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## India win back-to-back Olympic hockey bronze

Harmanpreet Singh lead India beat Spain 2-1 to claim 2nd consecutive bronze medal.

**Anisur Rahman**

**PARIS:** Skipper Harmanpreet Singh rose to the occasion once again with twin strikes as the Indian hockey team beat Spain 2-1 to claim a second consecutive bronze medal at the Olympics and give a perfect send-off to veteran custodian P R Sreejesh here on Thursday.

The Indians recovered from the heart-wrenching 2-3 defeat to Germany in the semifinal and played positive hockey for most part of the match to come out trumps. Harmanpreet (30th, 33rd minutes) converted two penalty corners after Spain skipper Marc Miralles gave his side the lead against the run of play in the 18th minute from a penalty stroke. The Indians regrouped themselves and showed their mental strength to claim another podium finish at the world's biggest sporting spectacle. This was



India's players celebrate after winning the men's bronze medal field hockey match. | Photo PTI

**HIGHLIGHT**

● 36-year-old Sreejesh came up with some excellent saves to leave his mark in the final game of his illustrious career that spanned 18 years.

**Will be cherished for generations**

**Narendra Modi**  
Prime Minister  
after they broke a 41-year jinx by claiming a bronze

in Tokyo three years ago. The 36-year-old Sreejesh came up with some excellent saves to leave his mark in the final game of his illustrious career that spanned 18 years. The Indians were the aggressors in the

first quarter, dominating the early exchanges with precision, but Spain came back hard after the first 15 minutes. Spain had nine penalty corners as against India's six of which the latter converted two.

**ED attaches Rs 113-crore assets**

**NEW DELHI:** Seventy acres of land and flats in Gurugram, a few dwelling units in Mumbai, a farmhouse in Delhi and fixed deposits worth about Rs 113 crore of Amit Katyal, an alleged "close associate" of RJD chief Lalu Prasad's family, and his realty companies have been attached under the anti-money laundering law, the ED said Thursday.



**CBI arrests ED asst. director for bribery**

**NEW DELHI:** The CBI has arrested Sandeep Singh Yadav, an assistant director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 20 lakh from Mumbai-based jeweler Vipul Harish Thakkar, officials said on Thursday.

The ED had conducted searches at Thakkar's premises on August 3 and 4. Yadav reportedly threatened to arrest Thakkar's son unless he paid Rs

25 lakh, later reduced to Rs 20 lakh. Thakkar approached the CBI, leading to a verification process that revealed a criminal conspiracy by Yadav to extort money for not arresting Nihar Thakkar, Vipul's son.

Yadav, an officer from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), was caught red-handed in the national capital while accepting the bribe, as per the CBI FIR and officials. The investigation is ongoing.

**NEWSLINE**

**NEW DELHI**  
**Jamia Millia suspends former VC**  
Jamia Millia Islamia Officiating Vice-Chancellor Mohammad Shakeel has suspended with immediate effect his predecessor Eqbal Husain over alleged charges of "misuse of power" in a case involving the selling of a land on which the university has pre-emptive right, an official order on Thursday said.

**CHAIBASA**  
**CoBRA battalion jawan injured**  
A CoBRA battalion jawan was injured in an IED explosion on Thursday during a search operation against Maoists in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district, police said. The incident occurred around 7.30 am in Saranda forest in Chotanagara police station area, a police statement said.

**Govt withdraws The Waqf Properties Bill, 2014**

**Press Trust Of India**

The Waqf Properties (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants), Bill, 2014 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on February 18, 2014 by erstwhile minority affairs minister K Rahman Khan.



Union Minister Kiren Rijiju speaks in the Rajya Sabha. | Photo PTI

introduced in Rajya Sabha on February 18, 2014 by erstwhile minority affairs minister K Rahman Khan. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on March 5, 2014. Assets dedicated for religious or charitable purposes are referred as Waqf properties.

withdraw the bill and the withdrawal was approved by voice vote in Rajya Sabha by the members. CPI (M) MP John Brittas and IUML MP Abdul Wahab opposed the withdrawal of the bill in the Upper House. Explaining about his stand, Brittas said the bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha precisely because it was intended to free the properties of Waqf properties. The objec-

**FACTFILE**

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tives of the bill are model objective which should be adhered to, he pointed out, and added that this government deliberately delayed getting confirmation of the House and the Parliament. He stated that this bill is being withdrawn precisely to bring another bill to encroach upon Waqf properties, (with diametrically opposite intention. "The intention of the government is suspect. They want to create polarisation in the society. They want to polarise the Indian people. They want to play politics," he alleged.

**Bareilly on edge as serial killer eludes police**

**Press Trust Of India**

Serial killer in UP? 9 women murdered in 13 months.



**BAREILLY:** A strangler on the loose has sent locals in the Shahi-Sheeshgarh area of Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh under a grip of fear, with the police bereft of a solid lead and clutching onto a few sketches in way of clue to get to the serial killer who has taken nine lives.

Nine women have been killed in the Shahi-Sheeshgarh area since last year and police suspect they all have been perpetrated by the same person who strangled all his/her victims, at least one, by her own saree. The latest victim, Anita Devi from Haujpur village, was found strangled on

July 2, a year since the first murder took place on July 22 last year, when Kusma from Khajuria village met a similar fate. The lack of leads has prompted Bareilly range's inspector general of police Rakesh Singh to take direct command of the investigation. "All nine murders share a similar nature. The local police have not been able to crack the case, and this inactivity cannot continue," Singh said on Wednesday. The timeline of these murders paint a grim picture. According to the police, the second victim in the series was Veeravati from Seva Jwalapur village, who was strangled on August 23 last year. Mehmoodan, an elderly woman, was found in a sugarcane field on October 31, 2023.

**RUDRAPRAYAG**  
**Helicopter services to Kedarnath resume**

The helicopter services to Kedarnath resumed on Thursday while repairing the rain-ravaged trek route to the Himalayan temple went on in full swing, officials said. The helicopter services to Kedarnath were started on Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama's instructions as soon as the weather cleared in the morning, the officials here said.

**HEALTHCARE REPORT**

**Anxiety surge among elderly in Rural India**

**Press Trust Of India**

**NEW DELHI:** Anxiety levels have increased in rural India, a report released on Thursday revealed, stating that nearly 45 per cent respondents said they have suffered anxiety. The prevalence of mental health disorders in India has risen steadily in recent years, contributing to the escalating public health

concern, according to the State of Healthcare in Rural India Report - 2024, which covered a total of 5,389 households in 21 states. "One of the major findings of the survey was related to mental health, revealing that anxiety levels have risen in rural India, making it no longer just an 'urban' phenomenon," the report said. "The study reveals that



45 per cent of the respondents across gender most of the time have anxiety and worry that impacts their state of mind. The data reveals that anxiety and worry impact mental health

**NUMBER**

**73**

● 73 pc of rural households with elderly members need constant care

much more among the older cohorts than those who are younger," it added. The report said that 40 per

cent of those aged 18-25 years admitted feeling anxiety, with the proportion increasing to 53 per cent among those who are 60 and above. The report also talked about the concept of "Neighbourhoods of Care" as a fundamental shift in the approach to health delivery. The report found that 73 per cent of rural households with elderly members need constant care.

**Parl completes budget exercise**

**NEW DELHI:** Parliamentary approval for the Budget 2024-25 was completed on Thursday with the Rajya Sabha returning the relevant legislations to the Lok Sabha after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's spirited reply to the debate emphasising Budget was aimed at promoting investments and creating jobs.

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Regional institute of LNIFE will be opened in Chhattisgarh.  
**Tank Ram Verma**  
State Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare.



Governor Ramen Deka convened a crucial meeting with senior state officials at Raj Bhavan.

## Ramen Deka extends wishes on World Tribal Day

**RAIPUR:** On the occasion of World Tribal Day, Governor Ramen Deka extended his heartfelt wishes to the tribal communities and citizens of Chhattisgarh. Celebrated on August 9, the day is a tribute to the rich culture, customs, languages, and beliefs of tribal societies. In his message, Governor Deka highlighted the significant contributions of the tribal community to both the nation and the state. He emphasized the importance of preserving their vibrant cultural heritage, which adds diversity and strength to our society. Governor Deka praised the simplicity, spontaneity, and purity of the tribal people, noting their deep connection with nature and their role in environmental protection. He acknowledged that modern society has much to learn from the tribal way of life. Paying homage to the revolutionary and courageous figures from tribal history, including martyrs Veer Narayan Singh, Veer Gundadhur, Birs Munda, and the valiant Rani Durgavati, Governor Deka urged everyone to commit to the development and respect of the tribal society.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### FIR FILED

#### FIR filed against KK Srivastava in Rs 15 crore fraud case

**RAIPUR:** An FIR has been lodged against KK Srivastava, a prominent figure from Chhattisgarh, in connection with a massive fraud involving Rs 15 crore. The complaint, filed at Telibandha police station, accuses Srivastava of deceiving a Delhi businessman by promising to secure a Smart City project contract. The victim, Ashok Rawat, owner of Rawat Associates, alleges that KK Srivastava, claiming to be well-connected with political figures during the Congress regime, promised to secure a Rs 500 crore Smart City project. Srivastava purportedly demanded Rs 15 crore as a performance bond to facilitate the deal. According to the FIR, Srivastava prepared fake documents and directed Rawat to deposit the money into seven different bank accounts.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### PNB Zonal Manager meets Arun Sao to discuss eco development initiatives

**RAIPUR:** In a significant development, Ashish Chaturvedi, the General Manager and Zonal Manager for Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand at Punjab National Bank (PNB), met with Arun Sao, the Deputy Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, to discuss the bank's role in fostering economic growth in the state. During the meeting, Chaturvedi underscored PNB's commitment to empowering local businesses and entrepreneurs through various government schemes aimed at promoting economic development. He highlighted the bank's efforts in integrating digital technology across its loan schemes, ensuring faster and more efficient service delivery to customers.



# Schemes should reach tribal, Naxal areas: Guv

Meeting focused on addressing the needs of Naxal-affected and tribal areas.

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**RAIPUR:** Governor Ramen Deka convened a crucial meeting with senior state officials at Raj Bhavan on Thursday to review the administration, law and order, and implementation of government schemes across Chhattisgarh. The meeting focused on addressing the needs of Naxal-affected and tribal areas, disaster management, and other significant issues.

Governor Deka emphasized the importance of integrating Naxalites who

surrender into mainstream society, prioritizing their shelter and support. He stressed that the residents of these regions must receive the benefits of both central and state government schemes. To improve access to information, the Governor called for the development of extensive communication systems in Naxal-affected areas, ensuring that locals are aware of the latest developments and activities.

Director General of Police Ashok Juneja presented an overview of the geograph-

### HIGHLIGHT

● Two new bus depots are being set up in Amanaka and Pandri of the city for the continuous operation of these buses

ical situation in Chhattisgarh and highlighted major incidents over the past five years. The Governor inquired about measures to combat human trafficking and preparations for implementing the new Justice Act. He urged that police officers

maintain physical fitness, adopt a friendly demeanor with the public, and expedite the filling of vacant positions within the force. Additionally, Governor Deka sought details on the expenditure of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and the District Mineral Trust (DMF Fund) dedicated to social and cultural development in scheduled areas. He directed officials to pay special attention to the health security of newborns and to achieve targets set under the Prime Minister's TB Free India Campaign.

## Ranu granted bail by SC, still held on EOW charges

**RAIPUR:** Ranu Sahu, currently imprisoned in connection with the coal levy recovery and money laundering case, has been granted regular bail by the Supreme Court. However, due to ongoing proceedings by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) related to the same matter, Sahu will remain in jail for the time being. Along with Ranu Sahu, businessmen Sunil Agarwal and Deepesh Tank have also received regular bail from the Supreme Court. Despite this development, Sahu's release is pending due to an unresolved money laundering case filed by the EOW in January of this year. He has yet to secure bail for these charges. In a separate legal matter, rice miller Roshan Chandrakar, who is incarcerated in connection with the custom milling incentive scam, was denied bail by the special court. Chandrakar's lawyer reported that the court rejected his bail application today.

# Chief Minister launches 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

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The campaign aims to see the national flag flying in every household.

**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign during Jandarshan on Thursday, celebrating the spirit of Independence Day. The campaign aims to see the national flag flying in every household across the state from August 9 to 15 as part of the Independence Week celebrations. At the Jandarshan event, the Chief Minister distributed national flags to attendees, who waved the tricolor and chanted patriotic slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram." This initiative, part of the Amrit Mahotsav of Inde-



CM Vishnu Deo Sai launching 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at Jandarshan.

### FACTFILE

● Throughout Independence Week, a variety of patriotic activities will take place.

pendence, is designed to inspire all citizens to hoist the national flag at their homes, fostering a sense of national pride and unity. Throughout Independence

Week, a variety of patriotic activities will take place, including Tiranga Yatras, Tricolor Rallies, and Tricolor Marathons at both state and district levels. Participants will be encouraged to take selfies with the tricolor and partake in the tricolor pledge. Special events will also honor freedom fighters and their families. Local level bike, cycle, and car rallies will

be organized, with active participation from youth volunteers, organizations, and state representatives. The campaign will also involve sports and fitness enthusiasts, bloggers, and influencers, who will help promote the spirit of the event through blogs and social media. Patriotic concerts featuring the Tricolor Anthem will be held, and tricolor canvases will be set up for public messages in various Indian languages. Stalls at these events will offer tricolor flags, clothing, and food items.

The Culture Department has issued instructions to District Collectors to ensure comprehensive participation in the "Har Ghar Tiranga" program, urging public sector undertakings, self-help groups, and social organizations to actively engage in the celebrations.

### The Day's NUMBERS

District wise in Chhattisgarh

### HIGHEST NUMBER OF DEATH CASES DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER

Surajpur	751
Bilaspur	708
Janjgir-Champa	662
Korba	641
Balrampur	605

Source :Agencies

### ARRESTED

#### 3 siblings and 2 buyers arrested for stealing from multiple houses

**RAIPUR:** In a major breakthrough, Raipur police have arrested three siblings and two buyers involved in a series of thefts from vacant houses in the DD Nagar police station area. The suspects are accused of breaking into eight different houses and stealing goods valued at Rs 16,51,000, including gold and silver jewelry, cash, mobile phones, and a vehicle used in the crimes. The main accused include Suraj Singh alias Ashutosh (20 years) and Siddharth Singh alias Naintu (24 years): These brothers have a history of theft-related offenses and have served jail time for similar crimes and Aditi Singh alias Simmi (30 years): The sister of Suraj Singh, who was involved in selling the stolen jewelry. The buyers were Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal (40 years) and Arvind Kumar Verma (31 years): Jewelry shop owners from Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, who purchased the stolen jewelry. On June 25, Garima Sharma reported to DD Nagar police that upon returning from her maternal home in Arang, she discovered her house had been burglarized. Locks on the main door and cupboard were broken, and valuable items, including gold and silver jewelry, mobile phones, and cash, were missing.

### PRODUCTION WARRANT

#### Anwar Dhebar and Arunpati Tripathi brought to Raipur for questioning



**RAIPUR:** Businessman Anwar Dhebar and former officer Arunpati Tripathi were transported from Meerut to Raipur on Thursday under a production warrant issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The pair, who were initially involved in a fake hologram case and had been held in Meerut, appeared before the special court in Raipur around 1 pm. The production warrant was issued by the ED as part of an ongoing investigation into a liquor scam. Following the failure to present the challan in the Karnataka case related to the liquor scam, the ED registered a new case. Anwar and Tripathi had been arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (UP STF) in connection with the fake hologram case and were held on judicial remand in Meerut.

### DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW |

## BIS organizes 2-day training program

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**RAIPUR:** The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) successfully conducted a two-day training program on August 6-7, 2024, at Hotel Shamrock Greens, Raipur, aimed at enhancing the teaching of science through standards. The program, titled "Teaching Science through Standards," saw the participation of 102 science faculty teachers from 56 schools across 20 districts of Chhattisgarh. This initiative by BIS is



designed to promote scientific knowledge and understanding among students by integrating standards into the curriculum. As part of this initiative, BIS

has developed 52 lesson plans that focus on the scientific principles applied in everyday products. During the training, science teachers were equipped

### BIS is conducting various outreach programs to raise quality awareness.

**Dibyapandut Chakraborty,** Scientist-G & Deputy DG (Eastern Region), BIS

with these lesson plans to incorporate them into their teaching methodologies.

**Dibyapandut Chakraborty,** Scientist-G & Deputy Director Gen-

eral (Eastern Region), BIS, highlighted the various outreach programs BIS is conducting to raise quality awareness nationwide. These include sensitization programs for government officials, product-related training for industries, standards clubs in academic institutions, and awareness programs in Gram Panchayats. He emphasized the critical role of academic institutions and teachers in fostering a culture of quality awareness across the country.

## Raipur News

# 'Jandarshan' sees huge turnout despite drizzle

CM symbolically distributed amount to 12 beneficiaries.



Large number of people attended CM Vishnu Deo Sai's Jandarshan programme today.

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**RAIPUR:** A large number of people attended Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's Jandarshan programme today, despite the drizzle, to have their concerns addressed. During the event, the Chief Minister launched the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative in Chhattisgarh and distributed National Flags to attendees. He also symbolically distributed assistance amount to 12 beneficiaries, marking the start of a Rs 11.41 crore aid distribution to over 6,200 labour families under various Labour

## FASTFACTS

● **Rs 11.41 cr aid distribution to over 6,200 labour families under various Labour Department schemes.**

● **CM launched the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative in State and distributed National Flags to attendees.**

Department schemes. Chief Minister's Secretary Rahul Bhagat and P. Dayanand along with senior officials and a large number of residents were present on the occasion. Beneficiaries of the

## CM Sai assures parents of Lakshya for his treatment in Ahmedabad

Roshan Sahu, a resident of Raman Mandir Ward in Fafadih, Raipur, explained that his 8-year-old son, Lakshya, suffers from bladder exstrophy. For his treatment, he will need to travel to Ahmedabad regularly, but his financial situation doesn't allow him to. Upon hearing his plight, the Chief Minister directed health department officials to ensure that proper arrangements are made for the child's medical care. The child's father stated "I was exhausted from seeking treatment for a long time and had lost hope. Meeting the Chief Minister has given me new hope."

Mahtari Vandan Yojana, who visited the Chief Minister's residence during the Jandarshan programme, expressed their gratitude for the scheme, highlighting its impact

on empowering women. They mentioned that this Rakshabandhan festival would be more joyous, allowing them to purchase variety of sweets for their brothers.

## 3 Divyang get battery-operated tricycles

**RAIPUR:** At the 'Jandarshan' program held in CM House today, CM Sai distributed battery-operated motorized tricycles to three Divyang (differently-abled) individuals, under the schemes of Social Welfare Department. On this occasion, Komal Lahare, Sana Parveen, and Thagia Sahu expressed their gratitude to the CM. Previously, 18-year-old Sana Parveen from Chaurasia Colony in Raipur, Komal Lahare from Serikhedi village, and Thagia Sahu from Kachna in Dhantari district had to rely on their family and other people for transportation.

## CM promises Bodhanlal to give his due

**RAIPUR:** As an immediate response to a complaint received at Jandarshan regarding delayed payment of compensation against the land acquired, CM Sai gave instructions to release the compensation amount at the earliest. At the Jandarshan program held today, Bodhanlal, a resident of Balod, told Chief Minister that his land was acquired for the construction of the Anda road, but he has not yet received the compensation against the land acquisition.

## Cabinet Committee reviews Politically Motivated Cases

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### HIGHLIGHT

● **The Cabinet Sub-Committee reviewed 46 out of 137 cases related to political movements.**

**RAIPUR:** A meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, was held at his residence office to discuss cases related to purely political movements. The meeting was attended by members of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, including Agriculture Minister Ram Vichar Netam and Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Rajwade.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee reviewed 46 out of 137 cases related to political movements received

from various districts. The Sub-Committee will present its recommendations to the Cabinet for further consideration, following which necessary action will be ensured. The meeting aimed to address politically motivated cases and ensure appropriate action is taken to maintain law and order in the state.

## CM distributes cheques to 12 beneficiaries

**RAIPUR:** A large number of people from across the state gathered at CM House today to attend 'Jandarshan'. They met Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai and shared their grievances and demands with him amidst the drizzle. At the program, Chief Minister handed over cheques of financial aid to 12 beneficiaries under the Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

It is noteworthy that during today's Jandarshan program, the Labour Department of State Government distrib-

uted cheques of financial aid worth Rs 11 crore 41 lakh 25 thousand 500 to 6,205 beneficiaries under various schemes. This included cheques amounting to Rs 5 crore 21 lakh 20 thousand to 2,606 beneficiaries under Mukhyamantri Noni Sashaktikaran Sahayta Yojana, cheques worth Rs five crore 18 lakh 60 thousand to 2,593 beneficiaries under Mini Mata Mahatari Janan Yojana, and cheques amounting to Rs 15 lakh 66 thousand to 827 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Nonihaal Chhatravritti Yojana.

## Chhattisgarh to get Regional Institute of Physical Education

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LNIFE will be established on a 120-acre land identified in Tendua, Nava Raipur.



**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh is set to get a regional institute of Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE), Gwalior, with the state government giving its in-principle approval. The institute will be established on a 120-acre land identified in Tendua, Nava Raipur, which will be allotted to the Sports and Youth Welfare Department by the Revenue Department.

The regional institute will offer specialized courses in physical education and sports, with a capacity to accommodate 1000 students per academic session. It will be a fully residential institute.

Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tank Ram Verma held a meeting with LNIFE Gwalior's Vice-Chancellor Professor Indu Bora to discuss the establishment of the regional institute. The proposal will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, next week, and Minister Verma will meet with Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to request approval. The institute will receive financial assistance from the Government of India. The establishment of the regional institute is expected to provide a boost to sports and physical education in Chhattisgarh.

## CM praises PR Department's 'Janman' booklet

**RAIPUR:** The Public Relations (PR) Department distributed the 'Janman' booklet among the public during today's Jandarshan programme at the Chief Minister's residence. This booklet is designed to inform citizens about the state government's public welfare schemes, policies, and achievements. The goal of distributing the booklet is to raise awareness among the citizens about these schemes, ensuring that more people can benefit from them. A large number of people attended the Jandarshan to meet the Chief Minister, who praised the booklet describing it as 'highly beneficial'. He stated that it serves as a vital tool for connecting common citizens with the state government. CM highlighted the commitment to public welfare and its efforts to educate people about welfare schemes through such publications.

## Need for service road to join Expressway from Amlidih

CITIZENS CONCERN

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150,000 citizens of Amlidih, Rajendra Nagar, and Mahavir Nagar, are not receiving the benefits of the expressway.

**RAIPUR:** On the 12 km expressway from Raipur railway station to New Raipur, service roads have been constructed in Fafadih, Devendra Nagar, Shankar Nagar, and Telibandha to facilitate the movement of citizens. As a result, nearly half of the population of Raipur city is benefiting from this commuting facility, and the canal linking road and expressway have become lifelines for the citizens of Raipur.

However, on the other hand, the 150,000 citizens of Amlidih,



A delegation of Amlidih residents meeting Chief Minister.

Rajendra Nagar, and Mahavir Nagar are not receiving the benefits of the expressway. Consequently, the entire traffic load falls on VIP Road and the Amlidih road, creating a constant risk of accidents. If a service road is constructed in Amlidih, the citizens here will have convenient access to Shankar Nagar, Devendra Nagar, Fafadih, the industrial area, the railway station, and

the airport. This will also reduce traffic pressure on VIP Road and in Amlidih village, thereby preventing accidents.

Landowners have donated their land to the Chhattisgarh Road Development Authority through deeds for the construction of the service road, and it has been recorded in the revenue records. However, the construction of the service road has not yet

### FASTFACTS

● **Landowners have donated their land to the CRDA through deeds for the construction of the service road, and it has been recorded in the revenue records.**

● **Construction of the service road was halted by the Chief Secretary.**

begun! The construction of the service road was halted by the Chief Secretary because the landowners had demanded future entry, which the Chief Secretary outright rejected. Surprisingly, Raipur Municipal Corporation has granted entry permission to Sky Automobiles and Telibandha Developers on the service road since 2020.

FEARLESS AND FLAWLESS |

## Women bloom with urban gardening insights

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**RAIPUR:** The Fearless and Flawless community of women, under the banner of NH Goel Finishing School, recently hosted a captivating session on urban gardening, featuring renowned expert Ms. Simi Khanna from New Delhi. The dynamic group of over 100 women, who meet monthly to explore various topics, were inspired by Ms. Khanna's practical tips and expertise in



designing and enhancing urban gardens. Ms. Khanna emphasized the importance of considering the view

from inside the house when planning a garden, creating a focal point, and incorporating hidden features. She

also stressed the significance of understanding sunlight direction and careful planning to

create a beautiful and functional garden.

The session left the women of Raipur eager to apply Ms. Khanna's insights to their own urban spaces, furthering their journey of growing green and vibrant gardens in the city.

The community's director, Pallavi Goel, aptly summarized the spirit of the gathering, saying, "Strength is not found in lifting ourselves higher; it is found in lifting others with us."

also stressed the significance of understanding sunlight direction and careful planning to

## 46th capacity building prog of NML from Aug 10

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**RAIPUR:** The Anthropological Survey of India and Raja Rammohan Roy PustakalayaPratishtan, an institution working under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, are organizing the 46th Capacity Building Programme of National Library Mission (NML) for Public Library Personnel from 10th to 14th August, 2024 at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. The for-

mal inauguration of the programme will be held on 11th August, 2024 at 03.00 pm at Pt. Sundarlal Sharma Pustakalaya, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. About 60 participants, mainly public library professionals from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Maharashtra will participate in this training programme.

Nationwide 45 training programmes have been conducted so far in different parts of the country.

### NEWSLINE

All India Junior Ranking

Rounak wins Boys' singles title



**RAIPUR:** City-lad Rounak Chauhan has emerged victorious in the Boys' Singles category at the All India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament held in Bhubaneswar. In the final match, Rounak defeated Rajasthan's Sanskar Saraswat with a score of 21-14, 21-12. Rounak overcame Gnan Dattu in the quarterfinals with a score of 18-21, 21-15, 21-13 and Manish Fogat in the semifinals with a score of 21-17, 21-15. The top 8 players in the singles category and the top 4 pairs in the doubles category from this tournament will qualify for the selection tournament to be held in Delhi.

WORLD TRIBAL DAY

Dr. Raman extends greetings

**RAIPUR:** Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh has extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of the state on the occasion of World Tribal Day. In his message, Dr. Singh highlighted the significance of World Tribal Day, emphasizing the need to raise awareness about the challenges faced by tribal communities worldwide. He also emphasized the importance of working towards a better future for tribal communities. Dr. Singh acknowledged the vital role tribal communities play in development at the local, national, and global levels. He also recognized their contributions to social and environmental conservation, stating that they have always been at the forefront of protecting their cultures and traditions.

BADMINTON

Rajul, Siya, Tanisha win matches in Jr Badminton



**RAIPUR:** Rajul Kochar defeated Rashwin Kaur with the score of 30-28 in the Under 15 girls category match of the Sub-Junior Badminton tournament being organized under the aegis of Raipur District Badminton Association (RDBA) at Sapre School here on Thursday.

Similarly, Siya Rajpur defeated Limaya with the score of 33-31 whereas Tanusha Banjerjee and Arna Parsai also won their matches in the same category. In the Boys category matches, Harsh Deshpande defeated Nikhil Jain, Aryan Manik defeated Raghav Verma, Shreyansh Kaushik and Samarth Gupta also won their matches to advance ahead in the tournament.

# Bhilai



"Administration working to achieve target of oil palm plantation in 300 hectares."

Richa Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector, Durg

## Encroachments razed to prevent flooding

Joint team demolishes illegal structures constructed on drains.



Zone Commissioner giving instructions to the enforcement squad.

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### FASTFACTS

● BMC served notices and made public announcement before the drive

● Illegal structures were causing obstruction in drains and roads

**BHILAI:** On Thursday, Bhilai Municipal Corporation took action against encroachments on the road between Avanti Bai Square to Surya Mall Square. The team primarily targeted the illegal constructions on the drains which were obstructing water flow and causing water accumulation on roads during rains. Municipal Corporation Bhilai had given notice to the roadside vendors and shopkeepers. Public announcement was also made to give final warning about two days before

taking forceful action. Some people voluntarily removed the encroachments while BMC had to raze the illegal structures of many other people. The enforcement squad of BMC used earth movers to demolish the structures. Zone Com-

### Denizens appreciate anti-encroachment drive by BMC

During the anti-encroachment drive, many commuters stopped and appreciated the BMC team for removing roadside encroachments. A vehicle driver Krishna said that the encroachers had reduced the road width due to which free traffic movement was affected. The advertisement boards, lights and mini garden made by a petrol pump in Junwani Chowk were also removed.

missioner Yesha Lehre informed that on the instructions of BMC Commissioner Devesh Dhruv, they gave ample time to the encroachers to remove the illegal structures. Lastly, they had to take action

against those who did not respond to the notices. Due to encroachments, BMC staff was not able to clean the drains properly. Water accumulation in drains had created breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

### 481.2 mm rainfall recorded

**BHILAI:** An average rainfall of 481.2 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 08 August. The highest rainfall of 811.6 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 332.1 mm in Dhamdha Tehsil. Apart from this, 402.0 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 390.3 mm in Bori, 426.0 mm in Bhilai 3 and 811.6 mm in Patan. On August 08, 1.2 mm rainfall was recorded in Durg, 8.4 mm in Dhamdha, 1.4 mm in Patan, 2.4 mm in Bhilai-3, 12.7 mm in Ahiwara and 30.6 mm in Bori.

### Solatum compensation granted

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has approved financial assistance grant amount of Rs 50000 each to two accident victims. Shaurya Singh Kashyap and Khuman Singh Kashyap, residents of village Parsada, Tehsil Ahiwara suffered serious injuries due to a vehicle accident on 07 February 2023. Collector has approved solatium compensation of Rs 50000 each to Shaurya Singh Kashyap and Khuman Singh Kashyap.

### New water tank in Sikshak Nagar soon

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**BHILAI:** For the last 15 years, the residents of Sikshak Nagar were continuously demanding to demolish the dilapidated water tank from the Durg Municipal Corporation. The said water tank was maintained by the Public Health Engineering Department 10 years ago at a cost of Rs 30 lakhs, but when the wall got damaged due to the top dome of the water tank falling inside, it was declared as dilapidated. In view of the drinking water supply, water was being supplied by filling it less than the capacity. Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal

and Water Works Incharge Sanjay Kohle were continuously trying to demand funds by sending the esti-

### HIGHLIGHT

● After a demand to demolish the old dilapidated water tank for over 15 years

mate to the government for construction of a new water tank in place of the dilapidated water tank. The government has sanctioned Rs 178.60 lakh for construction of water tank in Sikshak Nagar and Rs. 93.77 lakh for pipeline work under drinking water management in 15th Finance Commission.

### Hariyali Teej Milan Samaroh organised

**BHILAI:** Teej Milan Samaroh was organised in Scindia Nagar to mark the holy month of Sawan. The program began with prayers to Lord Shiv and bhajan kirtan. Women and children performed captivating dances on the traditional songs of Teej festival. Women participated enthusiastically in the Sawan Teej festival program organized by Neelu Self Help Group. The colourful event included mehndi competition, dance, sixteen

adornments, Jhulajhul Sawan were celebrated. While Archana Sharma came first in mehndi competition, Deepika Sahu came first in sixteen adornments, Rekha Singh came first in Hariyali sixteen adornments, Pushpa Pandey won musical chair. Everyone was given prizes. During the programme, Neelu Singh, social worker who organised the event informed that every year on Mahashivratri, Rudrabhishek is also performed.

### Lecture organised on freedom from diabetes & obesity



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### Without medicines through a disciplined lifestyle

**BHILAI:** OA-BSP organised a lecture of renowned physician Dr Jagannath Dixit in which detailed information about freedom from diabetes and obesity was given.

Dr Dixit, a renowned physician of India who gave the mantra of fitness to all the MPs and Chief Secretaries of India during the "Fit India" campaign, explained in detail the need for food in our body and the response of insulin to them and the

process of insulin production in the body.

Dr Dixit showed the way to eliminate diabetes and obesity without medicines through a disciplined lifestyle. Contrary to popular belief, Dr Dixit said that freedom from diabetes is possible if a person controls his life style with complete discipline and stops "emotional eating" and eats only two times a day only when feeling extremely hungry. OA-BSP president NK Banchhor presided over while Dr Ravindranath was present as special guest. OA General Secretary Parvinder Singh conducted the programme.

### Applications invited for guest trainers

**BHILAI:** Temporary appointment of guest trainer is to be done for CM Skill Development Training at Antyavasai Vocational Training Center at Industrial Area Jawahar Nagar, Dhamdha Naka, Durg. Interested persons can submit applications till August 20 to give training in the trade Self Employed Tailor. The applicant must have a Diploma in relevant trade.

### Ration of July available till August 15

**BHILAI:** Under the Public Distribution System, due to non-timely storage of food grains in the shops in the month of July 2024, food grains could not be distributed to some beneficiaries. The government has increased the date of distribution of food grains by 15 August.

## IIT Bhilai observes 9th Foundation Day

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### Joy and fanfare marks the celebration.

**BHILAI:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhilai celebrated its 9th Foundation Day with joy and fanfare. It also presented the institute with an occasion to reflect on its inception and contemplate the significant developments since then.

The function commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony followed by the Saraswati Vandana and felicitation of the dignitaries. The chief guest on the occasion was Shyam Sunder Bajaj, Director General, Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology. K Venkataraman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIT Bhilai, also graced the



A dance being performed at the function

### FASTFACTS

● Journey of IIT Bhilai was shown via a short audio-visual

● Efforts of faculty and staff acknowledged in overcoming initial constraints

occasion.

In his welcome address, Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai, spoke about

and its community. He emphasized the students to pursue the extra-curricular activities apart from the studies.

The 'IIT Bhilai: In Press 2023-24' magazine was released by IIT Bhilai Media Team highlighting the Institute's achievements published by the press over the past year. SS Bajaj addressed the audience and shared his valuable insight.

Awards were given to the best-performing employees of the year. The winners were commended for their hard work, and all the institute members present were encouraged to perform their duties with pride and dedication.

Dr Jayesh Chandra S Pai (Wing Cdr Retd), Registrar, IIT Bhilai delivered the vote of thanks, and the function concluded with the national anthem.

| SCHOOL PREFECTORIAL BODY |

### Investiture Ceremony of Jr Wing held at SSV-X

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**BHILAI:** The most auspicious occasion the investiture ceremony, of the Junior Wing of Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector -X was held on Thursday with full zeal and enthusiasm. The Chief Guest of the day was Padmshri Tanwar (ASP, IUCAW, Durg). The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and garlanding of the portraits of Goddess Saraswati and Sri



Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Swamiji followed by bouquet presentation to the guests by the Head Mistress (Junior Wing), Charneet Kaur Sandhu and the team of

teachers. The ceremony began with the introduction by V Harshita. The school Prefectorial Body was conferred with their respective posts by pinning of badges and sashes

by the Principal. The oath of office was administered by Principal Bipin Deshmukh. Aavaya Verma was conferred with the post of Head Girl and Eshan Madharia with the post

of Head Boy Vice Head Girl - Ammarah Khan, Vice Head Boy- Balraj Singh Sandhu, Cultural Secretary-Janvi Naresh Jadhav and Swarnim Shukla, Sports Secretary-Ritika Roy and G Jyotiraditya, Discipline Secretary - Arshita Siya and Lohitansh Chandrakar, Public Speaking Secretary Ishitia Chandrakar and Vishesh Chawda. Bipin Deshmukh, motivated the newly elected body to perform their duties with sincerity and integrity.

### 27 villagers avail free health services

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**BHILAI:** The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Dumardih the other day. A total of 27 villagers from Dumardih, including 15 men, 10 women, and 02 children availed of free health services at the day-long Health Camp. Free medicines were also distributed to villagers attending the camp. The Medical Team comprising of Dr Nishi Minj, Medical Con-

sultant, Firoza Joseph, Nursing Staff for Blood-Sugar, HB, and BP examination, Susan Jacob, Pharmacist, and Shambhu Dayal, for registration, volunteered their services for the Medical Camp at Dumardih village. Mahra Ram Mandavi, from the CSR department, was also present during the Health Camp. It is noteworthy that conducting Health Camps is one of the prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health and medicine.

### NEWSLINE

#### ARREST Gang of thieves busted



**BHILAI:** Police arrested three persons in connection with theft of LPG cylinders at two places in Jamul Police Station limits. With the help of technical inputs and CCTV footage, police nabbed the suspects who later confessed to committing the crime. The accused Gurpreet Singh (21) of Sai Nagar, Vaishali Nagar; Gagandeep Singh (24) of Vaishali Nagar and Mohammad Daud (24) of Gada Chowk, Supela were arrested under sections 303(2), 331(4), 305, 112(2), 3(5) of BNS. Police recovered ten stolen LPG cylinders from their possession. They were produced before the court and have been sent to jail on judicial remand.

#### BUS STOLEN Thief caught on CCTV

**BHILAI:** A person stealing a passenger bus parked in the New Bus Stand of Durg was caught on CCTV. The victim Mohammad Firoz Rathore is the owner of Reliance Tours and Travels. A spare passenger bus registered in the name of Firoz's son was parked in front of his office in Durg New Bus Stand. Around 03:11 hrs on the intervening night of Wednesday, a person named Ramzan of Takiyapara Durg, used a duplicate key to steal the bus. The entire incident was recorded in the CCTV camera installed in the office of Vrinda Travels, located in the neighbourhood. Police lodged an offence against the accused Ramzan under section 303(2) of BNS.

#### THEFT Tractor and trolley stolen

**BHILAI:** A tractor and trolley were stolen from Anjora main road. The victim Nomeswar Sahu complained that he had purchased a Mahindra Bhumiputra Tractor in the year 2022 and the trolley from Masabhat. As they had not received the registration number, it was not mentioned on the vehicle. From the safety point of view, they had parked the vehicle near Pramod Fashion Garments Shop on Anjora Main Road.

#### BURGLARY

#### BSF jawan's bike lifted

**BHILAI:** Bike of a BSF Jawan was stolen from Supela. The victim Surendra Goswami resides at a rented house in Radhika Nagar and is positioned as Wireless Operator of BSF at Sector 6 Bhilai. On August 04, he consumed liquor and left his scooter (BR37-AB-8333) unlocked near Nizami Square in Supela. Next morning, he reached there to collect his scooter and discovered that it was stolen. Police lodged an offence against unknown thieves under section 303(2) of BNS.

# N-E-W-S



"If any institution established through law becomes autocratic, the government has the right to bring a law to ensure transparency."

**Kiren Rijju**  
Minority Affairs Minister

## Independence Day preparations are on, in Jammu



A shopkeeper arranges tricolour designed caps ahead of Independence Day, in Jammu on , Thursday, . PTI

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ORDER

#### Karnataka High Court rejects PIL against renaming of Basavanagudi ward

**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka High Court on Thursday dismissed a public interest litigation challenging the government's decision to rename Basavanagudi ward in the city as Dooda Ganapathi.

The PIL was filed by Satyalaxmi Rao and others, who argued that the original name holds significant historical and cultural value for the community. A division bench comprising Chief Justice N V Anjaria and Justice K V Aravind ruled against the petition, stating, "The issue of renaming a ward or city does not constitute a matter for public interest litigation. No public interest has been demonstrated to warrant relief for the petitioner."

The petitioners had requested that the court annul the notification issued by the Urban Development Department on September 25, 2023. **PTI**

### GRIVANCES

#### Shivakumar to visit Kanakapura to hold grievance redressal meetings



**BENGALURU:** Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said on Thursday he will visit Kanakapura on second and fourth Saturdays of every month to redress problems facing the people of Bengaluru South district.

He said he will receive pleas from people on those two days.

"It is inconvenient for the people of Bengaluru South district to visit me in Bengaluru. Hence, I have decided to go to their doorstep and listen to their problems," Shivakumar said in a statement. **PTI**

# Incessant rain makes 'Maruganga' river flow through desert

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**JODHPUR:** The rain, a flowing river and the desert. A rare trifecta celebrated by locals in the arid land of Barmer with song, dance and prayers to welcome the unusual sight of the Luni river flowing through their town.

After three days of continuous rain, the river flowed through Samdari town in the western Rajasthan district on Wednesday. It was only for the second time in five years and the locals couldn't have been happier.

Luni River, also known as 'Maruganga' or the Ganga of Rajasthan, originates from the Nag Pahadi in Aravali ranges in Ajmer and flows through nine districts of the state before merging into Gujarat's Rann of Kutch.

However, the river hardly reaches Barmer even when it rains heavily in the region, an expert said.

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### HIGHLIGHT

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Convener of the Jodhpur chapter of the Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) Mahendra Singh Tanwar said the Luni river has had a huge natural and cultural significance in this region since long.

"But due to various factors including negligence of the river for over a decade, the river has an existential

threat," he said.

Tanwar said the river originates in Nag mountains of Ajmer and travels about 495 km before merging into the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.

"The river travels 350 km in Rajasthan through Ajmer, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Pali, Jalore and Barmer districts but hardly reaches Barmer and even during heavy rain," he said.

Former union minister of state Kailash Chaudhary and others also offered prayers at the river while similar scenes were witnessed at a few other places as well.

## Tribal students to be trained in semiconductor technology

**NEW DELHI:** The tribal affairs ministry in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, will provide basic training to 1,500 and advanced training to 600 tribal students in semiconductor technology over the next three years, the government informed Parliament on Thursday.

In response to a question by BJP MP C M Ramesh, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey said his ministry has given the project -- Semiconductor Fabrication & Characterization Training for Students from Tribal Community -- to the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). The project aims to deliver 2,100 NSQF-certified level 6.0 and 6.5 training in semiconductor technology to tribal students over three years, he said.

# 'Adivasi' not just a word, it's a culture: J'khand Governor

Press Trust Of India

"Adivasi is not just a word, it's our culture. If we forget our culture and tradition, we will cause damage to our society and the country. We need to preserve our culture," Jharkhand Governor said.

**RANCHI:** Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Thursday said 'Adivasi' is not just a word but a culture.

The governor was speaking to reporters after participating in a function organized on the eve of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples at Ranchi



The Governor participated in a function at Ranchi. PTI.

Women's College.

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Appreciating the tribal tradition, Gangwar said, "I came to know here that there is no tradition

of giving money (dowry) in the marriage of a girl in tribal society. This is a very good practice and we have to understand how to adopt such good things."

Earlier, speaking at the function at Ranchi Women's College, he said that tribal communities have been an important part of Indian civilization

### FACTFILE

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and culture since ancient times. "Their art, culture, folk literature, traditions and customs are renowned globally," he said. The governor said that the tribal population constitutes about 27 per cent of the state's population of over 3.28 crore, besides there are 32 types of scheduled tribes in the state including eight kinds of particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs).

CM ADITYANATH SAYS

## 'Focusing on developing jobs for youth'

Press Trust Of India

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said, his government is focusing on identifying job opportunities in both the public and private sectors to connect the youth.

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said his government is focusing on identifying and developing opportunities in both the public and private sectors to connect the youth with development and employment.

Adityanath said this during the inauguration of Health City Vistaar (a 300-bed super specialty hospital and trauma centre) in Gomti Nagar Extension here, calling it a "major step towards providing world-class healthcare to the people of Uttar Pradesh."

"We are focusing on developing job opportunities in both the govt. and private sectors for youth."

**Yogi Adityanath**  
CM, Uttar Pradesh



Investors Summit. "We are focusing on identifying and developing opportunities in both the government and private sectors

to connect this vast population with development and employment," the chief minister said while emphasizing that UP is home to 25 crore people. He noted that since the BJP government took office in 2017, significant efforts have been made to boost employment in both sectors, resulting in job opportunities for over 6.5 lakh youth.

## HINDUS-PROTEST IN UP

### Right-wing group in Meerut protests over violence against Hindus in Bangladesh by fundamentalists



**MEERUT (UP):** Workers and activists of right wing groups in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut on Thursday protested the violence against Hindus in Bangladesh and said those from the community persecuted in the crisis-hit nation should be immediately given Indian citizenship.

The protestors, scores of whom gathered under the Kankarkheda bypass flyover here, also burnt an effigy of "fundamentalists in Bangladesh".

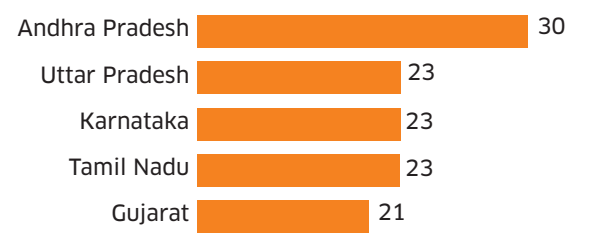
"We demand from the prime minister that all the Sanatani Hindus living in Bangladesh should be given

Indian citizenship with immediate effect. The Sanatani Hindus living in Bangladesh those who want to live in India should be brought here otherwise their safety should be ensured there itself," Sachin Sirohi, a protestor, said.

Separately, the Hindu Mahasabha office-bearers here handed over a memorandum to the district administration. The memorandum was addressed to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, appealing for the government's intervention in stopping the crisis in Bangladesh and for security of Hindus there. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### MAXIMUM NO. OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN STATES OF INDIA



Source: Agencies

### DEMISE

#### Bengal film industry mourns Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's death

**KOLKATA:** Members of film fraternity of Bengal on Thursday expressed shock and grief over the demise of former chief minister and Marxist patriarch Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, recalling his close association with the world of arts. "I have so many fond memories of Buddhadeb Babu," director Goutam Ghosh told reporters after meeting the bereaved family members of the CPI(M) leader at his Palm Avenue residence in south Kolkata.

Ghosh, who was known to be close to Bhattacharya during his stint as Information and Cultural Affairs minister and later as chief minister, recalled he had long 'adda' sessions with the departed leader at state-run cultural complex Nandan and Rabin-dra Sadan among other places. Bengali film heroine Rituparna Sengupta said she considered Bhattacharjee as a "sincere, dedicated, committed leader who followed a simple lifestyle and set an example." **PTI**

### COMPLAINT

#### Private complaint filed in court against Karnataka CM over MUDA 'scam'

**BENGALURU:** A private complaint was filed on Thursday against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Special Court for Elected Representatives here over the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority allotment 'scam'.

The complainant -- Mysuru-based activist Snehamai Krishna -- has alleged the Chief Minister's involvement in the 'scam'.

Siddaramaiah had misused his powers, the complainant alleged and sought a direction from the court for an inquiry against him by the CBI or any independent investigation agency. **PTI**

“Ensure promotion of ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ programme and ensure availability of national flags as per code.”

Anurag Pandey  
Collector Korba



# Chhattisgarh

## ‘Issue of stray animals strongly raised in LS’

LS MP from Korba LS seat Jyotsna Mahant prominently put forth her point on livestock development in the House.

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**KORBA:** LS MP from Korba Lok Sabha constituency Jyotsna Charandas Mahant prominently put forth her point on livestock development in the House. She started her address with the lines of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in which it was said that - We can judge the greatness of a nation and its moral progress from the way animals are treated here.

The MP said that 80 percent of India’s population depends on the business of animal husbandry, but the work is not being done at the pace at which it should be done for the protection and vaccination of these animals.



LS MP Jyotsna Mahant addressing in the august House of the parliament.

There were no vaccinations in the first round to prevent diseases in various states. In India, many cattle died due to the outbreak of skin disease in the year 2021-22. The department should follow up with the states and union territories to meet the target of physical vaccination of cattle and take

### FACTFILE

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development of Indian cattle, there is a need to develop new technology to improve the breed of cattle. Work should be done to encourage artificial insemination. There is a need to protect animals on the verge of extinction, there is no provision in the budget in this regard.

## Baghel attends orientation programme

**BEMETARA:** Food Minister Dayaldas Baghel on Monday attended the orientation programme at Government Koduram Dalit College in Nawagarh, Bemetara district. The event welcomed newly admitted students and provided them with information about the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. During the visit, Minister Baghel also planted saplings on the college campus. Baghel outlined the key objectives, provisions, and features of the NEP 2020.

## Accused in attack case arrested

**JAGDALPUR:** Raj Nag, S/o Hastu Nag, 45 years old, resident of Vallabh Bhai Patel Ward, the accused Raj Nag, who fatally attacked his sister-in-law for giving testimony in the murder case of his brother in Vallabh Bhai Patel Ward under Bodhghat police station area of the district, has been arrested by Bastar Police. According to the information received from the police, the accused Raj Nag, who had served nine years of imprisonment in the murder case, was released from jail in the year 2023.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### SEMINAR

## KVK Golden Jubilee, farmers’ seminar on Fish Farming held



**SUKMA:** Golden Jubilee celebration cum Farmers’ seminar on Fish Farming was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Sukma. On the occasion of completion of 50 years of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in India, Golden Jubilee celebrations are being organized all over India, in continuation of which today H.S. Tomar, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Sukma (Murtonda) handed over the torch to Dr. Arun Sakni, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Bijapur. Along with this, a farmers’ seminar was organized on the subject of fish farming. In which Dr. Dushyant Kumar Damle (Head of Department and Assistant Professor, Aquatic Animal Management Department) from Fisheries College, Kawardha gave detailed information about fish farming to the farmers.

### CONCERN

## Fear of accidents due to cutting of main road due to rain increases

**KORBA:** Due to continuous rain, on one hand river and stream are in full spate, on the other hand paved roads are getting cut due to rain. Due to which there is a fear of accidents. It is noteworthy that the main road from Korba under Pali block which is Kartali, Puta, Uda Marg PWD road which connects Dipka to Hardi Bazar, one side of that paved road has been completely cut due to rain where people keep coming and going. This road is proving to be more painful during night time because at night drivers are not able to judge the road due to which accidents are happening. The concerned department of the administration should get the repair work done on this road as soon as possible in the rain and provide relief to the people from the problem.



### Showcasing talents

## SEJES Khorpa Kalam Science Club bags first position in state level science exhibition



**KHORPA:** State level Children’s Science Exhibition and West India Science Fair was organized in Jagdalpur from July 31-August 03, 2024. In this, Kalam Science Club from SEJES Khorpa got first place. Kalam Science Club was highly appreciated at the state level.

The club was represented by Yuvraj Tandon, Megha, Ravi, Nemin, Yuvraj Sahu. Roshni Mishra got first place at the state level in the science seminar. Tarun Sahu got first place in the model at the state level, Anuj Sahu got second

place. Roshan Tarak and assistant Mordhwaj Sahu got second place in the Divyang class model.

The innovative project idea made by Lokeshwari and Lakshmi was highly appreciated. For all these achievements, District Education Officer Raipur Khandelwal Sir and Block Education Officer Dhaneshwari Sahu Ma’am sent best wishes to all the students and school family. This year Raipur Zone got first place at the state level.

## Upgradation of veterinary hospitals and resources is necessary

The MP said that the condition of veterinary hospitals is not better not only in Chhattisgarh but in the entire country. There is a need to focus on upgradation of veterinary hospitals and appointment of veterinarians along with adequate medicines and resources. Instead of increasing milk production year after year, it is decreasing. This shows that the quality and production capacity of animal feeds has decreased.

## There should be provision of shelter for destitute animals

The MP asked that what provision has been made for the cattle roaming on the roads, causing damage to the fields and barns of the farmers, not only in Chhattisgarh but in the entire country? The lives of humans and animals have come in danger due to the animals roaming on the roads, so there should be provision of shelter for destitute animals in all the states.

## Naxalites call for celebrating Tribal Day as Fighter’s Day

**JAGDALPUR:** Naxalites’ South Sub Zonal Bureau spokesperson Samta has issued a press note calling for celebrating World Tribal Day as Fighter’s Day. Naxalite spokesperson Samta has written in the press note that we all know that World Tribal Day is celebrated all over the world on 9th August. Tribal people are living everywhere. When environmental destruction is increasing in the world, it is very important to live in harmony with nature. Preserving nature is their natural characteristic of tribal lifestyle, that is why preserving nature is very important for geography today. Naxalite spokesperson Samta, while talking about providing safe health to humans around the world, has written in the press note that, ever since the capitalist system has come into existence in the world, the destruction of nature has started.

# NTPC Lara distributes Umbrella to school children

| NTPC LARA CSR-CD ACTIVITIES |

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**NTPC Lara distributed umbrellas under CSR-CD NTPC Lara, to the school children of Govt Upper Primary and Middle school in nearby village Bodajhariya.**



NTPC Lara distributed umbrellas under CSR-CD NTPC Lara, to the school children.

**BILASPUR:** Under the CSR-CD, NTPC Lara distributed umbrellas to the school children of Govt Upper Primary and Middle school in nearby village Bodajhariya. In a function Anil Kumar, Executive Director, NTPC Lara and Anuradha Sharma, President, Prerita Mahila Samiti inaugurated the programme and distributed umbrellas to students of Govt. Primary and Middle school,

Kandagarh. Total 106 students got umbrellas under this initiative of NTPC Lara.

Addressing the gathering, Anil Kumar, advised all children to be dedicated towards their study. With hard work and perseverance, they can achieve their desired goal in life. At this tender age they should aim high and put all effort into achieving it.

The children of surrounding villages are very fortunate that every day they see some develop-

ment in front of them, with such things there must be some short of curiosity in their mind, how such a big plant can be built with the combination of man and machine. Innovative ideas develop in such a type of everyday changing surroundings.

Anuradha Sharma, President, Prerita Mahila Samiti advised all children to learn with fun. Anil Kumar and Anuradha Sharma and other dignitaries visited the classrooms and witnessed the

### FACTFILE

● Under CSR-CD activities NTPC Lara is working on education, health, drinking water and infrastructure development.

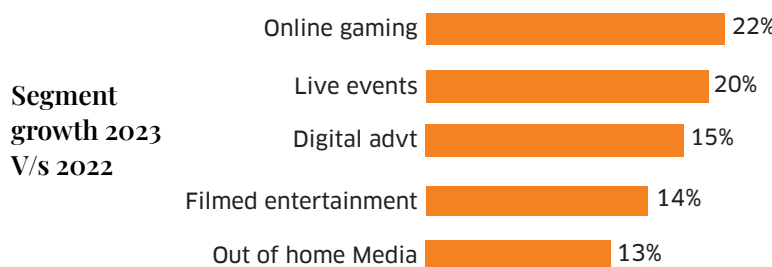
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facilities provided to them by NTPC Lara.

Under CSR-CD activities NTPC Lara is working on education, health, drinking water and infrastructure development. During the rainy season, due to incessant rain children face difficulties to reach school. Understanding this problem NTPC Lara came out to solve these difficulties by providing umbrellas to them.

## The Day’s NUMBERS

### SEGMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF DIFFERENT MEDIUMS IN 2023



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### HARIYALI TEEJ

## Maitri Mahila Samiti celebrates Hariyali Teej with grandeur



**KORBA:** Members of Maitri Mahila Samiti of NTPC Korba hosted a vibrant and festive celebration of Hariyali Teej on Aug 3 and it was marked by an array of cultural activities and spirited performances. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Smt.

Ayesha Mishra, President of Arpita Mahila Samiti along with Smita Umakant Gokhe and Pubali Ghosh, senior members of Arpita Mahila Samiti. The event was also graced by Sadhna Pandey, President of Sangwari Mahila Samiti along with other senior members of Sangwari Mahila Samiti. Roli Khanna, President of Maitri Mahila Samiti and other senior members of Maitri Mahila Samiti welcomed all the dignitaries.

### WOMEN’S FOOTBALL

## State-wide Women’s Football Ch’ship, coaching camps, conclude



**KORBA:** In a significant boost for women’s football in Chhattisgarh, NTPC Korba, in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh Football Association, proudly concluded its state-wide Women’s Football Championship and coaching camps. The event, held over a month, successfully brought together aspiring female footballers across three categories: Sub Junior, Junior and Senior. The first phase of the championship focused on the Junior Girls’ category, featuring an exciting tournament at the NTPC Korba Subhash Chandra Bose Stadium. Four district teams—DFA Bastar, DFA Raipur, DFA Bijapur, and DFA Durg—competed in a spirited display of talent and teamwork.

### FARMERS PRAISE

## Balod farmers praise state policies for agri

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**RAIPUR:** Farmer Sahu hails Chief Minister’s farmer-friendly schemes as a ‘Boon for Agriculture’ Farmer Shri Sahu hails Chief Minister’s farmer-friendly schemes as a ‘Boon for Agriculture’



ment by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai’s government. In the Kharif year 2023-24, the state govern-

ment procured 144.92 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from 24.72 lakh farmers at support prices. In Balod

‘I used the money from bonus to build a pucca house and saved some for my children’s marriage’.

Domanlal Sahu  
Farmer -Kohangatola village -Balod Block

district, where paddy cultivation is predominant, farmers are expressing their satisfaction following the timely receipt of their

payments for paddy sales. Doman Lal Sahu, a farmer from Kohangatola village in the Balod development block, cultivates paddy on approximately five acres. He expressed his satisfaction, stating, “Under the good governance of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, I sold my paddy from the last Kharif year at a rate of 21 quintals per acre and received sales amount at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal.

# Villagers, Cong leader hold demonstration

Large numbers of villagers, regional MLA and Congress leaders sat on strike here on Wednesday.

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**KHAIRAGARH:** Demanding justice for Rajeshwar Verma, who was murdered two and a half months ago in Dewaribhath near the district headquarters, large numbers of villagers along with the regional MLA and Congress leaders sat on strike here on Wednesday.

As per information, under the leadership of Congress leaders including MLA Yashoda Nilambar Verma and Manrahan Devangan, villagers of Dewaribhath and relatives of the deceased reached Sheetla Mandir of Itwari Bazaar in large numbers at around 12 noon where angry villagers raised slogans against the police and administration and BJP government.

As part of the program, Congress leaders Manrahan Devangan, Bhikhmchand Chhajed, Akashdeep Singh, Biplab Sahu, Abdul Razzaq Khan, Deepak Devangan, Kapinath Mahobia, Sumit Tandiya, Palash Singh, Nadeem Memon, Bharat Chandrakar, Suryakant Yadav, Yatendrajit Singh, Subodh Pandey, Sonu Dhimar, Sumit Jain, Mohit Bhondekar, Raja Solanki and other Congressmen



Congmen, villagers took out procession and raised slogans demanding justice against the slain leader.

## FASTFACTS

● With demand for justice against the slain leader, Congmen in large numbers reached the venue at around 12 noon where angry villagers raised slogans against the police and administration and BJP government.

took out a funeral procession of the police administration in Itwari Bazaar. The deceased's wife, mother, son and the entire family also sat on dharna on the state highway with the MLA, blockading the highway.

## Murder case under investigation

Concrete action in this matter hinges on the forensic report and other technical investigations. In the police's preliminary investigation, the possibility of murder is uncertain. However, the post-mortem report provided by the doctor has confirmed that it is indeed a case of murder, adding a layer of complexity to the situation. The conflicting nature of these findings has complicated the investigation, making it difficult for authorities to proceed. The police are now awaiting further forensic analysis and technical evidence to clarify the circumstances surrounding the case and to determine the next steps in their inquiry.

Amid the protest, ASP Neha Pandey, SDOP Lalchand Mohle, TI Jitendra Banjare and other police personnel kept appealing to the MLA and his family to end the blockade and assured speedy justice

in a span of 15 days. It is worth noting that in the police investigation so far no concrete clue has been found regarding the murder of the deceased Rajeshwar, due to which any suspect could be arrested.

## Hockey players selected for Sports Academy

**KORBA:** Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare Chhattisgarh organized selection trials of players for hockey in Residential Girls Sports Academy session 2024-25 in Raipur district and Khelo India State Center of Excellence Bahtarai in Bilaspur district and academies run by the state government. In this selection trial, Gopal Das Mahant, Ms. Nandani Khunte, Ms. Nikita Mahant, Ms. Mamta Dhiwar and Ms. Savitri Sagar, secured their place in the Residential Girls Sports Academy Raipur and were selected for the academy.

## Sarpanch Sangh demand evaluation

**DONGARGAON:** Sarpanchs of 76 gram panchayats of the district area are irked over the evaluation verification of construction works and regarding this, the Sarpanch Sangh has submitted a memorandum to the Chief Executive Officer of Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon. Regarding the matter, Sarpanch Sangh President Tikaram Sonkar said that only 3 engineers are working for evaluation verification in 76 gram panchayats of Dongargaon district area.

## Mega meeting organized for implementation of NEP

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## HIGHLIGHT

**KHARORA:** As per the instructions of the government, a parent teacher mega meeting was organized on 12 points for the implementation of the new education policy 2020 on 6 August 2024 in village Ganiyari at Swami Atmanand Utkrisht Higher Secondary School (SAUHSS). In the meeting, emphasis was laid on the role of parents along with teachers for the all-round development of children.

Sona Verma, Member District Panchayat Raipur, Mr. Gulab Singh Tikriha Member Railway Board Government of India, Ms. Jharna Verma District Member, Menuka Mahesh Sahu Sarpanch Village Ganiyari were present as the chief guest. On behalf of the school

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family, Mrs. K.L. Toppo Principal, Mr. Patel and the entire staff were present, along with MLA representative Mahesh Sahu, Chairman of School Management and Development Committee Higher Secondary School, Yashwant Verma, Chairman of Middle School, Shyam Lal Sahu, Chairman of Primary School, Bihari Lal Sahu, members Anand Verma, Dhanendra Verma, Mrs. Ritu Verma, Lata Verma, Durga Verma, Dilshwar Verma, Devendra Yadav, Bhagirathi Verma, Khubi Ram Verma, Omkar Sahu and others.

## Villagers happy over transformer replacement

**PANDARIA:** There is a wave of happiness among the villagers due to transformer replacement in village Barejhapara and they have expressed their gratitude to MLA Bhavna Bohra and thanked her on the fulfillment of the demand of the villagers and the solution of the problem. As per information, earlier a

63 kilowatt transformer was installed in Gram Panchayat Barejhapara, while a bigger transformer was needed in the village. Villager Parmesh Yadav said that the demand of all of us villagers was being made for a long time, but it could not be installed and the villagers had gone to the MLA with the problem and it has been resolved.

## NEWSLINE

### BULLDOZER

**Bulldozer drive on illegal encroachment**



**BILASPUR:** On the instructions of Collector Avnish Sharan, a building construction was demolished in village Nagoi of Takhatpur tehsil which was obstructing the water flow of a drain.

Also a fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed on the illegal occupant and natural water flow has been restored as before due to the removal of illegal encroachment. As according to SDM Takhatpur Dr. Jyoti Patel a rice mill was being developed by Lata Agarwal, wife of Pankaj Agarwal, in village Nagoi tehsil Takhatpur by filling up the natural water flow and drain in the village and constructing a boundary wall and room.

Lata Agarwal had filled gravel on about 1 acre of land adjacent to her land and this cost the land owner about 50 lakhs and during the razing the said gravel was removed with the help of Hiva and JCB and the natural water flow was restored to its previous form. A penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was also imposed on Lata Agarwal for the said act.

### DAMAGE

**State Highway's Bagdai Bridge damaged**



**DONGARGAON:** The Bridge over Ghumaria River built in Bagdai village which connects the entire area including the city to the district headquarters, in the state highway going from Dongargaon to Rajnandgaon has been damaged with formation of potholes. One of the potholes is in the entire width of the road and currently, due to rain, this big pothole is filled with water, due to which the depth cannot be estimated and road accidents are happening continuously.

### NAXALITESURRENDER

**2 Naxalites including a rewarded woman surrender**

**SUKMA:** Two Naxalites including a woman surrendered in front of police officers. Chhattisgarh government has announced a reward of Rs 2 lakh each, totaling Rs 4 lakh, on both the surrendered Naxalites as per their posts. According to the police, a total of 2 naxalites including 01 woman, Urmila alias Somdi Madkam (Platoon No. 02 party member K.B. Division Bhoramdev Area, reward of Rs. 2 lakhs) resident of Pulanpad Police Station Chintalnar District Sukma and Madkam Sona (Party member of Platoon No. 01 under KKBN Division, reward of Rs. 2 lakhs) resident of Pulanpad Police Station Chintalnar District Sukma (Chhattisgarh) surrendered without weapons.

## General assembly meeting of Janpad Panchayat held



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The general assembly meeting of Janpad Panchayat Kurud was held in the meeting hall of Janpad Panchayat under the chairmanship of Sharda Loknath Sahu.

**KURUD:** The general assembly meeting of Janpad Panchayat Kurud was held in the meeting hall of Janpad Panchayat on 06 August 2024 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharda Loknath Sahu. In the meeting, depart-

ment wise discussion was held, under Public Works Department, repair of Gram Panchayat Umrada, Mandraud, Joratarai No, Seldeep Road and Charra, Kokadi Khai road repair and completion of departmental ongoing/incomplete works and construction of culverts in the road by contractors and big pits have been dug in the constructed road, due to which villagers are facing difficulties, and approval was given for its immediate repair. Discussion was held on Irrigation Colony gate, renovation of residential buildings and boundary wall.

## Five students of JNV selected

**KORBA:** Five promising students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Korba have been selected for the National Archery Competition to be held in Aurangabad, Maharashtra in the coming month. The selected students include Ayushman Chaurasia in the 14-year-old boy category, Rashi Yadav in the 14-year-old girl category, Tanupriya Kanwar in the 17-year-old girl category and Mayank Dhurve in the 19-year-old boy category and Namrata in the girl category.

## Last date extended

**DONGARGAON:** The admission date in the Swamy Atmanand Excellent English Medium School in city has been extended. The admission into Class 1st to 8th will be done in offline procedure. In this regard Principal DL Dewangan informed that to fill up the vacant posts, the last offline application form submission is 13 Aug.

## Preparations complete for Tiranga Yatra

| TIRANGA YATRA |

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Tiranga Yatra would be taken out by Yuva Morcha from 11 to 14 August in the upcoming event and from Aug 13 to 15.

**BAIKUNTHPUR:** A meeting for preparations for Partition Horror Memorial Day and Tiranga Yatra was organized at the BJP office Baikunthpur under Korea district on the call of the central leadership and the direction of the state leadership. The stage of the meeting was conducted by District General Secretary Pankaj Gupta and District President Krishna Bihari Jaiswal gave directions to the BJP officials and workers present in the meeting to make the events successful by forming committees and groups at the Panchayat



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## EASTFACTS

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level including town, city, ward, booth for all the upcoming activities from 11 to 14 and 13 to 15.

In which it was decided that Tiranga Yatra would be taken out by Yuva Morcha from 11 to 14 August in the upcoming event and from 13 to 15 August, BJP workers ensured the participation of the people of the district and children

in hoisting the tricolor in every house and business center. The District President fixed the responsibility for the cleanliness program around the statues and monuments of great men from 12 to 14 August and the garlanding program on the statues and monuments of great men and brave sons from 13 to 15 August.

## EMBEZZLEMENT |

## Teacher embezzles funds of students worth Rs 40,000

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**ANWARI:** A teacher named Bhojram Sahu, posted in Government Pre-Secondary School Kurra (Khapri) has walked away with the money given to the children by the state government in a government school in Kurud block.

As per information, a district-division level science model exhibition was organized in St. Mary's English



Medium School on 7 and 8 February 2024 for two days and the government had deposited Rs. 10,000 each in the bank accounts of the children,

selected for the science exhibition, for travelling and lodging and exhibition expenditure, but the teacher reportedly did pay only a sum of Rs

**Teacher has taken away the money given to the student of Govt School for science exhb**

Team of correspondents

500 to the students and pocketed the rest for himself.

Interestingly the teacher is being aided by some local journalist in

evading with the money and he continued to run away from the issue by citing the journalist name to get away with the misuse of government fund.

When our team reached Kurra (Khapari) School, permission letter from teacher Bhojram Sahu was demanded and on asking about names of four students, he started giving vague answers and this clearly proves that the teachers has embezzled the amount.

## Meeting of teachers and parents concludes

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**KHAIRAGARH:** A meeting of teachers and parents was organized in the Vigyan Bhawan campus of Dr. Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi School to discuss the 12 points under National Education Policy. During this, MP representative Bhagwat Sharan Singh, SDM Tankeshwar Prasad Sahu were present as the chief guest, while Ajay Deshpande was present as the special guest. During this, the stu-

dents welcomed the parents present in the program by applying a flower bouquet and tilak, after which a detailed discussion was held between the parents and guests on 12 points under the National Education Policy. On this occasion, the guests asked the parents to give their views on how the all-round development of the students should be done. The parents also gave their suggestions to improve the level of education.



J-K statehood may be restored in October.  
**Ramdas Athawale**  
Union Minister

## Independence Day preparations get underway



Preparations underway ahead of I-Day celebrations at the Red Fort, in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

# 'Ladakh councils have decision-making powers'

### The LAHDCs in Leh and Kargil function as District Planning and Development Boards and prepare plans for different programmes and policies, the govt informed Parl.

**Press Trust Of India**  
**NEW DELHI:** The democratic representation and decision-making powers of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs) have been retained following the formation of the Union Territory of Ladakh in 2019, the government informed Parliament on Thursday.  
These LAHDCs continue to exercise executive powers over different subjects within their respective districts, the government also said

in response to a query regarding the extension of tribal area status to the Union Territory (UT).  
The LAHDCs in Leh and Kargil function as District Planning and Development Boards and prepare plans for different programmes and policies. They reflect the demands and aspirations of the local population, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey said in response to a question by Congress MPs Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka and Tanuj Punia.

**HIGHLIGHT**  
● MHA informed that "democratic representation and decision-making powers of the LAHDCs have been retained after the formation of the UT."  
● They also have the authority to impose taxes and regulate certain activities.

of the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution to Ladakh, and the reasons behind the delay in granting tribal area status to the UT.  
The minister said the matter of the Sixth Schedule under Article 244(2) of the Constitution and the UT of Ladakh falls under the administrative jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).  
He said the MHA

informed that "democratic representation and decision-making powers of the LAHDCs have been retained after the formation of the Union Territory."  
"Periodic elections for the Hill Development Councils, Panchayati Raj institutions, and members of Parliament are being conducted to ensure continued democratic representation in the UT," he said.

Ulaka and Punia had asked whether the government intends to extend the provisions

## Court extends Arvind Kejriwal's judicial custody till Aug 20

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Thursday extended the judicial custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal till August 20 in a corruption case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the alleged excise scam. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja extended Kejriwal's custody after he was produced before the court through video conference.

## Clinical trial requirement waived

**NEW DELHI:** The government has waived the requirement for clinical trials of certain categories of drugs in India if they are approved in the US, the UK, Japan, Australia, Canada and the European Union. The waiver only covers five categories -- orphan drugs for rare diseases, gene and cellular therapy products, new drugs used in pandemic situations, new drugs used for special defence purposes and new drugs having significant therapeutic advances over the current standard care. This waiver would ensure expeditious availability of the latest medicines for treating diseases like cancers, rare diseases like Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMA), and autoimmune conditions in India. "As per Rule 101 of New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, the Central Licensing Authority, with the approval of the Central Government, may specify, by an order, the name of the countries, from time to time, for considering waiver of local clinical trial.

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## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

**MATTER OF CONCERN**  
**'Over 1,700 sq km of forest area lost in last 10 years due to devp**

**NEW DELHI:** More than 1,700 sq km of forest area has been lost in the last 10 years due to development activities but land has also been acquired for compensatory afforestation, the government said on Thursday.  
While replying to a supplementary question in the Rajya Sabha, environment and forest minister Bhupendra Yadav also said the country's consolidate overall forest cover has increased and the government is trying to further increase it.  
He said while forest cover in five northeastern states -- Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya -- has reduced, states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Karnataka and Jharkhand have seen their forest cover increase.  
"In last 10 years, 1,73, 396 hectares forest area (which is 1,733 sq km) has been lost due to development activities, however, under compensatory afforestation, land has also been acquired," the minister said.

**COURT DECISION**  
**FIR mandatory in cases of alleged fake encounters by police: HC**

**NEW DELHI:** An FIR has to be mandatorily registered whenever a person is killed in an allegedly fake encounter by police, the Delhi High Court has held. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna rejected a petition by the State against a sessions court order refusing to interfere with a magistrate's direction on registration of an FIR against a Delhi Police raiding team following the death of a person who suffered a gunshot injury during a chase. The court noted that since the deceased, Rakesh, had five other "blunt force" injuries besides the firearm injury on his lower back, it had to be established whether he was mercilessly beaten up.



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No. 02-17/Pur/T-432/967 Bilaspur, Date: 07/08/2024  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (through E-bidding module of SAP-SRM)  
Sealed tenders are invited from experienced Contractors for following work:-

SN	Tender No.	Particulars	E.M.D
01.	02-17/Pur/T-432/967 Dtd.07/08/24 (RFx No. 8100038680)	Job work for detailed health earth assessment audit/ analysis on earthing system of 220KV, 132 KV and 33 KV bays based on latest relevant standard and detail with optimal implementable solution under EE (S/s) Dn. CSPTCL, Bishrampur and EE (MRT-Cum:S/s) Dn. Korba.	37,600

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Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender:- 03/09/2024 15:00 Hrs  
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[www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in)  
Online Application is invited for the Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (NORCET) 7 for the recruitment of Nursing Officer posts at Level 07 in the Pay Matrix pre-revised Pay Band-2 of Rs. 9300-34800 with Grade Pay of Rs. 4600/-, Group-B for AIIMS New Delhi and other AIIMS as per available vacancies in the respective Institutes. The On-line applications can be done through AIIMS web site [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in) from 01.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 up to 5:00 P.M.  
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b. Registered as Nurses & Midwife with State / Indian Nursing Council  
OR  
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C) Persons with Disabilities - Exempted  
The candidate can pay the prescribed application fee through DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD/ NETBANKING. Transaction / Processing fee, if any, as applicable, will be payable to the bank by the candidate.  
Application fee once remitted shall not be refunded under any circumstances.  
Applications without the prescribed fee would not be considered and summarily rejected.  
Application Fees of SC/ST candidates who appear in the Examination will be refunded after declaration of results in due course of time after verification SC/ST certificate to be uploaded at a later stage.  
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Online (CBT) for Stage II: NORCET Mains, Date: 4th October, 2024 (Friday)  
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## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me."

[ Ayn Rand ]

## Comment

## Changes in education system in Past, Present and Future

## OUR VIEW |

## Confronting and combating Far-Right extremism in the UK

The wave of far-right violence in the UK is a disturbing indicator of the persistent undercurrents of xenophobia and misinformation that continue to plague society. Recent attacks on immigrants and Muslims, including the stabbing of three girls, have been cynically exploited by far-right agitators to fuel hatred and incite chaos. This violence has transcended mere protests, evolving into widespread unrest with shops looted, cars set on fire, and mosques and Asian-owned businesses targeted. This alarming trend underscores a deeper societal malaise. The far-right's hostility towards immigrants is not simply a reaction to isolated events but a symptom of broader social anxieties and political failures. Misguided beliefs about immigration and cultural integration have been stoked by influencers like Tommy Robinson and politicians such as Nigel Farage. These figures spread dangerous misinformation, such as the false claim that the attacker was a Muslim immigrant, to rally support for their divisive agendas. Prime Minister Keir Starmer's condemnation of the riots as "organized illegal thuggery" is a necessary step, but it is not sufficient. Despite the arrest of nearly 400 people in a week of violence, including clashes between rioters and the police, more must be done. The government must make concerted efforts to combat the spread of misinformation online, which has proven to be a potent tool for radicalizing individuals and inciting violence. Furthermore, addressing the underlying socio-economic issues that far-right groups exploit is crucial. Problems such as unemployment and inadequate social services often breed resentment towards immigrants. By tackling these root causes, the government can undermine the far-right's appeal and prevent the exploitation of these issues to foster division and hatred. While condemning and policing far-right violence is essential, it is equally important to address the broader social and economic issues that give rise to such extremism. Only through comprehensive and multifaceted strategies can the UK hope to overcome the dangerous rise of far-right violence and ensure a more inclusive and harmonious society.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Judicial hierarchy ensures independence, not subordination

The Indian judiciary is unique for its relative non-interference from the executive and legislature. Its hierarchical system ensures that litigants can appeal if dissatisfied with a particular court's verdict. The Supreme Court (SC) has reiterated that no court is superior to another. Under Article 141 of the Constitution, SC judgments are binding on all courts in India. However, the High Courts (HC) remain independent in their administrative functions. The SC consistently refuses to direct HCs to resolve cases within a specific timeframe, respecting their autonomy. Justice Abhay Oka of the SC aptly remarked during a hearing that "a court is a court." In 2022, Chief Justice



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DY Chandrachud criticized the use of the term "subordinate judiciary" to describe district courts, noting the lack of a constitutional definition for "subordinate." While the HC, as an appellate court, can overturn district court judgments and has administrative control over district courts, this relationship does not imply subordination. The perceived subordination stems from the HC's authority to review and reverse district court decisions and its administrative oversight, but the judiciary remains a cohesive and independent entity.

Education is the process of learning or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, beliefs and habits. Education system was becoming stronger from ancient civilization period itself. During civilization period people need to study writing and reading to transmit knowledge from person to person and from generation to generation. From that time itself education is becoming an important part of every one's life and still it continues and will remain forever. Education is the basic thing in every one's life. Everyone must acquire basic education to live in this society. Education is the sub system which performs some functions for the whole society. Changes are usual in every generation. And as we move from one generation to next generation we can face some changes in the education system. Now let us discuss about the changes.

## Past Education System

Education was strong in ancient days also. In ancient day's education system changed based on the periods such as Vedic, Brahman-

ical, Muslim, British periods. In Vedic periods schools were becoming boarding and students were handed over to teacher. Physical education was compulsory at that period. Training was given in the war. Apart that training given for arts and craft works. In brahmanical periods. Students were to study Vedic literatures. Main aim of it is to learn Vedas but it was restricted to low class peoples. It is the main fault of education system of that period. The objectives of education system totally changed during the Muslim period. Imported school education system for all castes. Vocational education emerged at that period and it teaches some craft for students. The invasion of British makes some advantages in the education field. Their contribution towards the education system was still reminding one. British education gives more importance to school on going. Established several schools and provided several facilities in education system. Make some changes in the education syllabus. Education system



Vijay Garg

gives equal importance to both teachers and students.

## Present Education System

Present education have great different from the past. It does not playing a significant role to develop the future of the youth. The main aim of modern education system is to make money. Education institution owners utilize the education for their financial growth. Don't try to understand its importance. This education gives degree and diploma for students without any knowledge. Because of this business minded education students are not qualified for the proper job. Education is not only for good degree but also to study some moral things in life. New generation students have no idea about the cultural values and the importance of society. Because in this present education system teachers are not ready to teach it. Today's education system does not trained students that what they want in their practical life. That is why today most of them are disqualified during the interview process. Now a days education give more importance to technology. Online education

system has both advantage and disadvantages.

## Future Education System

Within these nearby days a rapid change is occurring in the education system. The future of education system is uncertain still one can predict it. No doubts about the future education system.

New changes is still taken in the education filed to make some changes. Government authorities are also responsible for it and they ready to take proper action to make some useful changes in the education system. Future education system will give more importance to technical and professional education than moral education.

Give more importance to countries development. Give more training for students, to build up professional qualities.

Educated people are the main asset of a nation. For the development of personal and social life, education plays a great role. It plays a vital role in shaping tomorrow's leaders. Education is the root a person and it can make every impossible thing possible in life.

## Empowering indigenous peoples: A shared responsibility

Indigenous peoples, comprising 6.2% of the global population, are vital to our cultural heritage. Protecting their rights and cultures is crucial for preserving our planet's diversity.

Human society is enriched by diverse cultures, with indigenous tribes being some of the oldest and most unique groups. Comprising about 6.2% of the global population, indigenous peoples live in 90 countries worldwide. India is home to 705 tribes, accounting for 8.6% of its population. Recognizing their importance, the United Nations has celebrated International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9 since 1994, advocating for their development and the preservation of their unique cultures.

## Global and Domestic Context

The United Nations has emphasized protecting the rights of uncontacted tribes, with approximately 200 such tribes globally, mostly in remote forests. The Amazon rainforest hosts around 100 of these tribes in countries like Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, and Venezuela. In India, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are home to tribes like the Jarawa, Onge, and Sentinelese. The Sentinelese, residing in North Sentinel Island for about 60,000 years, remain uncontacted and hostile to outsiders. Attempts to study them have failed, leading the Indian government to declare their habitat a prohibited area. Despite lifting some restrictions in 2018 to promote tourism, the Sentinelese territory remains off-limits to protect them from external threats and diseases.

## Challenges and Legal Protections

Indigenous communities face numerous challenges, including exploitation of natural resources, deforestation, and developmental activities that threaten their livelihoods. Tribes like the Akuntsu and Awá in Brazil face extinction, while others in the Philippines, Paraguay, and Peru struggle to survive. The natural resources in their areas have often become a curse, leading to activities such as agriculture, rubber tapping,



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mining, tourism, oil extraction, cattle rearing, and timber smuggling that endanger their livelihoods and ecosystems.

In India, tribes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, such as the Great Andamanese, Jarawa, and Sentinelese, are endangered by tourism and infrastructure projects. Various laws protect indigenous rights in India, such as the Forest Rights Act of 2006, the PESA Act of 1996, and specific constitutional articles. Autonomous councils in northeastern India and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act of 1989 further safeguard their rights. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aborigi-

nal Tribes) Regulation of 1956 controls outsider entry, and the Indian Forest Act of 1927 regulates forest protection and resource use. Commissions like the Dhebar and Xaxa have provided valuable suggestions for their development.

Globally, several laws protect the rights of indigenous peoples, such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) of 2007 and the ILO Convention of 1989. Organizations like Survival International contribute to their development and protection, highlighting the critical need for safeguarding their cultural, physical, and economic integrity.



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## Path Forward

Industrialization and globalization pose significant threats to indigenous peoples, violating their rights to live freely in their ancestral lands. Despite stringent laws, lax enforcement has led to unrest among tribes, resulting in movements like the Bodo and Gondwana movements in India. Addressing the root causes of these issues is essential for sustainable solutions. The Supreme Court of India recently endorsed sub-categorization within Scheduled Castes and Tribes to ensure justice for the most marginalized. The central budget's allocation of special funds for tribal development is a posi-

itive step. Indigenous peoples deserve to maintain their unique cultures, languages, and traditions. Their lands and resources should remain under their control, with respect for their freedom and equal opportunities for development.

## Recommendations

To advance the well-being of indigenous communities, strict enforcement of protective laws is crucial. Special programs should enhance education and healthcare services in indigenous areas, fostering self-reliance through economic development opportunities in agriculture and handicrafts. Tourism should be developed sensitively to preserve indigenous culture and environment. Protecting indigenous rights over their lands and resources is essential, involving them in managing natural resources. Establishing dialogue and partnerships with indigenous communities will ensure they actively participate in resolving their issues. Compliance with constitutional rights and international treaties must be ensured to effectively protect and advance indigenous peoples. By taking these steps, we can safeguard the heritage and rights of indigenous peoples, ensuring their sustainable development and integration into broader society while respecting their unique identities. Full compliance with the rights provided by the Constitution and international treaties should be ensured. By taking these steps, the advancement and protection of indigenous peoples can be effectively achieved, preserving their unique identities and contributions to the world.

Through a collective effort, the international community can ensure that the guardians of nature continue to thrive, preserving their invaluable cultural heritage for future generations. The respect and protection of indigenous peoples' rights are not just a moral imperative but a necessity for the cultural and ecological diversity of our planet.

## YOUR LETTERS

## India's stand on Bangladesh

The situation in Bangladesh is worsening, but India's stance is commendable. An all-party meeting was held where all parties unanimously supported the Centre's position and posed important questions to External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar, which he addressed thoroughly. It's a laudable initiative that our EAM stood up and informed the parliament about India's stance on Bangladesh's instability. As supporters of a democratic republic, we should all hope for political stability in our neighboring country.

Romit Chandrakar, Hyderabad

## Lakshya can be a world beater

Lakshya Sen, a promising talent in Indian badminton, faced a disappointing Olympics, losing to Viktor Axelsen in the semi-finals despite a strong start. In 2022, he made India proud by reaching the All England final but fell to Axelsen again. Lakshya's subsequent defeat to Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia, despite being one game up, was disheartening, likely due to an injury. At 22, he remains a formidable player with a bright future. His coach, Vimal Kumar, is focused on enhancing Lakshya's all-round game and tactical acumen.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

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# Business



Logistics cost will be below 9 pc of GDP by April next year.

**Nitin Gadkari**  
Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### REGISTERED INVESTORS

**NSE adds 1 crore investors in 5 months, total goes up to 10 crore**

**NEW DELHI:** The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Thursday said its unique registered investors have crossed the 10 crore mark, with the latest 1 crore addition taking place in just five months. The investor base has seen more than 3-time jump in the last five years, facilitated by rapid growth in digitisation, rising investor awareness, financial inclusion and sustained market performance. "The unique registered investor base on the National Stock Exchange of India crossed the 10-crore mark on August 8, 2024," the bourse said in a statement. With this, the total number of client codes (accounts) registered with the exchange stand at 19 crore. This includes all client registrations done till date. Notably, clients can register with more than one trading member. Investor registrations at NSE have seen an accelerating trend over the last few years.

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	78,886	-0.73
Nifty	24,117	-0.74
Nifty, MidCap	56,681	-0.34
Nifty SmallCap	18,307	-0.41
Nifty Bank	50,156	+0.08

Closing rates as on August 08, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	84.00 (+)	↗
Euro	91.51 (-)	↘
Chinese Yuan	11.71 (+)	↗
UAE Dirham	22.87 (+)	↗
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)	↗
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)	↘

On August 08, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,268	+1.30%
FTSE 100 Index	8,133	-0.41%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	225: 34,831	-0.74%
CSI 300 (CHN)	300: 3,342	+0.04%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 08, 2024)

### How the markets behave today?

**Sensex, Nifty tumble nearly 1 pc post RBI monetary policy decision**



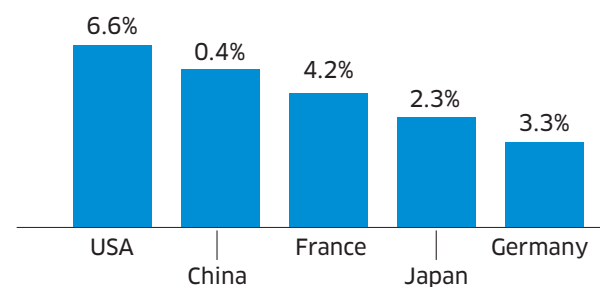
**MUMBAI:** Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed nearly 1 per cent down on Thursday after the Reserve Bank of India decided to keep the policy rate unchanged for the ninth time in a row, saying food inflation remains stubborn. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 581.79 points or 0.73 per cent to settle at 78,886.22 in a volatile trade. During the day, it tumbled 669.07 points or 0.84 per cent to 78,798.94. After a day's breather, the NSE Nifty retreated to close lower by 180.50 points or 0.74 per cent to 24,117. During the day, it

tanked 217.8 points or 0.89 per cent to 24,079.70. The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday expectedly kept the benchmark interest rate and stance unchanged for the ninth straight policy meeting, saying it cannot afford to look through persisting high food inflation and has to remain vigilant to prevent spillover. **MAJOR GAINERS:** Tata Motors, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, ITC, IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank. **MAJOR LOSERS:** Asian Paints, Infosys, JSW Steel, UltraTech Cement, Power Grid, L&T, HCL Tech and Tata Steel.

### The Day's NUMBERS

Number of dollar millionaires (in millions) in selected countries in 2023

### NUMBER OF MILLIONAIRES KEEPS RISING



### ACQUISITION

**Shobitam announces acquisition of IsadoraLife, largest player in market**

**BANGALORE:** Shobitam, a global leader in D2C ethnic fashion and one of the fastest growing in the industry, proudly announces its strategic acquisition of Isadoralife, a trailblazer in the ready-to-wear saree market and the largest brand in this space - with a goal to make India's Sarees accessible for all including Gen Z's and everyone globally! Shobitam and IsadoraLife join hands to enhance the accessibility and appeal of the most loved traditional Indian attire worldwide - The Saree! This partnership aims to address the challenges of unfamiliarity with draping and also making inroads into a larger demographic base especially the younger consumers worldwide, showcasing sarees as a wholesome 'must have' attire in a wardrobe across India and globally. Aparna Thyagarajan, Co-founder & Chief Product Officer at Shobitam said: "It's gratifying to see Sarees pickup momentum but we often hear about the challenge of draping. And, while it may seem trivial, this simple concern was making women back out from possessing this beautiful piece of attire."

### 5-STAR RATING

**UltraTech limestone mine awarded 5-star rating by IBM**



**MUMBAI:** L Twelve of UltraTech Cement Limited's Limestone Mines have been rated 5 Stars for FY2022-23 by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The awards were given out on August 7th 2024 in Delhi by the Minister of Coal & Mines. Of the twelve mines which received the award, one was the Paraswani Limestone Mine, which is part of Hirmi Cement Works, UltraTech's Integrated Unit near Raipur, Chhattisgarh. At the programme marking the event, G. Kishan Reddy, the Union Minister of Coal & Mines felicitated UltraTech, India's largest cement and Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) company, for demonstrated exemplary performance in all aspects of mining and contributing to India's mining sector.

# RBI keeps interest rate unchanged for ninth time

MPC which consists of three RBI and three external members, kept the benchmark repurchase or repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent.

Rabi Sankar during a press conference on monetary policy statement, at the RBI headquarters in Mumbai, Thursday, Aug. 8.

**NUMBER**  
**6.50%**

● Inflation climbed to 5.08 per cent in June due to food component.

● Monetary policy must continue to be disinflationary.

focus on bringing inflation towards its 4 per cent tar-

get. Inflation climbed to 5.08 per cent in June, primarily driven by the food component. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said food inflation remains "stubbornly" high.

"Without price stability, high growth cannot be sustained," he said, adding that "monetary policy must continue to be disinflationary". He said the MPC could have looked through high food inflation if it was transitory.

"But in an environment of persisting high food inflation, as we are experiencing now, the MPC cannot afford to do so. It has to remain vigilant to prevent spillovers or second round effects from persistent food inflation and preserve the gains made so far in monetary policy credibility."

The MPC last revised interest rate in February 2023, when it was hiked to 6.5 per cent.

### NEW LAUNCH

# Mercedes-Benz confident of double-digit growth: Iyer

Press Trust Of India

Company is seeing growth in its electric vehicle portfolio.

**PUNE:** German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz on Thursday sounded confident of posting a double-digit growth this calendar year and said it is expecting the demand to remain good in the coming festive season on the lines of last year. Speaking with PTI at the launch of two new top-end car models, Mercedes-Benz India Managing Director and CEO Santosh Iyer said that the company is seeing growth in its electric vehicle portfolio also and it will come out with the electric version of Maybach in September this year. With the unveiling of the Mercedes-AMG GLC 43 4MATIC Coup and CLE 300 Cabriolet AMG Line,



Mercedes-Benz India adds the CLE 300 Cabriolet and AMG GLC 43 Coupe to its line-up

### FACTFILE

● Company has strengthened its top-end product range further.

priced at Rs 1.105 crore and Rs 1.10 crore, respectively, the company has strengthened its top-end product range further. "We grew 9 per cent in the first half of 2024. Of course, quarter two is low seasonality and this year it

was even low considering elections. But when we look at the third quarter it is again showing a good amount of bookings. The market is there. We are confident of a double-digit growth to end the year. And in that sense it should be our best year again," Iyer said.

"With the GLC 43 4MATIC Coup and CLE 300 Cabriolet AMG Line, we are launching two highly desirable top-end vehi-

cles. Our top-end vehicles (TEV) continue to drive strong customer loyalty and these two vehicles will further enhance the desirability of the TEV segment," Iyer said. He said that the top-end segment grew 12 per cent against an overall 9 per cent growth in H1 2024, adding that the company's core luxury segment which includes the E-class, C-class GLC and GLE, accounts for 60 per cent of the overall portfolio in India. "We will have our new E-class coming in. so we will also see a lot of momentum in our core luxury segment as well. So overall, we are quite optimistic. We would like to continue our dominance in the top-end segment," Iyer said. Mercedes-Benz will launch the EQS Maybach SUV in India on September 5, he said. Mercedes-Benz India has 16 cars in its top-end portfolio.

### EXCITING OFFERS

# Samsung's 6th-generation smartphones goes on sale

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**GURUGRAM:** Samsung's sixth-generation foldable smartphones and ecosystem products - Galaxy Z Fold6, Galaxy Z Flip6, Galaxy Watch Ultra, Watch7 and Buds3 - are now available across retail outlets. Consumers can also purchase the devices on Samsung.com, Amazon.in and Flipkart.

Galaxy Z Fold6 and Galaxy Z Flip6 have proved to be a huge success, securing 40% higher pre-orders in the first 24 hours as compared to the previous generation foldables. Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 are the slimmest and lightest Galaxy Z series devices ever, and come with perfectly symmetrical design with straight edges. The



Galaxy Z series is also equipped with enhanced Armor Aluminum and Corning Gorilla Glass Victus 2, making it the most

durable Galaxy Z series yet. Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 are equipped with Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 Mobile Platform for Galaxy, the most advanced Snapdragon mobile processor yet, combining best-in-class CPU, GPU, and NPU performance. Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 are secured by Samsung Knox, the company's defense-grade,

multi-layer security platform built to safeguard critical information and protect against vulnerabilities.

Galaxy Watch Ultra - the newest and most powerful addition to the Galaxy Watch portfolio - enhanced fitness experiences for next level achievements with ultimate intelligence and capabilities.

"I will never forgive you for ruining me in that scene because I remember the first thing you ever said to me was that AB, this is our first romantic scene together, and how can I fall in love with you? You're like my brother."

**Abhishek Bachchan**  
Actor



# & Glitters

## OIT Watch



### Barzakh withdrawn over queer love controversy

Zindagi announced the withdrawal of "Barzakh" from YouTube Pakistan starting August 9 amid backlash over its depiction of queer love. The finale will air as scheduled, despite the controversy



### "House of the Dragon" ending after 4th season

Showrunner Ryan Condal announced "House of the Dragon" will end with its fourth season. The third season is in development and production starts early next year.



### "Citadel" expands cast for new season

Merle Dandridge, Rahul Kohli, and Michael Trucco join Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden in "Citadel" Season 2. Production starts this year with Joe Russo directing. The show continues its global spy saga.



### Laughter Chefs goes boy's vs girl's

Laughter Chefs introduces a 'Boys vs Girls' cooking competition in its latest promo. Host Bharti Singh reveals the change, with Krushna Abhishek and Vicky Jain adding comedic flair and lively interactions.



### Is It Cake? Returns for season 4

Netflix's Is It Cake? is renewed for a fourth season, with filming underway and a 2025 release expected. The show, hosted by Mikey Day, continues to captivate viewers with cake challenges.

CLOSE UP

## Sunny Leone urges shift from old labels to her current success

"I think it's more bothersome now that we are still talking about it. Come on! It's been 13 years now since I have been here. Let it go."

Central Chronicle News

Sunny Leone spoke about how she feels when people continue to tag her as an adult star. She admitted those 13 years down today, it's bothersome for her and that people should move on from her past.

Sunny Leone's past continues to shadow her public persona despite her successful transition into Bollywood. Known for her remarkable journey from the adult film industry to mainstream cinema, Leone has consistently challenged stereotypes. In a recent interview with Galatta India, she addressed the persistent labels attached to her past. Reflecting on her career, Sunny Leone expressed frustration over the continued emphasis on her adult film star label. "It's more bothersome now that we are still talking about it. Come on! It's been 13 years since I started in India. Let it go," she said. Sunny believes that clinging to her past only hinders progress and that it's high time to focus on her present achievements. Sunny Leone's entry into Indian cinema began with a memorable stint in Bigg Boss Season 5 in 2011, leading to her Bollywood debut in Mahesh Bhatt's Jism 2.



Sunny Leone feels its 'high time' people moved on from her adult film star tag



### Sunny Leone's dynamic journey

Currently, Sunny is hosting the 15th season of MTV Splitsvilla and gearing up for her role in Anurag Kashyap's neo-noir thriller Kennedy, which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival 2023. As she continues to evolve and make waves in the industry, Sunny Leone remains focused on her present and future, urging everyone to move beyond outdated labels and recognize her current contributions.

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| HOLLYWOOD |

## Jennifer Garner returns as Elektra in Deadpool 3 transformation

Central Chronicle News

Jennifer Garner has given fans an exclusive look at her intense preparation for reprising her role as Elektra Natchios in the highly anticipated "Deadpool & Wolverine." Known for her previous portrayals in "Daredevil" (2003) and "Elektra" (2005), Garner's comeback required an extreme level of fitness to match Marvel's demanding standards. Her rigorous training regimen included high-intensity interval training (HIIT), boxing, and swimming, designed to enhance her strength and agility. The decision to reintroduce



Elektra was made during the production of "The Adam Project," where Garner collaborated with director Shawn Levy and Ryan Reynolds. She reminisced about the pivotal moment when Levy and Reynolds exchanged a

knowing glance, hinting at the plan to revive her iconic character. Despite her existing fitness level, Garner acknowledged the need to achieve "Marvel fit" standards, pushing her to new physical limits.

Ellie Bamber makes her debut as Kate Moss on the set of the upcoming film.

### HIGHLIGHT

American actor Jennifer Garner recently shared her workout routine to play Elektra in the Marvel film, 'Deadpool and Wolverine.'

In an emotional Instagram post, Garner humorously reflected on the time since she last wielded Elektra's said, acknowledging the gap since 2004. She expressed profound gratitude towards Levy and Reynolds for their visionary support.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Varun Dhawan enjoys Raja Babu Re-release in theatres

Varun Dhawan recently celebrated the re-release of the 1994 comedy Raja Babu, starring Govinda and Karisma Kapoor, in theaters. Dhawan, who last appeared in Bawaal and starred in a reboot of his father David Dhawan's Coolie No 1, took to Instagram to share his excitement. He posted clips of Govinda flaunting his signature style and dance moves, including a memorable scene from "Pak Chik Pak Raja Babu" with Shakti Kapoor. The film is part of the Comedy Film Festival at PVR-INOX theaters, running from August 2 to August 14. Varun's posts highlighted the nostalgic joy of revisiting this classic comedy.

Web Series

### KushaKapila talks on-set chemistry in 'Life Hill Gayi'

As KushaKapila prepares for the release of her new web series Life Hill Gayi, she reflects on her experience working with co-stars Divyendu and Mukti Mohan. Kusha revealed that breaking the ice was easy, thanks to a spontaneous group chat during a Nainital hailstorm. She praised Mukti for her quick adaptation to the local language and enthusiasm on set, noting her diverse talents and energy. Regarding Divyendu, Kusha lauded his dedication and collaborative spirit, highlighting his commitment to enhancing the scene. Produced by AarushiNishank and Himshri Films, and directed by Prem Mistry, Life Hill Gayi streams on Disney+ Hotstar from August 9.

The bollywood hot pair

### Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput stylish return from London



Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput made a stylish return to Mumbai after a delightful family vacation in London. Spotted at the airport, the couple looked effortlessly chic, with Shahid donning a denim sweatshirt and loose pants, while Mira opted for a light blue top and black trousers. Shahid's buzz cut and Mira's sunglasses completed

their trendy looks. The couple, often seen sharing loving moments on social media, was surrounded by fans and paparazzi as they posed and waved before heading to their car. Shahid recently hinted at his "outsider" status in the Hindi film industry and is set to star in the upcoming film Deva, releasing on February 14, 2025.

Music

### Mrunal Thakur masters neutral tones on vacation

Mrunal Thakur has set a high bar for vacation style with her recent Edinburgh getaway look. Opting for a beige dress from Sans Studio, priced at Rs 13,000, she embraced neutral tones with elegance. The dress featured a round neckline, elasticated bust, and a playful pleated hem, complemented by a brown jacket for cooler moments.



## Trending on Insta

@parineetchopra

### Parineeti Chopra enjoys scenic European train ride

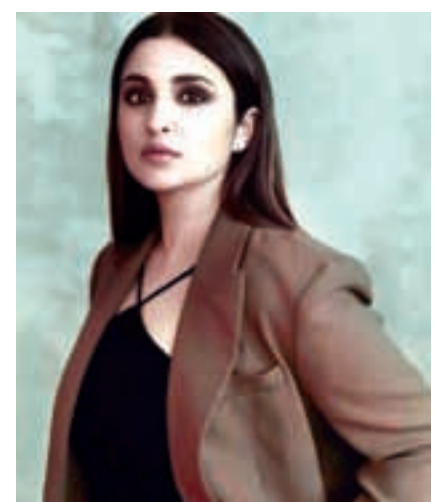
Actress Parineeti Chopra, on vacation in Europe, shared a video of her scenic train journey on Instagram. Wearing a white top, blue jacket, and black cap, she captioned it, "Train journeys for life."



@varundvn

### Varun Dhawan's rainy day vibes

Varun Dhawan posted a video enjoying the Mumbai monsoon from his apartment, captioned "Mast weather" with a rain emoji. Dressed in a printed jacket and grey vest, he added the viral dialogue "CheenTapak Dum Dum."





# FineDine

SAVOR KARNATAKA FLAVORS

## Taste the essence of Karnataka at SEIVAM, Raipur

SEIVAM in Raipur serves authentic Karnataka cuisine, featuring specialties like Ghee Podi Idly and Davangere Benne Khali Dose. Enjoy a warm ambiance and vibrant South Indian flavors.



Dive into Karnataka's culinary heritage with SEIVAM's mouthwatering specialties!



showcasing a crispy dosa made with rich, buttery goodness, reminiscent of Davangere's famous street food.



### HIGHLIGHT

● Experience Karnataka's vibrant culinary heritage at SEIVAM, where dishes like Guntur Button Idly and Seivam Mini Meal promise a burst of authentic flavors. Immerse yourself in a cozy setting that transports you straight to South India.

Adding to its appeal, SEIVAM creates an inviting ambiance that complements its culinary offerings. The warm, traditional decor and attentive service enhance the dining experience, making every visit special. Whether you're a local resident or just passing through, SEIVAM promises an authentic taste of Karnataka's culinary heritage in Raipur. Dive into a dining experience that's as vibrant and diverse as Karnataka itself, and let SEIVAM transport your taste buds to the heart of South India.

### Green almonds: A fresh take on a classic nut

Green almonds, often overlooked in favor of their mature counterparts, offer a unique taste and impressive health benefits. These unripe almonds are soft and tender, with a mildly sweet flavor and a slight tartness. Rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, green almonds support heart health, aid digestion, and boost overall wellness. They are a fantastic source of vitamin E, which helps protect cells from damage and supports skin health. Enjoy them raw for a refreshing snack, or incorporate them into salads and dishes for added texture and flavor.



GOOD DINING |

## This 'Double Momos' recipe is breaking the internet!



Momos have always been a street food favorite, but a new recipe is taking social media by storm. Meet the 'Double Momos' a viral sensation with over 20 million Instagram views! Created by Mampi Debdas (@mampi\_debdas), this inventive recipe features two momos fused together, each with a distinct color and filling. One momo is green, made from coriander dough, while the other is classic white. The fillings are equally exciting: soya in one and a crisp cabbage-carrot mix in the other. This creative twist on a beloved dish is truly doubling the flavor and fun. Watch the viral recipe and try making these unique momos at home!

COCKTAIL INNOVATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE |

## Pankaj Balachandran leading India's cocktail revolution

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Pankaj Balachandran, the visionary behind Countertop India and brand director of Short Story Spirits, is redefining India's cocktail scene with his innovative approach. Renowned for his diverse roles as a sommelier, restaurateur, and consultant, Pankaj blends tradition with creativity to elevate the drinking experience. His recent collaboration with Marriott Bonvoy's Savor Series at Koishii, The St. Regis Mumbai, showcased his flair for blending cultures. Pankaj's inventive cocktails included a Miso Old Fashioned and Midnight Brekkie—a cocktail

inspired by a peanut butter jelly sandwich, illustrating his ability to merge culinary and cocktail artistry. In an exclusive interview, Pankaj highlighted a significant shift in drinking trends from quantity to quality. Today's consumers are more interested in the craftsmanship, ingredients, and stories behind their cocktails. This evolving trend is evident in his work, where he transforms popular dishes into innovative cocktails, offering interactive tasting experiences that captivate and engage.

With over 15 years in the industry, Pankaj has profoundly impacted India's bar community. His consulting work includes prestigious projects like Bombay Canteen and rebranding Taj beverage programs, bridging the gap



Pankaj discusses the move towards mindful consumption and his inventive cocktail inventions.

between Indian and global drinking cultures. Sustainability is a key focus for Pankaj, though he admits achieving complete eco-friendliness in bars is challenging.

### FoodPick

MUST TRY WHEN TRAVEL

#### Unlimited Panipuri for just 49 in Raipur!

Panipuri lovers in Raipur, rejoice! At Lallantop Chaatwala, you can enjoy unlimited panipuri for just 49, making it the ultimate destination for street food enthusiasts. This fantastic offer lets you savor as many crispy, tangy delights as you can handle. But the excitement doesn't stop there—Lallantop Chaatwala also serves an array of other chaat favorites like bhelpuri, papdi chaat, and pav bhaji, all priced under 80. Perfect for a casual outing or a vibrant food adventure, this spot promises a deliciously affordable feast. Head over to Lallantop Chaatwala for a taste of chaat perfection!



#### Nongshim shrimp hot & spicy crackers

Dive into a bold snacking experience with Nongshim Shrimp Flavored Hot & Spicy Crackers. These uniquely flavored chips offer a perfect balance of spicy kick and savory shrimp essence, making them a standout choice for those who crave intense flavor. Each bite delivers a crispy texture and a mouthwatering combination of heat and seafood that will keep you reaching for more. Ideal for satisfying snack cravings or adding a zesty twist to your snack time, Nongshim's crackers are both irresistible and packed with flavor.



#### A must-try 30-year-old Kachori for just 15

For an authentic and affordable treat in Raipur, head to Suresh Bhai Kachori Wale. Their 30-year-old recipe delivers kachoris that are incredibly crispy and flavorful, making it hard to stop at just one. Priced at just 15 each, these kachoris are a perfect snack or light meal that will have you coming back for more. But the experience doesn't end there—Suresh Bhai Kachori Wale also offers a tempting range of chaat options, including gupchup, panipuri, and bhel, all at budget-friendly prices. It's a delightful destination where tradition meets taste, promising a satisfying feast for every palate.



#### Pineapple and Passionfruit Soda

##### Ingredients

1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1/2 cup passionfruit juice, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1/2 cup soda water, Ice cubes, Pineapple slices (for garnish), Passionfruit seeds (for garnish), Fresh mint leaves (for garnish)

##### How to make it

In a glass, combine pineapple juice, passionfruit juice, and lime juice. Stir well until mixed. Fill the glass with ice cubes and top with soda water. Garnish with pineapple slices, passionfruit seeds, and fresh mint leaves. Serve immediately and enjoy your refreshing Pineapple and Passionfruit Soda!



#### Color-Changing Margaritas

##### Ingredients

1 1/2 oz tequila, 1 oz lime juice, 1 oz simple syrup, 1/2 oz blue curacao, 1/2 oz butterfly pea flower tea (chilled), Ice cubes, Lime wedges (for garnish), Salt (for rimming the glass)

##### How to make it

Rim a glass with salt and fill it with ice cubes. In a shaker, combine tequila, lime juice, and simple syrup. Shake well and strain into the prepared glass. Slowly pour the butterfly pea flower tea over the back of a spoon to float it on top of the margarita. The tea will mix with the other ingredients, creating a mesmerizing color change. Garnish with lime wedges and serve immediately. Enjoy the visual and flavorful delight of Color-Changing Margaritas!



#### Smoothie Jellies with Ice Cream

##### Ingredients

1 cup mixed fruit juice (such as mango, berry, or pineapple), 1 tablespoon gelatin powder, 1 tablespoon honey or agave syrup, 1/2 cup fresh fruit chunks (e.g., berries, mango), Ice cubes, Vanilla ice cream (for serving), Fresh mint leaves (for garnish)

##### How to make it

In a saucepan, heat the fruit juice until warm but not boiling. Stir in the gelatin powder until fully dissolved, then add honey or agave syrup and mix well. Pour the mixture into silicone molds or a shallow dish and refrigerate until set, about 2-3 hours. Once the jellies are firm, unmold and cut into bite-sized pieces. Serve the smoothie jellies over a scoop of vanilla ice cream.



# Sports



"Vinesh you were not the one who lost. It's the defeat of every daughter of our country for whom you fought."

Sakshi Malik  
Indian female wrestler

## India to revamp team for spin conditions: Rohit

India to revamp team selection for spin-friendly tracks following first ODI series defeat to Sri Lanka in 27 years, says captain Rohit Sharma for future matches

Press Trust Of India

**COLOMBO:** India's captain, Rohit Sharma, hinted at potential changes in team selection for spin-friendly conditions after their first ODI series loss to Sri Lanka in 27 years. Sri Lanka's spinners outclassed the Indian batters on slow, turning pitches, leading to a 2-0 series win, capped by a 110-run defeat for India in the final game. Rohit stressed the need for a "horses-for-courses" approach, implying that India might select different personnel tailored for specific conditions in the future. He acknowledged the team's effort but pointed out the necessity of having clear strategies and maintaining momentum on challenging pitches. "I don't see a lack of effort in how we want to try and play different shots. Players attempted reverse sweeps and paddles, but these aren't their natural shots," Rohit stated post-match. He emphasized the importance of individual plans and consistent bravery, especially on tricky pitches. "Everyone needs to understand their plan and execute it. If the pitch suits your plan, go for it. If not, adapt and find alternatives," he added. Rohit praised Sri



Rohit Sharma emphasizing the need for strategic changes on spin-friendly tracks. | Photo: PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● Rohit Sharma emphasizes need for clear strategies and brave play on challenging pitches.

● Sri Lankan spinners dominate as Indian batters struggle to adapt to slow, turning tracks.

Lanka's consistent sweeping strategy, contrasting it with India's struggle to adapt. "They were very consistent with their sweeps, targeting deep square leg and mid-wicket. We failed to replicate that as a batting unit," he noted.

Despite growing up on slow pitches, Rohit felt Indian batters lacked

self-belief. "We've all played on turning pitches, but it's about having a plan and believing in it," he said, urging his team to stay calm and confident. Reflecting on his own performance, Rohit explained his aggressive approach during power plays. "I aimed to maximize runs in the power play to ben-

efit the team. My plan is straightforward: be aggressive at the top and maintain momentum," he said. Rohit concluded by emphasizing the need to support his players and avoid overanalyzing the defeat. "It's important to stay calm and provide confidence. This is what is required," he asserted.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### TENNIS

**Rafael Nadal withdraws from US Open, raises retirement speculations**

**NEW YORK:** Rafael Nadal pulled out of the US Open on Wednesday, making it the third Grand Slam tournament he's missed this season and raising more questions about his future in tennis at age 38. Nadal's announcement on social media was not much of a surprise. Yes, he was on the official entry list released last month for New York, but that was more of a formality than anything and did not preclude the 22-time major champion from withdrawing at any point before competition begins Aug. 26. Plus, Nadal telegraphed this news a week ago after his participation in the 2024 Olympics for Spain ended with a quarterfinal loss in doubles alongside Carlos Alcaraz. That followed a second-round loss in singles to rival Novak Djokovic, who left Paris with the men's gold medal. **PTI**

### OLYMPIC GAMES

**Every Indian elated by her Olympic feat: Rajnath after meeting Manu Bhaker**



**NEW DELHI:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday showered praise on star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker as he met the double Olympic bronze medallist after her triumphant return from the Paris Games. Singh said every Indian is elated by her "incredible performances". He also shared a photograph of their meeting in a post on X. "Delighted to meet India's ace shooter, Manu Bhaker, who scripted history at the Paris Olympics by winning two Bronze medals for the country. **PTI**

### Epic Redemption Achieved

**Oleksandr Khyzhniak punches his way to a Paris gold after a last-minute loss in Tokyo**



**PARIS:** Oleksandr Khyzhniak was one minute away from winning an Olympic gold medal three years ago when he was rocked by one miraculous punch. Khyzhniak went down, the fight was stopped and the most fearsome boxer in Tokyo had to settle for silver.

The middleweight from Ukraine decided he would wait three years to make it right. Khyzhniak got his epic redemption Wednesday night at the Paris Games with a gold medal finally around his neck – but only after he paid for it in time, sweat and pain.

Khyzhniak beat Nurbek Oralbay of Kazakhstan 3:2 in a thrilling final at Roland Garros, securing the cham-

ampionship that evaded him in heart-breaking fashion in Tokyo. The fighters unloaded on each other for three action-packed rounds, but Khyzhniak clinched the win by dominating a final three minutes filled with a jaw-dropping number of uppercuts, combinations and power punches for an Olympic fight.

When Khyzhniak's hand was raised, the 29-year-old dropped to his knees in cathartic relief. Even though he is an obvious blue-chip professional prospect, Khyzhniak put any other chapters of his life on hold because he was determined to do what he couldn't in Tokyo. **PTI**

## You didn't lose but yet you've been defeated: Bajrang

**NEW DELHI:** India woke up to another shock on Thursday after a heartbroken Vinesh Phogat announced her retirement from wrestling, prompting an outpouring of support from the sporting community. The 29-year-old, who was disqualified for being 100gm overweight ahead of her 50kg category gold medal bout in the Olympics. India's Tokyo Olympics bronze medal winner Bajrang Punia led the tributes to Vinesh, saying she did not lose yet she has been defeated. "Vinesh, you did not lose but yet you have been defeated. For us, you will always be a winner and along with being India's daughter you are India's pride as well," he said in a post in Hindi.

## Axelsen praises Lakshya Sen's Olympic performance

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Viktor Axelsen praised Lakshya Sen's impressive Olympic performance, believing he deserved a medal.

**NEW DELHI:** Young Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen definitely deserved a medal for his "fantastic performances" at the Olympics, reckons two-time world champion Viktor Axelsen, who defended his gold medal at the Paris Games.

The 22-year-old Sen became the first Indian men's badminton player to qualify for the semifinals at the Olympics this year but lost in the final four clash to the Danish superstar.

Sen had to deal with



Viktor Axelsen and Lakshya Sen. | Photo: PTI

further disappointment as he lost to Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia in the bronze medal playoff to eventually finish fourth in the competition.

While replying to Sen's post on 'X' in which the Indian had expressed his gratitude for the support that he received from his fans, Axelsen wrote, "Keep

### FACTFILE

● Lakshya Sen reached the semifinals but finished fourth at Paris Olympics.

● Axelsen predicts Sen as a favorite for gold in future Games.

going brother. You can be really proud of yourself. Wish all semifinalists could get a medal as you definitely deserve one." (sic)

"Congrats to you all on a fantastic performance at the Games," he added.

Having defeated Sen 22-20 21-14 in their semifinal match, Axelsen had predicted a gold medal for the Indian player in the next iteration of the summer Games.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN OLYMPIC SWIMMING MEDALS



Source: Olympic.org

### PARIS GAMES

**Avinash Sable finishes 11th in men's 3000m steeplechase final**

**PARIS:** India's Avinash Sable failed to keep pace with the best in the business as he finished 11th in the Paris Olympics men's 3000m steeplechase final race here on Wednesday. The 29-year-old Sable clocked 8 minutes 14.18 seconds while crossing the finish line after running in the lead briefly in the dramatic race. Sable had recently broken his own national record with a time of 8:09.91 seconds at the Paris Diamond League. He has been training abroad for a long time in preparation for the Paris Games on funding from the government. Soufiane El Bakali of Morocco defended his title, clocking his season's best of 8:06.05 while Kenneth Rooks (8:06.41) of USA and Abraham Kibiwot (8:06.47) of Kenya took silver and bronze respectively. World record holder Lamecha Girma of Ethiopia did not finish the race as he fell on the track towards the end.

### CRICKET

**Praveen Jayawickrama charged for breaching ICC anti-corruption code**



**DUBAI:** Sri Lankan spinner Praveen Jayawickrama has been charged with three counts of breaching the ICC anti-corruption code, including failure to report match-fixing approach without delay and disruption of evidence. The 25-year-old left-arm spinner Jayawickrama allegedly failed to report to the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit approaches made to him to fix international matches as well as Lanka Premier League games in 2021. The ICC said on its website on Thursday, "Reportedly, the Sri Lanka bowler was found to have deleted messages related to the approach for conducting corrupt practices."

### DRAMATIC OLYMPIC VICTORY |

## Quincy Hall's stunning comeback wins gold

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**SAINT-DENIS:** Quincy Hall delivered a sensational comeback to win gold in the Olympic 400-meter final, clocking 43.40 seconds. Hall's late surge allowed him to overtake three runners in the last stretch, narrowly beating Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith by 0.04

"I just wanted to keep doing what my coach told me to do, just keep driving and keep driving and get home."

Quincy Hall  
US Runner

seconds. Hall, a 26-year-old former South Carolina star, celebrated by



making snow angels on the track, highlighting the U.S.A.'s thrilling pattern of come-from-behind victories.

Hall's victory follows American Cole Hocker's surprising win in the 1500 meters and Noah Lyles' dramatic 100-meter finish. Hall's determination and perseverance, despite trailing with 100 meters

to go, were pivotal in his triumph. He is the first American since LaShawn Merritt in 2008 to win the 400 meters, joining the ranks of Michael Johnson and Jeremy Wariner. Hall's victory underscored a remarkable Olympic performance for the U.S. team and cemented his status as a rising star in track and field.



# India clinches historic hockey bronze again

The Indian men's hockey team secured a historic bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, their second successive Olympic bronze after 52 years, with a thrilling 2-1 comeback win over Spain, providing a perfect farewell for veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh.

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**India came back from a 2-3 semifinal defeat to dominate possession against Spain.**

**PARIS:** In a historic achievement, the Indian men's hockey team clinched a bronze medal at the Olympic Games, marking their second successive bronze medal win after 52 years. The thrilling 2-1 comeback victory over Spain not only secured the medal but also provided a fitting farewell to veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh on Thursday.

The match was a nail-biting affair, especially in the final minutes, as India faced two short corners within the last minute. However, the defense stood firm under immense pressure, ensuring the team's victory. This bronze medal adds to India's previous success in the Tokyo Games, where they ended a 41-year medal drought.

The last time India won back-to-back Olympic medals was in the 1968 (bronze) and 1972 (bronze) editions. The bronze in Paris was a much-needed triumph for the Indian contingent, which had faced six fourth-place finishes and the heartbreaking disqualification of wrestler Vinesh Phogat.



Indian players celebrate after winning the men's hockey bronze medal match against Spain.

## HIGHLIGHT

● **Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored twice, turning the game in India's favor with his brace**

Spain initially took the lead in the 18th minute with skipper Marc Miralles converting a penalty stroke. However, India captain Harmanpreet Singh turned the tide with two goals in the

30th and 33rd minutes, securing a brace and stealing the limelight.

Despite their heart-wrenching 2-3 defeat against Germany in the semifinal, India came out determined

to dominate possession from the start. In the first quarter, they were offensive, regularly penetrating Spain's defense and creating scoring chances. Vice-captain Hardik Singh orchestrated a fine

move from the right, passing to Sukhjeet Singh, whose shot narrowly missed the Spanish goal.

Spain increased their intensity in the second quarter, pressing hard

on the Indian goal. They took the lead through Miralles' penalty stroke after Manpreet Singh's unnecessary foul inside the D. Despite back-to-back penalty corners in the 20th minute and

another in the 28th, India's defense held strong.

Trailing, India pressed hard on Spain's defense, securing their first penalty corner in the 29th minute but failing to convert. Just 21 seconds from halftime, Manpreet compensated for his earlier mistake by earning another penalty corner, which Harmanpreet successfully converted, equalizing the score.

In the 35th minute, India earned another penalty corner, but Harmanpreet's fierce stroke was blocked by Spanish goalkeeper Luis Calzado. Mandeep Singh's run resulted in another short corner, but Spanish defender Jordi Bonastre's knee blocked the attempt. Sreejesh's save maintained India's 2-1 lead until the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Hardik Singh had to leave the field due to a hand injury after a collision. India made another short corner save, with Manpreet accidentally landing the ball on Hardik's foot. Spain's Marc Recasens missed the opportunity, much to India's relief. With three minutes left, Spain removed their goalkeeper in a desperate bid to equalize, but India's defense held firm. The final hooter confirmed India's 2-1 victory and a historic bronze medal, giving PR Sreejesh the perfect farewell.

## WRESTLING

# Wrestler Aman Sehrawat enters Olympics semifinals

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**Aman Sehrawat shines, advancing to the 57kg freestyle semifinal at the Paris Olympics with dominant wins.**

**PARIS:** Young Indian grappler Aman Sehrawat rekindled India's hopes of a wrestling medal, demolishing former world champion Zelimkhan Abakarov of Albania by technical superiority to secure a place in the 57kg freestyle semifinal at the Paris Olympics on Thursday.

Aman, 21, showcased exceptional skill and agility, earning a 12-0 victory by repeatedly turning Abakarov over in the second round. Earlier, he dominated North Macedonian Vladimir Egorov,



## HIGHLIGHT

● **Aman defeated former world champion Zelimkhan Abakarov with a commanding 12-0 technical superiority victory.**

● **He showcased agility and skill, setting up a semifinal clash with Japanese top seed Rei Higuchi.**

winning 10-0 on technical superiority.

Aman will now face Japanese top seed Rei Higuchi in the semifinals. His impressive performance, characterized by effective leg holds and relentless attacks, highlights his potential for Olympic success. Aman's victories have reignited India's wrestling medal hopes at the Paris Olympics.

# Yarraji misses semifinals qualification

**PARIS:** National record holder Jyothi Yarraji failed to make the semifinals of women's 100m hurdle after finishing fourth in her repechage heat at the Paris Olympics here on Thursday.

The first Indian to compete in the 100m hurdles in the Olympics, the debutant produced another below-par show as she clocked 13.17s in her repechage heat to finish 16th overall out of 40 total runners.

It was well below the 24-year-old's national record of 12.78s and even worse than the 13.16s she clocked in her heats on Wednesday.

The top two in each repechage heat advanced to the semifinals.

South Africa's Marioune Fourie (12.79s) and Dutch athlete Maayke Tjin-A-Lim (12.87s) advanced to the semifinals from Heat 1.

## OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING

# Mirabai Chanu's bid for 2nd Olympic medal falls short

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**Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu narrowly missed a second Olympic medal, finishing fourth in the women's 49kg event.**

**PARIS:** Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu came tantalisingly close to clinching a second Olympic medal but a faltered lift in her final attempt cruelly snatched the dream from her grasp, leaving her with a fourth place finish in the women's 49kg event here on Wednesday. Mirabai, who turns 30 on Thursday, lifted a total of 199kg (88kg+111kg) at the South Paris Arena. It was 3kgs less than what she heaved at the Tokyo Olympics (202 kg) for a silver medal.

Mirabai could manage



## HIGHLIGHT

● **Mirabai lifted a total of 199kg. A failed 114kg attempt cost her a potential bronze medal.**

only three lifts out of six attempts. She had only one successful lift in the clean and jerk section.

The former world champion had done well to keep herself in medal contention after the snatch event but her failure to lift 114kg in her final clean and jerk attempt cost her dearly. Had she succeeded she would have bagged the bronze medal.

"I am happy with the performance because I managed this despite having very little time for recovery," Mirabai told reporters.

## VINESH PHOGAT'S VALOR

# You embody the true spirit of a warrior: Bindra on Vinesh

Press Trust Of India

**PARIS:** India's first individual Olympic gold medalist shooter Abhinav Bindra on Thursday paid glowing tributes to wrestler Vinesh Phogat, saying her fight resonated with him and she embodies the "true spirit of a warrior."

The 29-year-old, who had become the first Indian woman wrestler to reach an Olympic final, was left heartbroken after she was disqualified from the

50kg gold-medal bout for being 100gm overweight, prompting her to announce a shock retirement.

"It is said that sport is a celebration of human will. I have known that to be true many times in my career but never has it resonated more than today. As I look around me, I see a nation and its people celebrate your unyielding resolve," Bindra posted on 'X' along with a couple of pictures of meeting



her. "You are a fighter - on and off the mat. Through you, we are learning what it means to never lose the fight in us, even as a loss weighs heavily. You embody the true spirit of a warrior."

A three-time Olympian Vinesh, who has won gold medals in both the Asian and Commonwealth Games, took desperate measures to keep her weight within 50kg, which included going hungry, avoiding fluids and staying up all night

to sweat it out.

However, it was not to be as she still fell short of the mark and eventually ended up so dehydrated that she had to be put on IV fluids at a polyclinic in the Games Village.

"Not all victories look alike. Some end up as a glittering souvenir in a cabinet but the ones that matter more find their way into the stories we tell our children," Bindra continued in his post.

# Broken Vinesh Phogat announces retirement

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**PARIS:** Her long-cherished Olympic dream shattered by a cruel twist of fate, a crestfallen Vinesh Phogat bid adieu to her international wrestling career on Thursday, saying that she doesn't have the strength to continue anymore.

The 29-year-old, who was disqualified for being 100gm overweight ahead of her 50kg category gold medal bout in the Olympics on Wednesday, announced her decision

on social media, seeking forgiveness from everyone who supported her.

Addressing her mother Premalata, Vinesh, a three-time Olympian, wrote, "Ma, wrestling has won, I have lost. Please forgive me, your dreams and my courage, everything is broken." "I don't have any more strength now. Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I shall be indebted to you all. Forgive (me)," added the two-time world championships bronze-medallist.

# World



We promise to deliver a government which assures safety to the citizens and urge to assist in rebuilding the Bangladesh.”

**Muhammad Yunus**  
Head of the interim govt.

## Nobel laureate Md. Yunus returns to Dhaka to lead interim govt



Nobel laureate Md. Yunus speaks to the media in Dhaka on Thursday, as he is likely to lead the Interim Govt. | Photo: PTI

## Lt. Gen. Sigdel is Nepal's new Army chief

**KATHMANDU:** The government of Nepal appointed Lieutenant General Ashokraj Sigdel as the Acting Chief of Army Staff of the Nepal Army with effect from Friday, an official statement said on Thursday. CoAS Prabhuram Sharma, who is going on a leave before retiring on September 9.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### WARNING

**Pak's incumbent govt won't last for over two months, says Imran Khan**

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Thursday warned that the incumbent government led by Shehbaz Sharif would not last for more than two months. Talking to journalists in Rawalpindi's Adiala jail while appearing for hearing in a case of alleged corruption, Khan said he had enough time but the government was running out of steam. "I am predicting this from prison that this government has only two months," he said. The former premier also announced that his party Pakistan Tehreek-e Insaaf (PTI) would not accept an election if held under the supervision of the incumbent government. The Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) government came to power after elections held on Feb 8 but Khan and his PTI party refused to accept the results and termed the government as fake. **PTI**

### CONCERT

**Taylor Swift fans are devastated by cancelled Eras Tour shows in Austria**



**VIENNA:** Pricey tickets for three sold-out Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna. Hundreds of euros, if not more, dropped on flights and hotels in one of Europe's most expensive capital cities. Tens of thousands of Swifties, bedecked in homemade friendship bracelets, devastated by the cancellations of three sold-out Eras Tour shows in Austria after authorities foiled an apparent attack plot. Austrian security officials said two young men wanted to commit an attack outside the stadium, killing as many people as possible using knives or self-made explosives. **PTI**

# Next election is vital to the future of US democracy

The survey from The AP agency-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that most Democrats and Republicans see the election as "very important" to democracy.

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**NEW YORK:** Roughly three in every four American adults believe the upcoming presidential election is vital to the future of US democracy, although which candidate they think poses the greater threat depends on their political leanings, according to a poll.

Democrats, Republicans and independents see the election as "very important" or "extremely important" to democracy, while Democrats have a higher level of intensity about the issue. More than half of Democrats say the November election is "extremely important" to the future of US democracy, compared to about 4 in 10 independents and Republicans. Democrat Pamela Hanson, 67, of Amery, Wisconsin, said she has grave

### HIGHLIGHT

● Most of the Democrats say the next election is "extremely important" to the future of democracy, compared to about 4 in 10 independents and Republicans

concerns for the future of democracy in the country if Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump gets elected. "His statements tend towards

him being a king or a dictator, a person in charge by himself," Hanson said. "I mean, the man is unhinged in my opinion."

But Republican Ernie Wagner from Liberty, New York, said it's President Joe Biden's administration -- of which Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, is a part -- that has abused the power of the executive branch.

"Biden has tried to erase the student loans, and he's been told by the courts

that it's unconstitutional to do that," said Wagner, 85. "He's weaponised the FBI to get at his political opponents."

The poll findings suggest that many Democrats continue to view Trump as a threat to democracy after he tried to overturn the results of the 2020 election, embraced the rioters who attacked the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, and threatened to seek retribution against his opponents if he wins reelection.

## Policemen in B'desh slowly returning to working places

**DHAKA:** Policemen in Bangladesh were slowly returning to work from Thursday in response to the call by the newly-appointed chief, the official media reported, amidst the political turmoil and street violence in the country. Following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on Monday due to student-led protests, several police stations were attacked and set on fire, leading to many officers evacuating their stations due to the threat of more attacks. More than 400 people, including police personnel, were killed in the violence centring the students' movement.

On Wednesday, the newly-appointed Inspector General of Police, Md Mainul Islam, ordered officers to join their respective units within the next 24 hours.

The Earthquake most strongly shook Nichinan city and nearby areas in Miyazaki prefecture on Kyushu island.

**TOKYO:** A powerful earthquake struck off Japan's southern coast on Thursday, triggering a tsunami advisory that urged residents to stay away from the coastline. Three people were injured but there were no reports of serious damage.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the quake registered magnitude 7.1 and was centred in waters off the eastern coast of Japan's southern main island of Kyushu at a depth of about 30 kilometres (18.6 miles).



A powerful earthquake struck Japan's southern coast. | Photo: PTI

### FAST FACTS

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Kyushu island. The agency said tsunami waves of up to 50 centimetres (1.6 feet) were detected along parts of Kyushu's southern coast and the nearby island of Shikoku about a half hour after the quake struck. The tsunami advisory was lifted from most coastlines except those along the Miyazaki prefecture.

Seismologists at the agency held an emergency meeting to analyse whether

the quake had affected the nearby Nankai Trough, the source of past devastating earthquakes. They later issued an assessment that the potential for a future quake in the area from Kyushu to central Japan is higher than previously predicted. The agency said it will continue to closely watch movements of plates near the Nankai Trough.

That does not mean there's an imminent danger of a big quake in the near future, but they urged residents on the coasts along the trough -- which spans about 500 kilometres (310 miles) -- to review their quake preparedness, University of Tokyo seismologist Naoshi Hirata, a member of an expert panel, told a joint news conference with JMA officials.

### EARTHQUAKE HITS JAPAN

# Powerful earthquake strikes Japan; tsunami advisory issued

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### ANTI RACISM AGITATION

## British Police faces anti-racism campaigners

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**LONDON:** British anti-racism campaigners filled the streets of towns and cities across the country and police put on a massive show of force, largely stifling a threatened wave of far-right demonstrations.

Carrying signs saying "Refugees Welcome" and chanting "Who's streets?"



● "As the anti-racism campaigners filled the streets of towns and cities, the British Police also ready to stop them."

**Mark Rowley**  
Head of London's Police

Wednesday to protect asylum service centres and

the offices of immigration attorneys that had been listed as potential targets for hard-right attacks.

The government also declared a national critical incident, putting 6,000 specially trained police on standby to respond to any disorder. Police said that protests and counter-protests were largely peaceful, though a small number of arrests were made.

"The show of force from the police and, frankly, the show of unity from communities together defeated the challenges that we faced," Commissioner Mark Rowley, the head of London's Metropolitan Police Service, said Thursday. "It went off very peacefully last night, and the fears of extreme right disorder were abated."

## PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION DEMANDED Police hurl tear gas at protesters in Kenya as Cabinet ministers are sworn in



**NAIROBI:** Police hurled tear gas at protesters calling for the president's resignation in the Kenyan capital on Thursday as a new Cabinet was sworn in.

The protests in Nairobi were organised by activists upset with President William Ruto even after he dismissed almost all of his ministers and added opposition members to what he called a "broad-based" government.

Businesses in the city were closed and public transport vehicles remained out of the central business district where they nor-

mally operate.

Police also mounted roadblocks on roads leading to the city. The president's office, where the new ministers were sworn in on Thursday morning, also remained cordoned off.

Major towns and cities including the lakeside city of Kisumu -- an opposition stronghold that has previously witnessed protests -- remained calm with some residents telling journalists they were not protesting because the opposition figures had been incorporated into the new Cabinet. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

### COUNTRIES HAVING MAXIMUM URANIUM RESERVES IN THE WORLD (FIGURES IN TONNES)

Australia	2049400
Kazakhstan	969200
Canada	873000
Russia	661900
Namibia	504200

Source: Statista

### STORM

## Tropical Storm Debby makes 2nd landfall in South Carolina, heavy rain expected

**HUGER (US):** Tropical Storm Debby has made a second landfall in South Carolina on its way up the East Coast, where residents as far north as Vermont could get several inches of rain this weekend. The National Hurricane Center says

Debby came ashore early Thursday near Bulls Bay, South Carolina. The storm is expected to keep moving inland, spreading heavy rain and possible flooding all the way up through the mid-Atlantic and the Northeast by the weekend. **PTI**