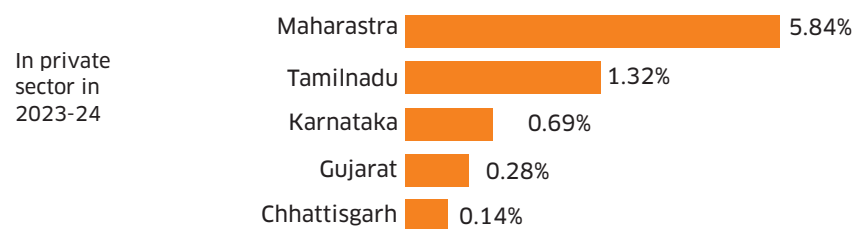


RAIPUR: Governor Vishwabhusan Harichandan has described his tenure as the Governor of Chhattisgarh as a highly pleasant experience, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the people of the state for their respect and affection. He extended his thanks to Chief Minister Vishnu Sai, public representatives, officials of the Chhattisgarh government, and Raj Bhavan staff for their support during his time in office. In his message, Governor Harichandan shared his admiration for the hard work, dedication, and courage of the people

of Chhattisgarh, whom he described as simple and easy-going. He highlighted the natural beauty of the state and expressed that the love and respect he received from the people were unforgettable. During his tenure, Governor Harichandan focused on implementing important schemes and policies, particularly in higher education. He emphasized the need for quality education and timely convocations in universities, inspiring students to serve the nation and support the poor and marginalized communities.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP 5 STATES WHERE JOB OPPORTUNITIES HAS REDUCED



Source :Agencies

APPOINTMENT

Guru and Prasad recommended as judges of Chh'gh HC by SC

RAIPUR: The Supreme Court on Tuesday recommended the names of two advocates for appointment as judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court. The collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai recommended to the Centre names of Bibhu Datta Guru and Amitendra Kishore Prasad. On February 21, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Chhattisgarh in consultation with his two senior-most colleagues recommended the names of Guru and Prasad for appointment as judges of that high court. The collegium said the chief minister and the governor of Chhattisgarh have concurred with the recommendation. "In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, the views of a judge of the Supreme Court conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Chhattisgarh were sought to ascertain the fitness and suitability of the candidates. The sole consultee-judge has recused from offering his views in view of the fact that one of the recommendees in the list is related to him. "For the purpose of assessing the merit and suitability of the above candidates for elevation to the High Court, we have scrutinised and evaluated the material placed on record.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

'Unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh lower than National Average'



RAIPUR: Raipur MP Brijmohan Agarwal has been actively advocating for employment and skill development for the youth of Chhattisgarh. In a recent Lok Sabha session, Agarwal highlighted the issue of unemployment in the state. Responding to his concerns, Minister of State for Labor and Employment Shobha Karandlaje emphasized that the Central Government is prioritizing employment generation across the country, including Chhattisgarh. The estimated unemployment rate for youth aged 15 to 29 was 10 percent nationwide during 2022-23, whereas in Chhattisgarh, it stood significantly lower at 7.1 percent. The Central Government is implementing various employment generation schemes through several ministries and departments, such as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Development, Housing and Urban, Finance, Textiles, Electronics, and Information Technology.

Raipur News

Make arrangements for grievance redressal: Sao

Work as per public expectations, make plans in wider interest to solve problems.



(Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao reviewing public grievance redressal camps.)

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration and Development Minister Arun Sao today reviewed Jan Samasya Nivaran Pakhwada (Public Grievance Redressal Fortnight) which started from 27th July in all the urban bodies of the state, with senior departmental officials. In a meeting organized through video conferencing, he directed the Commissioners of all Municipal Corporations and Chief Municipal Officers of Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats to make effective arrangements to resolve the applications received in the Public Grievance Redressal Camps. Sao asked the offi-

cial of all departments of urban bodies to work in accordance with public expectations. He instructed to make plans

FASTFACTS

- Deputy Chief Minister reviews public grievance redressal fortnight, gives necessary instructions

- On spot redressal of 40% of 19598 applications received in 1st three days of fortnight

in the larger interest to solve the problems of cities and develop public facilities. Secretary of Urban Administration Department Dr. Basavaraju S. and Director Shri Kundan Kumar

Over 19 thousand applications received across state

In the review meeting, the officials informed that a total of 19 thousand 598 applications have been received across the state in the first three days of the Jan Samasya Nivaran Pakhwada. Out of these, 17 thousand 310 applications are related to demands and 2288 applications are related to complaints. About 40 percent i.e. 7747 applications received in the camps have been resolved on the spot. During this period, 1092 applications received were related to other departments and hence have been sent to the concerned departments for redressal.

also attended the review meeting.

Sao gave instructions to conduct ward-wise camps organized under the 'Jan Samasya Nivaran Pakhwada' smoothly. He asked the officials to resolve the applications of the people promptly with full sensitivity. The main objective of camps is to promptly resolve the applications, he said.

Sao congratulated all the commissioners and chief municipal officers for the positive results in the camps.

He praised urban bodies that resolved the problems of the people on the spot in large numbers and encouraged them. He also talked about releasing funds for necessary arrangements in the camps.

Personalities to be honored on World Tribal Day

RAIPUR: On the occasion of World Tribal Day, special personalities of tribal society will be honored in the capital on 09 August. Distinguished personalities of tribal society who got special achievements in the field of education, social, social service, culture, environmental protection, tribal art, sports, agriculture and medicine will be honored. Interested persons can submit their name, special achievement, biodata, mobile number, district etc. with detailed information in Tribal Development Branch Room No. 40 of Collector's Office till 02 August.

Grievance redressal camps today

RAIPUR: Camp under Public Grievance Redressal Fortnight will be organized in 8 wards of Raipur on 31 July. The camp will be organised at Osho Bhawan, Gudhiyari in ward 15 of zone number 1, Patidar Bhawan in ward 13 of zone number 2, Madhupille School Pandri in ward 12 of zone number 3, Ganga Ram Community Bhawan in ward 44 of zone number 4, Yadav Samaj Community Bhawan in ward 43 of zone number 5, Chintahar Hanuman Temple Councillor Office in ward 39 of zone 7.

Houses approved under PMAY-U be allotted to beneficiaries: Chief Secy



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HIGHLIGHT

RAIPUR: The meeting of the State Level Approval and Monitoring Committee under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) was held here today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain.

Physical and financial progress of the construction of approved houses under the approved projects was reviewed in detail. The Chief Secretary directed the officials of the Urban Administration and Development Department to allot the approved houses to the beneficiaries.

Departmental officials gave information about the physical and financial progress including the Utility Certificate, GFR, Action Taken Report sent by the Government of India

- State level approval and monitoring committee meeting of PM Awas Yojana Urban concludes

for the projects implemented under PMAY-U.

In the meeting, the officials of the Urban Administration Department informed that in about 156 urban bodies of the state, one lakh 50 thousand 898 houses have been approved in 937 projects under self-construction (BLC) by the component beneficiaries of PMAY-U. Secretary to Urban Administration and Development Department and Chief Minister Basavaraju S., Special Secretary Finance Smt. Sheetal Shashvat Verma along with other officers of Urban Administration Department and members of the committee attended the meeting.

NEWSLINE

KAYAKING AND CANOEING

Prashant elected Chairperson for Para Canoe Events



RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh Kayaking and Canoeing Association held a meeting to discuss the preparation of athletes for various events.

During the meeting, the selection of three water bodies for different events was discussed. The selected water bodies include Budha Talab and Mahadev Ghat for Canoe Sprint, Telibandha Talab for Canoe Polo, Mahadev Ghat for Dragon Boat, Telibandha Talab for Canoe Slalom and Budha Talab for Para Canoe. Prashant Singh Raghuvanshi was appointed as the Chairperson for Para Canoe events.

ARRESTS

RPF arrests 14 illegal ticket brokers

RAIPUR: As many as 14 illegal ticket brokers were arrested and a case was registered under the Railway Act during a one-day special campaign, run by Railway Protection Force (RPF), South East Central Railway, Bilaspur. The special campaign against illegal ticket brokers was conducted in view of the demand for railway reservation tickets in ongoing festival season.

A special task was given to all the three divisions (Bilaspur, Raipur and Nagpur) as well as the crime intelligence branches and on July 29, 2024 and raids were carried out against illegal ticket brokers in different cities (Bilaspur, Raipur, Raigarh, Brajrajnagar, Nagpur, Nainpur, Korba, Bhillai, Anuppur, Shahdol, Ambikapur, Manendragarh, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh) simultaneously in all the three divisions.

APPOINTED

Bajrang Agarwal assumes charge as ADRM (Opn) Raipur



RAIPUR: Bajrang Agarwal has been appointed as the new Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations) of the Raipur Division of South East Central Railway. Bajrang Agarwal is an officer of the Indian Railway Stores Service (IRSS) from the 2005 batch. He was previously serving as the Deputy Chief Materials Manager (Administration) in Western Railway. On the afternoon of July 29, 2024, Bajrang Agarwal assumed the position of Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations) Raipur. In 2015, Bajrang Agarwal was also honored with the General Manager's Railway Service Medal.

Buses approved for public transport in various cities of state

Central Chronicle News

RAIPUR: The first meeting of the State Level Steering Committee under the Pradhan Mantri e Bus Seva Scheme was held here today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain. The committee granted post facto approval for buses for public transport facility in various cities of the state.

PM e Bus Seva Yojana has been started by the Central Government to improve the infrastructure of public transport in cities.

Under the scheme, the number of buses for cities has been determined by the states on the basis of population, in relation to which the first meeting of the State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) was held on 30 July 2024.

The committee has given post facto approval to the proposal for sanctioning 100 midi e-buses for Raipur, 50 midi e-buses for Durg-Bhilai, 35 midi and 15 mini e-buses for Bilaspur and 20 midi and 20 mini e-buses for Korba and approved sending a proposal of Rs. 70.34 crores to the Government of India for BTM and bus depot civil infrastructure as per the guidelines of the scheme. This scheme of the Government of India is a part of the effort to link the central assistance received by the states with transparency and their performance.

The central government intends that this scheme should be developed as an alternative to metro in cities or as a supporting means so that people get the facility of affordable, reliable and smooth transport.

Raipur SSP Santosh Singh gets doctorate degree

RAIPUR: Senior IPS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre and Raipur SSP Santosh Kumar Singh has been awarded doctorate degree by Hemchandra Yadav University of Durg on completion of his research work on the subject related to United Nations peace initiatives. He completed his research work under the guidance of Dr. Sunita Mishra, head, Department of Political Science, Government Naveen College Bhillai and Dr. Pramod Yadav, head, Department of Political Science, Seth RCS Arts and Commerce College Durg. The topic of his research was "United Nations Peace-building Commission: Assessing its Role and Functions". He has found that in order to ensure a permanent peace in violence-ridden nations in the World after the Cold War, there is a need to move beyond the peace-keeping and peacemaking efforts of the United Nations and focus on peace-building initiatives.

Students learn basics of news writing at workshop

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Thirty six students from six leading schools from the city attended the three-day Editors Conference.

RAIPUR: Thirty six students from six leading schools from the city attended the three-day Editors Conference, EDITCON 2024: EDIT AND ELEVATE being organised under the aegis of NH Goel World School at the school campus.

Drawing together some of the most influential voices in the media industry, the event helped the budding writers to understand the basics of news writing apart from the objective to choose the subject for their school magazines.

Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the



Editors Conference was held under aegis of NH Goel World School.

FASTFACTS

- Speakers shared their vision for how newsrooms can innovate and thrive in a rapidly changing landscape.

School Principal Dr Avinash Pandey said that students prepared the newsletters on various topics including Sustainable Development, Education and Career Planning, Gender inequality and inclusivity, Mental Health, Endangered Spe-

cies, Sports & Fitness and Generation Gap: Rise of Discontentment.

Earlier, the Speakers shared their vision for how newsrooms can innovate and thrive in a rapidly changing landscape.

The keynote speakers and the students had very interactive sessions where the students shared their queries which were taken up by the speakers. The keynote speakers were felicitated by Director Administration SK Tomar.

Attendees participated in a practical workshop

'Basic of News Writing' which focused on the use of data in journalism. The workshop provided an overview of techniques for sourcing, analyzing, and visualizing data to create compelling and informative stories. Participants gained hands-on experience with tools and methodologies that can enhance their reporting.

The budding editors from various schools had a round of presentations where they shared about the editing concepts used for their school newsletter/magazine.

All the teams received huge appreciation. Attendees had ample opportunities to network with peers and guest editors.

The networking sessions facilitated meaningful exchanges of ideas and fostered potential collaborations.

Six accused in theft cases of over 20 bikes arrested

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RAIPUR: City police have arrested six accused, who were involved in the theft cases of motorcycles. The police also seized 24 motorcycles from the accused. After getting the clue from an informer Khamhardih locality a team of senior police officers including Additional Superintendent of Police (city) Lakhan Patel, Additional Superintendent of Police (rural) Sandeep Mittal, City Superintendent of Police (Civil Line

Raipur) Anurag Jha, City Superintendent of Police (Assembly) Kesari Nandan Nair directed Police Station Incharge Khamhardih Narendra Kumar Mishra to verify the information and take necessary action. When the information was found to be correct, the police officers identified and caught all the six accused. During the interrogation the accused disclosed that they had stolen a total of 23 two-wheelers from different areas of Raipur during the last one year or so.

WORKSHOP

NIT organises Valedictory ceremony of karyashala

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RAIPUR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Electronics and Communication (ECE) Department organised the valedictory session of SERB sponsored High-end workshop (KARYASHALA) on "Reinventing wireless communication: Data driven signal processing for 6G networks" on 30th July 2024.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Toshan Meenpal, Head



of Department (HOD), ECE department, NIT Raipur, Dr. Subhojit Ghosh, Chairman, Continuing Education Cell (CEC), Dr. B. Acharya, Associate Pro-

fessor, ECE. Other faculty members and participants were also present.

Throughout the week-long workshop, which commenced on 24th,

The government is planning for 6G and India wants to be a leader in this field.

Dr. Toshan Meenpal
HOD, ECE dept, NIT Raipur

participants engaged in insightful talks, discussions, and hands-on sessions focusing on recent AI-applied signal processing trends in 6G networks



Jal Jeevan Mission works should be completed within time frame and desired quality

Richa Prakash Chaudhary, Collector, Durg

Focus on ODF Plus model of Swachh Bharat Mission

Collector chaired a meeting of officers and reviewed the time limit cases.



Collector interacting with officials during the meeting.

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FASTFACTS

- **Emphasis on e-file system in government offices**
- **Water harvesting system mandatory in government buildings**

BHILAI: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary said that the officers should focus on the Swachh Bharat Mission ODF Plus model in the district. To achieve the ODF Plus category, the officials have been assigned the task of monitoring various works. As per the checklist, door-to-door garbage collection, waste management, cleaning of drains & roads and use of toilets etc are to be inspected. She further instructed to monitor the sanitation works in

urban bodies also. Special attention should be paid to remove garbage from public places, roads etc. She directed the officers conduct inspection by 05 August and collect information as per the checklist. Collector reviewed the time-limit cases in the

Several other subjects discussed

The Collector instructed to make a schedule for Aadhaar update camps at schools. She took information about Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the district. Fight the Bite program for prevention of seasonal diseases and water harvesting system for water conservation. The District Informatics Officer gave detailed information to the officers about the digital manual office system, file management system and e-file process.

meeting with officers. She took information regarding the resolved cases and gave necessary guidelines to the officers. She directed to resolve the pending pension cases of retired

employees. Emphasizing on the e-file system in offices, she asked the officers to pay special attention to the digital system as per the intention of the government.

Silver ornaments stolen

BHILAI: Silver ornaments and some cash were stolen from a locked house in Umarpoti of Utai Police Station limits. The victim Gopal Krishna Dewangan is an ex-employee of the Education Department. The family had gone to Delhi for some personal work on July 17 and the house maid visited daily to clean the house. The keys of the house were at the neighbour's place. On July 28, the neighbour informed the victim that theft occurred at his home. The victim returned back and found that some silver jewellery and cash were stolen. Police lodged an FIR under section 305, 331(4) of BNS against the unknown thieves.

Snatcher nabbed with six gold chains



Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: With the arrest of a ruffian, police claimed to have solved seven cases of chain snatching which occurred in Newai and Mohan Nagar Police Station limits. ASP (City) Sukhmandan Rathore informed that the accused had stolen a bike and used this vehicle to commit chain snatching. He targeted women walking on the roads. He was arrested earlier also in a case of chain snatching. During investigation of

chain snatching incidents, police examined the footage of CCTV cam-

HIGHLIGHT

- **Stolen bike used to commit chain snatching**

eras installed near the crime scenes. A suspect was seen in the footage and was later identified as Bharat Gupta alias Rahul. He was taken into custody and during sustained interrogation, he confessed to committing the crime.

Biker injured in accident

BHILAI: A biker was injured in a road accident at Sector 2 of Bhilai Township. The victim Sandeep Pandey was moving towards his workplace - Jamul Primary School when the mishap occurred. A rashly moving biker hit Pandey's bike near Body Fitness Point Gym in Street 6, Sector 2. Sandeep suffered injuries on legs and chest. He was rushed to Sector 9 hospital and was admitted to H3 Ward.

Division level event on Amrit Kaal CG Vision

BHILAI: Division Level Dialogue Program on Amrit Kaal Chhattisgarh Vision 2047 has been organised at BIT College on August 11 from 11 am to 2 pm. Presentations related to Amrit Kaal Chhattisgarh Vision 2047 will be given by the State NITI Aayog team followed by group-wise discussion and presentations. The Divisional Commissioner will deliver the closing address. Participants from all the dis-

tricts under Durg Division will attend the program. Meritorious students of school and college, young businessmen, representatives of Startups, persons receiving awards in the youth sector, NGO representatives working in the youth sector; Progressive farmer FPO, agricultural processing institution, tribal areas, person receiving award in agriculture sector, NGO, Women SHG representative, women

NEWSLINE

PHILANTHROPY

Monetary assistance provided



BHILAI: Rupali Mahtari Gudi Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha provided financial assistance of Rs 10000 to Rajendra Kumar Sharma and Pramodini Sharma, residents of Purani Basti Kohak. Their house had collapsed recently due to rainfall. Sanstha's patron Anju Devangan, Koki Kakkad, Sheli Gautam, Preeti Doppaipudi extended help to the needy couple. In the presence of SP Jitendra Sharma, patron Sangeeta Sharma and President Shanta Sharma handed over the cheque to Rajendra Kumar Sharma at SP Office.

THEFT

Broad daylight burglary

BHILAI: Unknown thieves trespassed into a house in village Dania and escaped with gold jewellery. The victim Thakur Prasad complained that he is a farmer and all the family members were in the fields on July 29. Around 11:00 hrs, he went to Durg for some work. His sister Usha Sahu returned home around 01:30 hrs and found that the door lock was broken and some gold jewellery was stolen. Police lodged an FIR under section 305, 331(3) of BNS.

ACCIDENT

Property dealers injured in mishap

BHILAI: Two persons involved in property dealing were injured in a road accident near Anjora Bypass Road. The victims Dinesh Kumar Verma and Tirath Yadav were moving towards a colonizer's office on a bike. Near Agrasen Bha van on Anjora Bypass, a speeding Honda City Car dashed their bike. Tirath Yadav was thrown away and suffered a fracture in hand and injuries on the body. Dinesh was also injured in the mishap. Police lodged an FIR against the driver of car bearing registration number CG07-CT-1699 under section 125(a), 125(b), 281 of BNS.

BURGLARY

Scooter stolen from posh colony

BHILAI: A scooter was stolen from Nehru Nagar on the intervening night of July 29. The victim Ayush Sahu resides as a paying guest in Nehru Nagar for studies. On July 27, he visited his friend's place and left his scooter bearing registration number CG04-NE-2034 outside his home. He informed his friend that he will take the scooter next morning. Early morning on July 29, his friend found that the scooter was missing. Police lodged an FIR under section 303(2) of BNS.

Mohanty conferred with National Metallurgist Award

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BHILAI: Sashi Shekhar Mohanty, CEO & MD of Essar Minmet Limited, has been conferred the prestigious National Metallurgist Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2023 by The Ministry of Steel, Government of India. During his 45 years in the steel industry, he has made significant contributions to the field of metallurgy. His extensive experience includes managing projects worth over \$14 billion. His expertise in mining, mineral processing (including agglomeration processes such as pelletizing and sintering), iron making, steelmaking, and rolling has led to groundbreaking research and development in the field. Throughout his career, Mohanty has driven substantial operational improvements, efficiency enhancements, techno-



logical upgrades, and process improvements, resulting in cost savings of over \$1 billion in the steel industry.

His extensive career includes leadership roles such as Director (Tech) and additional charges of Director - Commercial, Director Projects & Business Planning, and membership on the Board of Steel Authority of India (SAIL). He also served as the MD of the Bokaro Steel Plant. At Bhilai Steel Plant he served in various pivotal roles, including GM (Plate Mill), GM (Services), ED (Project) and Executive Director (Works).

Theft at locked house

BHILAI: Theft occurred at a locked house in Kailash Nagar, Kurud. The victim Maan Singh is a government employee and has gone to Kanpur for the marriage of his daughter. They had given the house keys to the neighbour who visits the house to check the locks. On July 27, he checked all the locks around 22:00 hrs.

Biker hits pedestrian

BHILAI: A pedestrian suffered injuries in a road accident which occurred near Shiv Temple in Housing Board Colony. The victim Ajay Vishwakarma was hit by a rashly moving bike bearing registration number CG07-BE-1885. Vishwakarma suffered injuries on hands and legs and has been admitted to BM Shah Hospital, Ram Nagar for treatment. Police lodged an FIR against the biker under section 125(a), 281 of BNS.

BSP supplies TMT Bars for use in Chennai metro & other

Central Chronicle News

Bar and Rod Mill is designed to roll out a wide variety of sections in the form of straight bars

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant that produces high strength TMT Bars with earthquake and corrosion resistant properties for use in big projects of national importance has bagged fresh orders for supply of TMT Bars from construction major, L & T for use in Chennai Metro project and from M/s APCO and ITD Cementation for use in different railway projects.

The Plant's modern mill, Bar & Rod Mill that has taken up commercial production of TMT Bars in 40 millimetre diameter for the first time has despatched 2100 Tonnes



2100 Tonnes of TMT 40 Bars in 500D grade despatched.

FASTFACTS

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APCO Infratech is another construction major engaged in big projects including Highways, Energy Projects, Tunnel, Irrigation, Urban infrastructure. ITD Cementation is also engaged in construction activities including highways, bridges, flyovers and tunnel projects.

It is worth mentioning that SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Bar & Rod Mill set up as part of the Plant's 7 MT modex programme is designed to roll out a wide variety of sections in the form of straight bars. With infrastructure and construction activities picking up in the country, the superior product quality of TMT grades from Bar & Rod Mill are much in demand.

BRM creates yet another record

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BHILAI: For SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Bar & Rod Mill (BRM), July 24 has been a month of setting new records in daily production. On July 28, 2024, the Mill rolled out 3930 Tonnes of TMT Bars in 16 mm diameter, surpassing the previous best of 3890 Tonnes of TMT 16 mm rolled on May 17, 2024. Earlier this month on July 10, 2024, Bar & Rod Mill had set a new record in rolling

out of TMT 10 mm, by producing 2589 Tonnes, surpassing the previous best of 2579 Tonnes of TMT 10 mm rolled on July 07, 2024. Earlier on July 04, 2024, BRM had set a new day record in production of TMT Bars in any profile by rolling out 1984 Billets into 4078 Tonnes of TMT Bars, surpassing previous best production of 1955 billets rolled into 4013 Tonnes of TMT Bars on May 19, 2024.

GREEN ENERGY |

Bhoomipujan for 200 KWP Solar Power Plant held

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BHILAI: Bhoomi puja for Supply, installation and commissioning of SAIL-BSP's Grid connected Solar Power Plant in association with CREDA was held at Maitri Baag on Tuesday. Pawan Kumar, ED(HR), SAIL-BSP performed the Bhoomi puja for setting up the 200 KWP Solar Power Plant at Maitri Baag. JY Sapkale, CGM(TSD & CSR), Sandeep Mathur, CGM(HR), Shivrajan, GM(CSR), H Shekhar,



Bhoomi Pujan being performed

GM(ED-HR Sectd), Vishnu Pathak, GM(TSD), Bhanu Pratap, SE, CREDA, Ravindra Dewangan, Dist Incharge (Durg-CREDA), Nitesh Banchor, AE(-

CREDA), Sushil Kamde, SM(CSR), Kamal Verma, DM(CSR) and other Sr officials from CSR and Township department were present on the occasion.

The project envisaged few months ago, aims at helping reduce our carbon footprint
Pawan Kumar
Dr Pragya Saxena ED(HR), SAIL-BSP
Pawan Kumar, ED(HR) said that this project was envisaged few months back. If this project helps

in reducing our carbon footprint, we can replicate it in other other places too, he said. He congratulated all the concerned agencies for the project. JY Sapkale, CGM(TSD & CSR) said that the project renews our faith in green energy. This will be a memorable project for everyone due to its quick approval and progress, he said. The crystalline solar photo voltaic module will generate 800 units/day approximately and around 24,000 units/month.

N-E-W-S



“As many 93 people died and around 128 were injured in the massive landslides in the northern Wayanad district, leaving behind a trail of destruction and despair.”

Pinarayi Vijayan
Chief Minister, Kerala

Disastrous Cloudburst in Kullu results flood



An affected area following a flash flood triggered by a cloudburst in Tosh Nallah, in Kullu district on Tuesday. PTI

Warming of Arabian Sea linked to Wayanad landslides : Scientist

Warming of the Arabian Sea is allowing the formation of deep cloud systems, leading to extremely heavy rainfall in Kerala and increasing the possibility of landslides

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Warming of the Arabian Sea is allowing the formation of deep cloud systems, leading to extremely heavy rainfall in Kerala in a shorter period and increasing the possibility of landslides, a senior climate scientist said on Tuesday.

Extremely heavy rain triggered a series of landslides in the hilly areas of Kerala's Wayanad district early on Tuesday, leaving at least 45 people dead. Many were feared trapped under the debris.

S Abhilash, the director of the Advanced

Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research at Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) said Kasargod, Kannur, Wayanad, Calicut, and Malappuram districts have been receiving copious rainfall due to the active monsoon offshore trough affecting the entire Konkan region for the last two weeks.

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HIGHLIGHT

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nur, resulting in localised landslides, he told PTI.

“The clouds were very

deep, similar to those seen during the 2019 Kerala floods,” Abhilash said.

He said scientists have noticed a trend of very deep cloud systems developing over the southeast Arabian Sea, he said, adding that sometimes, these systems intrude into the land, like that in 2019.

“Our research found that the southeast Arabian Sea is becoming warmer, causing the atmosphere above this region, including Kerala, to become thermodynamically unstable,” Abhilash said.

“This atmospheric instability, allowing

the formation of deep clouds, is linked to climate change. Earlier, this kind of rainfall was more common in the northern Konkan belt, north of Mangalore.”

With climate change, that rain-bearing belt with deep clouds is extending southward and this is the main reason behind such extremely heavy rainfall, he said.

Research by Abhilash and other scientists published in npj Climate and Atmospheric Science journal in 2022 found that rainfall over the west coast of India is becoming more convective.

Man who clung on to boulder in Wayanad hamlet rescued

WAYANAD (KERALA): After an hours-long mission, a man who was covered in mud and desperately clinging to a huge boulder to survive the flood waters gushing past him in landslide-hit Wayanad on Tuesday was rescued. Visuals of the hapless man's attempt to survive amidst scattered boulders in the floodwater came from Mundakkai village here, where hundreds of people are reportedly trapped following the deadly landslides triggered by heavy rainfall in the early hours of Tuesday. Helpless local residents could do nothing but watch the man's struggle and urged authorities to swiftly rescue him. Having been washed away by flood water, he had somehow got stuck between huge boulders but was unable to stand or swim to safety due to the thick marsh and strong currents.

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BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha State Transport Authority (STA) on Tuesday said it has issued 153 challans against juvenile drivers and seized 60 vehicles on the first day of a special drive to ensure road safety across the state.

The Transport Department has launched a special enforcement drive across the state.

On the first day of the

JUVENILE DRIVERS

Odisha police issues challan against juvenile drivers

Press Trust Of India



Police takes action against erring drivers- File photo

FACTFILE

● Rigorous inspections are being conducted under the 38 regional transport offices, including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Ganjam, Rourkela, Sambalpur, and Balasore.

special drive on Monday, the focus was on juvenile drivers. As a result, a total of 153 challans were

issued, and 60 vehicles were seized, the department said in a statement.

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Recently, Transport Minister Bibhuti Bhusan Jena directed the STA to take strict measures to reduce road accidents.

“The Transport Department teams conducted inspections at key points and near schools and colleges. Many students, who were not of legal driving age and did not possess driving licenses, were found riding bikes and scooters to educational institutions,” the STA said. The inspection teams caught the juvenile drivers under provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, which allows for a fine of Rs 25,000 against the parents or vehicle owners of juvenile drivers, and in some cases, even up to 3 years of imprisonment. In May, a teenager allegedly involved in a car crash that killed two IT engineers was arrested in Pune, creating a nationwide uproar.

NEET-PAPER LEAK

‘Will take all measures to protect students’ interest’

Press Trust Of India

Rajasthan government is going to survey the obstructions and encroachments in the entire flow area of the Ramgarh Dam through remote sensing and drones.

NEW DELHI: Besieged with various allegations

over NEET fiasco, the Centre in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday said it will take all measures needed to protect the best interests of students.

Replying to a supplementary question related to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel said: “In so far as the allega-

“The first round of counseling will begin from 14 August and as per the Supreme Court’s order the counseling will be held in four rounds.”

Anupriya Patel
Union Minister



tions of paper leak are concerned the Supreme Court’s judgement has already come to us ... I would only like to assure

through you (the Chair) to the member that government is committed to the best interest of students and whatever is needed will be done by the government.”

Replying to another supplementary question, the minister informed the house that the first round of NEET-UG counseling would commence from August 14.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

VANDALISM

MNS workers vandalise NCP leader’s vehicle in Akola

AKOLA: Nationalist Congress Party MLC Amol Mitkari on Tuesday alleged that workers of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) vandalised his vehicle in Akola district. Talking to reporters, the leader of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP said a group of around 30 to 40 MNS workers vandalised a vehicle belonging to him near the government guesthouse in Akola for his recent remarks against their party chief Raj Thackeray. Thackeray had recently criticised Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar over the flooding in Pune due to the discharge from a dam amid rains. Hitting back at the MNS chief, Mitkari had said the most unsuccessful person in Maharashtra politics should not comment on the work done by Ajit Pawar. Mitkari has lodged a complaint at a police station and demanded action against the vandals. PTI

ASSEMBLY

Govt not considering raising honorarium of Shiksha Mitra: Mitras: UP minister



LUCKNOW: The government is not considering raising the honorarium of ‘Shiksha Mitra’ (contractual teachers in primary government schools), Basic Education Minister Sandeep Singh told the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Tuesday. The minister was replying to Samajwadi Party (SP) member Samarpal Singh’s question about whether the state government was considering increasing the honorarium of Shiksha Mitras. PTI

STUDENT’S SUICIDE

Rise in suicide among higher education students alarming, measures needed: HC



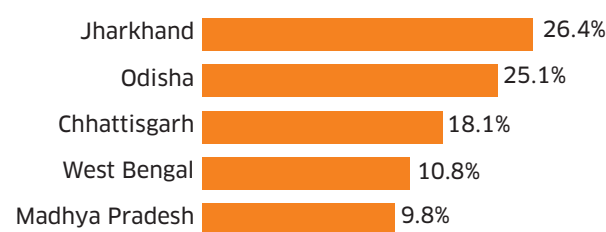
MUMBAI: Noting that the rise in instances of suicide among students pursuing higher education is “alarming”, the Bombay High Court on Tuesday called for immediate measures by authorities. A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Amit Borkar also stated that mental and physical well-being was an integral part of a student. The high court was hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by child rights activist Shobha Panchmukh who raised concerns over the increase in suicide among students.

The plea urged the HC to direct the

Mumbai University (MU) to issue a circular to all affiliated/associated colleges to rope in counsellors for dealing with the mental health of students. The PIL highlighted inadequate measures for curbing suicidal tendencies among students of higher education. “Such a situation is alarming and calls for immediate measures by all concerned,” the bench said. The bench further said universities are legally obliged to promote a healthy atmosphere and ensure welfare of students at colleges, universities and institutions under the Maharashtra Universities Act. PTI

The Day’s NUMBERS

STATES HAVING MAXIMUM SHARE OF COAL PRODUCTION - 2024 (IN BILLION TONNES)



Source: Agencies

MISHAP

Railways makes Rs 10 lakh ex-gratia payment to family of deceased

KOLKATA: The Railways made an ex-gratia payment of Rs 10 lakh each to the kin of the two deceased passengers of 12810 Howrah-Mumbai Mail, which derailed near Barabambo station in Jharkhand on Tuesday, the South Eastern Railway said.

The Railways also paid Rs one lakh each to the eight people who suffered minor injuries.

The SER said in a statement that the kin of the deceased passengers - P Bikash and Ajit Kumar Samal, both of Odisha’s Rourkela - were granted an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh each.

The derailment of 18 coaches of 12810 Howrah-Mumbai Mail via Nagpur in the early morning of Monday caused the death of two passengers and minor injuries to eight others, the SER said.

Among the injured are two women and six men, it said. PTI

STATEMENT

‘Not able to remove person who caused their defeat in UP’: Akhilesh



NEW DELHI: In a veiled dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said those who used to call themselves “very powerful” are not able to remove the person who caused their defeat in the Lok Sabha polls in Uttar Pradesh.

Speaking during the discussion on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha, Yadav got into a verbal duel with the treasury benches several times.

“Since they (BJP) have lost in Uttar Pradesh, no one is doing namaskar, that is what your issue is. PTI

"All the construction works approved in the Gram Panchayat areas under District Mineral Fund (DMF) should be completed at the earliest."

Ajit Vasant
Collector, Korba



Chhattisgarh

Children studying under a leaking roof

For the last three years, the matter is being brought to the notice of higher officials for its repair. But, the repair work of school has not started yet

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PITHORA: The Children of Higher Secondary School in Gadbeda village of Pithora development block are forced to study amidst dangers. The roof of the school has become completely dilapidated. There are cracks in the walls. Due to continuous leakage of water from the roof during rainy season, the hook for attaching the fan has rotted, due to which there have been two incidents of fan falling. There is also current in the walls. For the last three years, requests have been made to the higher authorities to get it repaired. Despite this, there is a possibility of an untoward incident happening at any time due to the roof not being repaired till now. This is the actual condition of the Government Shaheed Pramod Kumar Patel Higher Secondary School Gadbeda of Pithora development block, where children are forced to build their future in a leaking roof and dilapidated building. According to the information, this school building was constructed



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FACTFILE

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in the year 2011, where 8 rooms are built. This year, 220 students have been admitted so far. Due to poor quality construction, the school building has become

dilapidated in these 13 years. For the last three years, the matter is being brought to the notice of higher officials for its repair. But, the repair work of the building has not started yet. Due to which water is dripping from the roof during rainy days and the walls have also become weak. The limit was crossed when on Friday, when the children tried to turn on the fan, current spread in the wall. The fan was switched off in a hurry. The measurements were taken, but the estimate was not made. The principal of Gadbeda school, Nandkumar Chaudhary, said that a year ago, the district engineer had taken the measurements of the roof of the school. But, till now the estimate has not been made, due to which he is not able to give a proposal to the department. He says that it is not possible to hold classes in the four rooms of the school during the rain. Therefore, children have to be shifted to other rooms. This especially affects the studies of 12th class children. Pithora BEO KK Thakur said that the condition of Gadbeda school is in his knowledge.

Preparation for Krishna Janmashtami begins

KHAIRAGARH: An essential meeting was held regarding the preparations for celebrating Krishna Janmashtami and Govinda Utsav with joy as per tradition by the Yadav community. While discussing in detail about the event, a social discussion was held in Banke Bihari Temple Gol Bazar under the guidance of District President of Mahila Yadav Samaj Aarti Suryakant Yadav and City Women President Kanchan Yadav. It was told that in the celebration of Govinda Utsav and Shobha Yatra, a grand Shobha Yatra will be taken out for the city tour in the tune of DJ with Bhajan Mandali, Tableau, Raut Nacha and Lord Krishna's Palki, in which women of the society have been appealed to participate in maximum numbers. During this, on World Environment Protection Day, women of Yadav community planted trees in the temple premises. A large number of women including Women District President Aarti Yadav, District Vice President Geeta Yadav, Patron Kusum Yadav, District Member Anupama Yadav, Monika Yadav, City President Kanchan Yadav, Vice President Sevati Yadav, Lakshmi Yadav, Jyoti Yadav, Member Urmila Yadav, Kumari Yadav were present in the meeting.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CAMP

Public Redressal Camp: 07 demands settled on the spot

KOREA : As per the instructions of the Urban Administration Development Department, a public problem redressal camp was organized in ward number 01 of Municipal Council Shivpur-Charcha in Korea district today.

Let us tell you that district level public problem redressal camps are being organized in various gram panchayats of the district from July 10. Now public problem redressal camps are also being organized in the wards of Baikunthpur Municipal Council and Shivpur-Charcha for the participation of common people living in urban bodies and their demands, problems and needs. In this episode, a camp was organized today in ward number 01 of Community Bhawan Shivpur-Charcha.

FESTIVAL

Devotees gathered for Jalabhishek at Mahadev temple



RAJIM : Jalabhishek was performed on the occasion of the second Monday of Sawan at Padmaneshwarnath Mahadev situated on the banks of Padma pond in Chaubandha Marg of the city. The number of devotees started increasing in the temple since morning. From 11:00 am till 2 hours, water was continuously poured on Mahadev's Shivaling. First of all, worship was done by learned Pandits and Jalabhishek started with chanting of mantras.

DAV Public School

Students who performed well in NEET exam felicitated in school



ARANG: Five students of Monet DAV Public School Mandirhasaud performed well in NEET exam 24 conducted by National Testing Agency New Delhi. All these students were felicitated by B. Mohapatra, Chief Executive Officer of Miwan Steels Limited and Chairman of Local Managing Committee. These five students are Abhishek Satpathy, Nitin Verma, Suhani Chandrakar, Tanishq Mishra, Anjali Verma. They have brought glory to the school by scoring 691, 682, 661, 633, 561 marks respectively. Students shared their views on the

problems faced in NEET preparation and its solutions. All the children told that they used to study regularly for 8-9 hours by staying away from social media and used mobile only when needed and used to ask the teachers about the problems faced in studies and also discuss it among themselves, so that it can be completely resolved. B. Mohapatra, Chief Executive Officer of Miwan Steel Limited. Mohapatra, all the officials, Principal Rajkumar Sharma, all the teaching and non-teaching staff and parents congratulated the students on their success.

CULTURAL EVENTS HELD

Education week concludes in Bangoli school

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During the programme, all stakeholders were made aware of the implementation of FLN. On the third day, sports day, competitions were organized on the importance of sports and fitness



Education week was organized in Government Higher Secondary and Pre-Secondary and Primary School Bangoli.

KHARORA: As per the instructions of Secondary Education Board, Education week was organized from 22nd July to 28th July under which Education week was organized in Government Higher Secondary, Pre-Secondary and Primary School in village Bangoli. Sarpanch Jhuku Ram Bodhe, Vijay Verma Deputy Sarpanch, Durgesh Nayak Primary School President, Kuber Singh Hanumanta Village Head, Narottam Sharma, Ganesh Das Manikpuri,

Raghunath Nirmalkar, Shrivani Verma, Kaushilya Dhurandhar, Vandana Bairagi Former Sarpanch, Suresh Vishwakarma (Servant), Ishwar Verma Sanitation Worker, Mongra Nayak, Domar Dhurandhar BJP Mandal Youth Leader, Jagdev Kandra Haribhoomi Correspondent, Vijay Kumar Ghruv In Charge Principal, Jitendra Kumar Kosaria Head Teacher, Savita Chandrakar Head Teacher, Tok Singh Verma, Aakoksha Jha, Renu Verma, Dileshwari Devgan, Arifa Khan, Rashmi Baghmare, Apoorva Sahu, Devpriya Sahu, Usha Thakur, Seemu Chelak, Manki Sahu, Manoj Verma, Durga Sahu, Shashikala

Joshi, Manjusha Verma, Kalpana Nayak, Gyanesh Kumar Sahu, Pratima Verma, Neetu Teachers like Devagan etc. were present. On the first day of the education week, teachers demonstrated local materials and encouraged children to use them in the classroom. On the second day, all stakeholders were made aware of the implementation of FLN. On the third day, sports day, competitions were organized on the importance of sports and fitness. On the fourth day, cultural day, various cultural programs were organized to develop a sense of unity among students. On the fifth day, skill and digital initiative day, various skills were promoted as well as digital initiatives were encouraged.

Frequent incidents of theft worries villagers

AWARI: In Gram Panchayat Supela, the government administration puts up posters to publicize the activities going on in the country and state in the field adjacent to Bhakhara bypass and passenger waiting room. These posters are stolen by some anti-social elements of the village in a single day.

Pran Pratishtha in Kariyatola

DONGARGAON: In the month of Sawan, devotees in rural areas including the entire country are immersed in the devotion of Shiv, while new temples are also being built rapidly in the region. In this sequence, Shiv temple was built in Ward No. 8 Kariyatola of Dongargaon town and Shivaling was consecrated.

NEW FACILITY

Khairagarh finally gets fire brigade vehicle

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KHAIRAGARH: After a long gap, the district has got the gift of fire brigade vehicle from the government. Since the formation of the district, there was a demand for fire brigade vehicle for fire safety. With this much awaited demand of the district being fulfilled, now the citizens of the district including the citizens of the surrounding



areas will be able to get help in dealing with emergency situations after incidents of arson, which has been possible due to

the tireless efforts of the district administration. After the demand was fulfilled by the Chhattisgarh government, the dis-

After having waited for a long time, the district finally got the new fire brigade vehicle at the district headquarters. It was very much needed

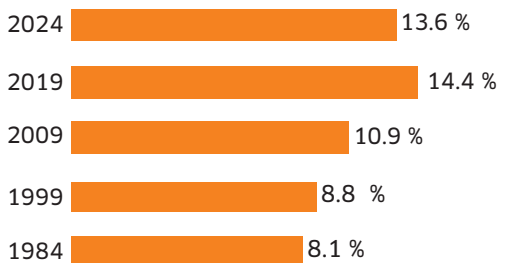
Chandrakant Verma
Collector, KCG
District administration has told that since last year,

the demand letter for fire equipment was sent by the district administration to the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, on which the government approved the fire vehicle. After the arrival of the new fire brigade vehicle at the district headquarters, Collector Chandrakant Verma performed the puja of the vehicles and also got the main equipment tested.

The Day's NUMBERS

Woman MPs had maximum representation in the 17th Lok Sabha with 14.4%

PERCENTAGE OF WOMAN MPS IN LOK SABHA



Source - Basic Road Statistics of India

N-E-P

Literacy oath administered in educational institutions of Bijapur



BIJAPUR : Under the guidance of Collector and Chairman Executive District Literacy Mission Shri Anurag Pandey, the oath of Literacy Mission has been administered in the educational institutions of the district. On the occasion of completion of 4 years of National Education Policy 2020, the nationwide teaching week was organized in the district from 22 to 28 July 2024 under the guidance of Director, Member and Secretary State Literacy Mission Authority Raipur. Under the Ullas Navbharat Literacy Program, illiterate class above 15 years of age is to be made literate. The oath of literacy was taken by the concerned in which by joining the literacy program, taking the first step towards education, one has to become fully literate, education will be very important in my life, by getting educated myself, I will understand my participation and inspire my colleagues to become literate as well.

INSPECTION

Collector inspects joint office building and checks staff attendance



GAURELA: Collector Leena Kamlesh Mandavi inspected the joint office building located at Tikarkala Gaurela and took stock of the attendance of officers and employees. She inspected the attendance register of officers and employees working in the District Marketing Office, CREDA, Transport, PMGSY, Horticulture, Excise, Labour and Civil Supplies Corporation offices as well as office maintenance etc. During the inspection of the attendance register of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana office, when she inquired about those whose signatures were not in the attendance register and those who were not found in the office after signing, the peon of the office told that they are on a tour of the field areas to inspect the departmental works.

River erosion posing threat to Dist Hospital

Erosion of Agar river bank is causing the weakening of the District Hospital.

Central Chronicle News

MUNGELI: Erosion of Agar river bank is causing the weakening of the District Hospital and Children Hospital constructed at the cost of crores here in the region.

As per information, due to the increased flow of the Agar river during the rainy season, the land is eroded every year and earlier this district hospital was about 60 feet away from the river, now due to erosion due to the flow of the river, it has shrunk to only 20 feet and this can cause serious infrastructure issues to the building.

The hospital built after the formation of the district, as an expansion of health facilities in the district, in the form of 100-bed district hospital and a 100-bed mother and child hospital were constructed in village Ramgarh on the banks of the Agar River under the scheme of the Central Government.

Kilapar of the Gram Panchayat Ramgarh adjoining the city, which is located on the banks of the Agar River Earlier, this district hospital was about 60 feet away from the river, which has now



Soil erosion at the back side of District Hospital near Aagar river is posing threat to the District Hospital's foundation.

FASTFACTS

● Earlier this district hospital was about 60 feet away from the river, now due to erosion due to the flow of the river, it has shrunk to only 20 feet.

● In this regard, experts say that in view of the erosion on the banks of the river, pitching work should be done on the banks soon

gradually become only 20 feet away due to

Lack of pitching work near Anicut posing danger to hospital

It is noteworthy that the work of pitching started from Pendarakapa of the city on the banks of Agar river and stone pitching work has been done up to Malai Ghat, Kachhari Ghat, Pulpara in view of the erosion of the river bank. Due to lack of pitching work near Bada Bazar Anicut, there is a danger for the hospital building and if attention is not paid to this soon, the hospital can face problems.

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the banks of the river, pitching work should be done on the banks soon so that the soil on the river bank does not erode.

City resonates with worship of Lord Shiva

RAJNANDGAON: On the second Monday of Sawan month, 29th July 2024, a large number of devotees gathered to worship in all the Shivalayas of the city with rituals. Devotees performed aarti with camphor lamps by offering Jalabhishek, Dudh-bhishek, Belpatra, Kaner, Fudhar Dhatura flower, Shriphal etc. to Lord Bholeshankar. Latarani Lal JK Vaishnav, patron of Rani Mandir Samiti Chhuikhadan, informed that in the month of Sawan, Mahila Ramayan Mandali Baisaab Mandir and Bajrang Ramayan Mandali Jas Samiti Chhuikhadan go to all the temples and perform bhajan kirtan.

Liquor seller arrested

KHAIRAGARH: Khairagarh police has arrested a liquor Kochiya (middleman) with 30 quarters of country liquor. Police has also seized the motorcycle of the accused along with the illegal liquor, after which the accused has been sent to jail on the orders of the court. Khairagarh Police formed a team and cordoned off the village Dilippur Road and conducted a raid where the accused Shyamal Verma, son of late Hariram Verma, was carrying 30 quarters of Liquor, for illegal sale of liquor.

Swachhata prog organized in Gram Panchayat Mohad



RAJNANDGAON: As per the instructions of Collector Sanjay Agarwal, Swachhata Abhiyan is being run in the entire district and on the same series, a cleanliness program was conducted in Gram Panchayat Mohad and Kokpur of Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon.

School children gave the message through painting and posters to make the citizens aware and keep the environment clean and beautiful. Also, through street plays and poetry, people were given the message

of cleanliness and keeping the environment clean.

Also present was CEO District Panchayat Ms. Suruchi Singh who in her address asked the people to keep wet and dry garbage coming out of the house separately and to dispose of wet garbage at household level and give the dry garbage to collector Swachhatagrahi sisters.

She asked all the children and villagers to be aware of cleanliness as well as keep their house, street, locality clean.

Mother and daughter murdered and burnt

KATGI: Two women a mother and daughter were killed in Bhadra village under Kasdol police station and the discovery of half burnt bodies of them has house created panic in the entire area. The two as per information were asleep at the time of murder and the unknown accused attacked Santoshi Bai and Mamta with a sharp object on their heads, due to which injury marks are visible

on the heads of both, later the accused tried to burn them to mislead the direction, due to which the bodies have become half burnt. The son of the deceased informed the villager's neighbours and sarpanch which led to the discovery of the half burnt bodies. Along with this, the forensic team has also been called to the spot, and they have taken some samples so that they can reach the accused quickly.

PWD EE dies of heart failure in his bungalow

Central Chronicle News

KHAIRAGADH: Executive Engineer (EE) Lalit Walter Turkey of Public Works Division Khairagadh died on Sunday midnight, after he was found unconscious in the bedroom of his bungalow in Khairagadh Civil Line. Meanwhile, when his cook reached the bungalow, the EE did not respond even after knocking and calling for a long time, after which the worried cook informed other employees of the department and the employees broke the door of the bungalow and entered inside where they saw that EE Turkey was lying unconscious.

After first aid, in Civil Hospital seeing his critical condition, BMO Dr. Vivek Bisen referred him for higher treatment, but the patient succumbed to his condition on way to treatment and the doctors declared him dead at



around 12:30 pm on Sunday night. After the post-mortem, it was revealed that he died of a heart attack after a rise in blood pressure and sugar.

It is worth noting that Mr. Turkey, who was of a very simple and easy-going nature, was known among the officers with an honest image and after his death, the District Magistrate and officers and employees of various departments paid their emotional tributes to him. After the postmortem, it was revealed that he died of a heart attack after a rise in blood pressure and sugar.

Police find mother and son missing for 6 years

KHAIRAGARH: The Police finally found a mother and son pair missing for 6 years from Raipur. Reportedly the woman was living in Raipur with her second husband. It is known that under the guidance of SP Trilok Bansal, ASP Neha Pandey and under the direction of SDO P Lalchand Mohle, under the leadership of Khairagarh police station in-charge Morjdhwaj Deshmukh, police found mother and son missing for 6 years. It is being told that on 8 May 2018, a missing report was filed by the applicant Dharampal Yadav father Paltan Yadav age 45 years resident of Barhaitola. On the basis of which report, missing Dineshwari wife Lekh Ram Yadav age 27 years resident of Khodha police station Chhuikhadan and Manav Yadav S/o Lekh Ram Yadav age 3 years resident of Khodha police station Chhuikhadan were being searched by the police.

Art of Living family plants trees in Muktidham

Central Chronicle News

Around 200 saplings were planted by Art of Living family in huge plantation program today at Muktidham located in Ward 9.

BAGBAHARA: The Art of Living family organized a huge plantation program today at Muktidham located in Ward 9 and planted about 2 hundred saplings.

The said campaign, which was completed with public cooperation, was done on the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', in which various social representatives, social workers, citizens participated. Also, it was noteworthy that women also attended the program organized at Muktidham in large numbers.

It is noteworthy that the Art of Living family



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FASTFACTS

● This campaign, which was completed with public cooperation, was done on the theme 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'.

has been associated with the plantation program including tree guards at various places in the city for a long time, in which their objective is not only plantation but also its conservation and

promotion. Despite the intermittent drizzle since morning, a large number of people participated and planted trees at the said site. Apart from various societies, representatives of Gujarati Mahila Mandal, Mandir Chalo Mahila Samiti, Swami Atmanand School, Rajkumar Jain, Hirabai Setram Baghel, Pokhraj Sahu, Prem Sahu, Bhikkham Singh Thakur, Bhupendra Thakur, Navneet Saluja, Pankaj Harpal, Danveer Sharma,

Ravi Sen, Mahesh Harpal, Litesh Parmar, Setram Baghel, Rasik Bhai Solanki, Moti Pujara, Bhojanath Devangan, Abid Khan, Jeet Ram Sahu, Yogesh Chinda, Mehtar Ram Sahu constable, Shubhra Sharma, Rahul Srivastava, Kritika Thakur, Payal, Durga, Asha Chandrakar, Anuradha Yadav, Sunita Chandrakar, Daksha Gandeche, Dipti Gandeche, Veena Gandeche, Namita Solanki, Neetu Pujara, Ashwin Pujara etc.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY |

Hepatitis Day celebrated with awareness prog

Central Chronicle News

RAJNANDGAON: On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, an awareness program was organized regarding hepatitis disease in Government Ayush Polyclinic Chikhli. During this, District Ayush Officer Dr. Shilpa Pandey said that Hepatitis B can be transmitted through infected blood, needles, unsafe sex, someone else's infected shaving kit, getting a tattoo, from a pregnant mother to her



child and Hepatitis B, the virus causes liver infection and if negligence is done, there is also a risk of liver damage and liver cancer. She motivated people to get vaccinated by giving information

about Hepatitis B vaccine. Hepatitis C can also occur through infected blood and she said that before additional blood donation, one must get tested for Hepatitis B and C. Ayurveda Medical Offi-

Hepatitis is a liver-related disease, in which the liver gets swollen and due to this the cells get damaged.

Dr Pragya Saxena
Ayurveda Medical Officer,
Ayush Polyclinic.

cer Ayush Polyclinic Dr. Pragya Saxena said that hepatitis is a liver-related disease, in which the liver

gets swollen and due to this the cells get damaged. Hepatitis is usually a problem caused by viral infection and apart from this, the habit of consuming excessive alcohol, some medicines whose excessive use, food with excessive oil and spices and any special kind of medical condition can also cause hepatitis. There are many variants of this disease and among them, A, B, C, D and E, among them Hepatitis B and C are considered dangerous.

Five-year-old child injured due to stray dog attack

Central Chronicle News

BIJAPUR: Khairagarh: A 5-year-old child was badly injured due to a stray dog attack here in the region. According to the information, a 5-year-old child who was going to school at 9 am on Monday in Sonesar ward was caught by a stray dog that attacked it grievously. The child has a total of 13 stitches, and the family

members were inconso- lable on seeing the Childs condition. It should be noted that there is a fear of road accidents due to stray dogs and cattle in the main road of the city and other areas of the wards and especially at night and in the morning, there is terror of stray dogs and the stray dogs sitting on the lookout for human arrival attack directly.

NEWSLINE

PLANTATION

Tree plantation by BJP youth leader Rakesh Sahu and BJYM workers



RAJIM: On the occasion of the second Monday of the month of Sawan, under the #Ek_Ped_Maa_Ke_Naam campaign started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP youth leader Rakesh Sahu planted a jamun plant near Mata Kaushalya Pushp Vatika in Rajim along with Yuva Morcha workers. Rakesh Sahu said that trees are the source of rain on earth, because they attract clouds, which ultimately brings rain, while at the same time also help to prevent soil erosion and keep the environment fresh by protecting it from pollution.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week celebrated in Govt. Primary School

DONGARGAON: On the seventh day of Education Week, Community Participation Day was celebrated at Government Primary and Pre-Secondary School Kirgi. Satish Byohre, District Mission Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha Rajnandgaon, who arrived for surprise inspection, told the parents, teachers and students present that Education Week is being organized on the completion of four years of National Education Policy 2020 to promote the spirit of cooperation and innovation among learners, teachers, policy makers and stakeholders in the field of education.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Chandra Bhushan joins as ADRM-II of Bilaspur Div



BILASPUR: On July 29, 2024, Chandra Bhushan assumed the position of Additional Divisional Railway Manager-II of the Bilaspur Division, replacing the current Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Devaraj. In a simple ceremony organized on this occasion, Divisional Railway Manager Praveen Pandey welcomed the newly appointed Additional Divisional Railway Manager and presented a memento to the outgoing Additional Divisional Railway Manager as a heartfelt farewell. Additional Divisional Railway Manager-I Yogesh Kumar Devangan and all branch officers were present at the event. It is noteworthy that Chandra Bhushan is an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) from the 2004 batch. Prior to this, he held the position of Senior Divisional Engineer (Coordination) in the Solapur Division of Central Railway.



INDI alliance has no nationalistic thinking
Piyush Goyal
Union Minister

AAP protest over Arvind Kejriwal's health



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and others during a protest in New Delhi.

Defence Ministry and AFMS sign MoU for MIRA

Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Additional Secretary and CEO DIO Anurag Bajpai and AFMS Director General Lt Gen Daljit Singh in New Delhi.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: An agreement was signed on Tuesday between the defence ministry's innovation wing and the AFMS to foster innovation and research in developing novel medical technologies and their induction into the armed forces.

Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (IDEX-DIO), the flagship initiative of the ministry signed it with the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the launch of Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA). The Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) was signed by Additional Secretary (defence production) and CEO DIO Anurag Bajpai and AFMS Director General Lt Gen Daljit Singh in New Delhi. "The MoU aims to foster innovation and research in developing novel medical technologies and their induction into the armed forces," the ministry said in a statement.

The initiative will be propelled by the launch of the Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) edition MIRA, targeting the critical medical challenges faced by the armed forces. It will leverage the unique

HIGHLIGHT

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● IDEX has emerged as a "game-changer" in the defence ecosystem.

strengths and expertise of both the organisations to foster cutting-edge advancements in medical technologies, the ministry said.

Bajpai termed the partnership with AFMS as a testament to the ministry's commitment

to fostering innovation in every aspect of defence and security.

"Together, we will work towards creating a robust healthcare ecosystem that not only meets the current needs of the armed forces, but also anticipates future challenges," he said.

The AFMS DG said the collaboration with DIO marks a "significant milestone" in the ongoing efforts to provide the highest quality of medical care and induct new cutting-edge medical technologies.

"By harnessing the innovative capabilities through IDEX, we are poised to make substan-

tial advancements in medical science and technology," he said.

Recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in Innovation Category in 2021, IDEX has emerged as a "game-changer" in the defence ecosystem, the statement said.

Established by the DIO under the department of defence production, IDEX has launched 11 editions of DISC and recently unveiled the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with IDEX (ADITI) scheme to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

EXTORTION CASE

Rajasthan Court acquits all accused, including an IPS, 11 SHOs

JAIPUR: A special court in Ajmer on Tuesday acquitted all 15 people, including 11 SHOs and an IPS officer, accused in a decade-old case involving an alleged extortion racket.

The court acquitted them giving them benefit of doubt. The 15, one of them a Rajasthan Police Service officer, were made accused under various sections of Prevention of Corruption Act and IPC. The Anti-Corruption Bureau had in January 2013 arrested the then Ajmer Superintendent of Police Rajesh Meena, an IPS, along with alleged middleman Ramdev Thatera, for allegedly extorting money from the Station House Officers under his jurisdiction. Besides the two, the ACB had also arrested the then Additional SP, Lokesh Sonwal, inspectors Khan Mohammad, Sanjay Sharma, Hanuman Singh and others. **PTI**

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

Adhir resigned as WB Cong chief after Lok Sabha polls



NEW DELHI: Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury had resigned as the president of the West Bengal Congress Committee after the Lok Sabha polls and the process to appoint a new chief of the state unit is on, AICC general secretary in-charge of the state Ghulam Ahmad Mir said on Tuesday.

His remarks came a day after Congress General Secretary, Organisation, K C Venugopal, held a meeting with senior West Bengal party leaders. **PTI**

Distinguished Honour

Educationist Balram Gupta receives 'Vidya Vachaspati Saraswat Award' for contributions in fields of education



NEW DELHI: A grand ceremony for the Vidya Vachaspati Saraswat Award was organized by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hindi Vidyapeeth, Vrindavan Dham, Mathura, in the auditorium of the Constitution Club of India, located in New Delhi. The chief guest of the award ceremony was Padma Shri Dr. Arvind Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi. The distinguished guest was Dr. Swarnlata Panchal, Research Scientist at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. The president of the ceremony was Dr. Indu Bhushan Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of Pandit Deendayal

Upadhyay Hindi Vidyapeeth. The keynote speaker was Ms. Deepa Mishra, a renowned storyteller from Vrindavan Dham, Mathura, and the special guest was Dr. Vishwanath Panigrahi, a national environmentalist and world record holder from Chhattisgarh. Balram Prasad Gupta (former principal), a resident of Basantpur Wadradnagar, District Balrampur, Chhattisgarh, was honored with the Vidya Vachaspati (Doctorate) Award by these esteemed guests. Mr. Gupta was bestowed with this distinguished honor for his notable contributions in the fields of education, literature, social service, research, and environment. **PTI**

Railway Board chairperson transferred

NEW DELHI: Railway Board Chairperson and CEO Jaya Varma Sinha has been transferred to the Central Administrative Tribunal as an administrative member along with 11 other senior government officials from different departments.

A government order, signed on July 29, 2024, said that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Department of Personnel and Training for the appointment of these candidates in the Central Administrative Tribunal. Sinha took charge as the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board on September 1 last year, becoming the first woman to be appointed to the top post.

Jain woman in SC to protect sanctity of Shikharji Hills

Press Trust Of India

A Division Bench headed by Justice CT Ravi Kumar is slated to hear the application on July 31.

AHMEDABAD: Shikharji Hills, the most sacred pilgrimage site of Jains, is facing an existential threat as a six-decade-long legal battle remains unresolved.

A devout Jain, Darshanaben Shah (74), has moved the Supreme Court for urgent intervention to protect the sanctity of the revered hills located in Jharkhand's Giridih district.

Shikharji Hills is the Nirvana Bhoomi of 20 Tirthankars and numerous Sadhaks,



Jainacharya Yugbhushansuri and devout Jain Darshanaben Shah.

FACTFILE

● Legal battle for protecting the sanctity of Shikharji Hills has been going on for more than six decades.

ship is profound. The 16,000-acre Shikharji Hills in Jharkhand, purchased by Jains in 1918 for approximately Rs. 4 lakh, was taken over by the State of Bihar (now in Jharkhand) in 1953 under the pretext of land and agrarian reforms. Since then, the sanctity of the hills has been under severe attack.

The application, settled by Senior Advocates Darius Khambata and Gopal Sankaranarayanan, seeks an injunction order against the Jharkhand government from taking any further steps about eco-tourism, erection of structures, construction of a ropeway, and permitting constructions of any sort on the Parasnath Hill.



Whatever is needed will be done by the govt.
Anupriya Patel
Union Minister

needed will be done by the government." Replying to another supplementary question,

the minister informed the house that the first round of NEET-UG counselling would commence from August 14.

"We have already announced that the first round of counselling will begin from 14 August and as per the Supreme Court's order we will be holding the counselling in four rounds," Patel said.

NEET FIASCO |

'All measures to protect students' interests'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Besieged with various allegations over NEET fiasco, the Centre in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday said it will take all measures needed to protect the best interests of students.

Replying to a supplementary question related to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance

Test, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel said: "In so far as the allegations of paper leak are concerned the Supreme Court's judgement has already come to us ... I would only like to assure through you (the Chair) to the member that government is committed to the best interest of students and whatever is



The Day's NUMBERS

STATE-WISE DATA OF WHEAT CULTIVATION (IN THOUSAND TONNES)

Uttar Pradesh	33,949.68
Madhya Pradesh	22,418.5
Punjab	14,821.94
Haryana	10,447.21
Rajasthan	9,484.08
Bihar	6,223.76

Source: Statista

EASE PROCESS

Swavalamban portal to ease generation of disability certificate

NEW DELHI: The swavalamban portal has been revamped recently to ease the process of generation of disability certificate and UDID card, the Social Justice and Empowerment ministry said on Tuesday.

Replying to a question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment B L Verma said during the revamping stage of the swavalamban portal, some technical issues were reported from Maharashtra government.

These issues were resolved by the department and other issues are also being resolved on priority, as and when they are reported, the minister said. "Changes on swavalamban portal relating to adding of new Chief Medical Officers have been made and now state social welfare departments have been authorised to change personal information in cases of appointment of new CMOs," Verma said in a written response. **PTI**

DEMAND

LS member demands Bharat Ratna for litterateur late Annabhau Sathe

NEW DELHI: A strong demand was made in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday for awarding the Bharat Ratna to noted litterateur Annabhau Sathe,



who is known for his contribution to folk arts. Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Congress member Varsha Gaikwad said Sathe whose 104th birth anniversary falls on August 1 had written 35 novels, 10 screenplays, 24 short stories, 10 ballads, also called 'powada' in Marathi, and a travelogue on Russia. Sathe's novel Fakira received a Maharashtra government award in 1961, Gaikwad said, adding he used his stories to amplify the life experiences of Dalits and the working class. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay said safety in railways has now become a challenge and accidents were taking place every other day. **PTI**

'RB denies light duty request for pregnant loco pilots'

Female loco pilots approached the railway trade union to raise this issue.

Jeevan Prakash Sharma

NEW DELHI: The Railway Board (RB) has referred to the provisions of several leave facilities for expectant female loco pilots in response to their demand for light duties during pregnancy.

Several female loco pilots had approached the railway trade union to raise this issue after suffering miscarriages due to challenging job roles.

In a written communication sent to all zones on July 25, 2024, the board said, "It is observed that several provisions of leave are already provided in rules for pregnant female employees which can be availed by the expectant female employees."

The matter came up during a discussion between the Railway Board and the trade union All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) in the Permanent Negotiating Machinery (PNM) meeting held on May 2 and 3.

The federation, on behalf of female loco pilots and assistant loco pilots, had demanded their "deployment on light duty during the advanced stage of pregnancy."



Woman loco pilot on duty. (Representational Image)

However, the board, in its final decision, turned down this request saying that there are enough leave provisions in railway rules.

"It is imperative that the benefits of these provisions are availed by the beneficiaries," it said.

The board advised Zonal Railways to be considerate while sanctioning leaves on request of pregnant employees and pay heed to the special recommendations of railway medical practitioners, if any.

Women drivers share harsh activities performed as loco pilots or ALPs

The women drivers shared various other harsh activities which they have to perform as loco pilots or assistant loco pilots (ALPs). "In the case of alarm chain pulling those who work as ALPs have to go to that coach concerned to fix it even during late at night. There have been cases in which women ALPs, while rushing towards the coach,

HIGHLIGHT

• Several female loco pilots complained of suffering miscarriages due to challenging work profiles.

• It is alleged that RB is not ready to give any relaxation after even 26 weeks of pregnancy.

lost their balance and fell on the ground in the dark and injured themselves," another woman loco pilot said. On January 8, the women's wing of the Indian Railway Loco Runningmen Organisation (IRLRO), a registered union of train drivers, submitted various grievances of women train drivers to the chief labour commissioner (central).

Mainstreaming of Ayush a core strategy in NHM: Government

Press Trust Of India

Engagement of Ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and homoeopathy (Ayush) doctors/paramedics are supported under the National Health Mission (NHM).

NEW DELHI: Mainstreaming of Ayush is one of the core strategies in the National Health Mission, which seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care, Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav said on Tuesday. Engagement of Ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and homoeopathy (Ayush) doctors/paramedics are supported under the National Health Mission (NHM), provided they are co-located with existing district hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres, with priority to remote community health centres and primary health centres, Jadhav said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha. Mainstreaming of Ayush has been taken up in 13,222 Ayush facilities co-located under NHM -- 6,612 primary health centres, 3,035 community health centres, 469 district hospitals, 2,916 health facilities above sub-centre but below block level and

190 health facilities other than community health centres at or above the block level but below the district level.

Also, 27,421 Ayush doctors and 4,581 paramedics were in position in various co-located health facilities as on December 31, the minister said.

EASTFACTS

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According to Ayushman Bharat, the government is supporting the states for the transformation of sub-health centres and primary health centres into health and wellness centres around the country for provisions of Comprehensive Primary Health Care that include preventive health care and health promotion at the community level with a continuum-of-care approach to realise the goal of universal health coverage. Ayush medicine is also a part of ASHA drug kit for the management of primary conditions at the community level, Jadhav said.

NEWSLINE

LUCKNOW

SP gave 'gachcha' to 'chacha': UP CM Adityanath



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took a swipe at Samajwadi Party leader Shivpal Singh Yadav in the Assembly Tuesday for being "ditched" by party president and his nephew Akhilesh Yadav for the post of the Leader of Opposition. Congratulating Mata Prasad Pandey for being appointed to the post, the chief minister said he had given the "gachcha" to "chacha", suggesting that the "uncle" had been "ditched". Countering the CM, Shivpal Yadav said Adityanath will get the "gachcha" in 2027 from his deputy chief minister, a reference to the next Assembly elections and speculation over a rift in the Uttar Pradesh BJP. Taking a swipe at Pandey, Adityanath said, "I congratulate you for your appointment. It is a different matter that you have given gachcha to chacha." The Uttar Pradesh chief minister said, "His (Shivpal Singh Yadav) destiny is like this because his nephew (Akhilesh Yadav) is always afraid.

Odisha government suspends senior IPS officer for 'misconduct'

Press Trust Of India

Uttamrao, a 2007-batch IPS officer, was serving as DIG, Fire Services & Home Guards, Odisha.

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha government on Tuesday suspended senior IPS officer Pandit Rajesh Uttamrao for allegedly misusing his position, an official statement said.

Uttamrao, a 2007-batch IPS officer, was serving as DIG, Fire Services & Home Guards, Odisha.

"A complaint has been received, alleging that

Pandit has disgraced the dignity of his position by misusing his power last Saturday (July 27) night," said the statement issued by the chief minister's office (CMO).

It was alleged that Pandit misbehaved with a woman police inspector and her husband on July 27. Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh said that police action will be taken if any complaint is lodged over the alleged incident. After returning from his four-day visit to New Delhi on Monday evening, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi took immediate action, the CMO statement said.

Majhi ordered the department concerned to immediately suspend

the "errant senior police officer and take appropriate action against him".

"Following his order, the IPS officer has been suspended," the statement added.

Odisha's Home Department has issued a notification on the suspension of the senior IPS officer, which said that the Director General of Police (DGP), Odisha has submitted a confidential report against Pandit on the incident that occurred under the jurisdiction of Capital Police station on July 27.

A disciplinary proceeding against Pandit is contemplated on the grounds of grave misconduct as a member of

the Indian Police Service (IPS), it said.

(FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF WIDOW OF DECEASED SHOULDER AND CHANGE OF NAME OF WIVES OF VETERANS AND SERVING SHOULDERS)
I, DEVESH SINGH PAKIRA is legally Son of No. 14704981P Rank NK Name RAJESH RAM, presently residing at Village-Jaipur Jhabar P.O.-Lakhanpur, Tehsil-Lakhanpur, District-Surguja, State-Chhattisgarh Pin-497116 do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:
1. That I have Change My name from DEVESH PRATAP SINGH PAKIRA to DEVESH SINGH PAKIRA to change of name that my date of birth 09.06.2018.
2. That I am producing the affidavit for the purpose of evidence for my name.
3. That both name DEVESH PRATAP SINGH PAKIRA AND DEVESH SINGH PAKIRA pertains to one and the same person.
4. That I shall at all the time here after in all records, deeds, writing and in all proceeding dealing with transactions, privet as well as under all occasion whatsoever be known as only DEVESH SINGH PAKIRA.

Shiromani Akali Dal expels eight rebel leaders

CHANDIGARH: The Shiromani Akali Dal on Tuesday expelled eight leaders, including former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra and ex-Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee chief Bibi Jagir Kaur, who had revolted against party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal. Taking serious note of "anti-party activities" by some senior leaders "under a conspiracy", the Shiromani Akali Dal's disciplinary committee cancelled the primary membership of Chandumajra, Kaur and former MLA Gurparat Singh Wadala, it said. The party also expelled Parminder Singh Dhindsa and others.

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)
// ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना //

क्र. 34/न.पा.नि./ जौन क्र. 04/2024-25 दिनांक 30.07.2024
नगर पालिक निगम बिलासपुर के वार्ड क्र.27 गायत्री मंदिर चौक से सीएमडी चौक तक सीसी रोड मरम्मत कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

निविदा क्रमांक / सिस्टम डेटा, नं.	कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)	निविदा डाउनलोड / सबमिट करने की अंतिम तिथि
156836	वार्ड क्र. 27 गायत्री मंदिर चौक से सीएमडी चौक तक सीसी रोड मरम्मत कार्य	95.89	23.08.2024

उपरोक्त प्रदाय कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विवरण, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबसाइट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।
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गारे पेलमा सेक्टर-तीन कोल माईन्स छत्तीसगढ़ स्टेट पावर जनरेशन कंपनी लिमिटेड में डाटा एन्ट्री ऑपरेटर की भर्ती हेतु विज्ञापन क्रमांक 03-11/HR/DGM-III/3856, दिनांक 03.10.2023 को जारी किया गया था। तत्संबंध में सर्व संबंधितों को सूचित किया जाता है कि कम्प्यूटर बेस्ड टेस्ट (CBT) दिनांक 11.08.2024 को नियत की गई है। उक्त परीक्षा हेतु योग्य उम्मीदवारों की सूची कंपनी के वेबसाइट www.cspc.co.in में उपलब्ध होंगे। योग्य उम्मीदवार वेबसाइट से अपना E-Admit Card डाउनलोड कर परीक्षा में सम्मिलित होंगे। E-Admit Card दिनांक 04.08.2024 से डाउनलोड के लिए उपलब्ध होंगे। Admit Card डाक से नहीं भेजा जावेगा। समय-समय पर प्रसारित सूचना प्राप्त हेतु नियमित रूप से कंपनी के वेबसाइट www.cspc.co.in का अवलोकन करते रहें। S-409783
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क्रमांक/योजना/पें.चि.सु. एवं भोजन निविदा 2024/1213 एवं 1215
जगदलपुर, दिनांक 26/07/2024

// पुर्ननिविदा सूचना //

(01) वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 में जिले के जिला आयुर्वेद चिकित्सालय जगदलपुर में पेशनरों की चिकित्सा सुविधा हेतु स्थानीय औषधि विक्रेताओं से आयुर्वेद शास्त्रोक्त एवं प्रोपरायटरी (पेटेण्ट) औषधियों के निर्धारित दर पर (शासन के पक्ष में जो भी छूट होता हो) किये जाने हेतु मोहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। दू बीड निविदा में प्रथम लिफाफे (अ) पर श्री क्वालीफाईड एवं द्वितीय लिफाफे (ब) पर प्राईज बीड लाल रंग के स्वाही में अंकित होना अनिवार्य होगा।
एवं (02) 30 शैथी युक्त जिला आयुर्वेद चिकित्सालय कुम्हारपारा जगदलपुर में भर्ती मरिजों को मेडिकल मेन्सुअल अनुसार भोजन आपूर्ति हेतु राशि रुपये 90,000/- (नब्बे हजार रु. मात्र) प्राप्त हुआ है। इच्छुक व्यक्ति पंजीकृत स्थानीय संस्थाओं एवं स्वस्वहायता समूह से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है निर्धारित तिथि व समय के पश्चात् प्राप्त निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जावेगा। संबंधित पंजीकृत फर्म शासन के शीर्ष मद्द:- (0210 चिकित्सा और लोक स्वास्थ्य, 03 चिकित्सा शिक्षा प्रशिक्षण और अनुसंधान, 101 आयुर्वेद, 0753 विधि) बैंक में चालान के माध्यम से जमा कर, चालान की एक प्रति प्रस्तुत कर, निविदा प्रपत्र नियम एवं शर्तों की जानकारी कार्यालयीन दिवस में कार्यालय से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

पेशनर चिकित्सा सुविधा निविदा: जावक क्रमांक-1213 दिनांक 26.07.2024

क्र.	निविदा विक्री की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक	समय
01	निविदा विक्री की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक 07.08.2024	समय सांय 05:30 बजे तक
02	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक 09.08.2024	समय-दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
03	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक 09.08.2024	समय-दोपहर 02:00 बजे तक

भोजन निविदा:- जावक क्रमांक-1215 दिनांक 26.07.2024

क्र.	निविदा विक्री की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक	समय
01	निविदा विक्री की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक 05.08.2024	समय सांय 05:30 बजे तक
02	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक 07.08.2024	समय-दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
03	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक 07.08.2024	समय-दोपहर 02:00 बजे तक

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छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मण्डल, बिलासपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्य नवीन ई-पंजीयन में पंजीकृत उकेदार हेतु दिनांक 16.08.2024 तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू. क्र./दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)
1	61	उपसंभाग कोनी बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत चांदीडीह खमतराई नगोई बैना वीसरा मार्ग एवं सिधरी लखराम मार्ग में डब्ल्यू.एम. एम. एवं बी.टी. रिपेयर कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 1 बिलासपुर।	21.00
2	62	उपसंभाग कोनी बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत मुद्यालय उपखण्ड में डब्ल्यू.एम. एम. एवं बी.टी. रिपेयर कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 1 बिलासपुर।	21.00
3	63	उपसंभाग कोनी बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत रतनपुर सेक्शन में डब्ल्यू.एम. एम. एवं बी.टी. रिपेयर कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 1 बिलासपुर।	21.00
4	64	उपसंभाग कोनी बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत मुद्यालय उपखण्ड के आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों में मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 1 बिलासपुर।	40.00
5	65	लघुमूल गीण कार्य के अंतर्गत राजस्व मंडल कार्यालय बिलासपुर के द्वितीय तल पर हील निर्माण एवं अन्य सिविल कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 1 बिलासपुर।	27.58
6	66	लोक निर्माण विभाग हाईकोर्ट उपसंभाग क्र. 3 बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत आवासीय एवं गैर आवासीय भवनों में रंगाई पोताई का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 2 बिलासपुर।	50.00
7	67	लोक निर्माण विभाग हाईकोर्ट उपसंभाग क्र.-2 बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत मानवीय उच्च न्यायालय परिसर के मुख्य भवन एवं अन्य महत्वपूर्ण भवनों को पेंटिंग कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 2 बिलासपुर।	149.45
8	68	मुंगेली उपसंभाग अंतर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों में साधारण मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। मुंगेली संभाग।	34.50
9	69	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पोताई एवं डिस्टेंपरिंग का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	30.00
10	70	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत मार्गों में विशेष मरम्मत, मजबूतीकरण एवं चौड़ीकरण तथा पुल-पुलियों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
11	71	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों में साधारण मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
12	72	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पोताई एवं डिस्टेंपरिंग का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
13	73	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों का विशेष मरम्मत / लघुमूल का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
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15	75	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 1 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों में साधारण मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
16	76	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 2 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों का रंगाई पोताई एवं डिस्टेंपरिंग का कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
17	77	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 2 कटघोरा अंतर्गत मार्गों में विशेष मरम्मत, मजबूतीकरण एवं चौड़ीकरण तथा पुल-पुलियों का विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
18	78	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 2 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों में साधारण मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00
19	79	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग क्र. 2 कटघोरा अंतर्गत आवासीय / गैर आवासीय भवनों में विशेष मरम्मत कार्य। प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरवा संभाग।	25.00

निविदा में भाग लेने की प्रक्रिया एवं निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी विभाग के उपरोक्त वेबसाइट में देखे जा सकते हैं।

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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."

[Albert Einstein]

Comment

An imperative overhaul needed for increasing deposit base

OUR VIEW |

Drowned dreams: Igniting reform in coaching centers

The tragic deaths of Shreya Yadav, Tanya Soni, and Nevin Dalvin, three young students who drowned in a flooded basement of a coaching center in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar, have sparked a wave of despair and outrage. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has responded by terminating a junior engineer, suspending an assistant engineer, and launching an anti-encroachment drive to seal numerous illegal coaching centers. However, these actions, while necessary, appear more reactionary than preventive. Six months prior, the Union Ministry of Education introduced comprehensive guidelines for regulating coaching centers nationwide. These guidelines addressed critical aspects like fire safety codes and building safety standards. Despite this, adherence to these norms remains questionable. The coaching industry, valued at Rs 58,000 crore in 2022 and projected to reach Rs 1.3 lakh crore by 2028, often sees operators compromising on safety to cut costs. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar's stark comparison of coaching centers to gas chambers in the Rajya Sabha highlights the gravity of the situation. The blame game between the AAP government and the Centre-nominated Lieutenant Governor underscores a political impasse that hampers effective action. One must ponder: what if these victims were the children of influential politicians? Would the investigation and ensuing measures have been more stringent and timely? The shocking reality that Shreya, Tanya, and Nevin lost their lives in such a preventable manner is a severe indictment of our system. This tragedy must not be in vain. A robust political will is imperative to ensure accountability and to enforce stringent safety measures across all coaching centers. Let this be a catalyst for a nationwide overhaul, starting with Delhi, to safeguard the future of countless students who entrust their lives to these institutions. Only through a collective and unwavering commitment to safety can we honor the memory of these three young souls and prevent such tragedies from recurring.

GUEST VIEW |

Ensuring security in women's paying guest accommodations

Recent news of a brutal murder in a women's paying guest (PG) accommodation in a posh Bengaluru locality has raised serious concerns about the security of such facilities. PGs are typically patronized by young women, including students and early-career professionals. While the police argue that securing PGs isn't their responsibility without formal complaints, increased patrolling in sensitive areas is essential. The primary responsibility for ensuring safety lies with PG owners. Shockingly, many PGs in India lack security guards. It's crucial that guards thoroughly frisk strangers seeking entry, regardless of external pressures. Implementing a biometric fingerprint system for all entrants would significantly enhance security. To reduce the need for residents to venture out frequently, PGs should provide kitchens that prepare hygienic food. Authorities must crack down on unauthorized PGs to ensure compliance with safety standards. Regular presence and supervision by PG owners can greatly boost residents' morale and safety. A collective commitment from owners, authorities, and the community is vital for securing PG residents and preventing such tragic incidents in the future.



Dr Ganapathi Bhat

Due to changes in their business models, banks are experiencing a decline in their deposit bases, resulting in a loan-deposit ratio of 80 percent, the highest since 2015.

This ratio indicates how much of the bank's deposits are used for credit. In FY 2023, bank deposits grew by 9.6 percent, while borrowing increased by 15.4 percent.

From January 1 to June 14, 2024, bank deposits decreased by Rs. 3.5 lakh crore compared to the previous year, while credit grew by 19 percent year-on-year, highlighting a growing gap between credit and deposits.

Banks' strategies to attract retail deposits by raising deposit rates are failing due to increased competition, alternative investments, and a preference for gold and real estate.

Strong economic conditions, a booming stock market, and greater financial awareness are leading investors towards equity-linked products for higher returns. The merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank added to the

banking system's overall credit-deposit ratio gap.

A high credit-deposit ratio forces banks to rely on expensive deposits since core customers are not meeting deposit needs.

Maintaining a balance between deposits and credit is essential for banks' profitability, requiring a certain spread between deposit and credit interest rates.

However, banks have neglected deposits, assuming automatic growth, which is not happening.

Historically, banks offered higher interest rates on deposits to increase their base. Now, rising deposit costs pressure net interest margins (NIM), reducing operating profits and causing liquidity risks.

Despite lacking low-cost deposits, banks aim to increase loan disbursements, requiring high-cost market deposits. This raises lending rates, potentially reducing borrowing levels and profits.

Banks made errors by discontinuing attractive deposit schemes and redi-

recting deposits towards mutual funds and insurance. Employees encouraged customers to invest in these higher-return products, leading to withdrawals from savings and term accounts.

Additionally, government taxation on savings and recurring deposits, along with initially low term deposit rates, discouraged customers from investing in bank deposits.

Regulatory requirements like the cash reserve ratio (CRR) and statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) reduce banks' lendable amounts. Recently, banks used surplus SLR holdings to boost loan growth amid slow deposit growth, depleting SLR buffers and challenging banks to balance profitability and deposit rate hikes.

The youth's desire for quick money has increased, with the Indian economy performing well during the pandemic. This led to bullish stock markets and a surge in Demat accounts.

According to SEBI, 1.07 crore Demat accounts were opened between April 2020

and January 2021, with the total reaching 15.1 crore by March 2024.

Currently, deposit costs are rising, while credit interest rates remain stable, pressuring NIM and net interest income (NII). Although credit disbursement may increase, rising deposit costs are concerning for banks.

In the June quarter, banks' NIM is expected to decline further due to cash shortages and growing deposit demand, with NII projected to decrease by 4.8 percent and net profit by 6 percent quarterly.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has expressed concern over the widening credit-deposit gap and advised banks to reconsider their business models. Banks need to avoid compromising their deposit base for mutual fund and insurance business growth.

Offering attractive interest rates to boost deposits will pressure NIM and NII, but accelerating credit disbursement and increasing other income can mitigate this pressure.



Satish Singh

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Champions of Olympic movement in India

Delhi Brotherhood Society's legacy in sports is celebrated with Manu Bhaker's Olympic bronze, highlighting their impact through St. Stephen's College. By Vivek Shukla



Celebrating a legacy of Olympic champions

When the nation celebrated Manu Bhaker's bronze medal on Sunday, the Brother's House in the capital was particularly joyous. This joy stemmed from the connection between Manu's coach, Jaspal Rana, and St. Stephen's College, which was established by the Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) over 140 years ago. St. Stephen's, a champion of the Olympic movement in India, has a proud history of fostering exceptional athletes.

Ashwani Kumar, the second Director General of the BSF and a St. Stephen's alumnus, played a pivotal role in enhancing the security of the Olympic Games. Following the tragic Munich Olympics in 1972, where Palestinian terrorists killed members of the Israeli team, Kumar was tasked with overseeing security at subsequent Olympics. He served as the head of security for the Montreal (1976), Moscow (1980), Los Angeles (1984), Barcelona (1992), Atlanta (1996), and Sydney (2000) games. Kumar's efforts ensured the safety of athletes, although increased security measures inevitably altered the festive atmosphere of the Games.

The Delhi Brotherhood Society has made significant contributions to sports in India through St. Stephen's College and the newer St. Stephen's Cambridge School

in Sonipat, Haryana.

Brother Solomon George of DBS highlights their commitment to community service and nurturing emerging athletes. The college has produced numerous Olympians, including Dr. Karni Singh, who participated in five Olympics from 1960 to 1980, and renowned sports administrator Randhir Singh, who competed in five Olympics from 1968 to 1984.

Mansher Singh, another exceptional shooter from St. Stephen's, competed in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics and won a gold medal at the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Brother Solomon George emphasizes that their goal

is to help students excel in both academics and sports, ensuring they become ideal citizens. With modern facilities at St. Stephen's Cambridge School, DBS aims to produce future Olympians for India.

St. Stephen's College has a rich history of Olympians across various sports. Ranjit Bhatia, a mathematics professor, competed in the marathon during the Rome Games.

Piyush Kumar ran in the 4x400-meter relay at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and Sandeep Sejwal participated in swimming events at the same games. Neha Aggarwal, a table tennis player, represented India at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

In the Paris Olympics, Jaspal Rana, a celebrated shooter and St. Stephen's alumnus, coached young shooter Manu Bhaker. Manu made history by winning a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol final, becoming the first Indian female shooter to win a medal at the Games.

Under Rana's guidance, Manu's victory marked a significant achievement for Indian sports. Rana's journey from an accomplished shooter to a dedicated coach reflects the nurturing environment of St. Stephen's College.

The college's emphasis on both academics and extracurricular activities, supported by DBS's vision,

has consistently produced well-rounded individuals.

This holistic approach to education ensures that students are not only equipped with academic knowledge but also the skills and discipline required to excel in sports and other fields.

The legacy of DBS and Ashwani Kumar continues

to inspire future generations of Olympic athletes in India. As noted sports writer and commentator Ghaus Mohammad concludes, the hope is that DBS will continue to provide world-class facilities to their students, fostering many more Olympic champions from institutions like St. Stephen's College and St. Stephen's Cambridge School in Sonipat.

The impact of DBS on Indian sports is profound. By continuously supporting and promoting athletic talent, DBS has played a crucial role in shaping the country's sports landscape.

Their commitment to excellence, community service, and the holistic development of students sets a benchmark for educational institutions nationwide.

As India looks forward to future Olympics, the contributions of DBS, St. Stephen's College, and dedicated individuals like Ashwani Kumar and Jaspal Rana will undoubtedly be remembered and celebrated.

YOUR LETTERS

Constitutional duties for Governors

Newly appointed and reshuffled Governors are expected to act per the Constitution, but recent trends show otherwise. Governors often act on personal whims, dragging states to court unnecessarily. The Supreme Court has noted these issues should be resolved through mutual understanding. With the 2024 coalition government, there's a call for a smoother approach to federalism. This routine phenomenon against cooperative federalism harms democracy, especially in non-BJP/NDA ruled states, highlighting the need for unbiased gubernatorial conduct.

Yash Pal Raihan

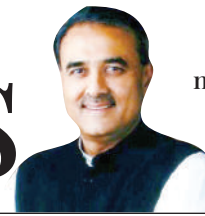
Ensure student safety now

The death of three IAS aspirants in a flooded coaching institute basement highlights severe negligence by owners and authorities. This tragedy exposes a disregard for safety norms in the booming Indian coaching industry, which profits from anxious students. Despite their profits, many coaching centers lack proper safety and firefighting equipment. Ensuring student safety falls on both authorities and coaching center operators, who must prioritize these measures immediately.

MK Nair, Raipur

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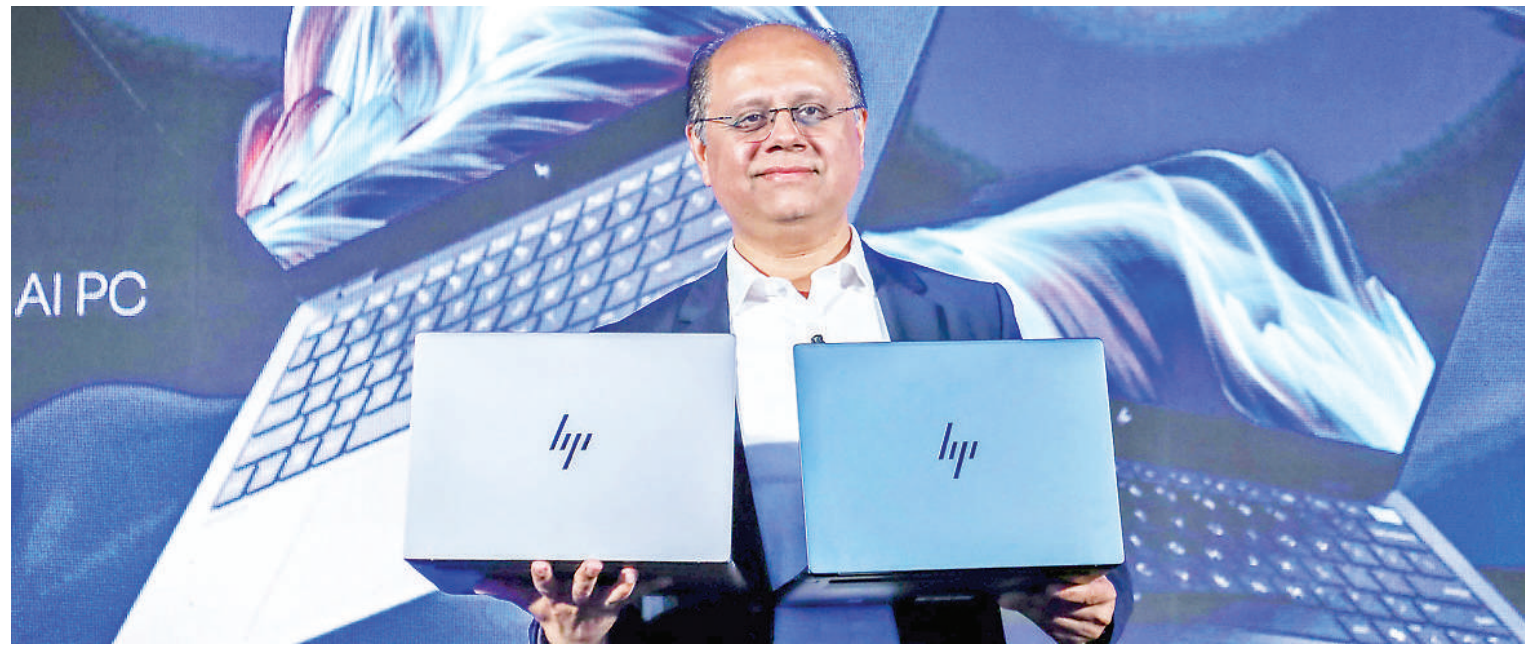
Business



Govt should give more concessions to middle class in IT.

Praful Patel
NCP leader.

Launch of HP Advanced AI Laptops by HP India



Vineeth Gehani, Senior Director, Personal Systems, HP India during the launch of HP Advanced AI Laptops, in Bengaluru.

No state has been denied money in FY25 Budget: FM

India is the fastest-growing economy globally and has overcome the after-effects of the pandemic due to heavy capex push.

Press Trust Of India
NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday termed misleading claims by opposition leaders that if any state is not named in the Budget speech, then it does not get any budgetary allocation. Replying to a Budget discussion in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman asserted that no state was being denied money.

She recalled that in the past Budgets by the UPA government also did not mention names of all states in their Budget speech. "I have been picking up on Budget speeches since 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and so on. The Budget of 2004-2005 did not take the name of 17 states. I would like to ask the members of the UPA government at that time - did money not

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● Govt is complying with the fiscal deficit trajectory.
● Budget has provided substantial financial support of Rs 17,000 crore to J&K.

go to those 17 states? Did they stop it?" Sitharaman said. She was responding to comments by several opposition members that the Budget has provided funds only to Bihar and Andhra Pradesh and nothing to other states. Sitharaman said India is the fastest-growing economy globally and has overcome the after-effects of the pandemic due to heavy capex push.

She also said the government is complying with the fiscal deficit trajectory. It will bring down the deficit to below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26 from the targeted 4.9 per cent for the current fiscal. The deficit was 5.6 per cent in 2023-24. The Budget has provided substantial financial support of Rs 17,000 crore to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir this year. It includes Rs 12,000 crore towards financing the cost of J&K police.

Goyal slams India Inc for focusing on small gains

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday took to task India Inc for ignoring national interest for small gains. He regretted that many industries have not been buying made in India products, unmindful of impact of such imports on foreign exchange for small gains. The minister said the domestic players seek duty concessions in free trade agreements (FTAs) but they are not ready to give market access to other countries. The Indian industry always seeks protection, he said, adding, "Then how will we do FTA with the UK and with the European Union (EU)?" The industry states that "do not give duty concessions in India, but allow us to export at zero duty to the UK, and the EU. Is this the way FTA happens? What is the cooperation from your side?" he asked.

Global investors eyeing India, PM to India Inc

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India is firmly on the path to becoming the world's third-biggest economy within next five years



PM Modi with FM Nirmala Sitharaman and others during the CII post-budget.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India is firmly on the path to becoming the world's third-biggest economy within next five years and that global investors are eyeing it as an investment destination, as he exhorted the domestic industry to seize the golden opportunity to be part of the journey of 'Viksit Bharat'. Addressing a CII post-Budget conference on 'Journey Towards Viksit Bharat', he said, wealth creators are the main driving force of the country's growth story at a time when India's policies, commitment, determination, decisions and

FACTFILE
● Domestic industry to seize the golden opportunity to be part of the journey of 'Viksit Bharat'.
investments are becoming the basis of global progress. "Today, the whole world is looking at India and you (industry). Policies of the government and commitment and investment are becoming foundation of global development. Investors across the world are keen to come to India. World leaders are filled with positivity for India. This is the golden chance for the Indian industry and we should not lose this opportunity," Modi said. Pointing towards the growing interest in India among global investors, the prime minister informed the industry about his call in the recent NITI Aayog meeting to state chief ministers for creating investor-friendly charters, bringing clarity in investment policies and creating a conducive atmosphere for investment. With high growth and low inflation, he said, India is a beacon of growth and stability in a world which is facing high inflation and low growth and other geopolitical chal-

enges. India is growing at 8 per cent and the day is not far when the country will become the third-largest economy globally from the current fifth position, he said. The prime minister exuded confidence that this feat of becoming the third-largest economy will be achieved in his ongoing third term. The Modi government does not lack political will and will take all decisions keeping in mind 'nation first approach', he said. "The Commitment of 'Nation First' is reflected in the 5 trillion dollar economy goal, saturation approach, emphasis on Zero Effect-Zero Defect and pledge of Aatmnirbhar Bharat or Viksit Bharat," he said. The domestic industry, he said, should compete with the government to make India a developed nation by 2047 and also make it a global player in sunrise sectors.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q1 RESULTS IDBI Bank's Q1 FY25 net profit up 40 per cent to Rs 1,719 crore

MUMBAI: IDBI Bank's first quarter standalone net profit rose 40 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 1,719 crore despite decline in net interest income (NII) and other income. The bottomline was supported by write-back in provisions on non-performing assets (NPA) and investments. The private sector lender had reported a net profit of Rs 1,224 crore in the year ago period. LIC and the government are major stakeholders in the Bank, with 49.24 per cent and 45.48 per cent stake, respectively. Net interest income declined 19 per cent y-o-y to Rs 3,233 crore (Rs 3,998 crore).

Other incomes comprising commission, exchange and brokerage, profit/loss on sale of investments, revaluation of investments and on forex, recovery from written-off cases and miscellaneous income was down 6 per cent y-o-y at Rs 805 crore (Rs 852 crore).

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	81,455.40	+0.12
Nifty	24,837.30	+0.09
Nifty, MidCap	58,623.40	+0.45
Nifty SmallCap	19,207.55	+0.86
Nifty Bank	51,499.30	+0.18

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

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.72 (-)
Euro	90.45 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.54 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.79 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

World INDICES

Stock	Value	%chg
Dow Jones (US)	40,628.44	+0.22%
FTSE 100 Index	8,285.31	-0.08%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,525.95	+0.15%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,369.38	-0.63%

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

How the markets behave today?

Sensex, Nifty rise for 3rd day on gains in Tata Motors, HDFC Bank



MUMBAI: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty eked out gains in volatile trade to settle at record high levels on Tuesday, extending their gaining streak to the third day on the back of buying in Tata Motors and HDFC Bank. The 30-share BSE Sensex closed higher by 99.56 points or 0.12 per cent at 81,455.40 -- its all-time closing high -- with 16 of its components advancing and 14 ending lower. The index opened higher and jumped 459.43 points or 0.56 per cent to hit an intra-day high of 81,815.27. The NSE Nifty edged up 21.20 points or 0.09 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 24,837.30. During the day, it surged 135.65 points or 0.54 per cent to 24,971.75. The index hit a low of 24,798.65.

"The domestic market ended flat, due to by profit-booking at higher levels. However, the expectation of dovish

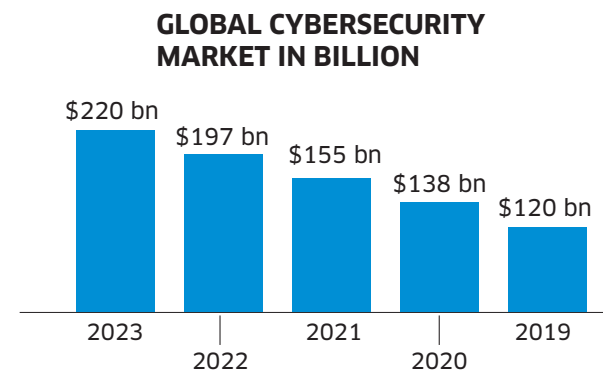
comments from the US Fed and BoE in the upcoming policy meetings this week is supporting the optimism," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. Despite heavy volatility, the combined market valuation of all BSE-listed companies hit the USD 5.50-trillion (Rs 460 lakh crore) milestone for the first time. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 0.88 per cent and the midcap index climbed 0.27 per cent. During the day, both indices hit their all-time high level.

Major Gainers: Tata Motors, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, Power Grid Corp, Titan, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, Maruti Suzuki India and Tata Steel.

Major Losers: Sun Pharmaceuticals, ITC, Hindustan Unilever, Bharti Airtel, UltraTech Cement and Reliance Industries.

The Day's NUMBERS

Year-wise market



Source: Statista

RBI TO BANKS

Check for 'wilful default' in NPA accounts exceeding Rs 25 lakh

MUMBAI: The RBI on Tuesday issued a Master Direction on the Treatment of Wilful Defaulters and Large Defaulters under which banks and NBFCs will have to examine the 'wilful default' aspect in all non-performing asset accounts with outstanding amounts of Rs 25 lakh and above. A lender will identify and classify a person as a 'wilful defaulter' by following a specified procedure.

The evidence of wilful default will be examined by an identification committee, according to the direction.

"Wilful defaulter" means a borrower or a guarantor who has committed wilful default, and the outstanding amount is Rs 25 lakh and above. "The lender shall examine the 'wilful default' aspect in all NPA accounts with an outstanding amount of Rs 25 lakh and above... from time to time," it said.

BULLION MARKET

Gold jumps Rs 550 to Rs 71,600 per 10 gm on strong demand



NEW DELHI: Gold prices jumped by Rs 550 to Rs 71,600 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday following strong demand from jewellers and firm global trends. In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at Rs 71,050 per 10 grams. Silver prices, on the other hand, remained flat at Rs 84,500 per kg on Tuesday, according to the All India Sarafa Association. Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also bounced by Rs 550 to Rs 71,250 per 10 grams from the previous close of Rs 70,700 per 10 grams.

GREEN ZINC

Hindustan Zinc launches EcoZen, low carbon 'Green' Zinc

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MUMBAI: Hindustan Zinc Limited, India's largest and the world's second-largest integrated zinc producer, launched EcoZen, its low carbon 'green' zinc brand today. Recognized as the world's most sustainable metals & mining company as per S&P Global CSA, the company has launched

Asia's first low carbon 'green' zinc offering for its customers worldwide. EcoZen has been certified as low-carbon zinc by a renowned global sustainability consulting firm through a life cycle assessment (LCA) and has a carbon footprint of less than one tonne of carbon-equivalent per tonne of zinc produced. Manufactured using renewable



energy, the carbon footprint of EcoZen is about 75% lower than the global average. The primary

application of zinc is for galvanization of steel to protect it from corrosion hence it is a critical mineral essential for modern life. It is important for its role in sectors such as steel, infrastructure, automotive and sunrise sectors such as renewable energy, electronics, hi-tech manufacturing, energy storage, defence and electric mobility.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson Hindustan Zinc and Non-Executive Director Vedanta Group, said, "Sustainability continues to be at the core of all our business decisions. Hindustan Zinc being #1 in the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment, is testament to our commitment of building a sustainable future."

"I think I'm already in a good club so I'm happy about that. As much as people are talking about me winning the National Award, there were some incredible performances last year."

Vikrant Massey
Actor



& Glitters

O.T.T Watch



Dexter universe expanding

The "Dexter" universe expands with "Dexter: Resurrection," a sequel series announced at San Diego Comic-Con. Michael C. Hall returns, reviving his iconic role. Additionally, "Dexter: Original Sin," a prequel, will release in December 2024.



Rings of Power S2 trailer drops

Prime Video revealed the trailer for "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power" season two at San Diego Comic-Con. Premiering August 29, the trailer teases Sauron's return and new Rings of Power being forged.



Rakt Bramhand premieres on Netflix

Netflix announced "Rakt Bramhand - The Bloody Kingdom," a fantasy action series by Raj & DK, directed by Rahi Anil Barve. The series, produced by D2R Films, promises gripping action and spectacular visuals.



Life & Beth: Curtain falls after two seasons

Hulu's Life & Beth, starring Amy Schumer, ran for two seasons but its future is uncertain as the streamer plans its upcoming roster. The dramedy, which mirrors Schumer's life, is still available on Hulu.



Amit Bhardwaj cast as Mewa in upcoming show 'Bheema'

Amit Bhardwaj will portray Mewa, Bheema's father, in the new TV show Bheema. Describing Mewa as a humble laborer who struggles against injustice, Bhardwaj is excited about the role. The show premieres August 6 on &TV.

CLOSE UP

Ranbir Kapoor: Animal instincts behind his evolution as an actor

Ranbir Kapoor has thanked Animal director, Sandeep Vanga Reddy for casting him in the film and has also apologized to fans who didn't like the film.

Central Chronicle News

During an interview, Ranbir Kapoor revealed that he apologized to people who didn't like his role in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Animal. The actor also said that the film helped his career.



Ranbir Kapoor opens up for the first time on Animal criticism

Ranbir Kapoor, who starred in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Animal last year, broke several box office records but faced mixed reactions from audiences regarding its storyline. In a recent interview with Nikhil Kamath, Kapoor revealed his initial fear when reading the film's script. He admitted that, unlike his past roles in socially conscious and romantic films, Animal was bold and unorthodox, making him worried about audience acceptance. Despite the criticism, Kapoor apologized to those disappointed with his performance, acknowledging their views. He emphasized that Animal was a crucial film for him, helping him transition from a boy to a man in his career. Looking back, he values the role's impact on his growth as an actor and is set to appear in Ramayana next.



Ranbir Kapoor apologises for 'Animal' backlash

Ranbir Kapoor recently addressed the controversy surrounding his film Animal. He acknowledged that some viewers criticized the movie as misogynistic, feeling that its core message was misconstrued and amplified by social media. Kapoor apologized to those who were disappointed with

his role, stating, "Sorry yaar, I won't do it next time." Despite the criticism, he remains committed to such roles, believing Animal was a pivotal film at the right time in his career, helping him shift from a boy to a man and boost his confidence. Looking ahead, Kapoor is set to star in Ramayana, continuing to evolve in his acting journey.

| BOLLYWOOD |

Rohit Shetty: Crafting cinematic thrills beyond the silver screen

Central Chronicle News

Filmmaker Rohit Shetty believes hosting "Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi" is akin to making a feature film due to its unique challenges. Shetty returns for the 14th season of the Colors TV show, featuring 12 contestants. "It's a stunt-based show, which only Colors has the format for, unlike other dance or singing shows on every channel. It's a difficult show, not like shooting in a studio every week. We shoot for 45 to 50 days straight, like a film," Shetty told PTL. Each season, contestants



Rohit Shetty on Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 stunts

HIGHLIGHT

● Filmmaker Rohit Shetty returns to host the 14th season of 'Khatron Ke Khiladi'. Shetty draws parallels between hosting the reality stunt show and making a feature film, citing unique challenges and rigorous schedules.

perform 60 to 80 stunts over one or two months. "The audience doesn't realize this. In two days, they see six to seven stunts over three months. Unforeseen

conditions, like weather, especially affect the unit and team," Shetty said. Shetty took on hosting duties from the fifth season, succeeding Bollywood stars Akshay

Kumar and Priyanka Chopra Jonas. Initially, he was anxious about audience acceptance. "When they approached me, it was a challenge replacing stars as just a director.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

Ranveer Singh and Aditya Dhar join forces for new film

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh is set to collaborate with filmmaker Aditya Dhar for an upcoming untitled feature film. The project will also feature a stellar ensemble cast, including Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, Arjun Rampal, and R Madhavan. Directed by Dhar, known for his hit debut Uri: The Surgical Strike, the film will be produced by B62 Studios and Jio Studios, with Dhar and Jyoti Deshpande spearheading production. The film's announcement came via Jio Studios' Instagram, promising a "cinematic experience like never before." Singh expressed his excitement on social media, assuring fans of a memorable adventure. Meanwhile, Singh is also preparing for roles in Rohit Shetty's Singham Again and Farhan Akhtar's Don franchise.

Web Series

Sana and Raj's heartwarming story coming soon to Colors

The upcoming show United State Of Gujarat, featuring Sana Shaikh and Raj Anadkat, explores the poignant story of a girl returning to Dwarka from the USA to mend the rift between her mother and grandmother. Set in Dwarka, this engaging family drama highlights the global Gujarati diaspora's experiences and traditions. With a stellar cast including Ami Trivedi, Ragini Shah, Aparna Mehta, and Vandana Vithalani, the show balances tradition with emotion, reflecting on the contrast between 'Vatt Thi Gujarati' (born in Gujarat) and 'Dil Thi Gujarati' (heart for Gujarat). Raj Anadkat, excited about his role as Keshav, promises authentic Gujarati entertainment.

The bollywood hot pair

Nick Jonas: Olympic connection tied to wedding day



Nick Jonas is currently in Paris for the 2024 Summer Olympics, and his presence has a special connection to his wedding with Priyanka Chopra. In a recent appearance on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Nick revealed that Ralph Lauren, who designed the outfits for his and Priyanka's wedding, invited him to the

Olympics. Ralph Lauren has been a significant part of important moments in Nick's life, including his wedding and their Met Gala meeting. Nick, who loves the Olympics, shared his excitement about the event. He also affectionately discussed being called "Jiju" by Indian fans, embracing the endearing term.

Fashion

Shruti Haasan's all-black gothic glamour takes centre stage

Shruti Haasan recently made a bold fashion statement in an all-black outfit featuring a collared top and wide-legged pants. Known for her gothic style, Shruti continues to captivate with her dark wardrobe choices. Her black shirt-style top from Appapop stands out with unique shoulder cut-outs and a front knot, adding a modern twist to the classic design.



Trending on Insta



@varundvn

Varun Dhawan's bunny teasers hint at Citadel update

Varun Dhawan shared photos on Instagram posing with stuffed bunnies, wearing a white tee, blue jeans, and a brown jacket. He hinted at exciting news for August 1, likely related to his upcoming series Citadel: Honey Bunny.

@therealkarismakapoor

Karisma Kapoor: Style meets snack

Karisma Kapoor took twinning to the next level by matching her lime green outfit with avocado toast, calling it a "mega vibe" on Instagram. She shared this playful moment from India's Best Dancer Season 4.



“Commercials didn’t require much acting, but whenever I did, I felt very comfortable doing it. The directors I have worked with in the ads told me that I had a natural talent for acting and I should pursue it. Slowly, I realised that I am good at acting and decided to pursue it.”

Kriti Sanon
Actress



Bella



Women often find it tough to prioritize their own health, citing the care of others and work as factors, a new survey finds.

HEALTH CHECK-UPS FOR WOMEN IN 30S

Don't Wait: Your 30s health checklist for a brighter future

As soon as women reach their 30s, it's important that they start getting their regular health check-ups from time-to-time.

Your 30s are a dynamic decade—balancing careers, family, and personal growth. Amidst this whirlwind, health can often take a backseat. However, this is a crucial time for laying the foundation for lifelong wellness. Early health screenings are vital for identifying potential issues before they escalate.

Anaemia, particularly iron deficiency, is common among women. Symptoms like fatigue and pallor can significantly affect daily life. Regular blood tests can detect anaemia early, allowing for timely dietary adjustments and supplements to



boost energy and overall health. Obesity rates have surged, leading to increased cases of hypertension, diabetes, and heart disease. Excess weight can strain your heart and joints, increasing the risk of early osteoporosis. Regular check-ups, including BMI, blood sugar, and lipid profiles, are essential for manag-

HIGHLIGHT

● As women age, their risk for certain conditions such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, osteoporosis, and cardiovascular diseases increases. So, regular tests are required for overall well-being.



ing weight and associated health concerns. Thyroid disorders such as hypothyroidism are prevalent in women and often go unnoticed. Early diagnosis through thyroid function tests can prevent complications like heart disease and infertility.

Heart disease is on the rise among women due to unhealthy lifestyles and obesity. Specialized CT scans can detect early signs, allowing for preventive measures and lifestyle changes.

Osteoporosis can result from obesity and hormonal imbalances, leading to brittle bones. Bone density tests can help detect early signs and guide interventions.

Unlocking the healing power of Swarna Bhasma



Swarna Bhasma, or Gold Bhasma, is an ancient Ayurvedic preparation revered for its therapeutic properties. Made by calcining gold to a fine powder, it is used in traditional medicine for enhancing vitality and promoting overall well-being. This potent substance is believed to support cognitive function, boost immunity, and improve skin health. In Ayurveda, Swarna Bhasma is often included in formulations to balance the body's energies and enhance longevity. Its preparation involves a meticulous process, ensuring its purity and efficacy. While highly regarded in Ayurvedic practice, it is essential to use Swarna Bhasma under expert supervision to ensure safety and effectiveness.

Myth or Truth: Brewed to Perfection: Jaggery vs Sugar tea battle

Myth: Jaggery tea is always healthier than sugar tea. While jaggery is often praised for its natural, less processed nature, it's not a universal remedy for better health.

Fact: Jaggery retains beneficial minerals like iron, calcium, and magnesium, potentially aiding digestion and boosting immunity. It is also con-

sidered less refined compared to sugar. However, jaggery is still a sugar and contributes to calorie intake, so it should be consumed in moderation. Sugar tea, while devoid of these minerals, isn't necessarily harmful if enjoyed occasionally. The healthiest choice depends on your overall diet and how you balance your sugar intake.

| FASHION |

Ditch the gold, embrace the silver: Gen Z's jewellery revolution

Central Chronicle News

In the dazzling world of jewellery, silver has taken centre stage, captivating today's fashion-forward generation. With its radiant allure and accessible price point, silver is the new gold, redefining luxury with a modern twist. India's silver jewellery market is experiencing an electrifying renaissance. Demand has skyrocketed, especially among Gen Z, who are reshaping fashion norms with bold, innovative choices. This style-savvy generation is drawn to silver for its sleek elegance, affordability, and versatile designs that mirror their dynamic



lifestyles. Gone are the days when gold reigned supreme; silver's endless design possibilities make it the darling of contemporary fashion. Silver's

appeal goes beyond aesthetics. In a world increasingly conscious of sustainability, silver's lower environmental impact and the growing

trend of recycled silver have struck a chord with eco-conscious consumers. This precious metal blends style with responsibility, making it a perfect

HIGHLIGHT Silver is capturing Gen Z's attention with its modern elegance and affordability. This shift underscores silver's versatility, making it the preferred choice for today's trendsetters.

choice for the modern trendsetter. Celebrities and social media influencers are amplifying this silver surge. Icons like Gigi Hadid, Rihanna, Zendaya, Deepika Padukone, Alia Bhatt, and Sonam Kapoor have been dazzling in silver, setting trends that ripple through the fashion world.

Divas Dazzle

BEST OF THE REST

Celebs

Deconstructing Janhvi Kapoor's cocktail party chic

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor stunned everyone with her latest fashion choice while promoting her upcoming movie, Ulajh. She dazzled in a classic black saree paired with a contemporary floral strapless corset, blending tradition with modernity. The floral design peeked out from under the saree, adding a unique twist. Her minimal accessories included a sleek bracelet and dainty earrings, while her makeup featured soft pink lipstick and a wash of pink eyeshadow. Janhvi's slicked-back hairstyle completed her elegant look, making her ensemble perfect for your next cocktail party. This outfit is a brilliant example of how to infuse modern elements into traditional attire.

Achiever

Bhaker's brilliant display secures Olympic glory

On the first day of the Paris 2024 Olympics shooting competition, Manu Bhaker gave India a much-needed boost by qualifying for the final of the Women's 10m Air Pistol event. Her score of 580 placed her in third position, securing her spot in the final and marking her first appearance in an Olympic final. Despite several near misses for India, including Rhythm Sangwan finishing 15th and other Indian pairs failing to advance in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event, Manu's consistent performance stood out. She remained above the cut line throughout her 60-shot qualification, offering a glimmer of hope and showcasing her remarkable skill on a challenging day.

The Inspirors

Learn from Samantha: Tips for better mental well-being



Ever since Samantha Ruth Prabhu revealed her struggle with Myositis in 2022, she has been an advocate for mental and physical health. Despite her fan base being more interested in entertainment and fashion, Samantha is determined to promote mental well-being through her podcast, Take 20. She acknowl-

edges the difficulty of shifting her audience's focus but believes in the cause. "If I can bring about change even with a handful of people, I'll be very happy," she says. Samantha emphasizes that physical and mental health are interconnected, advocating for simple practices to achieve overall wellness.

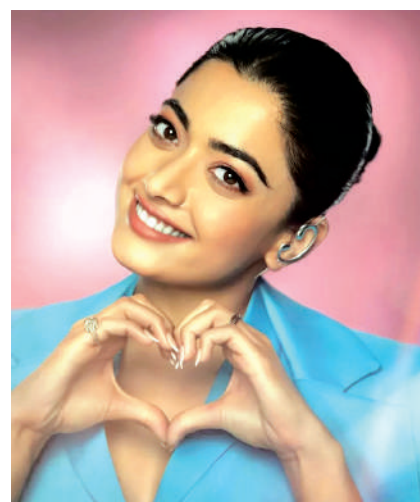
Wellness

Understanding hysterectomy: Reasons, procedures, and recovery

A hysterectomy, the surgical removal of the uterus, is often a critical option for women dealing with severe conditions like fibroids, endometriosis, or uterine cancer. The procedure comes in three main types: a total hysterectomy (removing the uterus and cervix), a subtotal hysterectomy (removing just the uterus), and a radical hysterectomy (removing the uterus, cervix, and surrounding tissues). While it can provide significant relief from debilitating symptoms, such as chronic pain and heavy bleeding, it can also lead to side effects like early menopause, hormonal imbalances, and impacts on sexual function and fertility.



Divas on Insta



@Tamannaah Bhatia

Tamannaah Bhatia

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia shared a touching behind-the-scenes video from her 'Aaj Ki Raat' shoot for 'Street 2' on Instagram. She celebrated her birthday on set, delighting her 25.8 million followers.

@RashmikaMandanna

Rashmika Mandanna

Actress Rashmika Mandanna recently revealed her new passion for reading on Instagram Stories. She shared a photo of novels, expressing amazement at how enjoyable reading has become for her. She's eager for book recommendations!



Sports



Now, I'm shifting focus to the future and my next chapter ahead, which is why I'm excited to announce you will see me on the road to LA 2028.

Shilese Jones
American gymnast

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

DURAND CUP SQUAD

Chennaiyin FC announce 22-member squad for Durand Cup

CHENNAI: Chennaiyin FC on Tuesday announced a 22-member squad for the 133rd edition of the Durand Cup being played from July 27 to August 31. Chennaiyin FC are placed in Group D along with ISL side Jamshepur FC, Indian Army and Assam Rifles with all six games of the stage to be played at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshepur.

The Marina Machans will face Indian Army in their opening game on Wednesday as the group winners and possibly the second-placed team will advance to the knockouts. "The squad features a blend of senior team members and promising reserves, including notable players such as Vincy Barretto, Bikash Yumnam, Irfan Yadwad, Samik Mitra, Alexander Romario Jesuraj, and Sachu Siby," the club said in a statement. **PTI**

T20 WORLD CUP FAILURE

Mott steps down as England white ball coach; Trescothick interim coach



LONDON: Matthew Mott on Tuesday stepped down as England's white ball coach following their recent failure to defend the T20 World Cup title, and he has been replaced with former opener Marcus Trescothick on an interim basis. Rob Key, the managing director of England men's cricket said, "On behalf of everyone connected to England cricket and me personally, I would like to thank Matthew for all he has done for the team since his appointment. **PTI**

NEW ACC PRESIDENT

PCB chairman Naqvi replaces Jay Shah as ACC president



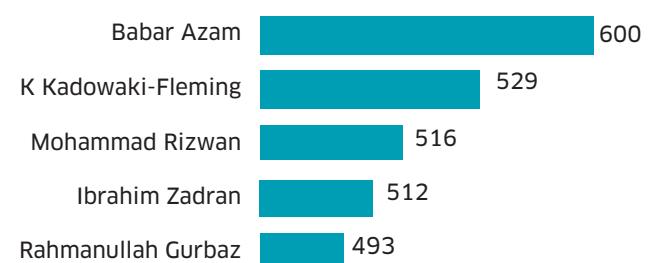
LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board's incumbent chairman Mohsin Naqvi is set to become the next president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) later this year as per its rotation policy.

The matter of the president's post was discussed at a recent ACC meeting with Naqvi in line to become the next head. "When the ACC meets later this year, it will confirm that Naqvi will be the next president for a two-year term," a source said. BCCI secretary Jay Shah is the incumbent ACC president, having got one-year extension in January this year for a third consecutive term. "When Shah steps down the PCB chief

will take over," the source added. The ACC has recently awarded the hosting rights of the Asia Cup 2025 to India as the tournament will be held in T20 format and the 2027 edition in ODI format to Bangladesh. This implies that two major events are scheduled in 2025 – the Champions Trophy in Pakistan in February-March followed by the Asia Cup – which will serve as a precursor to the T20 World Cup 2026. The two events are again likely to ignite discussions and speculations on whether India would travel to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy, or whether Pakistan will travel to India for the Asia Cup. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

MOST RUNS IN 2024 IN T20IS



Source: ACC

ISL 2024-25 SEASON

Thaer Krouma extends contract with Mumbai City FC

MUMBAI: Syrian defender Thaer Krouma on Tuesday extended his contract with Mumbai City FC which will keep him at the club until the end of the upcoming ISL 2024-25 season.

Krouma had joined Mumbai City in January this year on a short-term contract which ended with the conclusion of the 2023-24 season. "Since his arrival, Krouma had become a key player for the Islanders, strengthening the team with his crucial play and contributions," the club said in a release.

In 13 games, Krouma made eight interceptions, 48 recoveries, and six blocks and was key to Mumbai's ISL Cup win. He was a part of Syria's impressive show in the 2024 AFC Asian Cup in Qatar as they conceded only two goals before bowing out with a loss to Iran in a penalty shootout in the round of 16.

Along with playing in Syria, Krouma has also featured in top divisions in Iraq, Lebanon and Bahrain. **PTI**

ICC T20I RANKINGS

Smriti Mandhana, Renuka move up in ICC T20I rankings



DUBAI: India's Smriti Mandhana moved up to fourth place in the list of batters, while seamer Renuka Singh Thakur was ranked fifth among bowlers, in the latest ICC T20I rankings issued on Tuesday. India opener and vice-captain Mandhana, who scored a vital 60 in the Women's T20 Asia Cup final against Sri Lanka, moved up one place to fourth with 743 rating points. Among bowlers, Renuka, who snapped seven wickets in the tournament, is ranked fifth with 722 rating points as she moved up four places. **PTI**

Manika first Indian TT player to reach pre-quarters

It turned out to be one of the most memorable matches for an Indian table tennis player in Olympics history.

By Amanpreet Singh

PARIS: Manika Batra made history by becoming the first Indian table tennis player to reach the singles pre-quarterfinals at the Olympic Games with a fluent 4-0 win over world number 18 and home favourite Prithika Pavade here on Monday.

The 29-year-old Manika dominated from start to finish for a 11-9 11-6 11-9 11-7 win over Prithika, who has Indian roots. It turned out to be one of the most memorable matches for an Indian table tennis player in Olympics history. Manika had reached the round of 32 at the Tokyo Olympics and she bettered that performance on Monday.

"I am happy that I beat a French player in Paris. I defeated a higher-ranked player. I did not think of creating history and making the pre-quarters, there are more rounds, I will take it match by match and give my best as I always do," Manika told PTI after her match.

Manika's ploy to attack Prithika's backhand proved very effective but that was not the strategy she had devised before the match.

"I had planned to play to her forehand as discussed with my coach but I was getting the points on her backhand, so I did not change the



India's Manika Batra plays a shot during the women's singles round of 32 table tennis match. | Photo: PTI

tactics. I did play a few shot on her forehand too, I did not want her to think that I am playing only on her backhand. "It was a tough match. Staying relaxed helps me both on and off the court. I do breathing exercises that help me during the match. I will give my best whoever I play against in the next round," she said.

Prithika's parents are originally from Puducherry but the family shifted to France in 2003. She was born in a Paris

suburb a year later. The 19-year-old Prithika had competed in the Tokyo Olympics, making a first-round exit but has improved considerably since then as she is currently ranked 18th in the world as against 28th rank of Manika.

Left-handed Prithika came into the Olympics on the back of a splendid run where she made the WTT final for the first time in her career in June but could not find a way to go past Manika, who

dished out a commanding show. The first game was a tight affair with both players going neck and neck. At 8-8, Manika induced a backhand error from her young rival and closed the game with a ferocious forehand drive that Prithika could not return. Manika carried the momentum in the second game, taking a 3-1 lead. Prithika fought back to level the scores, inducing errors from the Indian. However, Manika's attack on Prithika's

HIGHLIGHT

- The first game was a tight affair with both players going neck and neck.
- The home favourite netted a backhand drive to concede the game and a 3-0 lead to the Indian.

backhand got her points consistently. In no time, she was leading 9-6. Consecutive backhand errors from Prithika handed Manika the second game. There was no stopping the seasoned Indian, who got a healthy 3-0 cushion in game three as Prithika struggled with her returns.

A desperate Prithika went all out and got her first point with a thumping forehand winner. With a 5-1 lead in hand, Manika kept attacking the backhand side of the French player, making it 8-4. Trailing 5-10, Prithika made it a contest by taking four points in a row but Manika needed just one more to close the game. The home favourite netted a backhand drive to concede the game and a 3-0 lead to the Indian. A ferocious forehand gave Manika a 10-5 lead in the fourth game and five match points. She converted the third when Prithika netted her backhand to win the match in 37 minutes.

PAKISTAN CRICKET

PCB contemplates Waqar Younis as director of cricket

Press Trust Of India

A well-placed source in the board has informed PTI that Naqvi has taken a cue from other national boards and wants a former player to handle all cricket-related matters.

KARACHI: The chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Mohsin Naqvi is contemplating appointing former captain Waqar Younis as the director of cricket affairs.

A well-placed source in the board has informed PTI that Naqvi has taken a cue from other national boards and wants a former player to handle all cricket-related matters.

"Waqar Younis is a top



Waqar Younis. | Photo: File

candidate to be handed over complete responsibility of looking after men's cricket, including liaising with the two foreign head coaches, national selectors and domestic cricket departments," the source said.

The source informed that the PCB chief aims to give full power to the

former fast bowler to manage men's cricket affairs as the director while some of the matters can also be looked after by other former players.

"Naqvi doesn't want to centralise all powers as he wants to decentralise things, especially where cricket issues are

FACTFILE

- Naqvi is focussed on preparations for hosting the Champions Trophy and matters related to the tournament along with other administrative decisions in the board.

concerned. In future, even international cricket schedules and issues would be looked over by the director of cricket," he added.

The source added that at the moment, Naqvi is focussed on preparations for hosting the Champions Trophy and matters related to the tournament along with other administrative decisions in the board.

PARIS OLYMPICS

Fencer Hafez competed while 7 months pregnant!

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PARIS: Egyptian fencer Nada Hafez has revealed that she fought at the Paris Olympics while seven months pregnant.

Hafez posted on Instagram that she was "carrying a little Olympian one" hours after she had reached the round of 16 in women's saber Monday. The 26-year-old fencer

from Cairo upset Elizabeth Tartakovskaya of the United States, a former NCAA champion, before losing to Jeon Hayoung of South Korea.

"My baby & I had our fair share of challenges, be it both physical & emotional," Hafez wrote. "The rollercoaster of pregnancy is tough on its own, but having to fight to keep the balance of life & sports was



My baby & I had our fair share of challenges, be it both physical & emotional.

Nada Hafez
Egyptian fencer

nothing short of strenuous, however worth it. I'm writing this post to say

that pride fills my being for securing my place in the round of 16!" A former gymnast with a degree in medicine, Hafez is a three-time Olympian who won gold medals in the individual and team saber events at the 2019 African Games. She finished Monday's competition officially ranked 16th, her best result in any of her three Olympic appearances.



Paris Olympic Games



India beat Ireland 2-0 in men's hockey match

India were far from convincing in the second half, but the win has taken them to seven points from three matches while the defeat has ousted Ireland from the quarterfinal race.

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India penetrated the rival circle consistently and dictated play in the first half.

PARIS: The Indian men's hockey team expectedly beat Ireland despite a few defense lapses to more or less secure its passage into the quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics, with skipper Harmanpreet scoring a brace in a Pool B match, here Tuesday.

Unlike the previous two matches, India penetrated the rival circle consistently and dictated play in the first half. It was expected, considering that Ireland were the easiest of the opponents in this pool.

Belgium and Australia, both unbeaten, have six points each and they play against each other later in the day.

India just about managed to edge New Zealand 3-2 before holding Argentina to a 1-1 draw in their previous two outings.

Most likely, Argentina and New Zealand will fight for the fourth spot in this Pool. The top four teams from each of the two pools qualify for the quarterfinals.

Harmanpreet (13th and 19th minutes) struck once each in the first two quarters, while the second half remained goalless despite both teams earning plenty of penalty



India's captain Harmanpreet Singh celebrates after scoring a goal during the Pool B hockey match between India and Ireland. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● India took the lead in the 11th minute when Harmanpreet converted a penalty stroke.

corners. Ireland were profligate, squandering 10 chances.

India earned their first penalty corner as early as the second minute of the match when Abhishek made a move from the left and passed the ball to Sukhjeet Singh.

However, the Harmanpreet strike was blocked by an Ireland on-rusher. Even on rebound, there was a chance, but Mandeep Singh lost possession. Harmanpreet created another chance by passing the ball to Sumit on the left flank but his reverse strike hit the post.

India did not have to wait long for their first goal. It came from a penalty stroke awarded to India in the 13th minute of the match. Gurjant

intercepted the ball in between two Irish players and sent it towards Mandeep Singh.

A tackle by Shane O'Donoghue in front of the goalpost resulted in the umpire awarding a penalty stroke, which was converted by Harmanpreet.

The India captain doubled his side's lead by converting the fourth penalty corner in the second quarter. This was after Ireland defenders blocked two consecutive

attempts. Clearly, India were dictating the play on the pitch but since the team stayed aggressive throughout, many balls were not cleared properly. Ireland got their first penalty corner of the match on a debatable call by the umpire. A ball from Kyle Marshall touched Manpreet's body but he was standing outside the striking circle. The Indians, who did not have a referral left, protested but the PC remained.

Rower Panwar finishes 5th in single sculls quarters

PARIS: India's lone representative in rowing at the Paris Olympics, Balraj Panwar on Tuesday finished fifth in his quarterfinals heat race of the men's single sculls event and will now fight for minor positions. The 25-year-old clocked 7 minutes and 5.10 seconds in quarterfinals heat 4 to be relegated to semifinals C/D, meant for rowers to compete for positions 13th to 24th. Individual Neutral Athlete Yauheni Zalty won the quarterfinals heat 4 with a time of 6:49.27, while Gedrius Bieliauskas (6:51.80) of Lithuania and Ryuta Arakawa (6:54.17) of Japan were second and third respectively.



Balraj Panwar, of India, crosses the finish line in the men's single sculls rowing quarterfinal at the 2024 Summer Olympics

Panwar had progressed to the quarterfinals after finishing second in his repechage round race on Sunday. He had finished fourth in his first round heat race on Saturday to make it to the repechage round. Those who finished in top three in each of the four quarterfinal heats qualify for the semifinals A/B and the remainder compete in semifinals C/D. The rowers in semifinals A/B will vie for Final A/B races. Medals are awarded to the top three finishers in Final A.

Bhajan Kaur moves to pre-quarters

PARIS: Continuing her fine form, teenage Indian archer Bhajan Kaur notched back-to-back victories in the women's individual event to advance to the pre-quarterfinals at the Paris Olympics here on Tuesday. The 18-year-old from Haryana, who had shot exceptionally well in the team event albeit in a losing cause, defeated Indonesia's Syifa Nurafifah Kamal and Wioleta Myszor of Poland in her opening two rounds.

Shooter Prithviraj finishes 21st

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CHATEAUXROUX: India's Prithviraj Tondaiman on Tuesday shot a perfect 25 in the last two rounds but finished 21st in the qualification round of men's trap shooting event here.



Tondaiman finished with an overall score of 118 from a possible 125 shots across five rounds to finish 21 among 30 shooters, with the top six shooters qualifying for the finals. The 37-year-old Tondaiman shot 22, 25, 21, 25 and 25 across the five rounds, with three being held on the second day of the qualification here at the Chateauxroux Shooting Centre. On the first day of the qualification round, the only Indian shooter in the men's trap event Tondaiman had achieved scores of 22, 25 and 21 but was placed 30th.

| PARIS GAMES |

Satwik-Chirag pair tops group after win

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Indian pair had qualified for the quarterfinals on Monday after the withdrawal of one pair and the loss suffered by another.

PARIS: Medal contenders Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty notched up a dominating straight-game win against Indonesian duo of Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Fajar Alfian to top Group C in men's doubles badminton competition at the Paris Games here on Tuesday.

The third-seeded Indian duo beat their opponents 21-13 21-13 in the final Group C match that lasted just 38 minutes.

The reigning Asian Games champion Indian



India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty celebrate during their men's doubles badminton group stage match.

pair had qualified for the quarterfinals on Monday after the withdrawal of one pair and the loss suffered by another. Tuesday's match was meant to decide group winner.

The Indonesian pair also qualified for the quarterfinals after finishing second in the group. The draw for the quarterfinals will be held on Wednesday. Satwik and Chirag were scheduled

to meet the German duo of Mark Lamsfuss and Marvin Seidel on Monday in what was supposed to be their second Group C match. But the match was cancelled following the withdrawal of Lamsfuss due to injury.

As a result, the Group C was considered as a three-pair affair, with the duo of Lucas Corvee and Ronan Labar of France being the third one.

Djokovic pulls out of Montreal event after he advances at Olympics

MONTREAL: Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from a U.S. Open tuneup tournament in Montreal after his victory over Rafael Nadal at the Paris Olympics.

Djokovic had been planning to play in the National Bank Open, an ATP Masters 1000 event that begins Aug. 6. The tournament announced his withdrawal. Djokovic has won a record 24 Grand Slam singles titles but has never won Olympic gold. "While we're disappointed that Novak will be unable to take part in this year's tournament, we understand his decision and wish him the best at the Olympics and the remainder of his season."

| OLYMPIC TENNIS |

Coco Gauff loses to Donna Vekic at the Olympics

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Gauff, a 20-year-old American, already was trailing by a lot when the episode happened two games from the end of the match.



Coco Gauff eyes on the ball as she plays against Donna Vekic of Croatia.

PARIS: Coco Gauff was left in tears after getting into an extended argument with the chair umpire over a ruling during the reigning U.S. Open champion's 7-6 (7), 6-2 loss to Donna Vekic of Croatia in a Paris Olympics third-round singles match Tuesday.

Gauff hit a serve and Vekic's return landed near the baseline. A line judge initially called Vekic's shot out; Gauff did not keep the ball in play. Chair umpire Jaume Campistol thought Vekic's shot landed in and awarded her the point,

giving her a service break and a 4-2 lead.

Gauff walked over to talk to the official and play was delayed for several minutes.

Even before the trouble over the umpiring decision, Gauff could not sustain a good start against Vekic, who was a semifinalist at Wimbledon this month.

The American led 4-1

and was a point from moving ahead 5-1 and serving for the opening set. But she couldn't close the deal, then wasted a couple of set points at 6-4 in the ensuing tiebreaker. Vekic surged to the end of that set, then maintained her level in the second.

One measure of Vekic's superiority on this afternoon: She finished with 33 winners to just nine

for Gauff. But the most memorable portion of the match was the second-set dispute.

It's not the first time Gauff has been upset by a call she thought was incorrect - not even the first time in Court Philippe Chatrier, the main stadium used for the annual French Open Grand Slam tournament that was also the site Tuesday.

During her loss to eventual champion Iga Swiatek in the French Open semifinals last month, a similar thing happened to Gauff. She argued. She also got nowhere with the chair umpire. After that match, Gauff called it "almost ridiculous" that tennis does not employ video replay technology at all events, the way many other sports do.

Boxer Usyk comes to support Ukrainian athletes

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PARIS: Heavyweight boxing champion Oleksandr Usyk has come to Paris to support Ukrainian athletes at the Olympics amid war at home.

On Monday, he visited the Ukrainian House in Paris and from there he watched the fencing competition in which Ukrainian Olga Kharlan won the bronze medal in women's individual saber, marking the first medal for Ukraine at the 2024 Olympics. "My personal wish was,

and I probably knew, that Olga is one of those people who would bring a medal for Ukraine," Usyk told the Associated Press minutes after Ukrainian fencer won the medal.

Usyk expressed hope that there would be more medals as the competitions continue. He emphasized that the presence of the Ukrainian team is significant, considering the daily missile strikes, damaged sports infrastructure, and Russian occupation of regions that were home to many athletes.

| OLYMPIC TENNIS |

Alcaraz has been dealing with a groin muscle problem

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PARIS: Carlos Alcaraz took a medical timeout for what he said is a lingering groin muscle issue in the second set of his 6-1, 7-6 (3) singles victory over Tallon Griekspoor at the Paris Olympics.

Alcaraz is scheduled to play doubles for Spain with Rafael Nadal and the opponents happen to be the Dutch pair of Griekspoor and Wesley Koolhof. "It's a pain that I've been dealing with. I

know what I have to do ... to deal with this pain," said Alcaraz, a 21-year-old who won the French Open at Roland Garros, the same site being used for Olympics tennis, last month, and Wimbledon this month.

"I will try to recover as soon and as (best) as I can tonight," he said, "to be ready ... 100 percent tomorrow in my doubles."

Alcaraz said he watched part of Nadal's 6-1, 6-4 loss to Novak



Djokovic in singles earlier Monday, before preparing to face Griekspoor.

It's a pain that I've been dealing with. I know what I have to do to deal with this pain.

Carlos Alcaraz
Tennis Player

"When Djokovic is playing at this level, it's really, really difficult to play against him. Really aggressive, no mistakes, moving very, very well,"

Alcaraz said. "I saw Rafa playing decent, let's say. Not his best tennis, for sure. But when Djokovic is like this, he's almost unbeatable."

That last word is one often used to describe Alcaraz, who was the first teenager to reach No. 1 in the ATP rankings, was the youngest man to win major titles on hard, grass and clay courts, and defeated Djokovic in each of the past two Wimbledon finals.

"One of the best play-

ers there is," Griekspoor said about Alcaraz. "Someone who likes to play on this court. He made it very difficult for me in the first set."

But in the second, Griekspoor began to serve better and hit more aggressively, and suddenly it was a much tighter match. After Alcaraz left the court with a trainer while trailing 5-4 in that set, he returned and was a single point from being pushed to a third.

Nation



Will take foreign technical assistance for judicial body probing deaths.
Sheikh Hasina
 Bangladesh Prime Minister

Manu clinches historic second Olympic medal

1st Indian athlete in post-independence era to win 2 medals in a single edition of the Games.

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CHATEAURoux: A calm and composed Manu Bhaker scripted history to become the first Indian athlete in post-independence era to win two Olympic medals in a single edition of the Games as she combined with an equally unruffled Sarabjot Singh to clinch the 10m air pistol mixed team bronze here on Tuesday.

The Indian pair defeated the Korean duo of Lee Wonho and Oh Yeh Jin 16-10 to earn the country its second medal at Chateauroux's shooting range.

The 22-year-old Bhaker had earlier snared the women's 10m air pistol bronze medal at the same venue on Sunday, wiping off the memories of a horrendous Olympic debut in Tokyo 2020 where her pistol malfunctioned leaving her in tears.

Before her, British-Indian athlete Norman Pritchard had won two silver medals in 200m sprint and 200m hurdles at the 1900 Olympics but that achievement had come in the pre-Independence era.



The bronze medalists Manu Bhaker (L) and Sarabjot Singh pose during the medal ceremony.

While it is a massive achievement for women's sport in the country, Tuesday's medal is also redemption for Sarabjot, who had failed to make the men's 10m air pistol final, finishing ninth on Saturday with a score of 577.

"I'm feeling really proud and there is a lot of gratitude, thanks for all the blessings" said Bhaker after the match, which the two young Indians played with

HIGHLIGHT

● Before her, British-Indian athlete Norman Pritchard had won two silver medals at the 1900 Olympics.

● But that achievement had come in the pre-Independence era.

remarkable poise to make it a one-sided contest.

"Actually we can't control (what the rivals will do), we can do what is

in our hand, me and my partner thought let's just try our best and we will keep fighting till the end," added the shooter from Jhajjar in Haryana.

In Tokyo, she could not even qualify for this event alongside Saurabh Chaudhary and had finished seventh.

Ambala shooter Sarabjot, who passed through a difficult phase trying to come to terms with the disappointment of the individual competi-

tion just three days back, said he was under a lot of pressure to perform.

"I'm feeling good, the game was very tough and there was a lot of pressure, I am very happy," said the 22-year-old Sarabjot, who comes from a farming family.

The Indians started on the wrong foot with Sarabjot's opening shot fetching a poor 8.6, while Bhaker shot 10.2 for an aggregate of 18.8. The Koreans aggregated 20.5 to take the opening round and open a 2-0 lead.

In mixed team events, the pair that reaches 16 points first wins the medal.

Down 0-2, Bhaker's consistency came to the fore and it rubbed off on Sarabjot as the pair took the next four rounds to take their tally to 8-2.

Such was her level of confidence that Bhaker had just three shots below 10 in the entire contest which lasted 13 rounds.

It was an uphill task for the Koreans who succumbed to pressure and could not match their rivals losing 16-10.

It's all about keeping it steady.

African Rights Body condemns Indigenous groups' eviction

DAKAR (SENEGAL): The Congolese government violated the rights of the Indigenous Batwa community by evicting them about 50 years ago from their ancestral lands to expand one of the country's biggest national parks. **PTI**

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Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

TAIWAN LAWMAKERS

Taiwan president for unity at gathering of foreign lawmakers in Taipei

TAIPEI: Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te welcomed what he called "largest-ever" delegation of foreign lawmakers to Taiwan and said Tuesday it showed the importance of democracies uniting, even as Beijing pressured members of the delegation not to visit. "This demonstrates the support and the value various other countries place on Taiwan," Lai said. "It also sends an important message to democratic countries around the world. Maintaining democracy requires unity, and we must protect democracy together." Lai made his remarks at a conference in Taipei held by the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China. **PTI**

PAK IMRAN ARMY

Pak's jailed former PM Imran hints willingness to talk with army



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's beleaguered former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday signalled willingness to hold talks with the powerful army after finding himself at a blind alley due to scores of cases slapped on him, his wife and senior party leaders. Khan, 71, expressed his desire for dialogue with the military, clarifying that he never accused the establishment. **PTI**

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Probe of soldiers over alleged sexual abuse fuels tension between Israeli military and hard-liners



JERUSALEM: Nine Israeli soldiers were due to appear before a military court for an initial hearing on Tuesday over what a defence lawyer said were allegations of sexual abuse of a Palestinian at a shadowy facility where Israel has held prisoners from Gaza during the war.

The investigation has stoked tensions between the military command and hard-line nationalists in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government who advocate an even harsher hand in Israel's conduct of the 10-month-old war in Gaza.

The soldiers' detention on Monday triggered angry protests by supporters demanding their release, including

members of parliament and at least two government ministers.

On Monday, several hundred protesters broke into the facility in southern Israel, known as Sde Teiman, and then later into the military base where the soldiers were being held. Video showed them scuffling with troops before being forced out.

Defence lawyer Nati Rom, who is representing three of the soldiers, did not elaborate on the nature of the alleged sexual abuse and said they were innocent.

The military has given no details on the investigation, saying only it was looking into allegations of "substantial abuse". **PTI**

Harris worse candidate than Biden: Trump

WASHINGTON: Former president and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has called his likely Democratic opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris, a "worse candidate" than President Joe Biden, who she replaced more than a week ago. "I think she (Harris) is the worst candidate than him (Biden). She is far more radical left," Trump told Fox News host Laura Ingraham in an interview on Monday, his first after Harris, 59, became the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party.

Harris officially declared her candidacy after incumbent President Biden withdrew from the race for a second term on July 20. She is expected to be officially declared as the presidential candidate by the Democrats next month. "I thought she was a little younger. I mean, she's 60 years old. I didn't realise she was 60. She's talking a big game.

Two killed as 18 coaches of Howrah-Mumbai Mail derail

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The accident occurred at 3:45 AM in Potobeda village near the Barabamboo station in the Kharasawan block.

KOLKATA: Two persons were killed and 22 others injured after 18 coaches of the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed in Jharkhand's Seraikela-Kharasawan district early on Tuesday, officials said.

The accident occurred at 3:45 AM in Potobeda village near the Barabamboo station in the Kharasawan block, they said.

South Eastern Railway spokesperson Om Prakash Charan said there was another derailment of a goods train nearby.

"At least 18 coaches of the 22-coach 12810 Howrah-Mumbai Mail via Nagpur derailed near Barabamboo station in SER's Chakradharpur Division," he said.



Rescue work underway after the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed.

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● Of the injured people, 18 have been discharged from hospitals and four are under observation.

Of these, 16 were passenger coaches, one power car and one pan-

try car, Charan said.

"Two persons were killed and 22 others injured. Of the injured people, 18 have been discharged from hospitals and four are under observation," Seraikela-Kharasawan Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat told PTI.

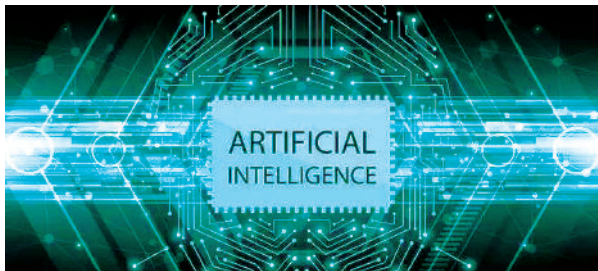
All rescue and relief operations were completed within a few hours after the accident as teams of state police, district administration and Central Reserve Police Force rushed to the spot, Lunayat said, denying the possibility of any act of sabotage by Naxalites.

CYBERATTACK |

Singapore agency warns of AI-led cyberattack

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SINGAPORE: The Cyber Security Agency (CSA) of the city-state has warned of cyberattacks by malicious actors using the evolving artificial intelligence technology. AI is used to enhance various aspects of cyberattacks, including social engineering or reconnaissance, the agency noted. "This is likely to increase, driven by the ever-grow-



ing stores of data, which can be used to train AI models for higher quality results," the Channel News Asia quoted CSA as saying in a report.

The agency's Singapore Cyber Landscape 2023 report published on Tuesday found that malicious actors are using generative AI for deep-

fake scams, bypassing biometric authentication and detecting vulnerabilities in software. Deepfakes are created using AI techniques to alter or manipulate visual and audio content. Malicious actors have used deepfake calls, videos and photos for commercial or political reasons.

This year, several Members of Parliament received extortion letters with manipulated images

in which their faces were superimposed onto obscene photos of a man and a woman.

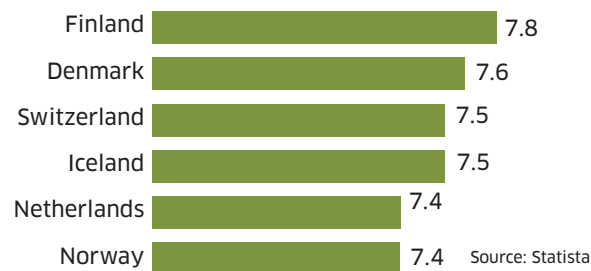
And just last month, Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong warned people about deepfake videos of him commenting on international relations and foreign leaders.

The most spoofed industries in 2023 were banking and financial services, government, and technology.

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BANGLA JAMAAT BAN

B'desh to ban Jamaat-e-Islami following nationwide unrest

DHAKA: The Bangladesh government on Tuesday decided to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami following the deadly nationwide students' protests over quotas in government jobs, accusing the fundamentalist party of exploiting the movement that left at least 150 people dead. The development to ban Jamaat-e-Islami from Wednesday comes a day after a meeting of the ruling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League-led 14-party alliance passed a resolution that Jamaat, an ally of former prime minister Khaleda Zia Bangladesh National Party, must be banned from politics. **PTI**

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