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Yunus led Govt to take oath today

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DHAKA: Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus led interim government in Bangladesh will take oath on Thursday, Army Chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, General Waker said the interim government is likely to be sworn in at 8 pm on Thursday.

He also said the advisory council may have 15 members. Yunus, the 84-year-old economist, was on Tuesday appointed as the head of interim government by President Mohammed Shahabuddin, a day after Prime Minister Sheikh



Bangladeshi Nobel peace laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus in Dhaka.

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Army Chief

Hasina resigned and fled the country following deadly protests against her government over a controversial quota system in jobs. Prof Mohammad Yunus, the

designated head of Bangladesh's interim government, on Wednesday fervently appealed everybody 'to stay calm' and 'refrain from all kinds of violence' as the country witnessed a major reshuffle in the security establishment after the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina government. "Let us ensure that we make the best use of this new victory. Let us not lose this victory because of any mistake of ours," said the 84-year-old economist, who is expected to return home from Paris to take charge. "I appeal to all to remain calm in the current situation, refrain from all forms of violence and destruction."

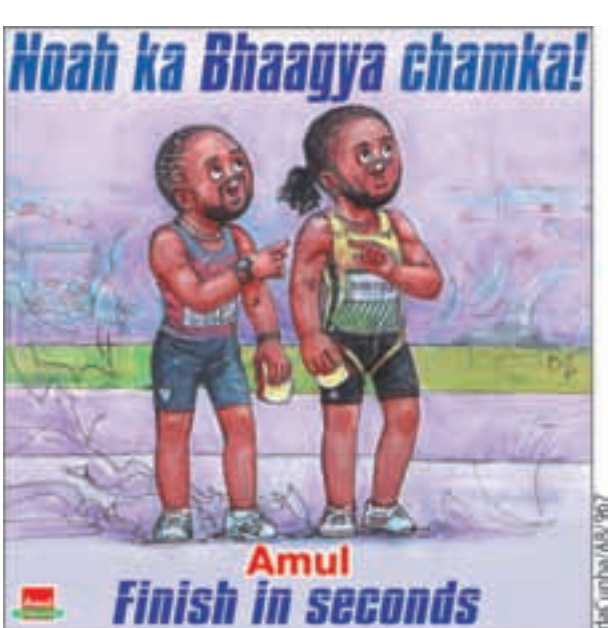
CBI raids in connection with CPSC recruitment scam

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NEW DELHI: The CBI conducted searches at 15 locations in Chhattisgarh in connection with allegations of nepotism in the public service commission examination held in 2022, officials said on Wednesday. "Ineligible" family members of politicians, PSC officials and public servants were recruited in lucrative government jobs, they said. The searches took place at six locations in Raipur, three in Durg, two each in Mahasamund and

Dhamtari and one each in Sarguja and Bilaspur at premises connected to those who benefited from the nepotism, they said. The CBI has named 16 such candidates who were appointed as deputy collectors, deputy superintendents of police and other lucrative positions, they said. The agency searched premises of 15 of them on Wednesday while the residence on one candidate was searched earlier, they said. Officials said Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission former chairperson Taman Singh Sonwani, ex-secretary Jeevan Kishore Dhruv and a controller of examination were booked in July for helping their sons, daughters, relatives and acquaintances score high in the merit list. It is alleged that manipulations took place in the 2022 examination, the results of which were declared on May 11, 2023.



Tragic end to Vinesh's Olympic dreams

PARIS: An entire nation's hopes were crushed under the weight of 100 grams. With hours to go before her gold medal bout on Wednesday, Vinesh Phogat stood on the scale: the figures on display were horrifying. For her 50 kg category fight, she was 100 gm overweight, leading to an automatic disquali-

fication on perhaps the biggest day of her sporting career. Dehydrated after three gruelling bouts on Tuesday, a desperate Vinesh merely had "small amounts of water", cut her hair, and stayed up all night working out to ensure that she didn't go over the prescribed limit for her weight.

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Raipur



4 crores approved for 35 development works in Chirmiri.

Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, State Health Minister.



Governor advocated for increased tree planting under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.

Guv urges to combat climate change, pollution

Gov expressed a commitment to promoting organic farming throughout Chh'garh.

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RAIPUR: In an introductory meeting at Raj Bhawan, Governor Ramen Deka urged citizens to actively participate in efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and environmental pollution. The Governor emphasized the importance of saving energy, reducing unnecessary power consumption, and minimizing plastic use to combat pollution. Governor

Deka also advocated for increased tree planting under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, calling on residents to support this initiative inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted the need to enhance Red Cross activities, particularly in tribal areas, and improve women's health services in these regions.

Additionally, the Governor expressed a commitment to promoting organic farming throughout Chhattisgarh, stress-

HIGHLIGHT

● Governor Ramen Deka addressing the introductory meeting at Raj Bhawan.

ing the need for regular monitoring of ongoing projects in aspirant districts.

He urged universities to expedite the recruitment process to ensure quality education for students and encouraged the development

of digital libraries and increased vigilance against cybercrimes.

In a notable mention, Governor Deka acknowledged the bravery of a young girl in Narayanpur district who defended her father from Naxalites, illustrating the strength and resilience of local communities.

Deputy Secretary to the Governor, Smt. Hina Animesh Netam, along with other officials and employees of Raj Bhawan, were present at the meeting.

PTMs launched in Govt Schools on CM Sai's initiative

RAIPUR: Following an initiative by Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, government schools across Chhattisgarh have begun hosting parent-teacher meetings (PTMs) aimed at enhancing educational quality and encouraging public involvement. The mega meeting was designed to update teachers on the new education policy and improve collaboration between schools and the community.

Chief Minister Sai led by example, participating in a parent-teacher meeting in Bandarchuna village, Jashpur district, where he engaged with school children and discussed the new education policy. Secretary of School Education Siddharth Komal Pardeshi and Director of Public Education Smt. Divya Mishra also took part in meetings across various districts, including 10 complexes in Mahasamund.

To date, over 7.59 lakh participants have been involved in these meetings, held in 5,500 school complexes. The initiative has also seen the planting of more than two lakh trees in schools under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PATIENT-CENTRIC INITIATIVES

ACs to be installed for patients in Mekahara, Post Mortem system to improve

RAIPUR: The autonomous management executive committee of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Smriti Hospital Mekahara held a meeting on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kavre and in the presence of Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh.

The meeting focused on several patient-centric initiatives. Key decisions included the renovation of rooms and the installation of 26 new air conditioners to provide AC rooms for patients as paying wards in the Medical College Hospital. These AC rooms will be available at a concessional rate of one thousand rupees per day, while the rent for general rooms will be set at five hundred rupees per day. The proposed budget provisions for the financial year 2024-25 for the medical college and hospital were also discussed during the meeting.

COURTESY CALL

Vice-Chancellors of 2 Universities pay courtesy call on Governor Deka



RAIPUR: Vice-Chancellors from two prominent universities visited Governor Ramen Deka for a courtesy call. Prof. Manoj Kumar Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor of Shaheed Mahendra Karma University in Bastar, and Dr. T. Ramarao, Vice-Chancellor of Anjaney University in Raipur, were among those who met with the Governor. During the meeting, each Vice-Chancellor provided an update on the activities and progress of their respective institutions. The discussions aimed at fostering a collaborative relationship between the universities and the state government.

Gangasagar Panda's film is based on friendship

Comedy and romance-filled 'Jawani Zindabad' to be released on August 23



RAIPUR: Renowned for his out-of-the-box concepts in Chhattisgarhi cinema, Gangasagar Panda is set to release his latest film, "Jawani Zindabad," on August 23. This comedy and romance-filled movie highlights themes of friendship and education. The cast includes Akash Soni, Lakshit Jhazhi, Jyotsna Tamrakar, and Suman Patnaik, with supporting roles played by Pushpendra Singh Thakur, Sanjay Mahanand, Puran Kiri, and Anjali Chauhan. Director Gangasagar Panda shared that this film, while rooted in the comedy genre, delivers a profound message humorously. "Jawani

Zindabad" explores the challenges faced by today's youth, particularly their declining focus on education due to various addictions. It also portrays the contrasting journeys of those who lack resources but remain dedicated to their studies. This dual perspective aims to reflect the psychology of different types of young people in today's society. Panda's previous film, "Vaidehi," received high praise, establishing his reputation for thought-provoking cinema. Explaining his shift to comedy, Panda said, "For a long time, films have been made on similar subjects.

MOU SIGNING

MoU signed between BIS, IGKV for the development of 'SADF'

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This partnership of BIS with IGKV is a significant step towards promoting standardized agricultural practices

RAIPUR: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the development of 'Standardized Agriculture Demonstration Farm' (SADF) on 05 August 2024.

The MoU was signed by Dibyendu Chakrabarti, Deputy Director General (Eastern Region), on behalf of Bureau of Indian Standards and Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor on behalf of Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur. On the occasion senior officials



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FACTFILE

● Partnership will have long term positive impact on the agricultural sector

of IGKV and BIS including Sumit Kumar, Scientist-E/Director & Head, Dr. V.K. Tripathi, Dean (Research) IGKV, were also present.

While emphasizing about the potential benefits of MoU, Dibyendu Chakrabarti, Deputy Director

General, BIS, stated, that the partnership with IGKV is a major step forward to enhance agricultural practices by integrating Indian Standards, benefiting farmers and advancing agricultural innovation. He stated that partnership will have long term positive impact on the agricultural sector and the broader community. This partnership of BIS with IGKV is a significant step towards promoting standardized agricultural

practices and ensuring the implementation of cutting-edge technologies to enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Dr. Girish Chandel appreciated the initiative of BIS to promote Standardization of Demonstration Farms and stated that this will help providing valuable research data to policy makers and concerned Government Department to promote good agricultural practices.

RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

'State saw significant development in rail infra'

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh has seen significant development in its railway infrastructure in the last ten years with 58 express trains and 128 passenger trains covering the state, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

During the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, BJP MP Brijmohan Agrawal inquired about the number of trains operating in Chhattisgarh



over the past three years and the current stage of revenue generation from these operations. Responding to these queries, Vaishnaw pro-

vided a detailed overview of the progress made and the funds allocated. Vaishnaw acknowledged that in the past, there was a chronic underfunding of railway projects in the region. However, he said that the situation has improved significantly in recent years.

"Three years ago, there were 56 mail express trains and 121 passenger trains operating in the state. Today, we have increased this to 58 express trains and

128 passenger trains," Vaishnaw said. He further emphasized the scale of development, mentioning that Chhattisgarh currently has projects worth several thousand crore rupees,

including eight new railway lines. This expansion aims to increase the state's railway capacity substantially. "Ten years ago, the investment in Chhattisgarh's railways was around Rs 311 crore, which has now surged to over 6000 crore," he added. Vaishnaw also highlighted the increased pace of work, stating, "Previously, only 6 km of railway work was completed in a year, but now we are achieving 100 km annually.



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Ashwini Vaishnaw
Union Railway Minister



Raipur News

Country's third largest tiger reserve in CG soon

Sai government notifies Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve.



Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai chairing cabinet meeting.

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RAIPUR: Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve will be the third largest tiger reserve of the country. Chhattisgarh Government has notified Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla as Tiger reserve. With this the number of tiger reserves in Chhattisgarh will be 4. NTCA nod for this had already been obtained.

The previous BJP government had sent a draft to the National Tiger Conservation Authority to combine Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Sanctuary to form a tiger reserve, which was approved by NTCA.

However, the matter got stuck due to the presence of coal blocks, iron ore blocks, and methane gas blocks in the reserve area. In the Cabinet Meet-

ing held today under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, an important decision to establish "Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve" was taken. Following the recommendations of the State Wildlife Board meeting and the concurrence of the National Tiger Conservation Authority under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the cabinet has decided to notify the "Guru Ghasidas-Tamor

Pingla Tiger Reserve", integrating the regions of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Sanctuary located in the districts of Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Koriya, Surajpur, and Balrampur, encompassing an area of 2829.387 square kilometers. The Dept of Forest and Climate Change has been authorized to proceed with the further formalities regarding its establishment. The formation of this tiger reserve will foster eco-tourism in the state and create various employment opportunities for villagers residing in the core and buffer zones, as guides, tourist vehicle operators, and resort managers. Additionally, the National Project Tiger Authority will provide an extra budget for the reserve's operations, which will facilitate new livelihood development projects in the surrounding villages.

Guru Ghasidas - Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, spread over 2829.387 sq kms

The Guru Ghasidas - Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve is spread over an area of 2829.387 square kilometers. The Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh, with an area of 3206.31 square kilometers, is the largest tiger reserve in the country. Meanwhile, the Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam, with an area of 2837.1 square kilometers, is considered the second-largest tiger reserve in the country.

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Classical music lovers to enjoy "Sur Sawan Ke"



RAIPUR: Under the banner of "Anugoonj," the classical music group of Raipur Nagar will be organizing a special event titled "Sur Sawan Ke" for music lovers. This event, featuring ragas traditionally sung during the rainy season, will take place on Saturday, August 10th, at Rajwada Hall, Civil Lines, Raipur. The evening will showcase performances by talented child artistes including Vidushi Singh, Charvi Agarwal, Tvisha Jhanwar, Divyana Agarwal, Lahar Nihichlani, Myra Mohita, Anshi Rajvaidya, Rishika Nathani, and Shubhika Agarwal. The program is conceptualized and directed by Mrs. Manjusha Bedekar and will be conducted by Mrs. Preeti Rajvaidya. Attendees can look forward to solo and group renditions of classical ragas associated with the rainy season, performed exclusively with classical musical instruments. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and is supported by the patron of Anugoonj, Shri Kamal Singh Bhandari Ji. Music enthusiasts are invited to immerse themselves in the melodious experience of "Sur Sawan Ke."

Amity University hosts enthralling orientation program

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HIGHLIGHT

RAIPUR: Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur, proudly organized a two-day Orientation Program 2024, warmly welcoming new students to its dynamic academic community. As part of the university's cherished tradition, the event commenced with a Havan ceremony, where all new students and the entire campus community participated, fostering a spirit of unity and positive energy.

Held on August 06 and 07, 2024, the Orientation Program aimed to familiarize the incoming batch with the university's core values, vibrant culture, and the myriad opportunities that await them. The program featured engaging sessions led by esteemed faculty members, industry experts, and accomplished alumni, setting the stage for an enriching educational journey.

The event's primary objective was to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the academic, extracurricular, and support services available at Amity University Chhattisgarh, ensuring a seamless transition into university life. The informative sessions covered various aspects of student life, emphasizing the importance of holistic development.

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In his virtual address, Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor of Amity University Chhattisgarh, underscored the significance of the 'BHAAG' principles - Behavior, Hard work, Ambition, Attitude, and Goal - as essential elements for success. He highlighted the importance of cultivating skills, values, and sanskar (cultural ethos) in students, while promoting the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ("the world is one family"). Dr. Selvamurthy emphasized the need for holistic development and the pivotal role of perception in achieving success. Reflecting on India's growing stature as a 'Vishwa Guru', he echoed inspirational words of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, "Dreams are not those which come while we are sleeping, but dreams are those when you don't sleep before fulfilling them." Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal, ED and CEO of AIIMS, Raipur, graced the orientation program as a special guest.

NEWSLINE

TRAVEL

850 devotees depart for Ayodhya Dham



RAIPUR: Under the Shri Ram Darshan Yojana, a special train carrying 850 devotees departed from Bilaspur on Tuesday. These devotees will visit Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya and Baba Vishwanath in Kashi. The train was flagged off by Arun Singh Chauhan, President of Bilaspur District Panchayat.

The devotees from Bilaspur division are traveling to Ayodhya and Kashi under the state government's Shri Ram Darshan Yojana. They are excited about the journey and darshan. They were given a grand welcome at the station, which echoed with chants of "Jai Shri Ram".

TRAINING

Training under PM Free Electricity Scheme

RAIPUR: A two-day training program under the Prime Minister's Free Electricity Scheme has started at Government Industrial Training Institute, Saddu, Raipur. The program aims to train officers from various government industrial training institutes. The training program was inaugurated by Principal Major Narendra Upadhyay.

RESCUED

Five from a family rescued in Navapara

RAIPUR: Five of a family got stuck in the debris of the house which collapsed in Navapara due to heavy rains yesterday. The district administration on getting information immediately rushed to the place and safely rescued all five from the family. Manoj Kumar Nishad lives in Gram Navapara.

APPOINTED

BJP appoints election in-charge

RAIPUR: BJP has appointed in-charges for Raipur South Vidhan Sabha by-poll. Cabinet Minister Shyam Bahari Jaiswal and State V-P BJP Shivratna Sharma has been appointed as in-charge. After Brijmohan Agrawal winning Raipur LS seat, Raipur (South) VS seat has become vacant.

OBITUARY

Manjit Kaur Bhamra

RAIPUR: Manjit Kaur Bhamra (Ramnagar), breathed her last here on Wednesday. She was 56. The final journey will leave from her residence on Aug 8 to Deendra Nagar crematorium at 1:00 pm. She was wife of Sarjit Singh Bhamra.

Stone laid for new academic building at NIT Raipur

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The foundation stone for a new G+6 building, named Academic Annex-I, was ceremoniously laid on 7th August 2024 at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur.

RAIPUR: The foundation stone was laid by Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairperson of the Board of Governors NIT Raipur, in the presence of Dr. N.V. Ramana Rao, Director NIT Raipur and Dr. R.K. Tripathi, Dean (Planning & Development) NIT Raipur. The Academic Annex-I building will be constructed in the NIT Raipur campus in place of the Unit Operation Lab and will be situated adjacent to the existing Academic Building. This state-of-the-art, seven-story building will be

constructed by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) Raipur. This new facility will span over a total floor area of 6,387 square meters, significantly enhancing the infrastructure to support academic activities for students. This building with 35 halls for classrooms and labs will feature modern amenities including firefighting system, CCTV surveillance, LAN system, ensuring a safe and technologically advanced academic environment for students of the institute. The project is slated for completion in 18 months at a total cost of Rs. 25.4 crores.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was attended by all Deans, Dr. N. D. Londhe, In-charge Registrar, Dr. L. K. Yadu, Dr. A. V. Ahirwar, Associate Deans (P&D), Mr. Pawan Kataria, Assistant Registrar (P&D), Faculty, and Staff of NIT Raipur.

Admissions in B.Tech (Agri Engg) and B.Tech (Food Tech.)

RAIPUR: For admission into B.Tech (Agriculture Engineering) and B.Tech (Food Technology) in Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) Raipur, the counselling procedure has been started for academic session 2024-25. Admission will be granted based upon merit list of PET-Entrance Rule 2024 and it will be done through online counselling. Information related to filling up of forms and other procedure can be availed from IGKV's website 'www.igkv.ac.in'. Procedure for online registration and uploading of documents will start from 1 Aug 2024 and conclude at 12:00 mid-night on Aug 14. Interested candidates can get their registration done during this period. List of registered candidates will be released in University's website on 18 Aug 2024.

Joint annual training camp of Air Wing NCC underway

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A total of 533 cadets from school and college levels of the Air Wing NCC are participating in this camp.

RAIPUR: The joint annual training camp of Chhattisgarh's only Air NCC unit is underway under the direction of Brigadier V.S. Chauhan (YSM), Commander of the Raipur Group, and the leadership of Wing Commander Vivek Kumar Sahu, Commander of 3 Chhattisgarh Air NCC. This training camp has been ongoing at the academy located in Lakhouli (Arang) since August 1. A total of 533 cadets from school and college levels of the Air Wing NCC are participating in this camp. The daily routine



Cadets preparing for aero-modelling show.

FASTFACTS

- Cadets are preparing for the campfire event scheduled for August 9.
- The main drill competition under the NCC will be held on August 8.

includes yoga, health runs, PT, drills, and pro-

viding essential information to the cadets through the NCC course.

Despite being busy with regular practice, the cadets are also preparing for the campfire event scheduled for August 9, which will feature group dances, group songs, skits, and other cultural programs. In this camp, sports competitions such as kho-kho for girls,

football and running for boys, and volleyball for college cadets are also being organized. Cadets from various schools will present a PowerPoint presentation based on a theme. Drawing and painting competitions are also being held, and the winning teams or cadets in all disciplines will be awarded during the closing ceremony.

JCI Raipur MAIC United Talent Show

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RAIPUR: JCI Raipur MAIC United successfully organized a two-day Talent Show, showcasing the diverse talents of its students.

The first day of the Talent Show featured singing and MAIC Fusion. MAIC Fusion included mimicry, stand-up comedy, shayari, and poetry. Numerous students participated and displayed their talents.

In the singing competi-

tion, students performed classic melodies as well as modern songs.

Their singing captivated the audience, who greeted them with loud applause.

MAIC Fusion presented an amazing mix of humor and emotions. Stand-up comedians lightened the atmosphere with their funny stories, while the shayari and poetry performances touched the audience's hearts and took them to emotional depths.

NARCOANALYSIS

Narcoanalysis test conducted at AIIMS Raipur

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RAIPUR: The first-ever Narcoanalysis test in Chhattisgarh was conducted at AIIMS Raipur on July 27, 2024. This was made possible by a Memorandum of Understanding signed between AIIMS Raipur and the Forensic Science Laboratory, Raipur, in October 2023. The procedure was successfully conducted by the Forensic Science Laboratory personnel with cooperation from

the Departments of Anesthesia, General Medicine, and Emergency Medicine. The Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology coordinated the entire procedure until its successful completion.

Describing the process of Narcoanalysis, Prof. (Dr.) Krishnadutt Chavali, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology at AIIMS, explained that it involves the interrogation of a suspect after inducing narcosis by injecting a drug



into the subject.

Narcoanalysis was first used in India in 2002 during the Godhra carnage probe, and in 2008, it was used in the Arushi

murder investigation. Narcoanalysis is based on the principle that a person lies using their imagination or intention, which requires full consciousness. By inducing a semiconscious (trance) state, the capacity to invent lies is lost.

Under the influence of certain drugs, also popularly known as truth serum, a person becomes relaxed and talkative and is more likely to speak the truth due to the loss of inhibition.

“Narcoanalysis test involves the interrogation of a suspect after inducing narcosis by injecting a drug into the subject.”

Prof. (Dr.) Krishnadutt Chavali
HoD, Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS Raipur



“Chhattisgarh will become a developed state with joint efforts of state and central govt.”

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

Guv advises students to work for the society

Hemchand Yadav University holds second convocation.



Dignitaries handing over the gold medals to toppers.

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BHILAI: The second convocation of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg was held on Wednesday. Governor Ramen Deka, CM Vishnu Deo Sai and other dignitaries handed over research degrees to 68 students and gold medals to 48 toppers.

MLAs Lalit Chandrakar, Gajendra Yadav and Rikesh Sen, Educationist Dr Atul Kothari (Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas Delhi), Vice Chancellor Dr Aruna Palta and Registrar Bhupendra Kuldeep were

FASTFACTS

● 68 research scholars receive PhD degrees

● 48 toppers feted with gold medals

present on the dais.

Addressing the ceremony, Governor Deka congratulated the students and researchers. He said that the CG Govt is implementing the National Education Policy 2020 from the academic year 2024-25. NEP 2020 emphasizes the need for skill development along with education.

CM announces UTD and auditorium

CM Vishnu Deo Sai said that HYU is playing a leading role in the field of higher education. He hoped that the educated youth can make excellent contributions in nation building. On VC's demand, CM Sai announced the construction of the auditorium as well as establishment of UTD in the University.

It aims to create 'job creators' instead of 'job seekers'. Quoting Dr Nelson Mandela, Governor Deka said that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

He advised the students to work for the society and contribute

to innovation, entrepreneurship and start-ups which are the need of the hour. Educationist Dr Atul Kothari also addressed the function. VC Dr Aruna Palta delivered the welcome address and administered the convocation oath to the students.

Robbery at knife-point

BHILAI: Two ruffians trespassed into a house on the intervening night of Tuesday and committed theft at knife - point in Titurdeeh area of Durg. The victim Manisha Gaikwad was in deep sleep on the intervening night of Tuesday and woke up after hearing some sound. She screamed after spotting two thieves in his house. The thieves took her at knife point and escaped with household items, mobile phone and television. Police lodged a case under section 3(5), 305(a), 331(4) of BNS.

Cash stolen from locked house

BHILAI: Rs One lakh cash was stolen from a locked house in Chauhan Town colony of Junwani. The victim Ajay Mitra is an architect and resides alone at his house in Chauhan Town. On August 06, he had gone to attend a meeting in the colony. He returned back around 20:00 hrs and found that the main door lock was broken. He went inside and found that the almirah was also broken and Rs One lakh cash kept in the almirah were stolen. Police lodged an FIR under section 305, 331(4) of BNS.

RMC: Grievance redressal camp held

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BHILAI: Formalities were completed to give pension benefits to 3 beneficiaries in the "Jan Samasya Nivaran Shivir (Grievance redressal camp) organised in Talpuri International Colony on Tuesday. All three were beneficiaries of old age pension. A total of 207 applications were received in Wednesday's camp, out of this, 49 out of 131 demands and 14 out of 76 complaints were resolved.

Keju Ram, Ramadhar and Santara Devi had submitted applications for old age pension. The documents were completed to give pension from this

month. Similarly, Chandraprakash Sharma of Talpuri had complained about mosquito infestation.

HIGHLIGHT

● Three get benefits of old age pension

tion on which the Health Department sprayed medicine. 25 people updated their Aadhaar in the camp. One person generated ID and deposited tax amount of Rs 43922 in corporation fund. Apart from this, 32 people submitted application for road, drain and maintenance. Ward councillor performed Annarashan and GodhBharai rituals in the camp.

Encroachers removed from District Hospital

BHILAI: On the instructions of Durg Municipal Commissioner Lokesh Chandrakar, the Revenue Department and the Encroachment Squad once again took action to remove encroachment from Nana-Nani Park, Rajendra Park Chowk including Patel Chowk to Utai Chowk, around Gandhi statue as well as District Hospital Mortuary Road on Tuesday. The action which started in the morning continued till noon. Assistant Revenue Officer Shubham Goir along with Assistant

Encroachment Incharge Chandan Manhare, Vineet Verma and demolition squad staff removed more than two dozen handcarts and kiosks located on District Hospital Road. During this, the officials advised the vendors not to open shop again. The sudden action created panic among the street vendors. Shubham informed that action to remove encroachment on the mortuary road near the district hospital has been taken two to three times.

Photographs exhibition at Nehru Art Gallery from today

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BHILAI: The Public Relations Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, is organising a three-day solo exhibition of Photographs clicked by Gopi Krishna Soni on tribal culture, at Nehru Art Gallery, Indira Place (Civic Center), from August 08-10, 2024. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Pawan Kumar, ED (HR-BSP) in the evening.

Gopi Krishna Soni, a resident of village Neur, Pandaria, district Kabirdham, is a teacher by profession and is posted at the State Education Department.

Gopi Krishna Soni has written articles on the folklores of Chhattisgarh written by acclaimed author Late Hariharan. Soni has also rendered his photography in the folktale collection written by Naresh Vishwa. He has done photography of Boda tribals (Orissa). Gopi Krishna



Soni has authored and done photography for several monthly magazines, and semi-annual bulletins based on Chhattisgarh's tribes. He has also led the presentation of Baiga tribal dance group in the country's capital, New Delhi. He also has a collection of photographs, jewellery, tools and artefacts based on the lifestyle of the Baiga tribe. Currently, Gopi Krishna Soni is engaged in research work and photography with Janajati Lok Kala Evam Boli Vikas Academy, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). This three-day painting exhibition will be open to the public from 17:30 hrs to 20:30 hrs.

LPG cylinders stolen

BHILAI: LPG cylinders were stolen from two different places in Jamul. First victim Gautam Shahi complained that the labourers of his bore well machine used a LPG cylinder for cooking food and had placed it beneath the truck. This cylinder was stolen by unknown thieves. The second victim Triveni Sahu complained that unknown thieves trespassed into her house and escaped with a LPG cylinder. Police have lodged FIRs in both the cases.

Scooter stolen from market

BHILAI: A scooter was stolen from the market of Tanki Maroda on Tuesday. The victim Ghanshyam Sahu is a retired BSP employee and had gone to the market on his daughter-in-law's scooter bearing registration number CG07-AH-3516.

Renovation of Boundary Wall at FPF initiated

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An NGO dedicated to service to the destitute individuals in district.

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has initiated the renovation work of the Boundary Wall along the 'Feel Parmarth Foundation' (FPF) premises, Sector-3, an NGO dedicated to service to the destitute individuals in Durg district. Samir Swarup, Former ED (Rowghat-BSP) performed the Bhumi Pujan ceremony of the renovation work the other day.

Members of Rural Mechanical Services, Durg, Shivrajan, GM (CSR), Sushil Kamde, Senior Manager (CSR), and Kamalkant Verma, Deputy Manager (CSR), were present on



Samir Swarup, Former ED (Rowghat-BSP) performing Bhumi Pujan ceremony.

FASTFACTS

● Foundation provides shelter and healthcare to destitute & mentally challenged people

● As many as 40 to 50 helpless people are currently staying and taken care of here

this occasion, along with members of Feel Parmarth Foundation in large numbers. The Feel Parmarth Foundation, has played

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a significant role in the upbringing and providing quality services to destitute and mentally challenged people in Durg and Bhilai. The Foundation provides shelter and healthcare to such individuals.

As many as 40 to 50 helpless people are currently staying and taken care of here. After recovery, such people are handed over to their families, and those who have nowhere to go, are taken care of by the Feel Par-

marth Foundation itself.

At present, the renovation work of the boundary wall of their building, which was damaged in several places causing difficulties for the people staying there, is being executed through CSR of the Plant. The CSR department of the plant shall bear the expenses of renovation work, which will be carried out by the Rural Mechanical Services, Durg (Chhattisgarh).

The plant is trying to bring a positive change in the lives of people in and around its areas of operations through various initiatives. Initiatives such as the distribution of free assistive devices to the disabled, free healthcare to women through Mission Lakshmi, distribution of nutritious milk to school children under its Gift Milk Scheme, are a few examples.

NEWSLINE

EXCURSION

Students visit Krishi Vigyan Kendra



BHILAI: The students of DAV Public School visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Pahanda. They learned various methods of farming through scientific methods. Dr Lalita Ramteke, Soil Scientist, explained about soil science and informed that it takes thousands of years to form a layer of soil. Therefore, there is a need to protect the soil from pollution and apply fertilizers in balanced quantities. Dr Kamal Narayan (Horticulture) explained in detail to the students about Pro Tray Nursery, methods of grafting in mango, etc. The children learned how to prepare new plants without seeds. Srishri Tiwari shared information about crop management according to the weather.

MONSOON

531.8 mm rainfall recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 531.8 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 07 August. The highest rainfall of 872.4 mm has been recorded in Ahiwara Tehsil and the lowest 323.7 mm in Dhamdha Tehsil. Apart from this, 400.8 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 359.7 mm in Bori, 424.2 mm in Bhilai 3 and 810.2 mm in Patan. On August 07, 16.2 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 15.6 mm in Dhamdha, 60.2 mm in Patan, 22.4 mm in Bhilai-3, 22.8 mm in Ahiwara and 30.5 mm in Bori.

APPOINTMENT

Applications invited for Anganwadi Asst

BHILAI: Anganwadi Assistant is to be done on the vacant posts under Integrated Child Development Project Bhilai-01. Applications for appointment can be submitted till 23 August 2024 at the Integrated Child Development Project Office Bhilai-01 (JunwaniChikhli Main Road Junwani Bhilai) directly or by registered post during office hours from 10 am to 5.30 pm. Recruitment of Anganwadi worker post is to be done for Anganwadi Center at Rajiv Gandhi Nagar-2, Ward 19 of Municipal Corporation.

I-DAY Independence Run on Aug 14

BHILAI: District Sports and Youth Welfare Department is organizing 'Independence Run' a day before Independence Day on August 14. The Run will be flagged off from the main gate of Ravishankar Stadium Durg at 8 am and will pass through Adarsh Kanya Shala, Gandhi Chowk, Patel Chowk, Durg Police Station, Indira Market, Farishta Complex Chowk, Pachripura New Bus Stand Road, Bus Stand and Church Road and return to Ravishankar Stadium. The Asst Director of Sports Dept informed that students of schools and colleges are invited to participate in the Independence Run.

| WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2024 |

'Breastfeeding Awareness Program' organized

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BHILAI: Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Center and Occupational Health Care Center of SAIL-BSP are observing the 'World Breastfeeding Week 2024' till Aug 07, 2024. A 'Breastfeeding Awareness Programme' was organized at the Occupational Health Care Center. Dr Vinita Dwivedi, CMO (M&HS) was the Chief Guest on this occasion, while Dr R Ram, ACO



(M&HS) and In-charge (NOHS) and Dr Sambita Panda, ACO (M&HS) were present as Special Guests. In her address, Dr Vineeta Dwivedi explained the impor-

tance of breastfeeding and its methods, precautions, obstacles and solutions. Our goal is to make breastfeeding convenient along with making people aware of the

“Goal is to make breastfeeding convenient along with making people aware of its benefits.”

Dr Vinita Dwivedi CMO (M&HS), BSP benefits of breastfeeding. Along with having proper information about breastfeeding, we also have to avoid misconceptions

associated with it, she said. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week of the year 2024 is 'Bridging the Gap - Breastfeeding Support for All'. According to WHO, Breastfeeding keeps children mentally strong and healthy in health standards and reduces the risk of several diseases in children, such as diarrhoea, pneumonia, asthma, blood pressure, diabetes and breastfeeding also protects from the risk of blood cancer.

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BHILAI: Allotment of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban AHP Affordable Housing "Mor Aas-Mor Makan available under Bhilai Municipal Corporation limits is to be done through lottery system. This is a golden opportunity for those living on rent in Bhilai Corporation area or those who do not have their own house to get a house. Applications for housing allotment have already been submit-

ted by the citizens. Only those who are eligible beneficiaries will be allotted houses.

In BMC houses have been built in Khamhariya behind Surya Bihar (1120/616), Enar State (476/630), near Mile Stone School (896/546), Khamhariya behind Krishna Engineering College (335/338) and Swapnil Builders Kurud (444). Those who have deposited 10 percent contribution will be allotted these houses.

N-E-W-S



The people are supreme and no politician should test their patience. If you do, then what a people's court can do was seen in Bangladesh.

Uddhav Thackeray
Shiv Sena (UBT) supremo



Bhoramdev temple threatened by water seepage, algae

Efforts for saving and conserving the state's famous Boramdev Temple are in doldrums mainly due lackadaisical attitude of officers and employees from Archaeological dept.

Chandrashekhar Sharma
KAWARDHA: Since February 2022, efforts to conserve the famous Boramdev Temple have stagnated due to bureaucratic inefficiency and unskilled labor. Despite the allocation of funds and the apparent completion of repairs, the temple continues to suffer from severe water seepage and overgrown vegetation, threatening its structural integrity. During a recent visit, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma witnessed the ongoing issues

firsthand. Despite spending Rs 1 crore on conservation efforts, the temple's condition remains dire, with water seeping through its roof and walls. This situation raises questions about the effectiveness and quality of the work done. The Boramdev Temple, a 1,000-year-old heritage site, is facing severe threats due to negligence. Algae and small plants are growing on its walls, and trees are damaging its base. During the rainy season, water seepage exacerbates the situation, putting the temple's future at risk. The Archaeological Department had

HIGHLIGHT
● Even after investment of Rs 65.62 lakh existence of Boramdev Temple is at stake.

● There is seepage from the rooftops and walls of the temple and trees are damaging its base.

previously issued guidelines for the temple's maintenance, including chemical treatment and the removal of nearby trees. Despite allocating Rs 65.62 lakh for these efforts, work has been slow and ineffective. Funds were released in

February 2022, but significant progress has yet to be seen. The local administration and Archaeological Department must take immediate action to protect this historically significant site. The negligence and slow pace of work could lead to irreversible damage to the Boramdev Temple. Increased awareness among devotees and stricter enforcement of preservation measures are crucial to safeguarding this cultural treasure. Since February 2022, efforts to conserve the Boramdev Temple have been slow due to the inefficiency of the Archaeological Department. Despite the allocation of funds and apparent completion of repairs, the temple suffers from severe water seepage and overgrown vegetation, threatening its structure. During a recent visit, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma observed the ongoing issues. Despite spending Rs 1 crore on conservation, the temple's condition remains dire, with water seeping through its roof and walls, raising questions about the quality of the work.

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HEARING DEFERRED

SC defers hearing on reconsidering 2022 PMLA verdict to Aug 28

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday deferred to August 28 the hearing on the question whether its 2022 verdict upholding the Enforcement Directorate's powers to arrest and attach property under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act required any reconsideration.

As the hearing commenced, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Enforcement Directorate (ED), told a three-judge bench headed by Justice Surya Kant that a review has been listed suddenly and he needs some time.

"This has come up suddenly. We need some time to prepare. We came to know that matter has been listed for hearing late last night. Please have this at a later date," Mehta requested the bench also comprising Justices C T Ravikumar and Ujjal Bhuyan. **PTI**

CANDIDATURE

UPSC to provide order copy to Puja Khedkar: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) informed the Delhi High Court on Wednesday that it will communicate within two days its order cancelling former probationary Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Puja Khedkar's candidature to her. Noting the submissions of UPSC, Justice Jyoti Singh disposed of Khedkar's plea challenging the Commission's press release stating that her candidature has been dismissed. "The petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum in accordance with law. It is made clear that this court has neither entered into nor expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and the filing of the present petition will not come in the way of the appropriate forum in adjudicating the issue on merits," the court said. **PTI**

National Disaster

Rahul Gandhi urges government to declare Wayanad calamity a National Disaster



NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday called on the government to declare the recent calamity in Kerala's Wayanad a national disaster. Speaking during Zero Hour, Gandhi also demanded higher compensation for the people affected. Emphasising the need to declare the Wayanad landslides a national disaster, he said, "I saw it with my own eyes. I visited many different places where the disaster took place. In some cases, an entire family is gone, with just one person remaining, sometimes an adult or a child." He also expressed his grat-

itude to those who helped during the disaster. "With more than 200 dead and a vast number missing, the eventual casualty count may exceed 400," Gandhi said.

He commended the work of the state governments of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana for their assistance as well the central forces and the army that helped in the rescue operations. Gandhi also highlighted the unity shown by communities. "It is heartening to see all communities coming together to help people, regardless of different ideologies," he noted. **PTI**

Bridge over Kali river collapses in Karnataka

PANAJI/KARWAR: An old bridge across Kali river in Uttara Kannada district collapsed in the small hours of Wednesday, resulting in heavy traffic along National Highway 66, connecting Goa to Karnataka. A large portion of the bridge near here caved in around 1.30 am when a truck was crossing it, leaving the driver of the vehicle injured as he fell into the river, Karwar police said. According to officials, the bridge was used for Goa-bound traffic after the construction of a new one a decade ago. The injured truck driver has been identified as Bala Murugan (37) from Tamil Nadu. The truck, en route to Karwar, fell into the water, police said, adding that the night patrol team alerted higher police officials.

Preamble remains in NCERT textbooks: Minister Pradhan

Press Trust Of India
Union Minister Pradhan confirms the Preamble remains in NCERT textbooks amid controversy.



Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament.

NEW DELHI: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday said the Preamble to the Constitution is very well there in NCERT textbooks of Class VI as he refuted charges made in this regard by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Earlier, Opposition Congress party raised in Rajya Sabha the issue of dropping Preamble from certain NCERT textbooks, saying this was

an attempt to impose communal ideology on the country - a claim which Union Minister J P Nadda countered saying the government was committed to protecting constitution.

During Zero Hour, Leader of the Opposition and Congress President Kharge said Preamble, which is the soul and foundation of Indian

Constitution, used to be published in NCERT textbooks.

Soon after Zero Hour, Pradhan said Kharge has made certain remarks regarding NCERT books of the education department.

"I want to humbly put the facts in the House," he said.

The minister informed the House that till now

FACTFILE

● Congress claims Preamble removed; Pradhan refutes allegations.

textbooks for classes up to 7th have been published.

"Leader of the Opposition was saying that earlier there used to be Preamble (in the textbooks). In the new textbooks of Class VI, there is Preamble. Not only Preamble, there is Fundamental Duties, Fundamental Rights, and National Anthem (in the books). These also represent core values of the Constitution and they are in the books. What he said was not a fact," Pradhan said.

UNITY FOR DHARMA

'Need unity to fight threat to Sanatan Dharma'

Press Trust Of India
AYODHYA (UP): Hindus are being selectively targeted in Bangladesh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath alleged on Wednesday and called for unity to fight the threat against Sanatan Dharma.

He also said construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya was not a desti-

nation but a milestone.

On the second day of his Ayodhya visit, the chief minister paid tribute to the first Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra president Brahmamalin Paramhans Ramchandra Das on his 21st death anniversary. Adityanath also unveiled a statue of Das. Referring to the violence in Bangladesh following Sheikh

There is a need to work together again to deal with the threat to Sanatan Dharma. There is a need to fight together for this.

Yogi Adityanath
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

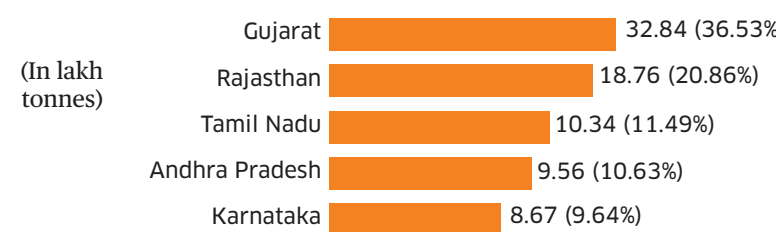


Hasina's resignation after a months-long anti-government protest, Adityanath said, "Today, all the neighbours of India

are burning. Temples are being demolished. Hindus are being selectively targeted and even then we are not trying to find those layers of history as to why such an unfortunate situation has arisen there." "We should remember that the society that does not learn from the mistakes of history, its bright future is also eclipsed.

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES WITH MAXIMUM GROUNDNUT PRODUCTION IN INDIA



Source: Agencies

CONFIDENT

Confident that Guv will reject petition seeking my prosecution: Siddaramaiah

MYSURU (KARNATAKA): Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said he is confident the Governor will be "convinced", and will reject the petition seeking sanction for prosecution against him in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment 'scam', as everything is legal and as per the Constitution. Asserting that truth always triumphs, he said the opposition BJP and JD(S) are scared of him and his government as they are pro-people and poor, and hence are making efforts to destabilise it by making false allegations. "When everything is legal, (the Governor) should be convinced... not hopeful, I'm confident that he will accept (the government's response) as things are legal. He (Governor) is the head of the Constitution, when things are in accordance with the Constitution, why won't he accept? I'm confident that he will accept," Siddaramaiah told reporters here. **PTI**

NEW LT GOVERNOR

Kailashnathan takes oath as Lt Governor of Puducherry



PUDUCHERRY: Former IAS officer K Kailashnathan was sworn in as Lt Governor of Puducherry at a ceremony in Raj Nivas here on Wednesday. Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court Justice D Krishnakumar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Kailashnathan. Chief Secretary to Puducherry Administration Sharat Chauhan read out the warrant of appointment issued recently by President Droupadi Murmu. Kailashnathan is the 25th Lt Governor of the union territory. **PTI**

"Many activities are being conducted in schools for the all-round development of children,"

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister



Chhattisgarh

'Family is first school, parents first teachers'

New PTM initiative aims to boost parental engagement in children's education



CM Vishnu Deo Sai attended the Mega Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) at Govt Higher Secondary School, Bandarchua on Tuesday.



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FACTFILE

JASHPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai attended the Mega Parent Teacher Meeting at Government Higher Secondary School, Bandarchua today. He listened to the parents' experiences regarding the programme. Along with the parents, some children's grandparents also attended.

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He urged parents to stay in constant touch with their children's teachers, stating that this would not only provide information about their studies but also reduce the possibility of the children falling into bad company. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also honored the parents.

School Education Secretary Siddharth Komal Pardeshi expressed his

views, stating, "A mega parent-teacher meeting program is being organized in all 5,500 clusters of the state. Recently, in a review meeting of the Education Department, the Chief Minister mentioned that while PTMs are organized in private schools, they are not held in government schools. We should implement it. This parent-teacher meeting is being organized on the Chief Minister's instructions and will play an important role in the all-round development of the child. The main objective of the parent-teacher meeting is to ensure the participation of parents along with teachers in studies and school activities."

Grandparents Praise PTM Initiative: Commu-

nication between parents and teachers ensures continuous monitoring of child's educational progress and strengthens foundation

Harisevak Chouhan of Dondapani stated that he himself studied at this school, and now one of his grandsons is pursuing an MSc after studying here. His second grandson is currently in Class II. He described the programme as a great initiative towards improving the quality of education. He recalled that his teacher used to say, "Not only am I teaching you, but I am also becoming a medium of good education for your children because if you are educated, your child will certainly also be educated."

World Breast Feeding fortnight observed

BIJAPUR: The World Breast Feeding Week was observed under guidance of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of District Hospital Bijapur Dr BR Pujari. In this Civil Surgeon Dr Ratna Thakur, DPM Rajiv Ranjan Mishr and Dr Mangesh Maske (Paediatrician), Dr Leena Purain (Gynecologist); Dr Sachin Paprikar (Gynecologist), Asim Jyot Ekka (Hospital Manager), Mansi Tatpalli, Mamta Kuldeep (Matron), Gauri Hussain-Matron in-charge were present. On this occasion the pregnant and lactating women were given special information about the importance of breast feeding and its benefits through health education.

Parents-Teachers Mega meet held

DONGARGAON: Parent-Teacher Mega meeting was held in Argaon Sankul. In this programme for implementation of NEP, the authorities are running the campaign to take it upto the parents as well. The teachers of the Schools under this Sankul first welcomed the parents and motivated them for education of their children.

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BEST OF THE REST

RESOLUTION CAMP

Public resolution camp held in Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara

ANWARI: In Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara Bhateli, public grievances redressal fortnight camp was observed from July 28 to Aug 6. In this the problems of local citizens related to tap water connection, ration card, National Family Assistance, 'Vridha Pension', 'Social Security Pension', 'death-birth certificates', building permission, NoC, Mutation, cases of self-employment and many other problems of water leakage, cleaning of drains, and lanes, flowing of water into drains from the tap-water in public taps; cleaning and lifting of waste and its transportation, repair of damage drainage system, filling-up of potholes in streets, repair of out of order mercury bulbs in streetlights; and others problems were sorted out on the spot.

JANDARSHAN

Problems of people sorted out in 'Jandarshan'



RAJNANDGAON: In the weekly 'Jandarshan' programme held in Collectorate on Tuesday, the Collector Sanjay Agrawal gave patient hearing into grievances of citizens from far-off places in the district and directed the concerned officers to resolve it at the earliest. He said that the people from far-flung areas come to this 'Jandarshan' and their problems should be sorted out immediately and they should be informed about the different government schemes and its benefits. It is after inspecting the applications, the eligible beneficiary should be passed on the benefit.

Mega PTM

Mega PTM at cluster-level held in PM Shri Swamy Atmanand School, Kasdol



KASDOL: Cluster-level Parent's-Teachers Mega PTM meeting was held in PM Shri Swamy Atmanand Excellent English Medium Guru Ghasidas HS School, Kasdol, here on Tuesday. In this parents and teachers from 7 schools from Sankul Kendra Kot and 7 schools from Balak Kasdol took part and in this discussions were held on the 12-point agenda. In this Mega PTM,

MMC,MMDC, parents, teachers, counsellors, educationist and public representatives were invited. It is in their presence, proper counselling was done in order to meet up the objective of PTM i.e holding co-ordination and creating positive atmosphere for overall development of children and how to reduce stress for exams among students.

Last date for PMICIS extended till Aug 16

KHAIRAGARH: The last date for registration for PM Crop Insurance Scheme (PMICIS) has been extended till Aug 16. It is based upon proposal for extension of last date by the Chhattisgarh government to the Centre, it has now been extended from July 31 to Aug 16. Dy. Director Agriculture Rajkumar Solanki informed that now the the farmers of the state who have taken loan and those without can get their crops covered under PMICIS. Under this PMICIS so far, a total off 47327 farmers have got their crops on 70,200 hect. insured. Out of these, 13491 farmers have taken loan. The farmers of the district can get their main crops insured both for the irrigated and non-irrigated paddy and other crops viz. maize, soybean, pulses, 'Moong', 'Kodo-Kutki', 'Ragi', 'Urad' and others.

CM distributes saplings to MVY beneficiaries

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JASHPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday personally handed over the 2,00,000th sapling of the mega sapling distribution drive being conducted in Jashpur under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan" to Neelam Toppo, a beneficiary of the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, at Bandarchua.

It is worth mentioning that free saplings are being distributed to the beneficiaries of the Mahtari Vandan Yojana to promote extensive tree plantation in Jashpur district under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign. This initiative was launched by the Chief Minister on July 14 from Duldula. He also distributed certifi-

MEGAL SAPLING DISTRIBUTION



CM Sai handed over the 2,00,000th sapling to a beneficiary.

FACTFILE

● Toppo expressed her intention to plant the mango sapling in her home's courtyard as a tribute to her mother-in-law.

● She also shared her appreciation for the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, which provides her with a monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000.

icates to the beneficiaries under this drive.

Toppo expressed her intention to plant the mango sapling in her home's courtyard as a tribute to her mother-in-law. She also shared her appreciation for the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, which provides her with a monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000. She recently used part of this amount to buy note-

books, a school bag, and other study materials for her son, Ishant Toppo, a sixth-grade student.

Toppo joyfully stated "This is the first time I have been able to buy school supplies for my child with my own money, thanks to the scheme. I use the funds from Mahtari Vandan Yojana for daily needs and save some for emergencies."

ENGAGING LEARNING DEMONSTRATION

Students demo e-Jaadui pitara app to CM

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JASHPUR: The features of the digital app e-Jaadui Pitara, designed for educational activities, were demonstrated today in front of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at Government Higher Secondary School Bandarchua in Jashpur district. During the demonstration, teacher Shashi Kiran Kashyap narrated a short story beautifully. Class



5 students Pratik Kujur, Sneha Minj, and Priyanka Bai demonstrated how this app makes teaching

fun and engaging. Primarily designed for children up to the primary level, e-Jaadui

Pitara has been created under the New Education Policy to make learning less burden-

● e-Jaadui Pitara has been created under the NEP to make learning less burdensome.

Shashi Kiran Kashyap
Teacher Govt HS Schol
Bandarchua

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES WITH MAXIMUM FISH PRODUCTION IN INDIA

Andhra Pradesh	34.65 (20.71%)
West Bengal	20.78 (12.41%)
Gujarat	14.34 (8.57%)
Kerala	12.89 (7.71%)
Tamil Nadu	10.56 (6.31%)

Source - Statista

SURPRISE INSPECTION

Collector conducts surprise inspection of schools and Anganbadi centres

KOREA: Collector Chandan Sanjay Tripathi conducted surprise inspection of different institutions, offices of the district here on Tuesday. It is after assuming office as Collector, she is taking information about various government schemes. In this series, she inspected Primary Health Centre, Tengani, Kanya Ashram Shala Khada, Seed-Fertilizers distribution centre Patna, Girjapur and Primary and Middle School Mahora and Anganbadi Centre. Collector Tripathi expressed annoyance over lack of cleaning in the toilets of Anganbadi centres and Schools. During inspection of Anganbadi centre Bajarpara, she checked different registers and booklets. She issued strict instructions to Anganbadi supervisor Manju Kushwah to ensure proper upkeep and cleaning in Anganbadi centre. Collector said that it should be ensured that the children, pregnant women, lactating women gets hot and well-cooked food, supplementary nutrition and diet on regular basis and warned that no carelessness in this will be tolerated. Checking the quality of food being served to the children, Collector said that in no conditions, carelessness in the food and its quality to the children will be accepted.

INSPECTION

Collector inspects Chintavagu river, directs villagers not to cross it



BIJAPUR: Collector Bijapur Anurag Pandey during visit to Gram Panchayat Gaurela under Bhopalpatnam conducted inspection of flow of water in Chintavagu river and also took information about the basic amenities in the village. It is notable here that despite high flow of current in the water, the villagers were found crossing the river using empty vessel and the Collector took stock of it. During this the Home Guards team was also present.

Collector held talks with the villagers of and public reps of Gram Meenur and Gaurela and in this it was informed that few villagers of Meenur have not received the ration for August. On this Collector directed them not to cross the river with high flow of current and directed the Food department and Home Guards team to deliver ration through boats.

Chhattisgarh News

Burn like the Sun to get success: Rohit Sahu

Main objective of the program was to start the initiation and induction of the newly admitted students in the college, under the NEP-2020.

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FINGESHWAR: A Diksha Aarambh ceremony and induction program was organised here in Phanikeshwarnath Government College (PGC), Fingeshwar, with regional and MLA of Rajim assembly constituency Rohit Sahu as Chief Guest.

The program was presided over by the Principal of the college, Shweta Mishra and as special guests, Fingeshwar Nagar Panchayat President Jagdish Yadav, senior BJP leader Bhagwat Harit, Poonam Yadav, BJP Mandal Fingeshwarahar President Pyarelal Sonkar, Mrs. Hema Kiran Soni Councilor, Mrs. Santoshi Srivastava and Yuva Morcha BJP District Vice President Raju Sahu, Santoshi Srivastava, Lakshmi Srivastava attended the program. The main objective of the program was to start the initiation and induction of the newly admitted students in the college, under the National Education Policy 2020.

The program director, the cell coordinator of the College's New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Dev Dutt Banjare, while highlighting the major provisions and objectives of the National



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FASTFACTS

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New students inducted

The Diksha Aarambh ceremony at Phanikeshwarnath Government College (PGC) featured MLA Rohit Sahu, who announced the construction of additional rooms worth 138 lakh rupees and provided 250 chairs and tables. Principal Shweta Mishra highlighted the needs for a C.C. road and more furniture. The program included guest Ritesh Golchha, who expressed gratitude to attendees.

The Principal of the college, Mrs. Mishra, while reading the report of the college, said that the college is on the path of continuous progress and the college staff is ready for the all-round development of the students. The popular MLA of

the area, Rohit Sahu welcomed the students by applying Tilak and while addressing the students in his speech, said that we should dream while being awake and fulfil it with full dedication and hard work, this is the basic mantra of success.

Aug 15 declared as dry-day

BIJAPUR: Collector and District Magistrate Anurag Pandey has declared dry day on 15 August under the Excise Policy for the year 2024 under sub-section (1) of section-24 of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act 1915. Dry day has been declared on the occasion of Independence Day on Thursday, 2024, under which possession, sale, transportation and serving of liquor is completely prohibited in all the Indian and foreign liquor shops and FL-7 Sainik Canteens of Bijapur district.

Last date for renewal extended

KOREA: The Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department of Chhattisgarh Government has extended the deadline for renewal of ration cards under the Public Distribution System to 15 August 2024. Out of a total of 81 thousand 835 ration cards in the district, 77 thousand 130 ration cards have already been renewed, while the renewal of 4 thousand 705 ration cards is still pending. The District Food Officer has appealed to the remaining 4 thousand 705 ration card holders to get their ration cards renewed by August 15 through their nearest government fair price shops.

DCC submits memorandum to Station Manager



Central Chronicle News

HIGHLIGHT

● DCC demanded immediate resolution against the stoppage of 72 trains under SECR and inconvenience caused to the passengers.

GAURELA: District Congress Committee Gaurela Pendra Marwahi has submitted a memorandum to the Station Manager Pendra Road and District Collector Gaurela Pendra Marwahi under the leadership of District Congress Committee President Uttam Vasudev.

In the said memorandum, it read that the operation of 72 trains under South East Central Railway Bilaspur

Zone has been stopped from 04 August to 19 August, due to which lakhs of passengers of the state are facing problems; therefore DCC demanded immediate resolution against the same.

Parent Teacher Mega meeting organized

ANWARI: A Parent Teacher Mega Meeting was organized in Government Higher Secondary School Anwari at Cluster Center Anwari, in which the coordinator of Anwari cluster, all the head teachers, all the teachers and parents were present.

Chhattisgarh Government School Education Department organized a cluster level parent education mega meeting under the new education policy 2020 to establish better

communication in the meeting with the parents and to make them aware of the progress of the children and to make further assessment oriented efforts for future education possibilities, in which the teachers told about the facilities available to the students, which include mid-day meal, invitation meal, making their body healthy by participating in sports activities and asked to practice for recruitment in Agniveers.

NEWSLINE

PLANTATION

Tree plantation program organised under Hareli Festival

KHARORA: Under the Hareli festival in village Adesena of Kharora Mandal, a tree plantation program was organised in the Prime Minister Housing Colony, along with this, many games including traditional games like blowing balloons, applying bindi, applying mehndi, lighting candles and chair race were organized by the mothers of the village.

On this occasion, the chief guest Mr. Narendra Singh Thakur, President BJP Mandal Kharora, Sunil Nayak District Executive, Ms. Jharna Verma District Member, Paras Nayak President Backward Class, Mrs. Purnima Dhankar President Mahila Morcha, Deepak Dhankar Office Incharge, Jitendra Verma, Prem Gilhare, Bisoha Devangan former councilor, organizer of the program and Sarpanch Tejram Pal, Rajendra Khunte Senior Worker and many villagers were present.

Delights

Transformer upgrade delights villagers



PANDARIYA: Villagers in Barejhapar, Pandariya block, are overjoyed as the old 63 kW transformer was replaced with a 100 kW transformer. The residents expressed their gratitude to MLA Bhavna Bohra for addressing their long-standing demand. The village needed a larger transformer for quite some time. Villager Parmesh Yadav mentioned that despite repeated requests, the issue had remained unresolved until they approached the MLA. She promptly took action, resolving the electrical problem. The villagers' demand has been met, and they are thankful to MLA Bhavna Bohra for the swift resolution. The transformer upgrade has brought great happiness to the community.

STRUGGLE

Villagers struggle with stray cattle

PANDARIYA: Residents of Pandariya and surrounding rural areas are troubled by stray cattle. People have been gathering these animals and releasing them into the forest. On Wednesday morning, villagers from Mainpura released a large number of stray cattle into the forest. The villagers stated that their paddy crops are being damaged by these cattle, which are not from their village but brought from elsewhere. Two weeks ago, over two dozen cattle were released into the forest, but now more have gathered.

New education policy will create a new era: Soni

Central Chronicle News

A seminar was organized in Government College Kharora on the occasion of implementation of New Education Policy 2020.

KHARORA: A seminar was organized in Government College Kharora on the occasion of implementation of New Education Policy 2020, with the presence of Nagar Panchayat President Anil Soni as Chief Guest. Addressing the meet he said that the coming time will give proof of the benefits of the new education policy which will create a new era.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's work of bringing about a radical change in education is commendable. Now education will not only include studies, children will also



be cultured and will also learn skills, he said further adding that studying in the national interest is to shape one's life. Vidya Bharati's provincial coordinator Chandrakumar Dadsena said that in the new education policy 5+3+3+4, children will not only be taught but they will also be shaped and the teacher's job is not only to teach now, but whatever is to be taught, it is to impart knowledge to the children along with Indian sanskars and life values.

Sweet shops and hotels inspected

BIJAPUR: As per the instructions of Collector Anurag Pandey, Bijapur SDM Jageshwar Kaushal and Senior Food Safety Officer Ashish Yadav inspected various sweet shops and hotels of Bijapur city, in view of the upcoming festive season. In the inspection, Senior Food Safety Officer Ashish Yadav instructed all the hotel businessmen to keep cleanliness and quality in food items in view of the rains.

Sawan swing festival celebrated

RAJNANDGAON: Sawan Festival was celebrated at Rani Mandir Chhuikhadan, with the worship of Lord Shri Krishna, adorning him in a swing and singing songs in his praise. Songs like Jhula Jhule Re Kanhaiya Lal Kadam Ki Dali Pe and Jhula Jhoolan Aa Gaye Kanhaiya were sung.

Mega PTM organized in Gudguda and Dahdha

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Under the Mega Parent Teacher Meeting Campaign, a parent teacher meeting was organized in 40 cluster centers of Kurud development block education department here in the district on Tuesday. In the meeting, better communication was established with the parents and emphasis was laid on increasing the interest of children towards better education and education, along with discussions on various topics. A mega meeting program of BB cluster level parents and

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PTM was organised in two villages of Gudguda and Dahdha.

FASTFACTS

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teachers of Gudguda cluster was also organized in the school Gudguda

auditorium, whose chief guest was SMC President Awanlal Sahu, presided by cluster principal Tekram Sonkar and special guests were SMC President Bhim Sahu, Poshan Sahu, Neelkanth Sahu, retired teacher SR Sahu, Abhayram Sahu and Chainsingh Sahu.

Similarly, a cluster level parent teacher mega meet-

ing was also organized in Government Higher Secondary School Dahadaha and the program was attended by the presidents, members, parents and teachers of the school management committee of all the schools of village Dahadaha, Medarka, Maurikhard, Parswani, Bharda, Kuhkuha, Sirsida under the cluster.

LACK OF FACILITIES

Library in bad state as students struggle for resources

Central Chronicle News

SAKTI: The library established in Kanchanpur of the city is in a bad state, and students are running from pillar to post to acquire the needed resources in the library.

As per information, the library does not look like a library from any angle, as the reading room is filled with bushes and dirt and due to lack of books and lack of facilities; read-



I will personally come to the library and see the shortcomings and we will work towards making a better library.

Arun Kumar Som
SDM, Sakti

ers have started keeping distance from here. No potable water, relevant books and magazines

are also not available in the library, adding to the plight of the students. Though with changing times, Sakti has taken the form of a district, but some administrative officers took good initiatives towards basic facilities, while some closed their eyes. When it comes to education, the district is lagging behind, as no concrete steps have been taken by the administration to progress the district.

Parent Teacher Mega Meeting concluded

Central Chronicle News

RAMANUJNAGAR: As per the instructions of Chhattisgarh Government, under the guidance of Collector Surajpur Rohit Vyas, Joint Director Surguja Sanjay Gupta and under the leadership of DEO Ram Lalit Patel, DMC Shashi Kant Singh BEO Pandit Bhardwaj, Parent Teacher Mega Meeting was organized in all 35 clusters of development block

Ramanujnagar. As per information in all the clusters, the collector had appointed a nodal officer for the program and in this connection, a parent-teacher mega meeting was organized in the cluster Parsapara, Krishnapur, in the presence of Block Education Officer Pandit Bhardwaj, S Shukla Nodal Officer, Shrawan Kumar Barkade Cluster Principal, Sarpanch Umeshpur, Krishnapur.



Govt committed for coastal security; helping states to improve marine police.

Nityanand Rai
Union Minister

Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary event



Students of Visva Bharati university perform amid rains during a 'Vriksharopan' (tree plantation) programme.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PASSING OUT PARADE

Maharashtra: 119 cadets pass out of Latur CRPF training centre

LATUR: A total of 119 cadets, including six women, took part in the passing out parade on completion of training at the Central Reserve Police Force training centre in Maharashtra's Latur, an official said on Wednesday.

The cadets underwent 44 weeks of rigorous training at the CRPF centre, on the outskirts of Latur city. They are now ready for national service, the official said.

The passing out parade and convocation ceremony was held on Tuesday, he said.

The 119 cadets, including six women, selected from various states were trained to deal with Naxalites and terrorists and carry out cordon and search operations.

The Latur CRPF centre has trained 9,556 cadets in 30 batches so far, he said. **PTI**

CELEBRATION

Alumni Assn formed to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Paradip College



PARADIP: Paradip College is considered as one of the reputed and leading college in Odisha.

The college is going to complete its 50 years on August 12, 2024. Therefore, its golden jubilee is planned to be celebrated this year. In this context, a press conference was held on 05.08.2024 Monday in the principal office of Paradip College for formation of Alumni Association. **PTI**

Bangladesh crisis lesson for India, says Mehbooba Mufti

Bangladesh has plunged into uncertainty after weeks of violent street protests over job quota forced Sheikh Hasina to quit as prime minister and flee.

Press Trust Of India

HIGHLIGHT

● Situation in B'desh was akin to J&K where the youth 'face several issues'.

● Bangladesh crisis was a reminder that even the weaker people can fight for their rights.

SRINAGAR: People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday said the situation in Bangladesh was a lesson for India that the youth should not be pushed to the wall and dictatorships do not last long. Bangladesh has plunged into uncertainty after weeks of violent street protests over job quota forced Sheikh Hasina to quit as prime minister and flee.

Thousands of protesters looted and vandalised Hasina's official residence in Dhaka and set offices of her party on fire as they celebrated her departure.

Talking to reporters here, Mufti said, the country should learn a lesson from the situation in Bangladesh.

When you push the youth to the wall, dis-appoint them by failing to tackle rising inflation and unemployment, and



People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti.

make them feel helpless even after getting an education, a Bangladesh-like situation can arise, Mufti said.

"We should learn a lesson that a dictatorship does not last long and the people can lose their patience when they

are fed up with policies or laws that are against them. Then you have to flee like Sheikh Hasina," she said.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir said the situation in Bangladesh was akin

to Jammu and Kashmir where the youth "face several issues".

"The youth today feels helpless like in Bangladesh, and on top of that, they face oppression and force, the UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act), and the PSA (Public Safety Act). So, we should learn a lesson from it (the Bangladesh crisis) and address the issues of the youth," she said.

"God forbid, such a situation should not arise here," the PDP president said, adding the Bangladesh crisis was a reminder that even the weaker people can fight for their rights when pushed to the wall.

INDIA bloc MPs meeting called off

NEW DELHI: A meeting of the INDIA bloc parties scheduled to take place in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on Friday has been called off due to the unavailability of some leaders, a source said. The opposition MPs are likely to stage a protest in the Parliament complex over the price rise issue on Thursday. The INDIA bloc, which has 243 MPs in the LS against the 293 of the NDA, has been putting up a united front against the government in Parliament. On Tuesday, INDIA bloc MPs staged a protest at the gate of the Parliament building demanding the govt to withdraw 18 per cent GST on life and health insurance premiums. They had also staged a protest on the first day of the 18th LS while holding copies of the Constitution.

| POTENTIAL |

'Tourism important to become third-largest economy'

Press Trust Of India

As tourism is a state subject, we have asked all state govts to develop new tourist destinations.

SRINAGAR: Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Wednesday said the tourism sector will be one of the key driving forces in India's pursuit to become the world's third-largest economy.

Talking to reporters here on the sidelines of an event, Shekhawat said the sector has a huge potential to generate employment across the country.

"Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's



Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● Ever-increasing number of Indians are leaving their homes to travel around.

leadership, we are making efforts to make the country the third-largest economy in the world. So far, we have succeeded in bringing it from 11th place to 5th spot. "Tourism will be one of the major driving forces in taking

the country from the 5th to the third place," Shekhawat, who was here to review Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector, said.

The minister said an ever-increasing number of Indians are leaving their homes to travel around as they have become economically prosperous. "A new chapter of development has been written under PM Modi and it has changed the way the world looks at India. The pace at which India has developed in the past few years has left the world awestruck which now wants to start afresh in knowing the country. "The economic prosperity has led to people leaving their homes and travelling around." he said.

| UN AGENCY REPORT |

'B'desh crisis led to disruption of local markets'

Kunal Dutt

NEW DELHI: Amid the evolving political situation in Bangladesh, an expert at International Fund for Agricultural Development has said that rise in food prices, disruption of local markets and an "increased perception" of risk of return on investment are likely to be a fallout

of the crisis. In an interview to PTI, Jyotsna Puri, Associate Vice President (Strategy and Knowledge Department) at the Rome-based UN agency, also said it is important to recognise that agriculture can be a very "important provider" of income, and therefore of "security and resilience".

What is being witnessed in Bangladesh,

Situation there is inherently linked to issues of jobs and livelihood.

Jyotsna Puri
Associate Vice President

the situation there is also inherently linked to issues of jobs and liveli-



hood, she said.

Asked what will be the immediate fall out of the crisis in the agriculture sector in Bangladesh, she said, "Because of that turmoil, we are going to see increase in food prices, there will be disruptions, so local markets will be disrupted, because of impending sense of increased risks on local markets."

Election preparations underway

NC ready for assembly elections, wants level playing field for all parties: Omar Abdullah



JAMMU: As the Election Commission is set to visit Jammu and Kashmir to review preparedness for the assembly polls, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said his party is prepared for the elections and wants a level playing field for all parties in the Union Territory.

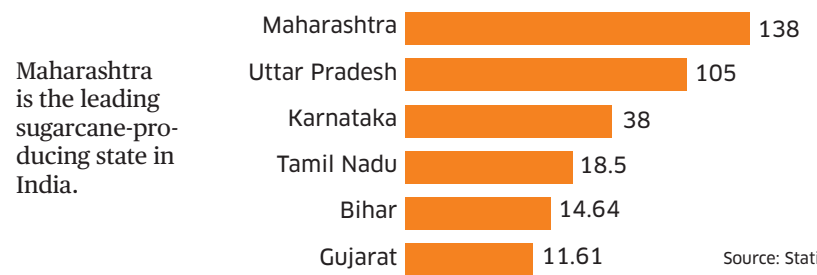
Expressing confidence about restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir after the assembly elections, Abdullah said "they (BJP) cannot dare to lie to the Supreme Court making a promise on the subject".

"The ECI is touring Jammu and Kashmir from tomorrow (Thursday) and our only request to them is to

issue the election notification as soon as possible to start the process. We are also hopeful that all parties will be treated equally so that we can fight the elections on a level playing field," Omar told reporters on the sidelines of a public rally at Nagri in Kathua district. The former chief minister said that his party started preparing for the elections the day when the Supreme Court set the deadline of September 30 for holding of the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir last year. The EC officials, led by CEC Rajiv Kumar, are scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir from August 8-10 to review preparedness for the assembly polls. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE-WISE DATA OF SUGARCANE PRODUCTION (IN LAKH METRIC TONNES)



MISHAP

Teenager girl dies, parents, brother injured as fire engulfs Ngp bldg

NAGPUR: A 17-year-old girl died due to smoke inhalation, while her parents and minor brother suffered burn injuries after a fire broke out at a godown stocked with perfume bottles and chemicals, and engulfed the entire building in Nagpur city on Wednesday morning, police officials said. The blaze erupted at around 6 am at the godown on the ground floor of the two-storey building near Khapri Mohalla in the Itwari area. The building also housed a toy shop, Renuka Novelty, run by one Praveen Bhakde, who lived on the second floor with his family, they said. The fire, whose cause was not yet known, quickly spread and engulfed the entire building, trapping the Bhakde family, the officials said. Nine fire tenders of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation faced difficulties in reaching the spot due to narrow and congested lanes in the area. Firefighters used a ladder to climb to the second floor to rescue the Bhakde family, they said. **PTI**

COURT ORDER

Urgently recruit doctors, decongest Asha Kiran shelter home: HC

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the secretary of the social welfare department to act with alacrity in taking urgent steps, among others, for recruitment of staff, including doctors, for the city government-run Asha Kiran shelter home for the intellectually disabled. The Asha Kiran shelter home had recently witnessed the death of 14 inmates. A bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Manmohan lamented the recent deaths of the mother-son duo who fell in an open drain as well as the three UPSC aspirants who drowned in a coaching centre's flooded basement, and asked the officer, who said certain approvals and clearances were required for decongestion and recruitment to ensure that "human lives don't get lost in procedure". **PTI**





QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."

[Ralph Waldo Emerson]

OUR VIEW |

Lessons to learn from Vinesh Phogat's Olympic heartbreak

The disqualification of Vinesh Phogat from her Olympic gold medal bout due to a mere 100 grams overweight is a tragic reminder of the harsh realities athletes face. Despite her incredible journey, becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the gold medal bout, her dreams were crushed by a technicality. This incident highlights the immense pressure and rigorous demands placed on athletes, particularly in weight-sensitive sports like wrestling. Vinesh's situation underscores the need for a more humane approach to weight regulations in sports. While rules are essential for fair competition, the impact on athletes' health and well-being cannot be ignored. Severe dehydration and extreme weight-cutting measures are counterproductive and dangerous. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and the Indian Olympic Association's efforts to support Vinesh are commendable. However, the broader issue requires attention from international sporting bodies. Revisiting weight-cutting protocols and providing a margin for minor discrepancies could prevent such heart-wrenching disqualifications. Moreover, Vinesh's story sheds light on the emotional and psychological toll these incidents take on athletes. The sports community must prioritize mental health support alongside physical training. Athletes like Vinesh, who have dedicated their lives to their sport, need assurance that their efforts won't be negated by marginal errors. As we reflect on Vinesh's Olympic journey, it's crucial to advocate for systemic changes that prioritize athlete welfare. Her resilience and determination should inspire reforms ensuring fair play and safeguarding athletes' health. Let Vinesh's setback be a catalyst for change, fostering a more compassionate and supportive sports environment. The tragedy of Vinesh Phogat's disqualification isn't just her lost medal; it's a call for a more empathetic approach to sports regulations. As a nation, we must stand by our athletes, learn from these incidents, and work towards a more balanced and humane sporting framework.

GUEST VIEW |

India's population surge and food security crisis

According to the 'State of World Population Report' by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), India is now the most populous country in the world. The rapid population increase is exerting immense pressure on natural resources, leading to migration as people seek basic amenities elsewhere. This growing population and shrinking resources present a serious global concern, with the world population nearing eight billion. India, accounting for 18% of the global population but only 2.5% of the land and 4% of water resources, faces significant socio-economic challenges. The population surge underpins issues like poverty, hunger, unemployment, illiteracy, and inadequate healthcare. Despite 60% of India's land being arable, around 200 million people suffer from hunger. Climate change exacerbates food security issues, threatening livelihoods and health. Agricultural land is dwindling due to urban encroachment, while the number of consumers rises. Farmers are increasingly abandoning agriculture, heightening food security threats. India's diminishing cultivable land, documented in the 'Wasteland Atlas 2019,' further complicates food production.



Vijay Garg

Comment

Bangladesh in crisis: Implications for regional stability and India

The political landscape in Bangladesh has dramatically shifted, creating a ripple effect across the region. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's unexpected resignation and subsequent departure to India mark a significant turning point for the country. The Indian government, recognizing the gravity of the situation, promptly called an all-party meeting, where opposition parties expressed unity in support of the government's stance.

General Waker-uz-Zaman, Chief of the Bangladesh Army, announced Hasina's resignation and assured the formation of an interim government. This upheaval was triggered by student protests against the government job quota for families of 1971 Liberation War veterans, which spiraled into a nationwide movement demanding Hasina's resignation. Measures such as reducing the quota, banning Jamaat-e-Islami, and cracking down on protesters were ineffective in restoring order. The unrest reached a peak when a mob vandalized

a statue of Mujibur Rahman, the country's founding leader, signaling deep public discontent.

The implications of this turmoil extend beyond Bangladesh's borders, casting uncertainty over several strategic transborder connectivity projects between India and Bangladesh. These projects, initiated under Hasina's regime, are critical for linking India's northeastern region with the rest of the country through Bangladesh's inland waterways, seaports, and railways. The successful implementation of these projects is vital for the region's economic growth, significantly reducing travel time and distance. However, the current instability in Bangladesh threatens to derail these initiatives, which are crucial for India's Act East and Neighbourhood policies.

The situation in Bangladesh can be viewed through multiple lenses. One prominent dimension is the resurgence of pro-Pakistan fundamentalists, who have long harbored nostalgia for the era

when Bangladesh was known as East Pakistan. These elements have been quietly radicalizing segments of the population, gaining support, and forging alliances with powers that the democratic government in Bangladesh had kept at bay.

Another critical aspect is Bangladesh's cautious approach towards Chinese financial involvement. In 2022, Finance Minister Mustafa Kamal warned developing countries about the risks of taking loans from China, citing debt distress. More recently, Hasina cut short her visit to China, dissatisfied with the \$100 million loan offered against the promised \$5 billion. This incident has fueled suspicions of China's possible role in fomenting unrest in Bangladesh, though concrete evidence is yet to emerge.

The resignation of Sheikh Hasina, daughter of the nation's founding father, and the ensuing military assurance of forming an interim government, echo recent political crises in Myanmar and Sri Lanka. The Maldives, another neigh-

bor, also faced instability which was mitigated by Indian intervention. These developments highlight a pattern of regional volatility, raising concerns for India, which shares borders with these nations. Nepal, too, continues to grapple with political instability.

India's involvement in the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, prompted by a humanitarian crisis and the influx of Bengali refugees, underscores its historical ties and responsibilities towards Bangladesh. Today, with pro-Pakistani factions gaining ground and suspicions of Chinese interference, India must navigate this crisis with a well-calibrated response. As the region's only stable and economically robust power, India's actions will be closely watched by the international community.

As the situation in Bangladesh evolves, its resolution will be critical not only for the country's future but also for the broader geopolitical stability of the region. India's strategic and measured response will be crucial in shaping the outcome of this crisis.



Yash Pal Raihan

Misogyny, women empowerment and hypocrisy

Kamala Harris faces a historic challenge in her bid for the U.S. presidency, confronting deep-seated misogyny and racism in a nation grappling with its ideals of equality. by M.R.Lahu



Kamala Harris campaign brings on big new hires as it sprints to Election Day.

As the elderly President steps away from the political arena, Vice President Kamala Harris emerges as a prominent contender. Her candidacy, being that of a woman, gains significance in a country that has yet to elect a female president. Hillary Clinton, reflecting on her own experiences in the New York Times, highlights the obstacles Harris will face, particularly sexism and double standards. Clinton recounts being labeled as a witch and nasty, insults that, despite her resilience, left a lasting impact. Her campaign was a testament to the strength and perseverance required for a woman to assert her identity in a society that proclaims gender equality while often falling short in practice. For Harris, as the first Black and South Asian woman vying for the presidency, the challenge of overcoming entrenched misogyny and racism is even more pronounced.

The United States, despite its long history as a democracy, did not grant women the right to vote until 1920. For centuries, it remained a male-dominated society, and today, as Kamala Harris advances her political career, her gender, race, and ethnicity become focal points of scrutiny. The intense misog-

yny she faces is compounded by racial prejudice, a reality that underscores the persistent inequality in the Western world.

Women have historically endured male dominance and societal hypocrisy, with religious doctrines often justifying this imbalance. The notion of masculinity as the ultimate authority has long been ingrained, forcing women to suppress their aspirations.

The biblical narrative, which describes a woman as created from a man's rib, may not initially appear misogynistic. However, this concept was later sanctified,

establishing a foundation for gender inequality. The New Testament, for instance, perpetuates this by suggesting women are inherently sinful and morally corrupt, thereby unfit to teach. Monotheistic religions often fail to offer gender equality, instead reinforcing male dominance and undermining women's confidence and spiritual insights.

India's approach to women has been markedly different. From the dawn of civilization, the feminine energy has been revered and integrated into daily life. Goddesses such as Durga, Saraswati, Lakshmi, and Kali are worshipped, and their power celebrated. This

cultural assimilation of womanhood begins in the family, where women are respected and included, a stark contrast to many monotheistic societies.

The Hindu spiritual tradition recognizes the divine as both masculine and feminine, promoting gender equality and honoring women through epic narratives like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

India's spiritual heritage has ensured that women enjoy respect and recognition. The Vedic period, often considered a golden age for women, saw female sages composing hymns and teach-

ing students. The country's reverence for women is evident in its historical and religious texts, which celebrate womanhood and its sanctity.

In the United States, the journey of women to the presidency has been fraught with challenges. Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for president in 1872, followed by others like Patsy Mink, Carol Mosely Braun, Hillary Clinton, and Tulsi Gabbard. Despite their efforts, they were thwarted by the entrenched patriarchy.

Kamala Harris, now the first female Vice President, aims for the presidency. India, despite its deep respect for womanhood, has also seen instances of misogyny, such as the reactions to Draupadi Murmu, the first Adivasi woman president, and Pratibha Patil, another female president. However, the cultural and spiritual background of India has generally supported women's ascent to power.

The question remains: will Kamala Harris galvanize the women of her country and overcome the barriers of misogyny and racism to reach the top office? Her journey will be a testament to the progress and challenges in the fight for gender equality in modern democracies.

YOUR LETTERS

Blinding headlights cause accidents

Blinding headlights are a major cause of road accidents in India. They can blind drivers from opposite or rear vehicles, contributing to 75% of collisions. While high beams help in low visibility, rules restrict their use when oncoming vehicles are present, but many drivers ignore this. Bright lights from rear vehicles within 60 meters also distract drivers. Ornamental headlights and LEDs, popular among youngsters, add to the problem. Section 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act details proper headlight use, highlighting the dangers of bright lights even in foggy conditions.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Deep introspection in J&K

Due to deep introspection by authorities, two BSF officials were removed. Despite successful Amarnath Yatra, extremists have changed tactics. The BJP touts Article 370 abrogation as a cure-all for J&K's issues, but more action is needed. The Supreme Court's support for the government and call for assembly elections by September is noteworthy. The abrogation benefited marginalized groups, including West Pakistan refugees and SCs. Women, previously discriminated against, now enjoy equal rights.

Yash Pal Raihan, Jalandhar

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Business



Customers can now get cash delivery balance added to their accounts.

Deepinder Goyal,
CEO, Zomato.

CII BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi



New Delhi: Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita (3R) with CII, Director General Chandrajit Banerjee (L) and others during the CII BIMSTEC Business Summit.

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BEST OF THE REST

Q1 RESULT NSE Q1 profit jumps 39 per cent to Rs 2,567 crore

NEW DELHI: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Wednesday reported a 39 per cent year-on-year surge in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,567 crore for three months ended June 2024. The exchange posted a 51 per cent year-on-year jump in consolidated revenue from operations to Rs 4,510 crore in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal year FY25. The growth in revenue was supported by trading revenue and revenue from other segments which mainly includes data centre and connectivity charges, clearing services, listing services, index services and data services, NSE said in a statement.

The exchange said it has contributed Rs 14,003 crore to the exchequer for Q1 FY25. Of this, STT/CTT (Commodities Transaction Tax) comprised Rs 12,054 crore, stamp duty (Rs 1,018 crore), GST (Rs 362 crore), Sebi charges (Rs 333 crore) and income tax (Rs 236 crore).

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	79,468.01	+1.11
Nifty	24,297.50	+1.27
Nifty, MidCap	56,873.80	+2.45
Nifty SmallCap	18,383.30	+2.86
Nifty Bank	50,119.00	+0.75

Closing rates as on August 07, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.93 (+)	↗
Euro	91.68 (-)	↘
Chinese Yuan	11.69 (-)	↘
UAE Dirham	22.85 (-)	↘
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)	↗
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)	↘

World INDICES

Stock	Value	%chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,344.95	+0.89%
FTSE 100 Index	8,172.66	+1.82%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	35,089.62	+1.19%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,341.49	-0.04%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 07, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Stock markets snap 3-day slump, Sensex rebounds 875 pts on value buying in metal, energy shares



MUMBAI: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty bounced back sharply on Wednesday after three straight days of slump following a rally in global peers and value-buying in metal, IT and oil shares at lower levels. The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 874.94 points or 1.11 per cent to settle at 79,468.01 with 25 of its constituents ending with gains and five with losses. During the day, it jumped 1,046.13 points or 1.33 per cent to 79,639.20. The NSE Nifty jumped 304.95 points or 1.27 per cent to 24,297.50. Intra-day, it surged 345.15 points or 1.43 per cent to 24,337.70.

Most sectors contributed to the upward movement, with metals, energy, and pharma being the top performers. "Global markets experienced a notable

rebound after the BoJ's Deputy Governor reassured that the central bank would not raise interest rates during a period of financial instability. The Indian market also witnessed broad-based buying across sectors, with the realty sector seeing a relief rally due to the reinstatement of indexation benefits," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 2.63 per cent and smallcap index climbed 2.39 per cent. **Major Gainers:** Adani Ports & SEZ, Power Grid, Tata Steel, JSW Steel, Infosys, HDFC Bank, ITC, Reliance Industries, M&M, Maruti, and L&T. **Major Losers:** IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever, Tech Mahindra and Titan.

India to become third largest economy in two years: VP

"Be Vocal for Local" clarion call given by the Prime Minister has economic freedom at this core, with handloom products being one of its key elements.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Asserting that India's rise is unstoppable, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday said the country will become the third largest economy in the world in 2 years.

Addressing on the occasion of the 10th National Handloom Day, he expressed confidence that the optimal utilisation will take place to promote

handlooms, the need of the hour, the need of the country, and the need of the planet, if we think in terms of climate change. The "Be Vocal for Local" clarion call given by the Prime Minister has economic freedom at this core, with handloom products being one of its key elements, said the Vice President. Strongly advocating economic nationalism, Dhankhar said it is fundamental to the country's "spinal

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● We will become the third largest economy in the world in two years or even less.

● Countrymen to pledge and make it a habit to buy handloom products like sarees, kurtas, shawls.

economic growth" and will lead to three key impacts

including foreign exchange savings, employment generation and boosting entrepreneurship.

"I want everyone to respect national interest. Can we sacrifice economic nationalism merely for fiscal gain? I have no doubt; no fiscal gain, irrespective of quantum, can justify engaging in imports that are avoidable," said the Vice President.

Pointing out that India is the world's most pop-

ulous country, Dhankhar observed that "today no one can say we are a nation with potential as we are on the rise."

"The rise is unstoppable, the rise is incremental. I remember the day when I came to the Lok Sabha for the first time 34 years ago, when our economy's size was less than even that of cities like London and Paris and today we are the world's fifth largest economy," he said.

ANNUAL REPORT

Reliance ready for next level of growth, says Ambani

Mukesh draws nil salary for 4th yr in a row

NEW DELHI: Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani drew nil salary from his oil-to-telecom-and-retail conglomerate Reliance Industries for the fourth straight year in a row while his children earned a sitting fee and a commission for being on the board of India's most valuable company.

Ambani, 67, had capped his annual remuneration at Rs 15 crore from financial year 2008-09 (April 2008 to March 2009) to 2019-20 (FY20); and since FY21, he opted to forego his salary, due to COVID-19 pandemic, until the company and all its businesses were fully back to their earnings potential.

In 2023-24, he got 'nil' as salary, allowances, and perquisites as well as retiral benefits, according to the latest annual report of the company.

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Jio has further enhanced the country's digital infrastructure by rolling out its True5G network.



Reliance Chairman Mukesh Ambani.

FACTFILE

● Reliance telecom business has turned data-dark India into a data-rich nation.

NEW DELHI: Reliance Industries is ready for the next level of growth as the historically fossil fuel-heavy conglomerate pivots a green path agenda while consolidating its telecom business that turned data-dark India into a data-rich nation, its chairman Mukesh Ambani said. In the firm's latest annual report, he said in the world of volatility and uncertainty, India is shining as a beacon of stability and prosperity.

India's most valuable company, which over the past decade added tele-

ing every Indian home with affordable, high-speed 4G data". "And this year, Jio has further enhanced the country's digital infrastructure by rolling out its True5G network across India in world-record time," he said, adding the launch of affordable smartphone JioBharat will go a long way in making India '2G-mukt'. On retail, he said as India's largest retailer, Reliance Retail is perfectly positioned to serve the consumption needs of a fast-growing economy. While its all-encompassing range of products gains traction, its new commerce initiative is not just home deliveries of groceries to electronics but also supporting small indigenous merchants and kirana shop owners, he said. The world now realising the enormous potential

of India saw marquee names investing in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd at USD 100 billion valuation, he said. While consumer facing businesses grow, Reliance continues to invest in traditional fossil fuels. Its gas field in Bay of Bengal meets about 30 per cent of India's needs while world's largest single-site refinery at Jamnagar in Gujarat ensures a steady supply of fuel to both India and offshore markets. All this while it invests in recycling and circular economy. "Reliance has become the first Indian company to chemically recycle plastic waste-based pyrolysis oil into circular polymers," he said. This is in addition to recycling of polyester and polyolefins, and converting PET bottles and plastic waste into road laying material.

NEW LAUNCH

Tata Motors launches Curvv.ev at Rs 17.49 lakh

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MUMBAI: Tata Motors on Wednesday said it remains confident about the long-term prospects of the electric vehicle segment and termed the fall in sales numbers a "short-term" issue. The company also said that it is aspiring to achieve one-lakh unit sales in EVs in the current fiscal. Earlier,

Tata Motors launched its maiden mid-sized electric SUV, Curvv.ev, at a starting price of Rs 17.49-lakh.

EV accounts for 12 per cent of the company's overall sales. "EV industry is a part of the larger PV trend that we are seeing of overall demand stress, which I would say is of temporary nature," Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle and Tata Passen-



Tata Motors enters the market with new mid-size SUV, Curvv.ev.

ger Electric Mobility Managing Director, Shailesh Chandra told PTI in an

interaction. The good thing is that inquiries and bookings are holding

well, he said.

There was a very high base effect of the first quarter also, he said and added that "therefore there's a larger industry trend also impacting (the sales) but primarily EV has come down because of the fleet segment. "So, I don't see an issue from a mid-to-long term as far as EVs are concerned," Chandra said.

CUSTOMER BASE

Nuvama Wealth registered 25 per cent growth in customer base

MUMBAI: Nuvama Wealth, the personal wealth arm of Nuvama Group, which caters to the financial needs of HNI and Affluent segment has registered 25% increase in customer base in 2023 in Raipur. Nuvama Wealth addresses the needs of high net worth individuals (HNI) and salaried professionals. The branch enables the company to serve the clientele better as they can directly interact with the branch representatives and their queries can be resolved at the earliest. The branch also helps in tapping a wider segment of customers. Currently located at more than 70 locations, Nuvama Wealth aims to increase its reach to more than 300 locations by 2028. Nuvama Wealth already had a hybrid business model which became an integral part of the customer service in the long run. The hybrid business model helps in providing bespoke services virtually and through dedicated relationship managers.

PORTFOLION EXPANSION

GEM expands its EV two-wheeler portfolio at Mobility Expo

MUMBAI: Godawari Electric Motors, manufacturers of the Eblu range of electric 2 and 3-wheelers, today announced the launch of a new variant of India's first family e-scooter, Eblu Feo X. This is the second product from the company in the EV two-wheeler segment in India. The Eblu Feo X was unveiled at Bharat Global Mobility Expo 2024. Eblu Feo X will now be offered with 28 liters of storage space. The e-scooter will continue to feature 2.36 kW battery and offer a 110 km range. Eblu Feo X will be priced at INR 99,999 (ex-showroom). Commenting on the launch, Mr. Hyder Khan, CEO of Godawari Electric Motors, said, "Eblu Feo X has been designed with customer feedback on our existing product, featuring a timeless design and focusing on offering superior comfort."



"When I was young, I used to see these guys partying and dressing up in those jazzy Versace shirts and their things. It was a whole different era back then. They were real personalities."

Zayed Khan
Actor



& Glitters

CLOSE UP

Kapoor's new series marks a fresh start beyond Lucky

Actor Tusshar Kapoor says Lucky, his popular character from the superhit comedy film franchise Golmaal, is like one of his best friends who tags along with him wherever he goes.

Central Chronicle News

'Lucky is like my good luck charm... I have a lot of gratitude for that character,' said Tusshar

Actor Tusshar Kapoor, celebrated for his role as Lucky in the "Golmaal" series, shares a special bond with the character, likening him to a trusted friend who has been a constant presence throughout his career. Even though his latest venture, the web series "Dus June KiiRaat-Chapter 1", does not involve Lucky, Kapoor acknowledges the character's enduring popularity and influence in popular culture. Directed by Tabrez Khan, this romantic comedy marks Kapoor's debut in a new genre, available for streaming on JioCinema. Reflecting on his diverse career spanning comedy to action films, Kapoor attributes the success of "Golmaal" to the collaborative efforts of the entire team. Looking forward, Kapoor is determined to avoid being typecast by embracing a range of roles. He views "Dus June KiiRaat" as a significant step in this direction, portraying multifaceted character dynamics—from humor to drama—that echo the versatility of classic Bollywood heroes.



Tusshar Kapoor portrays 'Panauti' in 'Dus June KiiRaat'



Reviving dreams, defying odd

Produced by Sachin Mohite and co-produced by Ektaa Kapoor, the series stars Kapoor as Bhagyesh, an unlucky man striving to reopen his father's theater alongside his cousin Battu, played by Priyanka ChaharChoudhary. This project not only highlights Kapoor's

acting prowess but also reaffirms his enduring appeal to diverse audience demographics. With "Dus June KiiRaat-Chapter 1", Kapoor continues to explore new creative avenues while maintaining a strong connection with audiences who have embraced his performances across various genres over the years.

BOLLYWOOD

Amitabh Bachchan teases new twists for KBC Season 16

Central Chronicle News

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who is set to host the 16th season of "Kaun Banega Crorepati" (KBC), has revealed that this new chapter will feature "interesting changes" that will enhance the show's dynamic. The season will premiere on Sony Entertainment Television on August 12 at 9 pm, airing weekdays. In a detailed blog post, Bachchan shared that KBC continues to offer contestants a chance to win significant cash prizes while also allowing them to share their personal and often moving stories. He reflected on the profound emotional impact of these narratives,

noting how contestants' journeys from adversity to the "hot seat" evoke deep empathy and admiration. A standout addition this season is the 'Dugnaastra'

HIGHLIGHT

● Amitabh Bachchan introducing an exciting new feature called the 'Super Sawaal.' This special segment, appearing after the fifth question, allows contestants to double their prize money without lifelines, adding a high-stakes twist to the game.

feature, where the prize money is doubled if a contestant answers a 'super



KBC 16 host Amitabh Bachchan introduces seasons new twist.

sawaal' correctly. The twist is that this question will not provide answer options, adding an extra layer of challenge and excitement to the game.

Bachchan, who is currently filming for KBC, described his recent interactions with contestants as incredibly emotional. He praised their resilience and the heartfelt stories they bring to the show, underscoring KBC's role in highlighting and addressing personal struggles and triumphs. Since KBC's inception in 2000, except for the third season hosted by Shah Rukh Khan in 2007, Bachchan has been a central figure.

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BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Madhuri Dixit to star as serial killer in new thriller

Madhuri Dixit is set to take on a riveting new role in NageshKukunoor's psychological thriller Mrs Deshpande. Known for her versatile performances, Madhuri will portray a serial killer in this upcoming series, marking a significant departure from her usual roles. The show, a remake of a French series, revolves around the police hiring a serial killer to understand another's methods. This intriguing premise has generated buzz as the production is slated to begin after the monsoon.

Music

Sabrina Carpenter drops new track Slim Pickins



Sabrina Carpenter recently unveiled a new track, "Slim Pickins," from her upcoming album Short N' Sweet. During a surprise performance at the Grammy Museum's Clive Davis Theater on August 2, the 25-year-old singer delivered an intimate rendition of the song, accompanied by minimal instrumentation. Carpenter introduced the track with a casual remark, expressing her excitement about sharing it with her audience. Dressed in a blue mid-length dress, she also performed her hits "Espresso" and "Please PleasePlease." Her forthcoming album, slated for release on August 23, will be followed by the Short N' Sweet Tour. Meanwhile, rumors about her relationship with Barry Keoghan are circulating after a cryptic TikTok post.



Fashion

KritiSanon wows in butter-yellow vacation dress

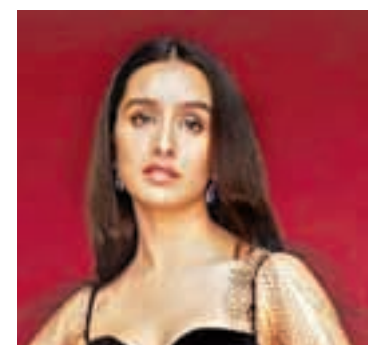
KritiSanon recently wowed fans with her vacation style, showcasing major fashion inspiration on Instagram. The actress, known for her versatile wardrobe, posted vacation photos with her sister Nupur, highlighting her chic style. In one standout look, Kriti wore a butter-yellow dress with ruched detailing, a thigh-slit, and a plunging halter neckline, paired with a neon yellow bralette. She accessorized with a big hat, sunglasses, and golden hoops, completing her beachy ensemble with flats and a scrunchie.

Trending on Insta

@shraddhakapoor

Shraddha Kapoor sparks breakup rumors

Shraddha Kapoor, known for Stree 2, has unfollowed rumored beau Rahul Mody, his family, and even his pet dog on social media. This move has sparked breakup rumors, quickly catching the attention of the online community.



O.T.T Watch



John Wick expands with new series

The "John Wick" franchise is expanding with a new series, John Wick: Under The High Table. Keanu Reeves and director Chad Stahelski will produce and Stahelski will direct the pilot. The show continues from Chapter 4.



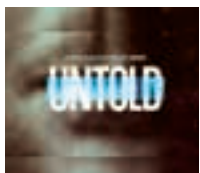
Shraddha Kapoor joins Laughter Chefs

Laughter Chefs is adding spice with Shraddha Kapoor's guest appearance. The promo shows her witty exchange with Karan Kundrra and Arjun Bijlani about mocktails versus cocktails. Don't miss the fun!



IC 814 the Kandahar Hijack teaser drops on Netflix

Netflix India has unveiled the teaser for IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack, a Hindi crime drama premiering on August 29, 2024. Directed by Anubhav Sinha, it stars Vijay Varma and Naseeruddin Shah.



Explore the UNTOLD stories of sports

Volume 4 of UNTOLD, the popular sports documentary series, is now streaming on Netflix. Dive into gripping stories from the sports world and discover the untold truths behind the scenes. Don't miss it!



White Lotus Season 3 reveals glamorous Thailand

HBO's The White Lotus Season 3 teaser is here, set in Thailand. It shows a boat, a hotel pool, and the phrase, "What happens in Thailand, stays in Thailand." The season premieres in 2025.



Art & Culture

INTERIORS

From green garlands to sweet treats Haryali Teej in Chhattisgarh

An important part of the celebration is the swinging ritual. Swings, often adorned with flowers, are hung from trees, and women take turns swinging on them while singing traditional songs.



In Chhattisgarh, Haryali Teej is a vibrant celebration that heralds the arrival of the monsoon season. Observed in the lunar month of Shravana (July-August), this festival is a jubilant tribute to nature's rejuvenation and the lush greenery that transforms the region's landscape. The festival centers around women, who dress in their finest traditional attire. Adorned with green bangles and intricate jewelry, they symbolize fertility and prosperity. Green is the predominant color of the festival, representing the life-giving rains and the renewal of nature. Festivities are marked by lively folk songs and traditional dances that energize the community. Homes and public spaces are beautifully decorated with green leaves and colorful flowers, enhancing the festive atmosphere. Special dishes like 'petha,' a sweet pumpkin delicacy, and 'besan ke laddu,' gram flour sweets, are prepared with care and shared among family and



The rituals of Haryali Teej are deeply rooted in tradition and vary slightly from region to region.



friends, adding a delectable layer to the celebration.

A significant aspect of Haryali Teej is the 'Teej vrat,' a fast observed by women who pray for the well-being and prosperity of their families. This ritual, involving abstinence from food and special prayers, underscores the festival's spiritual significance. Haryali Teej in Chhattisgarh is more than a celebration of the monsoon; it is a vibrant showcase of cultural heritage, community spirit, and a deep connection to nature. The festival brings people together, celebrating the beauty of the season and the richness of local traditions.

HIGHLIGHT

● Haryali Teej, a vibrant festival celebrated by women in India, highlights the deep bond between husband and wife. Held in the auspicious month of Shravan, it marks the arrival of the monsoon season and celebrates lush greenery and devotion.



Cultural Hues

A Visual Anatomy of Human Faith' Book Launch

In New Delhi, the coffee table book *The Promised Land: A Visual Anatomy of Human Faith* was recently launched at Bikaner House. Created by Kounteya Sinha, a renowned visual storyteller and Nelson Mandela Leadership Award recipient, and Aashvi Agarwal from Kolkata, the book features over 300 black-and-white photographs. It documents the profound faith and emotions of the millions who visited Ayodhya for the Ram Mandir inauguration. The launch event saw notable attendees including G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant, actors Aditi Rao Hydari, Divya Dutta, Gul Panag, and boxer Mary Kom.



Tycho Brahe and the Mystery of Tungsten

New research suggests that Tycho Brahe, the 16th-century Danish alchemist, might have isolated tungsten nearly 200 years before it was officially recognized. Artifacts from his lab contain high levels of tungsten, a metal unknown at the time. Researchers also found other metals, indicating advanced techniques in isotope enrichment. Though it's unclear if Brahe knew about tungsten, his innovative work in alchemy and astronomy at Uraniborg hints at his pioneering methods.



Early Humans Migrated Out of Africa in Waves

New research shows that early humans didn't leave Africa just once, but in several waves. A study published in *Science* reveals that Homo sapiens might have interbred with Neanderthals as early as 250,000 years ago, and again between 100,000 and 120,000 years ago. This means Neanderthals contributed 2.5% to 3.7% of modern human DNA. These findings challenge the old theory of a single migration and highlight a more complex migration pattern.



Iron Age Tomb Unveils Piceni Aristocracy

In Corinaldo, Italy, archaeologists have uncovered an Iron Age tomb with over 150 artifacts, including a chariot and bronze helmet, dating to the 7th century B.C.E. This tomb, surrounded by a large circular basin, likely belonged to a Piceni prince and was used for elaborate funerary rituals. The discovery highlights the Piceni's extensive trade with other Italic civilizations like the Etruscans and offers new insights into their aristocratic society. This find sheds light on the rich history of the Piceni people.



Ancient Receipt Discovered in Turkish Excavation

Researchers have identified a 3,500-year-old clay tablet from Turkey as an ancient receipt for furniture. Discovered in Reyhanli, the tablet details a purchase of wooden tables, chairs, and stools, written in Akkadian—a Semitic language. This small, cuneiform-engraved tablet offers valuable insight into the economic practices of Late Bronze Age Anatolia. The find highlights the region's administrative record-keeping and provides a glimpse into everyday life in ancient times.



Rembrandt's Golden Secret Revealed

The golden color in Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* comes from arsenic. Scientists discovered that the artist used arsenic-based pigments to give the painting its glowing effect. They found this in the lieutenant's uniform, where the golden color was created by mixing arsenic with other minerals. This finding is part of the Rijksmuseum's Operation Night Watch, which is studying the painting to understand Rembrandt's techniques and materials better.



A Statue of Johnny Cash Is Coming to the U.S. Capitol

Next month, Johnny Cash will be immortalized in bronze and join the distinguished figures of the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall. The statue, created by Little Rock sculptor Kevin Kresse, will honor Cash alongside civil rights leader Daisy Bates, whose statue was unveiled in May. This change replaces earlier statues of Uriah Milton Rose and James P. Clarke, whose legacies include troubling aspects. Cash, renowned for his genre-spanning music and deep messages of love, will be depicted with a guitar and Bible, symbolizing his profound impact and enduring values.



MASTERPIECE

Egyptian Mummy 'Screaming Woman' May Have Died in Pain



In 1935, archaeologists discovered a mummy near Luxor known as the "Screaming Woman" because of her eerie open mouth. New research suggests she might have suffered a rare muscle reaction called cadaveric spasm, which causes extreme stress or pain at death, leaving her mouth open. Despite her elaborate mummification with expensive materials like juniper and frankincense, her mouth remained gaping, possibly due to this condition.

LEGACY

Yamini Krishnamurthy Bridging Tradition and Art

HIGHLIGHT

● Yamini's execution of intricate footwork and expressive gestures was characterised by a rare combination of precision and dynamism, setting her apart as a performer.

ancient epics and mythological tales were not just performances but living, breathing works of art that bridged the past and present. Krishnamurthy was not only a performer but a torchbearer for classical dance. She played a crucial role in revitalizing and preserving traditional forms, ensuring their relevance in the modern era. Her teaching and choreography inspired countless students, many of

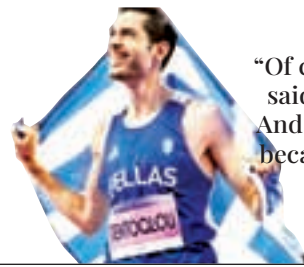


Krishnamurthy was a Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi veteran

whom have carried forward her legacy. Her influence extended beyond the stage; she was a cultural ambassador, representing India's rich heritage on international platforms, and a mentor who nurtured the next generation of dancers. Her dedication to the arts was also evident in her role as an academic, contributing to the field through research and publications. The passing of Yamini Krishnamurthy in 2024 marks the end of an era, but her legacy endures in every graceful movement and evocative performance that continues to inspire and captivate. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on the world of classical dance, ensuring that her spirit will forever dance through the ages.

Yamini Krishnamurthy, who graced the world with her artistry from 1940 to 2024, was a towering figure in Indian classical dance. Renowned for her unparalleled mastery in Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, Krishnamurthy's performances were a mesmerizing blend of grace, emotion, and technical brilliance. From her early years, Yamini's passion for dance was evident. Trained under eminent gurus such as Vempati Chinna Satyam for Kuchipudi and Rukmini Devi Arundale for Bharatanatyam, she quickly became a prodigy, captivating audiences with her expressive storytelling and fluid movements. Her interpretations of

Sports



"Of course I will go," Tentoglou said. "(For 2032), we will see. And also (for 2028), we will see because you never know. But I will try."

Miltiadis Tentoglou
Greek Athletes

Manu Bhaker arrives home to enthusiastic reception

Star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker received a grand welcome in New Delhi after winning two historic bronze medals at the Paris Olympics, amid enthusiastic supporters.

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NEW DELHI: Lifted on shoulders, garlanded and showered with rose petals -- star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker's return to the country was a memorable affair as hundreds of supporters braved a steady drizzle to welcome her on Wednesday after her historic feat of winning two medals in a single edition of the Olympics. The Air India flight (AI 142), which brought Bhaker from Paris to Delhi, landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport at around 9:20am, delayed by one hour. Hundreds of people, who waited at the airport long before her arrival despite the morning drizzle in the city, accorded her and her coach Jaspal Rana an enthusiastic reception.

The 22-year-old Bhaker won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event, in which she had paired with Sarabjot Singh, to script Olympic history for the country.

Before her, only British-Indian athlete Norman Pritchard had achieved the rare landmark for the country with his two silver medals in 200m sprint and 200m hurdles at the 1900 Olympics but this happened in the pre-independence era.



Manu Bhaker received a grand welcome in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● Manu Bhaker greeted with garlands, rose petals, and celebratory dhol amid enthusiastic supporters.

● Bhaker displayed her two Paris Olympic medals to the cheering crowd at the airport.

Before leaving for India, Bhaker had stated that she was looking forward to a grand welcome and she was not disappointed on Wednesday.

The youngster was greeted with bouquets, garlands, and celebratory dhol after emerging from the airport exit. Rose petals were also showered on her and Rana as soon as they came out amid significant police presence to manage the crowd. Bhaker and Rana were eventually lifted on the shoulders by the gathering. The multiple time World Cup-medallist gold-medallist proudly displayed her two Paris medals to the crowd, while smiling and waving at them. Among those present were Bhaker's parents -- Ram Kishan and Sumedha -- and sports enthusiasts and officials from her home state Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand, the state to which Rana belongs.

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BEST OF THE REST

TENNIS

Bianca Andreescu beaten by Lesia Tsurenko in Toronto match

TORONTO: Bianca Andreescu's strong start turned into an early exit to her first hard-court tournament of the year, as the Canadian was beaten 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Lesia Tsurenko on Tuesday night at the National Bank Open. Andreescu won her home tournament in her 2019 season that was highlighted later by the U.S. Open title. But she hadn't played on hard courts since Montreal last year, ending her season because of a back injury and not returning until this year's French Open. Andreescu was coming off a second-round loss to eventual silver medalist Donna Vekic in the Olympics. She nearly rallied in the third set Tuesday after falling behind 5-0. Tsurenko was joined in the second round by fellow Ukrainians Elina Svitolina and Marta Kostyuk. **PTI**

PARIS GAMES

Tentoglou joins Carl Lewis in consecutive Olympic golds



SAINT-DENIS: Miltiadis Tentoglou flexed his biceps, draped the Greek flag over his shoulders and stared up into the clear night sky above the packed Stade de France. It was a moment to savor: Tentoglou became only the second man after Carl Lewis to win two consecutive Olympic long jump titles, adding the gold at the 2024 Games on Tuesday night to the one he claimed at Tokyo three years ago. "It's a great achievement," said Tentoglou, who also claimed the world title last year. "Not bad." **PTI**

India's Crushing Defeat

Wellalage consigns India to 110-run defeat with five-wicket haul, SL win ODI series 2-0



COLOMBO: Sri Lanka secured a historic 2-0 ODI series win over India, their first since 1997, by defeating Rohit Sharma's team by 110 runs in the final match on Wednesday. Chasing 249 on a turning pitch at Premadasa, India collapsed to 138 all out in 26.1 overs. Sri Lankan spinners, led by Dunith Wellalage's five-wicket haul (5/27), dismantled the Indian batting lineup. Earlier, Avishka Fernando's 96

and Kusal Mendis' 59 helped Sri Lanka post 248/7. Despite a quickfire 35 from Rohit Sharma, Indian batsmen struggled against spin. Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant failed to capitalize, while debutant Riyan Parag impressed with 3/54 but couldn't turn the tide. New coach Gautam Gambhir faces a tough task ahead as India looks to regroup before their next series. **PTI**

Ukrainian wrestler has a goal for Paris

PARIS: Zhan Beleniuk's focus wavered at times as he trained in hopes of winning a second Olympic gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling. The Ukrainian doesn't just represent his country in international competition. He's a member of parliament. And since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, well, it's been easy for his mind to drift. "It's difficult because you are thinking about your safety, the safety of your relatives, your friends," Beleniuk said. "And you know, it's not comfortable training when some missiles are flying about your head. That's why it's difficult, it's dangerous. But it's our reality." Beleniuk, 33, said his team mostly trained in Ukraine before the Games, but it spent more time outside the country than usual, including places such as Croatia and Poland.

CENTRAL REGIONAL TT AND BADMINTON

Baiswade and Richa win regional Table Tennis titles

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S. Harshvardhan Sharma and Shourya Yadu win men's and women's badminton titles.

RAIPUR: The 56th Central Regional Table Tennis and Badminton Competition, organized by the Life Insurance Corporation of India, Raipur Division, concluded today at the Sapre School sports complex. The event saw 30 players from 8 divisions across Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh compete over two days.

In the men's table tennis category, Vinay Baiswade of Raipur Division emerged victorious by defeating Keshav Khandelwal, also from Raipur



FACTFILE

● Baiswade defeated Keshav Khandelwal 4-0 to win the men's title.

● Richa Patwardhan triumphed over Preeti Bura with a dominant 4-0 victory.

Division, 4-0 in the final. In the semifinals, Baiswade had a dominant 4-0 win over Himanshu Rangshahi of Indore Division, while Khandelwal edged

past Devendra Kumar of Bhopal Division in a tight 4-3 match. For the women's table tennis category, Richa Patwardhan of Indore Division claimed victory by defeating Preeti Bura of Jabalpur Division 4-0 in the final. Patwardhan had earlier triumphed over Shreeji Gupta of Shahdol Division 4-0 in the semifinals, while Bura won a close 4-3 match against Sakshi Dhanvijay of Raipur Division. Dhanvijay and Gupta secured third and

fourth places, respectively.

In badminton, S. Harshvardhan Sharma of Raipur Division won the men's category by defeating Shivendra Pandey of Satna Division 21-11, 21-19. In the women's category, Shourya Yadu of Raipur Division was declared the winner after Kavita Dixit of Raipur Division had to withdraw due to an injury, despite winning the first game 21-14 and leading 19-18 in the second. The prize distribution ceremony featured Sumit Kumar Dasgupta, Regional Manager (HRD), Life Insurance Corporation of India, Central Regional Office Bhopal, as the chief guest. The event was well-received by both the insurance employees and the sports-loving public of Raipur.

HOCKEY

Disappointed, but aiming for bronze: Harmanpreet

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PARIS: Indian hockey team skipper Harmanpreet Singh and veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh on Tuesday expressed their disappointment at not being able to realise their goal of winning the gold medal at the Paris Olympics but said a bronze will be at least better than returning home

This is extremely disappointing as we came here to win a gold medal. It's better to go home with bronze than nothing.

Harmanpreet Singh
Indian Captain

empty-handed. India missed a golden chance



to enter the hockey final of the Olympics for the first time in 44 years as they went down 2-3 to Germany in a close last-four clash at the Games here. India will now take on Spain in the bronze medal match, while Germany will be up against Netherlands in the final.

"This is extremely disappointing as we came here to win a gold medal.

But, having said that, it's better to go home with bronze than nothing," Harmanpreet told Jio Cinema after the match.

"When you lose in the semifinal game, it's not that easy to take as reaching the final is a dream of any athlete," the captain added. India coach Craig Fulton also expressed his sadness following the defeat.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN OLYMPIC SWIMMING MEDALS



Source: Olympic.org

OLYMPIC SOCCER

Brazil sets up Olympic final against the US with a 4-2 win over Spain

MARSEILLE: Brazil will meet the United States in the final of the Olympic women's soccer tournament after beating world champion Spain 4-2.

Gabi Portilho and Adriana struck at Stade de Marseille after an own goal from Irene Paredes had put the two-time silver medalist in an early lead.

Victory means Brazil great Marta should get the chance to end her glittering international career by competing for gold after being suspended for the quarterfinals and semifinals. The 38-year-old Marta has said her sixth Olympics will be her last major tournament with the national team. Spain won't get the chance in Paris to further cement its place at the top of women's soccer by adding Olympic gold to the World Cup it won last year. Paredes' sixth-minute own goal put Brazil in control and Portilho doubled the advantage in the fourth minute of first-half stoppage time. Adriana's header in 71st underlined Brazil's dominance. **PTI**

OLYMPICS

Cuban Greco-Roman wrestler Mijain Lopez wins record fifth gold



PARIS: Mijain Lopez has gone out on top. The 41-year-old Cuban defeated Yasmani Acosta Fernandez of Chile 6-0 in the 130-kilogram final at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday to win his fifth consecutive gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling. He's the first Olympic athlete to win gold in the same event at five consecutive Games, and the first wrestler to win five gold medals. "What's great is the joy," Lopez said through a translator. "It was a result that I was craving, but also for the whole world and my country." **PTI**



Vinesh's Olympic dreams dashed tragically

Vinesh Phogat's Olympic dreams were shattered when she was disqualified for being 100 grams overweight. Despite becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the gold medal bout, her efforts ended in heartbreak due to strict weight regulations.

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Vinesh's incredible journey ended with severe dehydration and disqualification.

PARIS: An entire nation's hopes were crushed under the weight of 100 grams. With hours to go before Vinesh Phogat's gold medal bout on Wednesday, she stood on the scales: the figures on the display were horrifying. For her 50kg category bout, she was 100gm overweight, leading to an automatic disqualification on perhaps the biggest day of her sporting career.

No amount of pleading by Indian officials to get some more time to shed those 100gm was going to change the rules and so that's how it stayed, ending Vinesh's tale of resilience at the Olympics.

She had scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the gold medal bout on Tuesday night and before this morning, she was assured of at least a silver medal.

But she will now be coming back empty-handed. The shattered 29-year-old had to be taken to the polyclinic inside the Games village due to severe dehydration earlier in the day.

"I met Vinesh at the Olympic Village Polyclinic a short while ago and assured her of complete



Indian Olympics Association (IOA) President PT Usha meets wrestler Vinesh Phogat.

HIGHLIGHT

● Indian officials' pleas for extra time to cut weight were denied.

support of the Indian

Olympic Association, Government of India and the whole country. We are providing Vinesh all medical and emotional support," Indian Olympic Association President P T Usha said in a statement

after the stunning turn of events.

"The Wrestling Federation of India has filed an appeal to UWW to reconsider the decision to disqualify Vinesh and IOA is following that up in the

strongest possible manner," she added.

The protests and appeals can continue but the cold fact was that Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who lost to Vinesh in the semifinals, replaced her in the final.

Contingent's Chief Medical Officer Dr Dins-haw Pardiwala explained the process of weight cut and said that every possible trick was used to ensure that Vinesh could be within the prescribed limit.

"The process of weight cut involves a calculated restriction of food and water along with sweating from exercises and sauna till the morning weigh-in. This weight cut causes weakness and energy depletion, which is counter-productive to participation," he said.

"...for energy restoration, limited water and high energy foods are given after weigh-in. Vinesh's nutritionist had calculated this to be 1.5 kg. There sometimes is also a rebound weight gain following competition," he added.

Pardiwala revealed that Vinesh had been merely given small amounts of water to prevent dehydration after three draining bouts on Tuesday.

"Her post participation weight was found to be increased. The coach initiated the normal process of weight cut that he has always employed with Vinesh and felt confident that it would be achieved.

PM offers words of support

In Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered words of support to Vinesh, who was at the forefront of a lengthy protest alleging government inaction against former Wrestling Federation of India head Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was accused of sexual harassment by women wrestlers. "Vinesh, you are a champion among champions! You are India's pride and an inspiration for each and every Indian. Today's setback hurts. I wish words could express the sense of despair that I am experiencing," he posted on X. "At the same time, I know that you epitomise resilience. It has always been your nature to take challenges head on. Come back stronger! We are all rooting for you," he added. It is learnt that the PM spoke to IOA President P T Usha and asked her to explore every available avenue that might help Vinesh's case. "PM spoke to IOA President PT Usha and sought first hand information from PT Usha on the issue and the options India has in the wake of Vinesh's setback," a source said. "He asked her to explore the full range of options to help Vinesh's case. He also urged PT Usha to file a strong protest regarding her disqualification if that helps Vinesh," he added.



I think it might be sabotage: Vijender

New Delhi: Indian boxing stalwart Vijender Singh has alleged that wrestler Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the Olympics final might be a case of sabotage as elite athletes like her are well-versed with the techniques of cutting weight before major competitions. Vijender, who is India's first and only male boxer to have won an Olympic medal, knows a thing or two about maintaining weight before major bouts and he said it is shocking that Vinesh (50kg) was 100gm over in the weigh-in before an Olympic final. "I think it might be sabotage. 100gm, you have got to be kidding me. We athletes can shed 5 to 6kg overnight. It is difficult no doubt but we know how to control our hunger, thirst, and exert to the extreme," the middle-weight (75kg) boxer told PTI. "And when I say sabotage I mean people who are not happy to see India rise as a sporting nation. This girl has been through so much, your heart breaks for her. What more could she have done? Which other test?" he wondered.



| OLYMPICS TT |

India loses to Germany 1-3 in women's TT team event

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India's table tennis campaign ended as Germany secured a semifinal berth with a decisive victory.

PARIS: Archana Kamath gave a brief resistance but that was not enough as India lost 1-3 to technically superior Germany in the women's table tennis team event quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics here on Wednesday.

Indian table tennis campaign ended with the loss.

The Indian duo of Sreeja Akula and Archana lost the opening doubles match 5-11 11-8 10-12 6-11 to the German pair of Yuan Wan and Xiona Shan. Sreeja and Archana were holding the fort till the third game but they lost it in deuce. Thereafter, they



HIGHLIGHT

● Archana Kamath's effort provided brief resistance in the match against technically superior Germany.

lost the match.

In the first singles, star Indian Manika Batra was not at her best as she won the first game but lost the next three (11-8 5-11 7-11)

5-11) against Annett Kaufmann as Germany took 2-0 lead in the tie.

It was at this point that Archana gave India a glimmer of hope as she held off Germany charge briefly with a 19-17 1-11 11-5 11-9 win over Xiona Shan in the second singles.

But in the third singles, Kaufmann blanked Sreeja 11-6 11-7 11-7 to seal the tie for Germany and book a semifinal berth.

Annu Rani, Yarraji struggle in Paris

PARIS: Experienced Indian javelin thrower Annu Rani once again failed to impress on the global stage as she made a qualification round exit from the Olympics with an extremely poor performance here on Wednesday. The 31-year-old national record holder opened her event with 55.81m and could not improve upon that mark in her next two attempts, which measured 53.22m and 53.55m, to finish at 15th among 16 competitors in Group A and 26th overall. In another below-par show, national record holder 100m hurdler Jyothi Yarraji failed to book an automatic semifinal spot after finishing seventh in her round one heat race. The Olympic debutant, who is the first Indian to compete in 100m hurdles in the Games, clocked a below-par 13.16 seconds in heat number four to finish 35th overall out of 40 total

| OLYMPIC WRESTLING |

Antim Panghal crashed to a humiliating 0-10 defeat

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Antim Panghal suffered a crushing 0-10 defeat to Turkey's Yetgil Zeynep at the Olympics.

PARIS: India's biggest wrestling medal hope Antim Panghal crashed to a humiliating 0-10 defeat at the hands of her Turkish opponent Yetgil Zeynep in the women's 53 kg category at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday. Antim, who was one of the first to gain an Olympic quota in the category earlier owned by Vinesh Phogat, was outclassed in 101 seconds in the first round.

The Turkish wrestler emerged victorious by virtue of "Technical



HIGHLIGHT

● Zeynep dominated, winning by "Technical Superiority" in just 101 seconds, leaving Antim devastated.

Superiority" where she had a clear 10-point lead over her Indian opponent.

Zeynep was in complete control as she first pinned Antim for two points, followed by another two and then performed a double flip to get four points.

She completed the rout with another two points when the referee stopped the bout leaving Antim in tears.

However, if Zeynep qualifies for the final, Antim will have a shot at repechage.

| CHOPRA EYES GOLD |

Tough challenge awaits Chopra in his bid for title

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PARIS: His stunning monster throw of 89.34m in the qualification round made quite a statement but a tough challenge awaits defending champion Neeraj Chopra as he seeks another piece of history in the Paris Olympics men's javelin throw final round here on Thursday.

Just like he did at the same stage in the Tokyo Olympics three years back, Chopra needed just

a few seconds to top the qualification round with his opening throw but the similarity ends there.

This time, the quality of the field is better than Tokyo with nine throwers crossing the automatic final round qualification mark of 84m in Paris as against six in Tokyo. Out of the nine, five made it to the final round with their first throws and thus will have a lot in their tanks for the medal round.

The 26-year-old Chopra knows it too well,



having been in the global circuit for more than eight years.

"In the final, everyone has a different mindset and different situation. It will be a good competition. Whoever qualifies automatically is the best in preparation," Neeraj told journalists after his 'lightning' appearance on the field.

He was in a hurry to go back to the Games Village and take rest to prepare for his best for the final round, as a lot is at stake

on Thursday.

Chopra will have a chance to become only the fifth man in Olympic javelin throw history to defend the title.

Eric Lemming (Sweden; 1908 and 1912), Jonni Myyra (Finland; 1920 and 1924), Jan Zelezny (Czech Republic; 1992, 1996 and 2000) and Andreas Thorkildsen (Norway; 2004 and 2008) are the only ones to have defended the men's javelin gold medals in the Olympics.

Lakshya may look at mind training: Gavaskar

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MUMBAI: Former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar believes young shuttler Lakshya Sen has all the requisite qualities of a champion but needs to look into mental training after missing out of an Olympic medal at Paris Games. The 22-year-old Sen suffered two heart-breaking losses in the semifinals and bronze medal playoff despite being in advantageous position in both

the matches as a medal slipped out of his hands at the Olympics. "I was a bit disappointed because both times (in the semifinal and bronze medal match), Lakshya had taken the lead and then wasn't able to sustain it. Whether it is more of a mental issue because that is what needs to be really looked at," he said on the sidelines of the launch of Spartan Racing. "Even Prakash (Padukone) made the point that he doesn't know why he lost.

World



"I'm troubled by the reports of atrocities against minorities, including Hindus, and against their temples in Bangladesh."

Naor Gilon
Israeli Ambassador to India



Bangladeshi people gather outside the prime minister's house in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

TURKIYE ICJ
Turkey to submit request to join genocide case against Israel

ANKARA (TURKIYE): Turkiye will file a request with a United Nations court on Wednesday to join South Africa's genocide lawsuit against Israel, a Turkish official said. Turkiye's ambassador to the Netherlands will submit a declaration of intervention to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Foreign Ministry spokesman Oncu Keceli said.

Turkiye, one of the fiercest critics of Israel's actions in Gaza, will become the latest nation to seek to participate in the case. "No country in the world is above international law," Keceli said in a post on X. "The case at the International Court of Justice is extremely important in terms of ensuring that the crimes committed by Israel do not go unpunished." Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accused Israel of genocide, called for it to be punished in international courts and criticised Western nations for backing Israel. In May, Turkiye suspended trade with Israel, citing its assault on Gaza.



PAK ROBBERY
Four held for robbing German tourist in Pak's Punjab

LAHORE: Lahore police have arrested seven suspects, including four policemen, for allegedly robbing a German tourist in the Punjab province of Pakistan. Berg Florine, 27, was camping near the Lahore airport last week when two armed men approached him, police said. The suspects stole his mobile phone, cash and camera worth PKR 550,000 at gunpoint, they said. Florine submitted a complaint to police, stating that he was visiting Pakistan on his bicycle and had erected his tent for the night on a piece of meadow near a street on August 3. At night, some people robbed and manhandled him, Florine said in his complaint. Lahore police chief said in a statement on Wednesday that police have arrested three suspects involved in robbing the German citizen.

Authorities scramble to control law & order in B'desh

Chaos reigned supreme in Bangladesh after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on Monday.

HIGHLIGHT

• The students, including members of Bangladesh Scouts, were seen controlling the traffic movement at several places.

• There were reports of attacks on police stations and facilities across the country on Tuesday.

are properly in place," said Rahman, who has now been appointed as the Director General of RAB in a fresh reshuffle on Wednesday. There were reports of attacks on police stations and facilities across the country on Tuesday, result-

ing in numerous police casualties, which have led to this unprecedented situation, the newspaper said.

The authorities reconstituted the top positions of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) on Wednesday. "AKM Shahidur Rahman has been appointed as Director General of RAB while Md Mainul Hasan will replace Habibur Rahman as the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police," news portal Prothom Alo said. The reshuffle comes hours after President Mohammed Shahabuddin appointed Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus as the head of an interim government

on Tuesday night. Attorney General Advocate Abu Mohammad Amin Uddin, who was appointed in October 2020, resigned on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, businesses on Wednesday demanded immediate restoration of law and order to ensure the safety of their production units amid incidents of arson attacks on factories over the last two days. They said they opened factories today, particularly the garment units, but many cannot run properly fearing unrest and vandalism, the Daily Star newspaper reported, citing a press conference by the International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh (ICC-B).

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DHAKA: Students carried out traffic management as volunteers for the second consecutive day on Wednesday in Bangladesh, as a top police official called on every member of the police force to resume their duties gradually and maintain public safety and law and order. The students, including members of Bangladesh Scouts, were seen controlling the traffic movement at several places, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported.

"The police are friends of the people and work for the public. We cannot imagine a society without the police. Therefore, I request our police members once again to ignore rumours and return to their duties in a phased manner, ensuring that security arrangements

Doctor arrested on suspicion of killing 4

BERLIN: A doctor has been arrested in Berlin on suspicion of killing four elderly patients and trying to cover up the evidence by setting fires at their homes, authorities said Wednesday.

The 39-year-old doctor, who was part of a nursing service's palliative care team, was ordered to remain in custody on Tuesday pending a possible indictment, police and prosecutors said in a statement. His name wasn't released in line with Germany privacy rules.

He is accused of killing four patients who were in the nursing service's care in June and July, though investigators don't yet know how, and then attempting -- with mixed success -- to set fires in their apartments.

NEPAL CRASH

Helicopter with 5 people on board crashes in Nepal

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Four Chinese tourists and a Nepali pilot were killed on Wednesday when a helicopter crashed in the mountains northwest region of Kathmandu.

KATHMANDU: The crash took place in the border area between Kathmandu and Nuwakot districts. A Nuwakot district police official said all five persons, including the pilot, on board the helicopter belonging to private airline, Air Dynasty, were killed in the crash.

The 9N-AJD helicopter crashed at the Shivapuri National Park area in Nuwakot district, some 30 km North-West of



Wreckage of a helicopter at the site of crash at Suryachaur area.

FASTFACTS

• The 9N-AJD helicopter crashed at the Shivapuri National Park area in Nuwakot district, some 30 km North-West of Kathmandu at around 2 pm local time.

Kathmandu at around 2 pm local time, he said. According to the Civil Avi-

ation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), the helicopter was heading towards Rasuwa's Syafrubesi area from Kathmandu with four Chinese passengers. The chopper took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport at 1.54 pm and lost contact with the tower just three minutes after take off, the CAAN

said in a press release. The chopper was piloted by captain Arun Malla. There were three male and one female Chinese nationals in the chopper. The dead bodies were taken to Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital at Maharajgunj in Kathmandu for postmortem, the airline's officials said.

The crash comes just two weeks after a Saurya Airlines plane crashed at the Tribhuvan International Airport on July 24. The crash claimed the lives of 18 people on board, with the captain being the sole survivor. The latest incident raises serious concerns about air safety over the skies of the Himalayan nation, which has witnessed numerous air crashes in recent years.

UK RIOT

'Standing army' of UK police prepares for more clashes

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LONDON: Thousands of police personnel, including those with specialist training, are geared up as the so-called "standing army" of defence against an expected surge of far-right anti-immigration protests on Wednesday, this time targeted at immigration lawyers and their offices.



After a week of violent clashes on the streets of different cities across the UK, British Prime Minis-

ter Keir Starmer chaired his second emergency COBRA meeting on Tuesday evening with min-

isters, police chiefs and security experts to draft a detailed strategy to counter any further riots. A list of solicitors' firms and immigration advice agencies has been circulating online, inviting protesters to "mask up" and turn out - described by the government as "unacceptable". "We're doing everything we can to ensure

that where a police response is needed, it's in place, where support is needed for particular places, that is in place," Starmer told reporters after the Cabinet Office Briefing Room A (COBRA) meeting. "Obviously it's a difficult situation with disorder going on in a number of different places at the same time.

BANGLA ZIA

Not 'anger' or 'revenge' but 'love and peace' will rebuild Bangladesh, says Khaleda Zia



DHAKA: A day after her release from house arrest, Bangladesh's former prime minister and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia on Wednesday thanked the people of the country for their "struggle to make possible the impossible" and said it is not "anger" or "revenge" but "love and peace" which will rebuild the nation. In her first public speech since 2018, delivered via video link at the Bangladesh National Party (BNP) rally in Nayapaltan, 79-year-old Zia appealed for calm. She thanked people as they fought and prayed for her to be released from imprisonment, The Daily Star newspaper reported.

"I have been released now. I want to thank the brave people who were in a do-or-die struggle to make possible the impossible. This victory brings us a new possibility to come back from the debris of plunder, corruption and ill-politics. We need to reform this coun-

try as a prosperous one," Zia said. Urging all to strengthen the hands of the youths, the former premier said, "Youths are our future.

We need to build a democratic Bangladesh to fulfil their dream, and for which they shed their blood...No destruction, no anger and no revenge, we need love and peace to rebuild our country." Zia was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018 under the rule of Sheikh Hasina, 76, who resigned as prime minister on Monday and fled to India in the face of massive protests against her government.

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